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## A height fight for Gowanus

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

Gowanus residents are split over whether to allow high-rise development in the neighborhood, according to locals who attended the unveiling of a list of rezoning demands on Monday night.

Councilman Brad Lander (D-Gowanus) and the Pratt Center for Community Development presented the draft Bridging Gowanus neighborhood planning document at the meeting, discussing for the first time the synthesized results of a year of community brainstorming sessions. Activists in attendance questioned a portion of the document that calls for allowing apartment towers within a certain height range in the predominately low-rise residential and manufacturing area.

"It's difficult to believe a majority of the community would give up our beautiful open skies for eight-to-18-story buildings," said Linda Mariano.

But some residents of the Gowanus Houses and Wyckoff Gardens public housing developments bristled at the blanket condemnation of building big.

"I live on the 21st story  
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# GREED INDEED

## Judge: \$ root of elder peril

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

The owner of a Park Slope old-folks-home who is trying to shutter the place and sell the building for millions was motivated purely by greed, not by financial hardship as his employee previously claimed, a judge ruled in a scathing decision challenging a state-approved closure plan.

The Nov. 21 ruling by Kings County Supreme Court Judge Wayne Saitta extended a court order barring Prospect Park Residence owner Haysha Deitsch from evicting the eight elderly patients who remain in the assisted-living facility. Saitta ripped management for letting the license lapse at the building that occupies prime real estate on Grand Army Plaza, saying that the attempted closure came not because of any hardship, as stated by its director, but simply to flip the building to a luxury residential developer.

"The operator seeks to voluntarily surrender its certificate, not because of any financial difficulty in operating the facility, but in order to sell the

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## Notes from the underground

Brooklyn Heights resident Jeffrey Smith shows the unsecured entrance to the basement of a vacant building that he said was a major mishap in the making - until our hard-hitting coverage got the issue addressed. For the whole story, **see page 12.**

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# BASH BOYCOTTED

## Pols absent from Verrazano's party amid toll hikes

BY MAX JAEGER

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority's 50th anniversary celebration for the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge turned out to be mostly a celebration of itself — and rather a lonely one at that.

Authority honchos, engineering enthusiasts, and even some of the men who built the iconic span attended the celebration at Fort Wadsworth on bucolic Staten Island on Nov. 21, but only transit bigwigs delivered remarks, largely crowing about how their agency has maintained the bridge since its completion in 1964.

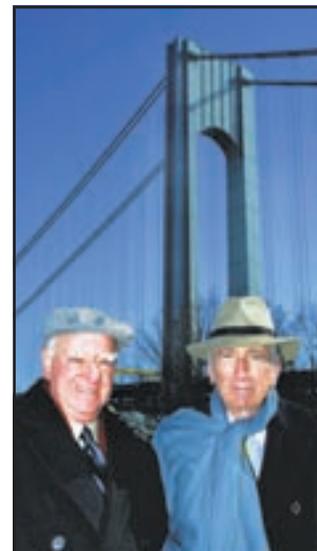
Politicians from both sides of the span were conspicuously absent from the party, however, in the wake of the days-earlier announcement that the Authority may raise tolls on the \$15 crossing.

"There is nothing to celebrate until our city's commuters can finally receive the Verrazano toll relief that they deserve," said Borough President Adams.

Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R-Bay Ridge), Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge), and state Sen. Martin Golden (R-Bay Ridge), along with Staten Island elected officials, also issued statements that they would boycott the festivities in protest.

"Fifty years after Robert Moses's last great project in New York was completed, our community, which has been in the shadow of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, is hurting every day with the tolls," said Golden.

On Nov. 17 the transit agency unveiled plans to raise the E-ZPass fare for cars by 42 cents, possibly hike the commuter cash fare by \$1, and charge large trucks significantly more to help fill a multi-billion-dollar budget shortfall.



**SALUTE:** (Top) Cannons at Staten Island's Fort Wadsworth fired a 50-gun salute to the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge on its 50th anniversary. (Above) Students from PS 122 braved the cold to celebrate the span's birthday. (Right) Gay Talese, right, author of a book about the building of the bridge, poses with George Scarpelli, one of the first people to drive over it when it was completed. Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

The Authority's board will vote on the toll-hike proposal in January.

Gentile also panned the Authority for focusing celebration on Staten Island and overlooking Brooklyn in its official events.

"The MTA completely ignored Bay Ridge in this historic half-century celebration of a bridge that we share with Staten Island," Gentile said.

Indeed, there was no mention during last Friday's fete of the great scar carved through the neighborhood in the early 1960s when the city razed 800 homes and businesses to build access ramps for the bridge.

Transit leaders called the pols' cold shoulder a snub to the workers who constructed the span.

"This event is about cele-

brating the structure and honoring the engineers and workers who built it," said Bridges and Tunnels chief of operations James Fortunato.

But the agency seemed to contradict that message at the event with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque — not to the three men who lost their lives building the span, or the hundreds of ironworkers who

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# PULP NONFICTION

## Stickups at fancy Flatbush eateries spark NYPD debate

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

A string of armed robberies has Flatbush residents freaking out.

Five stick-ups have hit neighborhood businesses in the past month, including at least two at eateries in which the bandits targeted customers in scenes pulled straight out of “Pulp Fiction.” Locals packed a Nov. 20 meeting on the rash of robberies, and offered sharply divergent views on how to address the problem. Local cops and police reps called for unity and vigilance on the area’s bustling commercial streets.

“If we want safe streets, the NYPD can’t do it on their own,” Borough President Adams said. “We will not stand for crimes like this. Not while I’m Borough President.”

The trouble began in late October when a lone gunman held up the Israeli dinner spot Mimi’s Hummus on Cortelyou Road, the neighborhood’s increasingly upscale restaurant row, bagging \$100 from the register, an employee said at the meeting.

Then, in early November, two desperados hit the Ox Cart Tavern on Newkirk Avenue at Argyle Road, stripping patrons of jewelry and cash and leaving with \$700, according to reports.

And on the evening of Nov. 13, a single raider stormed into Lark Cafe on Church Avenue between E. 10th Street and Stratford Road and forced members of a writers group to fork over three MacBooks and an iPad Mini, then took off running down Coney Island Avenue towards Prospect Park, per police and reports.

Robbers also struck a T-Mobile cellphone shop and a deli in that time period, but the three heists targeting upscale businesses that opened in the last five years are connected, police said. And the brazen quality of the heists is eerily reminiscent of crime-ridden decades past, one victim said.

“I’d like to know what has emboldened criminals to go back to the crime that we haven’t seen since the ‘90s,” said Anya Shiferson, who was working the register the night Mimi’s Hummus was robbed.

Police have deployed foot patrols to the affected commercial strips, and sent in undercover cops as well, an officer from the neighborhood’s 70th Precinct said.



**FACE-OFF:** Activist Gabriella Radeka and others questioned the need for more police on the street at a meeting following a series of robberies. NYPD Lt. Jacqueline Bourne, of the 70th Precinct, on the other hand, assured neighbors that cops have flooded the street. Photos by Arthur DeGaeta



“We flooded the streets. We’re doing everything we can to assist the community,” said Lt. Jacqueline Bourne. “Unmarked officers are out there. You may not see them, but they’re out there.”

The pledge did not set Shiferson or her colleagues at ease.

“All of our employees feel extremely unsafe,” she said.

The back-to-back stickups have sparked fears that the crooks are honing in on pockets of affluence in the predominantly Caribbean and African-American neighborhood where the median income is \$40,146, below Brooklyn’s median of \$45,215. Racial and class tensions have flared up there during the past year, with a dedicated vandal repeatedly scrawling anti-white-gentrification messages at the Church Avenue subway station. And, according to a New York Daily News report, two women robbed three tenants of an Ocean Avenue apartment, then forced them out at gunpoint and squatted their place. The crooks said they didn’t like “that white people were moving into the area,” per the News.

Members of a housing-activist group at the community meeting said the crimes should not be used as an excuse to ramp up what they

called “racist policing.”

“Increased police presence puts pressure on black and brown people, increases harassment, and makes people uncomfortable in their own communities,” said Uliya Yshtaal, of Equality for Flatbush. “We want to work together to find ways to keep the community safe without more police.”

Several commentators who criticized impulse to throw more police at the problem were met with applause, but others demanded more cops on the streets, now.

Despite the high-profile string of holdups, the rate of robberies in Flatbush’s 70th Precinct is actually down substantially, from 324 this time last year to 274 so far this year, according to NYPD data.

Adams, a veteran cop before he went into politics, said there is often an uptick in robberies and thefts around the holidays.

“Some people believe it’s faster to take from people than to earn it like the rest of us,” he said.



**ROLL CREDITS:** The Brooklyn Heights Cinema screened its last film on Henry Street back in August and the building’s new owner is gearing up to turn it into apartments. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

## Third time's the charm?

BY MATTHEW PERLMAN

Maybe the next person will have better luck.

The former home of Brooklyn Heights Cinema, a one-story building on Henry Street between Cranberry and Orange streets, officially sold to Madison Estates and JMH Developers for \$7.5 million last week after months of talks. The previous owner tried twice to tear the building down and build a luxury apartment complex in its place, but was rebuffed both times by city preservationists. The storied cinema decamped ahead of the sale and a spokesman for the buyers said they are looking to redevelop the 1895 building — if they can snag permission in the heavily regulated Brooklyn Heights Historic District.

“We’re looking to do something that will enhance the neighborhood,” said Joseph Baglio, a broker with Madison Estates. “If we can — it is Brooklyn Heights.”

The property is not landmarked, but falls within the confines of the historic district, meaning any alteration requires the approval of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

The new team may have better luck than former owner Tom Caruana, judging from a recent project on Congress Street in the nearby Cobble Hill Historic District, where Madison and JMH constructed

a row of nine townhouses. Zoning at the Henry Street site allows for a five-story residential building with a storefront on the ground floor.

Meanwhile, Heights Cinema owner Kenn Lowy is still hunting for a new place to set up his projectors. He shuttered the 46-year-old, two screen theater at the end of August when he learned the soon-to-be-new owners didn’t plan to keep him around. Lowy spent most of his three years at the helm of the movie house fending off closure, first fighting for inclusion in Caruana’s initial redevelopment plan, then pushing to get the revised, theater-inclusive plan approved.

He purchased the theater in 2011 after the previous owner, Norman Adie, went to jail for running a Ponzi scheme involving investments for an expansion of the business that prosecutors charged he never intended to make. Lowy had eyed the Dumbo space that housed the gastropub Rebar until its owner left in cuffs on tax fraud charges, but apparently couldn’t reach a deal to rent it.

Lowy said he has no hard feelings, having spoken to Gerard Longo, president of Madison Estates.

“Gerard seemed like a really good guy. I don’t know what he has planned for the building, but I’m sure it’ll be good,” he said.

# Wall heads to P'Heights

## Sixteen-foot barrier on tap for Atlantic Yards site

BY MATTHEW PERLMAN

It's the Great Wall of Prospect Heights.

Chinese-government-owned developer Greenland and Forest City Ratner are getting ready to break ground on two new Atlantic Yards high-rises next month, and to contain the noise the construction will generate, they are building a state-mandated 16-foot-tall wall around a whole block of the site. The wall bounding the area between Carlton and Vanderbilt avenues and Pacific and Dean streets will eat up 85–100 parking spaces and narrow each of the streets, according to a construction update at a community meeting last Wednesday night. A Forest City spokeswoman said the big barrier is unpleasant, but it's the only way.

"It is not lightly that we came to this solution," said Ashley Cotton. "This is rough, we realize that."

Joe Chan, a vice president with the Empire State Development and former head of the pro-business Downtown



**NEW DIGGS:** This rendering shows a planned market-rate condominium building that is slated to rise on Vanderbilt Avenue between Dean and Pacific streets. CookFox Architects

Brooklyn Partnership, echoed Cotton's mea culpa.

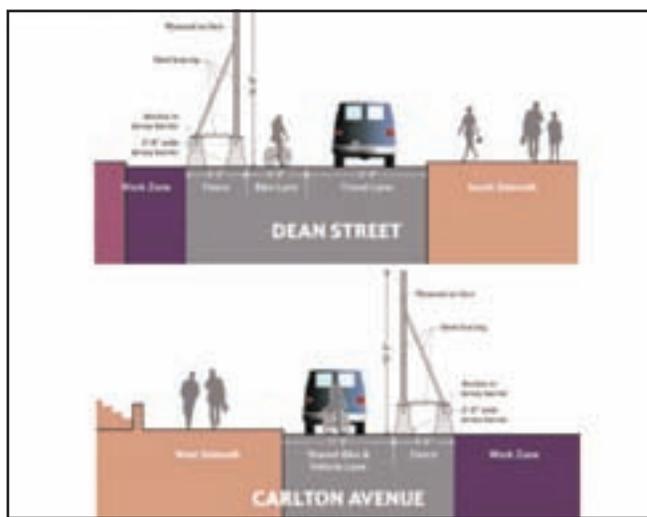
"Clearly you've got here a logistically complicated project, and not a whole lot of space to work in," he said.

The temporary wall, which is supposed to stand for two years, will be made of steel, plywood, and cement Jersey barriers, and will be six feet wide at its base. Because the cranes needed to erect the two towers have to be placed outside of the buildings' footprints, the wall has to encroach on the roadway.

For the duration of the construction, Carlton will lose its bike lane and a sidewalk on one side; Dean Street will retain its bike lane, but lose a sidewalk; and Vanderbilt will lose a sidewalk and get narrower. Pacific Street will remain closed to everyone but construction workers.

The building at 535 Carlton Ave. is one of two towers the developers agreed to start work on as part of a deal cut with activists in June to speed the completion of the discounted portion of the project. All apartments in the tower will be rented for less than market rate. The other building, which abuts Vanderbilt, will contain condos to be sold at market rates. The block is supposed to include four new buildings in all.

These two are supposed to be constructed using traditional techniques rather than the modular process used at B2, the first residential structure in the mega-development formerly known as Atlantic Yards. Work has been stalled at that building for months as



**TIGHT-ROAD:** A diagram shows what Dean Street and Carlton Avenue will look like for the next two years, thanks to a new, 16-foot tall wall.

Atlantic Yards / Pacific Park

a dispute rages between Forest City and contractor Skanska over cost overruns and alleged design flaws. This week, Forest City bought the Swedish contractor out of the joint company and Navy Yard factory they shared, and the Brooklyn developer hopes to restart work on the experimental structure as a lawsuit regarding cost overruns continues.

Cotton said at last Wednesday's meeting that Forest City still believes in modular construction techniques, but did not say what method future

construction would employ. Her boss MaryAnne Gilmarin told the New York Times in April that the next three buildings would be built conventionally. The Times report outlined a dispute between Greenland and Forest City over continuing to use modular as work on B2 dragged, but Cotton stressed that the two companies have not settled the issue for good.

"We've said this again and again," Cotton said at the meeting. "It was a problem with the partner, not the process."

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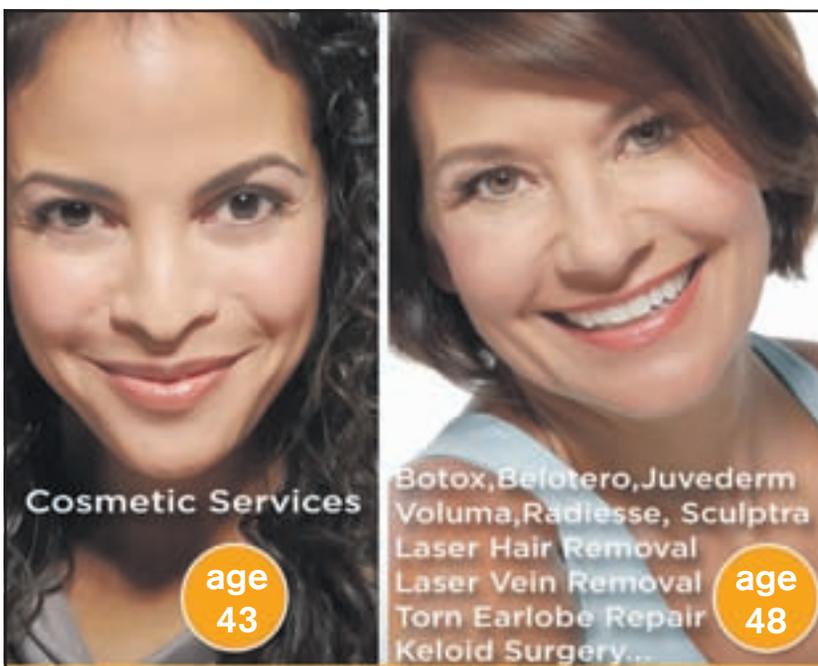
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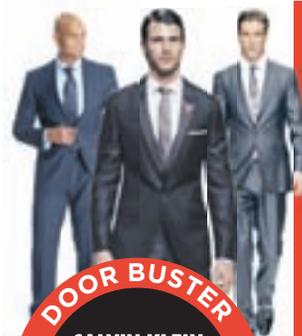
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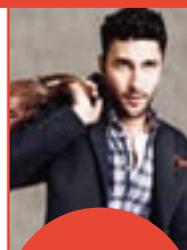
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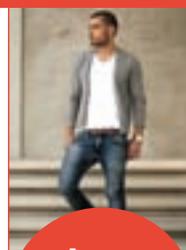
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**CLASS PORTRAIT:** Thousands of rabbis gathered in front of the Chabad-Lubavitch world headquarters on Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights on Sunday morning. Adam Ben Cohen / Chabad.org

# It's raining mensch!

**BY MATTHEW PERLMAN**  
 Say challah!  
 Thousands of rabbis from around the world came together for the International Conference of Chabad Lubavitch Emissaries on Sunday. The men in black posed for a series of giant group photos in front of the ultra-Orthodox Jewish group's headquarters on Eastern Parkway, then headed to the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal for a banquet and what a spokesman described as "spirited" dancing.  
 The Hasidic organization is dedicated to converting fellow Jews and has

brought its rabbis together annually for the last 31 years to brainstorm evangelical tactics. This year 4,200 rabbis from 80 countries showed up, according to the group.  
 This year's conference also marked the 20th anniversary of the Lubavitcher Rabbi Menachem Schneerson's passing. Known as "the Rebbe," Schneerson is credited with starting the Lubavitcher movement, and came to the United States in 1941 fleeing the Holocaust. The visiting rabbis trekked to his gravesite in Queens ahead of the day's festivities.



**DRONE HOME:** A drone captured some video of the religious gathering from the sky. Photo by Jason Speakman

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## 78TH PRECINCT

PARK SLOPE

### Wall of shame

A gun-toting brute robbed a woman in the common space of an apartment building on Third Avenue in Gowanus on Nov. 12, police said.

The ruffian ambushed the woman inside her building between Baltic and Wyckoff streets, flashing a silver revolver and ordering, "Get your f----- hands on the wall," according to a report.

The villain then grabbed the 19-year-old's wallet and took off down a staircase, disappearing with \$50 and the woman's identification card, officers stated.

### Gone with the wind

A bike thief made off with a pricey bicycle parked in front of a building on Fifth Avenue on Nov. 15, cops said.

The unlucky victim locked his ride, which he said cost him \$1,400, to a bike rack in front of the building between Union and Sackett streets, he said. He was only inside for about 10 minutes, but in that time the crook snipped the lock and scrambled, a report states.

### Run thief, run

A woman saw a sneak swipe the laptop from her bag at a Fifth Avenue bar on Nov. 14, but was unable to stop the theft, law enforcement officials said.

The 28-year-old victim left her bag on the floor next to her as she hung out at the tavern between Union and Sackett streets, then watched as the crook grabbed the laptop from her bag and dashed off, according to a report.

The lowlife fled the restaurant and took off on Sackett Street toward Fourth Avenue, then the victim lost sight of him, cops said. The thief was in his mid-20s, stood about 5-foot-10, and was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with a gray stripe down the arm, according to the victim.

### Insult to injury

A heartless thief stole from a patient at a Sixth Street hospital on Nov. 13, officers recounted.

The patient was undergoing tests in another part of the medical center between Seventh and Eighth avenues, and left her wallet underneath the pillow on her bed, according to a report.

The woman was out of the room from 2:18 to 8 pm, and when she returned the sheets had been changed and her wallet — and the \$65 inside — were nowhere to be found, police said.



# POLICE BLOTTER

## 76TH PRECINCT

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL-RED HOOK

### F'd in Carroll Gardens

A heartless scoundrel snatched a child's iPhone on a Coney Island-bound F train on Nov. 23, according to a report.

The 12-year-old victim boarded the train in Manhattan and was seated near the open doors at the Carroll Street station, phone in hand, when the goon grabbed the gadget and dashed out the door, cops said.

### Family jewels

Two cat burglars struck a Warren Street home on Nov. 24, police said.

The intruders hoisted themselves through a second-story window of the home between Columbia and Hicks streets sometime between 10 am and 1:08 pm and rummaged through drawers, finding and swiping a stash of jewelry that once belonged to the 72-year-old victim's grandmother, officers stated. The victim told cops the collection was worth about \$20,000. A maid alerted her boss to the robbery, per cops.

### Run while you can

A would-be thief fled the scene of an attempted break-in on Bond Street when he realized people were home on Nov. 23, according to the authorities.

The black-clad trespasser tried to gain entry through the front door of the building between Second and Third streets, but took flight when he realized the resident and a pal were inside, a report relates.

### Call human resources

A heated dispute over money brought two construction workers to blows on Otsego Street on Nov. 20, leading to the arrest of one, cops said.

The two coworkers began having words about a financial issue on a sidewalk near Columbia Street at 5:26 am, then one punched his adversary in the face, according to NYPD officials.

Officers responded to the tussle and collared the alleged aggressor, a 39-year-old Queens man, at 5:42 am, according to a police account.

## Get a job

A pair of gun-toting bandits held up a man on his way home from work on Centre Mall in the Red Hook Houses on Nov. 15, officers said.

The 34-year-old victim was between Henry and Clinton streets when the predatory pair approached and asked him if he had any marijuana on him, police stated.

When the man replied he did not, one of the no-goodniks flashed a silver handgun and forced him into the lobby of a public housing building, where the thieves relieved him of his jacket, a Galaxy 4 smartphone, and \$78 in cash, the authorities reported. — *Noah Hurowitz*

## 84TH PRECINCT

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DUMBO-BOERUM HILL-DOWNTOWN

### Change won't come

Cops charged a man with stealing \$20 and assaulting a fellow inmate in the jail on Schermerhorn Street on Nov. 10, according to a police report.

The 27-year-old victim said he was in the holding cell in the facility between Boerum Place and Smith Street at 6:30 pm when he asked a fellow prisoner if he had change for a \$20.

The guy said yes, but when he forked over the bill, the stranger refused to give up the change, and when asked for his money back, the suspect punched him in the face, the authorities reported.

### No exit

A group of goons robbed a strap-hanger as he tried to leave the Bergen Street subway station on Nov. 11, officers stated.

The 60-year-old victim said he was trying to exit at Warren Street at 5:30 am when two lowlives grabbed him. Two others then rushed over and pulled out his wallet, and all four fled the station, police said.

The man's wallet contained \$87 in cash, a debit card, and a MetroCard, the victim said.

### Bumpy ride

A pair of pickpockets stole cash from a man as he boarded an F train at the Jay Street-MetroTech station on Nov. 7, police said.

The 54-year-old victim reported that he was getting on the Coney

Island-bound train at 6:15 pm when two guys bumped into him. They hopped off the train before the doors closed, then the victim noticed he was missing \$70 in cash from his front pocket, per cops.

## Heist to meet you

A bandit absconded with three jewelry displays from a Fulton Street jewelry store on Nov. 13, officers said.

A 31-year-old employee of the store between Jay and Lawrence streets told police she was cleaning the display case at 7 pm, and left three display boards of gemstones on the counter top.

That is when the sneak walked in, grabbed the boards, and rode off with them on a bicycle, cops said. The store valued the earrings, pendants, and chains, at \$2,700, according to a police report.

— *Matthew Perlman*

## 90TH PRECINCT

SOUTHSIDE-BUSHWICK

### Speed racer

A bicyclist cut off a woman on Larmor Street on Nov. 16 and grabbed her cellphone out of her hands, officers said.

The 24-year-old victim said that she was at Ainslie Street at 12:45 am when the mounted bandit rode in front of her and snatched the device, then sped off.

### Supermom

A thief got more than she bargained for when she took a mom's purse out of her baby stroller in Cooper Park on Nov. 15, law enforcement officials said.

The 40-year-old victim said she was hanging out in the greensward with her infant at 4:30 pm. She left her handbag in the carriage while she played with her child, and out of the corner of her eye, she saw a teenage girl grab the purse and run off, a report states. She chased the juvenile delinquent, with baby and carriage in tow, and the little rascal eventually dropped the loot at the edge of the park, according to officers.

### That old trick

A sneak thief bumped into a German national and stole his wallet on Bogart Street on Nov. 13, per the NYPD.

The 29-year-old victim said that he was at the corner of Morgan Avenue at 5 pm when he bent down to pick something up and someone bumped into him.

Herealized later that the stranger had stolen his wallet, which contained his German identification, a credit card, a driver's license, a MetroCard, and cash.

— *Danielle Furfaro*

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**TRAINING DAY:** Bushwick residents can drink – or garden, or read – in peace on Dec. 13 now that these guys are no longer headed their way, not counting the little fellow.

Associated Press / Mary Altaffer

# Pol: SantaCon in Bushwick is off

## Bars, priests beat back drunk Santas

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

The bartenders drew a line in the snow and the fake Santas stood down.

Santacon, the marauding annual party in which thousands of revelers dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Claus storm New York bars, is walking back its threat to come to Bushwick. The blog Bushwick Daily revealed that organizers of the roving frat-party-with-costumes were courting neighborhood bar owners as prospective hosts for their Dec. 13 bacchanal. But at a meeting of the neighborhood's community board on Nov. 21, a local pol announced that organizers had e-mailed him to say they were calling the incursion off.

“They agreed with me that Bushwick is not big enough to hold something as large as Santacon,” Councilman Rafael Espinal, Jr. (D-Bushwick) said at a meeting of Community Board 4, noting that the event drew more than 30,000 people to Manhattan's East Village and environs last year.

Bushwick bar owners who had pledged to boycott the event were elated by the news. Many at the community board meeting said they are new to owning pubs and had previously worked across the East River, where Santacon wrought a path of decidedly un-family-friendly destruction every year.

“There are a lot of very young children here who still believe in Santa Claus,” said Betsy Maher, owner of Pearl's Social and Billy Club on Saint Nicholas Avenue. “They do not need to see Santa Clauses puking or pissing themselves, or getting a h-----.”

The barkeeps had said they would bar anyone in a Santa suit from coming through their doors, and they were tickled that the mass-Scrooge tactic worked.

“It is rare to see churches and bars and government all agree on the same thing,” said Travis Boettcher, owner of the bar Left Hand Path, which opened on Wyckoff Avenue in May.

## VERRAZANO

Continued from page 2

erected the marvel, but to the workers who have maintained the structure and collected tolls from drivers since it opened on Nov. 21, 1964.

Regarding the proposed toll hike, the Authority's chief executive officer said the agency has to make ends meet.

“It takes a lot of work to keep a bridge that handles more than 180,000 vehicles daily safe and in good shape,”

said Thomas Prendergast. “That's why we spent more than \$540 million in capital improvements at the Verrazano-Narrows alone in the last [five-year] capital program, and another \$431 million is proposed in the 2015–2019 capital program.”

The span's average daily revenue is \$936,000, according to a transit spokesman.

Rounding out the ceremony was a performance by a Staten Island public school choir, a fire boat display, and a 50-gun salute from two Fort Wadsworth cannons.

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BY MATTHEW PERLMAN

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The vacant building in Brooklyn Heights owned by real estate mogul Jared Kushner that sat unlocked for months and that a neighbor complained was an open invitation to ne'er-do-wells has been secured. Kushner Companies is converting the former Brooklyn Law School dorm building on Monroe Place between Pierrepont and Clark streets into a townhouse, and Jeffrey Smith, who lives across the street, said that it was left wide open to anyone who wanted in, and that fellow neighbors reported spotting trespassers on a weekly basis. That, he said, is a recipe for disaster.

"Unsecured buildings in this area are a classic prequel to you know what," he said. "That's surgical arson, daddy-o."

The Monroe Place building is one of six Kushner bought from the law school earlier this year. The developer is now converting the four-story brownstone into a single-family home, according to permits filed with the buildings department.

Smith has lived on the block for 40 years, and remembers when fires in empty buildings were commonplace in the area, notably the suspicious fire at the Saint George Hotel on Henry Street in 1995 that took more than 700 firefighters to control. The blaze started in a vacant building in the hotel complex and consumed several adjacent structures, becoming one of the largest fires in the city's history.

When Smith said neighbors complained about seeing people going in and out of the vacant building, he tried contacting the contractor listed on the work permit, as well as the Fire Department and the Department of Buildings.

Fire officials inspected the property on Nov. 21, after press inquiries, and were able to gain entry through the building's unlocked basement. But the inspection did not reveal any fire



**EMPTY NEST:** This Jared Kushner-owned Monroe Place brownstone is being converted from a dorm for law students into a single-family townhouse. Now that it is locked up, we can show you where it is.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

hazards, so they could only recommend that the buildings department take a look.

An inspector from that agency stopped by on Nov. 24, but also found no violations, according to a spokesman. He called the building a trespassing problem that is the Police Department's responsibility. Police officials did not respond to requests for information about the property or calls to it.

A spokeswoman from Kushner Companies said the problem had been fixed Monday, but by late afternoon a front window on the ground floor remained broken without locked security bars and an entrance to the basement remain unlocked. The situation was not rectified until the following morning. Smith, still in the embattled mindset of decades past, predicted the worst before the final fix.

"Everyone points fingers at each other until the flames are coming out of the windows," Smith said.

Upon hearing of the added security measures, he wondered why it took phoning a reporter for common sense to prevail.

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Congress has the right and the duty to pass laws and the president has the constitutional obligation to see that they are 'faithfully executed.' He can try and have them changed but, in the meantime, cannot behave as though they were already what he would have liked them to be. That's not 'discretion.' That's 'nullification' and is a power possessed by juries, not by presidents.

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building to an entity that will convert the building to unregulated housing," Saitta wrote.

It is not the first time Saitta has prevented the eviction, which was originally supposed to take place at the end of June, but in the past Saitta had simply pushed back the timetable to allow for further hearings. In his recent ruling, though, he blasted the Department-of-Health-approved closure plan for being vague and lacking deadlines and contingency plans.

"The closure plan approved by DOH does not give a timetable or list the procedures the operator would take to relocate residents," he wrote. "Neither the Prospect Park defendants or DOH had considered the possibility that defendant would have to commence special proceedings in order to close the facility, much less consider who would operate the facility while special proceedings were ongoing."

Prospect Park Residence filed its initial closure plan in late September, 2013, and the Department of Health approved it in late February, 2014, according to a spokeswoman. The facility continued to accept new residents as late as December, despite the pending closure. In January, Deitsch agreed to sell the building for \$76.5 million as soon as the closure plan was approved and the facility's fourth-floor dementia unit had been vacated.

Saitta criticized Deitsch and the Department of Health for failing to consider the impact a move would have on the seniors, who are dealing with a lot as it is.

"The plaintiffs still in residence are in their 90s, two are Holocaust survivors, several suffer from dementia, and all have severe infirmities. Assessing their individual needs in order to find an appropriate placement is not a mere technicality," he wrote. "In addition to these deficiencies on the face of the plan, there has not been any evidence produced that the operator has assessed the plaintiffs' individual needs and preferences or has found facilities that are appropriate given the plaintiffs' individual needs and preferences."

Since the first order staving off eviction in June, the families of the remaining residents have complained that Deitsch is attempting to drive them out by cutting staff, serving subpar meals, and dimming hallway lights. One tenant who showed up to a hearing on Nov. 24 said she simply wants to be able to remain in her home and eat nutritious food.

"I don't know how that child got



**SOUR POWER:** AnneMarie Mogil, one of eight remaining tenants of Prospect Park Residence, holds a rotten orange she said she was served there.

Community News Group / Noah Hurowitz

so bitter and mean," said AnneMarie Mogil, referring to Deitsch. "I'm 92 years old, and I deserve peace and quiet."

In a statement, the press-shy Deitsch sought to refute claims that he has cut services to his tenants.

"In the nine months since the closure plan was approved by the state health department, Prospect Park Residence management and staff have taken extraordinary steps to ensure continuity of care is maintained and that residents continue to reside in a safe and secure environment," he said. "Claims to the contrary are without merit."

Saitta's ruling on the closure plan will likely have repercussions for Deitsch beyond two pending tenant lawsuits. An agreement with an investment firm in January to sell the 1Prospect Park West building for \$76 million was contingent on Deitsch securing a closure plan and giving the boot to his tenants. As the closure dragged, the buyers sued Deitsch, too, accusing him of failing to evict his elderly tenants fast enough, as this paper first reported. Deitsch has argued that he lived up to his side of the bargain and accused the buyers of failing to anticipate litigation. But his key defense, the state-sanctioned closure plan, now appears to be in jeopardy.

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BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

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lyn's small-town splendor to cross the East River and personally discover its charms.

Brooklyn's diversified small businesses make every day an opportunity to appreciate the brick-and-mortar bounty in our backyard — without the crowds and long lines. Local commerce strengthens our communities, advances our borough's appeal, and makes our patronage matter. So, get going — and don't forget to pack our fabulous guide to the top shopping and dining turfs in town.



**RITZY STRETCH:** Montague Street features upscale boutiques, specialty shops, and fine dining. Photo by Jason Speakman



**MERRY CHRISTMAS:** Janna Shabib of Heart to Heart Cards and Gifts shows off the beautiful ornaments that the store sells. Photo by Steven Schnibbe

## BAY RIDGE

The “original Gold Coast” is immortalized in the 1970s cult classic “Saturday Night Fever,” and its mom-and-pops — occupying three shopping districts and some around for more than a quarter of a century — would make Tony Manero boogie with pride. You'll get more than you bargained for with sweeping views of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and side streets braided with stately row houses and majestic green spaces.

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## BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Artists and writers, such as Salvador Dali and Truman Capote, lived in Brooklyn Heights, the city's first historic district, and its bucolic streets and elegant homes have been backdrops for numerous TV series and movies, including “The Cosby Show” and “Moonstruck.” Its main drag for

shopping and dining is canonized in Bob Dylan's “Tangled Up in Blue,” in which he croons, “I lived with them on Montague Street, in a basement down the stairs, there was music in the cafes at night and revolution in the air.” The seamless fusion of upscale boutiques, regional specialty shops, and casual and fine dining make this noble neighborhood one of the city's most blue-chip destinations.

### Montague Street between Columbus Park to Hicks Street:

- Books.
- Thrift shops.
- Variety mart.
- Specialty foods.
- Wine and liquors.



**ARTSY ENCLAVE:** On Knickerbocker Avenue you'll find consignment and arts-and-crafts stores. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

## BUSHWICK

Descendants of Hessian mercenaries settled in Bushwick after the American Revolution and made it a national brewery capital, supplying 10 percent of all beer consumed in the country. These days artistic talent abounds in this gritty, industrial neighborhood, which features a provocative bar scene and several unique mom-and-pops.

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- Consignments.
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## DUMBO

Jerry Seinfeld once joked that New Yorkers added the "O" in Dumbo because they didn't want to live in a neighborhood called "Dumb." You might have that feeling if you left the armadillo-shaped waterfront district — crouched under the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges — off your shopping and dining bucket list. Artsy, eco-minded mom-and-pops and fun eateries embroider cobbled streets flanked by old warehouses, scenic open spaces, and swish high-rises. Front Street is the heart of this vibrant and creative community that's also a new port of call for discerning shoppers and diners.

### Front Street between John and Fulton streets:

- Cards and stationary.
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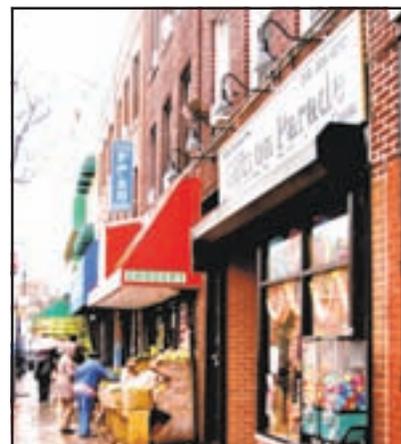
- Children's clothing.
- Bridal.
- Accessories.
- King-fu studio.
- Cafes.

### Main Street between Front and Plymouth streets:

- Photo books.
- Bakery.

## FLATBUSH

Flatbush Avenue, one of America's oldest streets, was originally a country lane built over an Indian footpath — a future critical trans-borough byway inhabited by all types of immigrants seeking a better life. It adjusted its commercial vision soon after the opening of the Erie Canal, as 19th-century farmers — forerunners of



**SMALL SHOP, LARGE COLLECTION:** On Church Avenue you'll find card and gifts store Gifts on Parade. Photo by Arthur Degaeta

modern-day mom-and-pops — grew fruits and veggies in market gardens, making Kings County the second-largest largest produce vendor in the nation. African-American, West Indian, Caribbean, Southeast Asian, Latino, and white business owners flourish in its integrating communities.

### Flatbush Avenue between Parkside Avenue and Cortelyou Road:

- Tailors,
- Music and DVDs.
- Bodegas and delicatessens.
- Tattoo parlor.
- Housewares.

### Church Avenue between Coney Island and Flatbush avenues:

- Nail salons.
- Car service.
- Card, gifts, collectibles.
- Electronics and computer repair.
- Eye care.

## MARINE PARK AND MILL BASIN

If Marine Park was a yacht, Mill Basin would be its sail. The twin residential neighborhoods — perched side by side on the lip of Jamaica Bay and secluded by a lack of subway service — are ideal terrain for small businesses. Marine Park boasts its own Little League chapter, named for former Yankees manager Joe Torre who grew up in the neighborhood. Mill Basin's multi-million-dollar homes feature Bentleys and Excaltiburs parked in driveways, and pleasure boats docked

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**PARK SLOPE**

“Brownstone Brooklyn” was one of the city’s earliest historic districts, but it also played a dramatic role in the nation’s birth as the site of the first and largest battle of the Revolutionary War, fought in 1776 on the borders of Prospect Park. These days, city intellectuals, actors, and stroller moms shop at the local food co-op, sip coffee at sidewalk cafes, and attend yoga class with their neighbors. Eye-popping structures — including the Montauk Club on Eighth Avenue, a filming location for HBO’s “Boardwalk



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1. IN BLOOM: Peter Morello displays an arrangement at Gramercy Park Flower on Adams Street. 2. The shopping strip on Fifth Avenue is home to flower shops, art galleries, and more.

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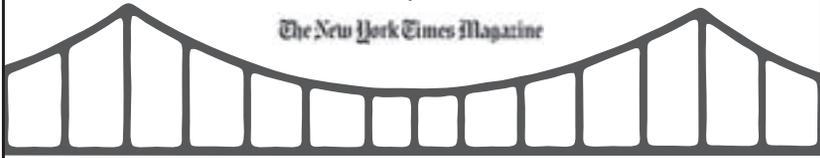
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**MUSIC TO HER EARS:** Mehnaj Zarin picks up some music at Human Head records shop on Graham Avenue. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

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# Specialized Eye Care keeping an 'eye' out for Bay Ridge

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Dr. Thomas Conrad Aiello and Dr. Adam Bennett Pass, both ophthalmologists, are proof that the trees that grow in Brooklyn have deep roots.

The two, friends since they both attended Poly Prep Country Day School in the 1970s and '80s, have gone into business together, combining their skills into a state-of-the-art ophthalmic practice, Specialized Eye Care of Bay Ridge. And proving that the apples really don't fall far from the trees, it's interesting to note that Dr. Aiello's parents, Drs. Michael and Maria Aiello, and Dr. Pass's father, Dr. Sheldon Pass, had established neighborhood ophthalmology practices here in the late '60s. Both families exemplify the importance of keeping an "eye" out for the community.

The doctors' commitment to the Bay Ridge area was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held at Specialized Eye Care on Sept. 10. Among those in attendance included state Sen. Marty Golden and Council member Vincent Gentile, who share the doctors' rock-solid devotion to the neighborhood. All are excited to have a facility of this caliber establish itself in Bay Ridge.

Specialized Eye Care of Bay Ridge diagnoses and treats diseases of the eye. The entire family can feel comfortable about receiving care here, as the establishment welcomes people of all ages.

"We treat everyone from newborns to adults in their 90s," says Dr. Pass. "The new office is fully equipped with all the latest diagnostic equipment to deliver 21st-century healthcare to all."

Dr. Pass is fellowship-trained in neuro-ophthalmology. He performs cataract surgery and regularly assists in retinal surgical procedures. Should you be experiencing blurry vision, it may be because you have cataracts, and this can be ascertained with a visit to Specialized Eye Care of Bay Ridge. If cataracts are the culprit, surgery may be



(Clockwise from top) The office on Third Avenue at the corner of 88th Street. Dr. Thomas Aiello and Dr. Adam Pass have teamed up to open Specialized Eye Care of Bay Ridge. Dr. Adam Pass examines a patient on one of the office's sophisticated ocular imaging equipment. There is an optical shop on the premises run by licensed optician Harry Cadiz.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

required. The good news is that this type of surgery is quite common, usually done on an outpatient basis, and is considered safe and effective. Many who undergo cataract surgery are very pleased with the results, thrilled to be able to see clearly again.

Dr. Aiello is skilled in refractive surgery and premium implant cataract microsurgery. Refractive surgery might be a good option for patients who want to depend less on glasses and contact lenses, as this surgery can correct nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism. LASIK surgery is one of the most popular types of refractive surgery, and involves using a laser to reshape the cornea. If you feel you might be a candidate for this type

of procedure, make an appointment at Specialized Eye Care of Bay Ridge to discuss your options. Dr. Aiello is proud to be one of the first Eye Surgeons in Brooklyn to offer the new LENSAR Laser System as part of an Advanced Cataract Surgery platform. "The LENSAR Laser Systems Augmented Reality tm" provides Dr. Aiello with a 3-D view of your eye, allowing for more accurate information and treatment choices during your cataract removal procedure.

Both Dr. Pass and Dr. Aiello are board-certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and have been re-certified numerous times. They trained together at the highly regarded ophthalmology residency program at SUNY

Downstate Department of Ophthalmology.

They both believe in providing personal and professional care to all patients.

The brand-new facility was previously occupied by the Bay Ridge Home Reporter for years. But the building looks different now, as it has been completely renovated, to the doctors' specifications. There are four examination areas and a diagnostic testing room with the most sophisticated ocular imaging equipment on the market today. They have also built an optical shop on the premises, and hired licensed optician Harry Cadiz, making it a one-stop shop for patients who require eyeglasses. There's no need to leave the premises to go elsewhere to purchase glasses, as the

practice offers a wide variety of shapes and styles, all at competitive prices. Patients can also buy contact lenses here, including disposal and multi-focal lenses.

As Specialized Eye Care of Bay Ridge is state-of-the-art, it uses an electronic medical record-keeping system. This means the doctors have access to the medical histories of their patients, allowing for more comprehensive care.

Most major medical insurance is accepted.

*Specialized Eye Care of Bay Ridge [8723 Third Ave. at the corner of 88th street in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-1779]. Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9 am-6 pm; Tuesdays, 2-5 pm; Fridays, 8 am-1 pm; and Saturdays, 9 am-2 pm.*



Allowing more outdoor air into a home is one way to improve indoor air quality.

## Air pollution can be indoors, too

**A**ir pollution is often associated with heavily trafficked highways or industrial areas home to manufacturing plants. But air pollution can occur anywhere, including inside your home.

Though it can be easy to recognize outdoor air pollution, indoor air pollution is not always so easily identifiable. But understanding indoor air pollution can help men and women, whether they live in a private home or an apartment, improve the air quality in their homes.

### What causes indoor air pollution?

Indoor air pollution can be the result of many things, including biological contaminants (mold and mildew), tobacco smoke, radon, and household chemicals. The concentration of some pollutants can increase when the temperature indoors is high or if humidity levels indoors are high.

Poor ventilation may also contribute to poor indoor air quality. Without adequate ventilation, a home may not get enough outdoor air to dilute emissions from indoor sources. As a result, pollutants can accumulate inside a home, making the home uncomfortable and possibly putting its inhabitants' health at risk. In addition, insufficient ventilation makes it harder for indoor

pollutants to escape the home, forcing them to linger inside and negatively affect air quality. This is common during colder months when windows and doors are not open as often and fresh air from outside is not entering the home.

### What are the negative health effects?

Indoor air pollutants can cause immediate problems or problems down the road. The immediate effects, which can include irritation of the eyes, nose and throat as well as headaches, dizziness and fatigue, are typically short-term and can be treated, oftentimes by removing the person's exposure to the source of the pollution. Symptoms of some diseases, including asthma, may also appear shortly after exposure.

Long-term effects of indoor air pollution may show up years after initial exposure or after prolonged exposure. Respiratory disease, cancer and even heart disease may result from prolonged exposure or not appear until years after initial exposure. The Environmental Protection Agency notes that there remains uncertainty about the concentrations or length of exposure necessary to produce specific health problems. Such uncertainty could be a result of different people

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# Improve home air quality

**W**ith winter on the horizon, homeowners who live in locales with harsh winters are preparing their homes for a season spent largely indoors. Unlike the other seasons of the year, when homeowners can comfortably air out their homes by opening windows, winter offers no such opportunities to let nature improve indoor air quality.

Such a reality can make a home uncomfortable as winter drags on. But that discomfort pales in comparison to the health risks presented by poor indoor air quality. Radon, volatile chemicals from fragrances used in conventional cleaners, and lead from house dust are just a few of the many sources of indoor air pollution commonly found in homes, and these pollutants can be especially harmful in winter, when many people spend more time indoors thanks to harsh weather. But while you might not be able to change the weather so you can open windows in the wintertime, you can take steps to improve indoor air quality in your home.

**Clean the floors regularly.** Dirty floors take their toll on a home's indoor air quality. Dust that's allowed to settle on floors may contain harmful chemicals and allergens that can lead to respiratory problems and additional uncomfortable health conditions. Clean your floors at least once per week during the winter months, ideally with a vacuum that's equipped with a HEPA filter. The HEPA filter is important because it can prevent dust and dirt from being blown back out of the vacuum in the exhaust. After you have vacuumed, mop the floors as well, as even the most effective vacuums leave potentially harmful dust particles behind. A once-over with a mop and some hot water can remove any lingering dust left behind by the vacuum.

**Place a floor mat near every entrance.** Winter is a messy season, and it's easy to bring in the great outdoors when you enter your home during cold weather seasons. Dirt that sticks to your shoes may contain potentially harmful chemicals, so place a floor mat near any door where people routinely enter your home and



Routinely vacuuming floors can improve indoor air quality in a home by preventing the buildup of dust mites and other harmful allergens.

politely ask that all who enter wipe off and remove their shoes before moving about the house.

**Dehumidify your home.** Mold and dust mites thrive on moisture, so homeowners concerned about the moisture in their homes during the winter months can purchase a dehumidifier to control allergens and reduce moisture in the air. In addition to using a dehumidifier, you can control humidity in your home by using an exhaust fan when cooking, addressing leaky plumbing fixtures to prevent mold growth, and making sure your clothes dryer is vented to the outside of your home.

**Choose naturally scented laundry products.** Everyone wants their freshly cleaned clothes to smell good, but the price you pay when using laundry products that employ synthetic fragrances may be far more steep than you realize. Such synthetic fragrances

emit dozens of chemicals into the air, so choose naturally scented detergents, fabric softeners and dryer sheets when possible.

**Avoid plug-in air fresheners.** Unless otherwise noted on the packaging, plug-in air fresheners likely contain volatile organic compounds, which contain a variety of chemicals that can negatively impact both short- and long-term health. Instead of plugging in an air freshener to improve a home's interior aroma, slice fresh lemons and leave them out in the kitchen and keep fresh indoor plants in living areas. Studies from NASA have shown that indoor plants naturally purify indoor air by absorbing materials released by synthetic materials.

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# Lung cancer deadliest of all

Many people are quick to assume they will be immune to lung cancer if they simply avoid smoking tobacco, but the disease is much more complex than that, and understanding it could mean the difference between life and death.

## What causes lung cancer?

While the National Cancer Institute reports that smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer, that doesn't mean nonsmokers — or those who quit smoking — still aren't at risk.

Secondhand smoke has long been known to be very harmful, and no one, not even children, is immune to its effects. The American Cancer Society notes that, in the U.S. alone, roughly 3,000 nonsmoking adults will succumb to lung cancer each year because of secondhand smoke. Choosing not to smoke is a good decision, but being around smokers and breathing in their smoke could prove just as deadly as smoking. The less a person is exposed to tobacco smoke, the lower his risk for lung cancer.

Another risk factor for lung cancer is radon, a radioactive gas that cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted. Radon forms in soil and rocks, and people who work in mines could be exposed. Radon can also be found in homes when it pushes its way through cracks in floors or gaps around service pipes or in suspended floors. Testing a home for radon is inexpensive and won't take much time.

Older people are more likely to be diagnosed with lung cancer, as are those with a family history of lung cancer.

## Are there symptoms?

Lung cancer is perhaps so deadly because it does not often have many symptoms in its early stages. Most will wait until the cancer begins to grow before they make their presence felt.

As the cancer grows, the following symptoms might appear:

- A cough that continues to worsen or won't go away
- Constant chest pain
- Coughing up blood
- A voice that grows hoarse
- Frequent infections of the lungs, including pneumonia
- Constant feelings of fatigue
- Unexplained weight loss

Each of these symptoms can occur even if a person does not have lung cancer. However, those who experience any of the above symptoms should con-



Choosing not to smoke is a good decision, but being around smokers and breathing in their smoke could prove just as deadly as smoking.

sult their physicians immediately.

## How is it diagnosed?

In many cases, individuals will experience one of the aforementioned symptoms of lung cancer and then visit their doctors. Such a visit should be made immediately, and patients should expect certain tests to be performed upon visiting their doctor. In addition to ordering some blood work, a doctor will likely perform a physical exam to check for general signs of health and listen to breathing. During the physical, the doctor is likely to check for swollen lymph nodes, fluid in the lungs, and a swollen liver.

A doctor will also order X-ray pictures of the chest to detect if there are any tumors or an abnormal fluid buildup. A CT scan, which takes pictures of the tissue inside the chest, will likely be taken as well. These pictures can show if there is a tumor, abnormal fluid or swollen lymph nodes.

When determining if a patient has lung cancer, a doctor will also enlist the help of a pathologist to study cell or tissue samples. These cells or tissues can be collected in a number of ways, and a doctor might order more than one test.

**Bronchoscopy:** A thin, lighted tube is inserted through the nose or mouth into the lung, allowing a close exam of the lungs and the air passages that lead to them. A cell sample can be taken with a needle, brush or other tool.

**Sputum cytology:** Sputum, or thick fluid, is coughed up from the lungs and then checked for cancer cells.

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Infants are more susceptible to cases of bronchiolitis caused by the respiratory syncytial virus.

# Get the facts on bronchiolitis

Parents have likely heard about bronchitis. But another respiratory infection, bronchiolitis, gets far less attention.

Bronchiolitis is an infection of the small tubes inside of the lungs (bronchioles) that is caused by a virus and generally affects young children during the autumn and winter months.

During normal breathing under healthy conditions, air enters the lungs through the trachea. It then travels down the branching bronchi and into the small bronchiole tubes inside of the lungs. Then the air passes from the bronchioles into the millions of air sacs in the lungs, and eventually into the bloodstream.

When a child suffers from bronchiolitis, most often the bronchioles fill with mucus and experience inflammation thanks to a virus called the respiratory syncytial virus. The mucus and swollen tubes can make it difficult for oxygen to reach the lungs and get to where it is needed. The child may wheeze or breathe harder or faster in order to compensate.

In adults, this infection isn't generally serious. But in children it can be dangerous, particularly if the virus does not clear up quickly and leads to an acute case of bronchiolitis.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say that most otherwise healthy people recover from this in one to two weeks. Infants and young children may be prone to cases that don't go away and become bronchiolitis.

The best way to prevent bronchiolitis is to reduce the spread of cold viruses through the home with frequent

hand-washing and cleaning of shared items around the house. Children that fall into the following categories may be more likely to get bronchiolitis, according to the National Institutes of Health. These risk factors include:

- Age 6 months or younger
- Born prematurely
- Exposed to cigarette smoke, even in the womb
- Bottle-fed
- Born with Down's syndrome
- Close contact with other infected children
- Have a long-term lung disease

Symptoms of bronchiolitis include a cough that may be dry or produce phlegm. Wheezing may also occur because of inflammation of the airways. Rapid breathing, difficulty breathing, fatigue, fever, and nasal flaring in infants may be other signs.

Antibiotics do not treat viral infections, so it's unlikely the child will be given an antibiotic prescription for bronchiolitis. Usually supportive therapy, such as breathing in moist air, rest, drinking fluids, and avoiding any exposure to cigarette smoke, are recommended. Rarely antiviral medications may be used to treat very ill children. Some doctors may prescribe the use of a bronchodilator or steroid treatment to ease inflammation in the airways. These may be breathed in by use of a nebulizers or another inhaler delivery device.

Parents of children with breathing difficulties should consult with the pediatrician if symptoms of any respiratory illness take a while to clear up. The illness may have gone beyond just the common cold.

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## Keep asthma controlled

A 2010 nationwide telephone survey of 1,001 asthma patients found that while most patients with asthma understood the risks associated with uncontrolled asthma, they didn't always act accordingly.

"This finding demonstrates a serious disconnect between the perceived consequences of uncontrolled asthma and the necessary steps people should take to achieve better control," explained Dr. Shailen Shah, an asthma expert with PA Allergy and Asthma Consultants.

"Some people believe that asthma goes away when their symptoms do, but asthma is a chronic disease. The good news is that with the appropriate treatment regimen, the inflammation that causes the symptoms may be properly managed."

Additionally, there are simple steps patients can take to avoid unnecessary

complications.

### Understanding asthma

People with asthma suffer from chronic lung inflammation, with symptoms ranging from coughing and wheezing to chest tightness and shortness of breath. Additionally, asthma triggers such as air pollution, smoke, pet dander, pollen, and mold can set off an asthma episode.

It's important for patients to understand that when their asthma is under control with the help of their physicians, through lifestyle modifications, and the proper use of appropriate controller medication, they should exhibit few asthma symptoms.

### Simple steps to asthma control

A physician can help create an asthma action plan and determine if a controller medication, in addition



to a rescue medication, is appropriate.

"Using an asthma action plan...can help patients stay in the know and in control of their asthma," Shah stresses.

"By understanding proper asthma management and appropriate use of medications, patients can help maintain control over their asthma symptoms and minimize the risks associated with uncontrolled asthma."

## POLLUTION

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reacting differently when exposed to indoor air pollutants. But while that uncertainty means there's no guarantee exposure, be it brief or prolonged, will ultimately lead to disease, there's also no guarantee that even minimal exposure will prevent the development of disease down the road.

### Can indoor air quality be improved?

Homeowners and apartment dwellers can take steps to improve the quality of the air inside their homes. Eliminating the sources of the pollution or reducing its emissions is a great place to start. Those with a gas stove can adjust their stove to reduce its emissions, which can save money while improving air quality.

Another way to improve indoor air quality is to take steps to get more outdoor air into the home. This can be as

simple as opening windows and doors and operating window or attic fans when the weather permits. In the kitchen, install fans that exhaust outdoors, which will immediately remove contaminants from the room. Each of these steps is meant to ventilate the home, and such ventilation should be emphasized when tackling home improvement projects that increase the amount of pollutants in the home. Such projects include painting, paint stripping or sanding.

Air cleaners can also be effective at improving indoor air quality, especially those cleaners that can remove particles from the air inside the home. Gaseous pollutants may not be removed by air cleaners, so if such pollutants are a problem then an air cleaner may not be the solution.

Indoor air pollution can make a home uncomfortable and unhealthy.

*More information about improving air quality in a home is available at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).*

# NYM offers advanced diagnostic technique for Parkinson's Disease

Stiffness, slowness, tremor, and imbalance: these are most common characteristics of Parkinson's disease (PD). If a patient exhibits two or more of these, the question that follows is, does he or she have Parkinson's?

But the answer is not always straightforward. Though Parkinson's is often the cause, there are a host of other medical conditions, syndromes, and toxins that can also produce these symptoms. For instance, hands that shake may be a symptom of essential tremor, an entirely separate neurological disorder with a distinct course of treatment. Though there have been major advances in treatment options for patients with Parkinson's, those treatments are not without side-effects, so the ability to distinguish between PD and other conditions as accurately and quickly as possible can be a huge advantage for patients.

Through its Center for Parkinson's Disease and Other Movement Disorders, NYM offers an advanced diagnostic technique that helps physicians differentiate between Parkinson's and other neurological syndromes. The test is performed by the Hospital's Department of Radiology, utilizing a special camera and a substance called DaTSCAN that, when injected into the body, allows doctors to see specific activity in brain cells that can indicate the presence of Parkinson's disease.

"The symptoms of Parkinson's disease are caused by a shortage of dopamine in the brain," said Miran Salgado, M.D., chairman of neurosciences at New York Methodist. "In a normal brain, neurons (individual brain cells) communicate with each other by means of specific brain chemicals, called neurotransmitters. There are hundreds of kinds of

neurotransmitters, but one of the most important is dopamine, which plays a crucial role in cognition, voluntary movement, attention and other behaviors. The shortage of dopamine in the brain of a patient with Parkinson's disease is caused by very specific malfunctions in the way his or her neurons communicate. DaTSCAN allows us to examine that neuronal activity, helping our physicians to diagnose PD."

The Center for Parkinson's Disease and Other Movement Disorders provides multidisciplinary, "customized" care for its patients. The Center utilizes a team approach, engaging the skills of neurologists, neurosurgeons, speech pathologists, mental health professionals, nurses and rehabilitation therapists. If a patient is found to have PD, therapy options may include exercise, medication, rehabilitation or neurosurgical procedures. And if

DaTSCAN helps physicians conclude that the cause of the symptoms is not Parkinson's disease, they can tailor other treatment options, medications and physical therapies to the patient's diagnosis.

"A neurologist's expertise, coupled with the DaTSCAN technique, can help patients with or without Parkinson's disease find their way to the best treatment as quickly as possible," said Steven Garner, M.D., chairman of NYM's Department of Radiology. "This is another example of NYM's departments working together to provide enhanced patient care and minimize the impact of a degenerative disease on the quality 'golden years' a senior deserves."

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# Bridge birthday party was botched

Planned toll hikes tarnished the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge's golden anniversary celebration, as ticked-off pols spurned the shindig and Metropolitan Transportation Authority bosses took credit for the iconic span's 50 years standing, days after announcing plans for sweeping increases to plug their multi-billion-dollar budget gap ("Bridge birthday bash botched, boycotted," online Nov. 24).

The transit agency will vote in the New Year on the hike proposals, which include an extra 42 cents for cars using E-ZPass, a possible additional buck for cash commuters, and higher tolls for large trucks.

The commentariat took to its soapbox in response.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority should be required to go through an independent audit before ever raising tolls and fares. They constantly cry broke even though mass transit ridership is at an all time high, and the fare is going up as well.

**Common Cents**  
from Crown Heights

It's because the unions have them in a stranglehold with their antiquated rules and absurd benefits.

**Ben from Bay Ridge**

Staten Island is a part of the city, and therefore should not have tolls separating the boroughs. Tolls on this bridge are not fair nor right. And yes, that means the Triborough as well.

**Charles from Bklyn**

What about the Staten Island Ferry? Should the Department of Transportation start charging a fare once the tolls for the bridge are removed? The E-ZPass toll for Staten Island residents is cheaper than the subway fare once you figure in all of the discounts for Staten Island residents.

And is a free bridge to an island some sort of "right" in your mind? Why don't the residents of Staten Island get boats?

**Ty**  
from Prospect Park South

## SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

### LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

*Bike activists jump-started the bridge celebrations with an early birthday bash in Bay Ridge, calling for a continuous bike loop around the storied span that is off-limits to cyclists and joggers, except during the New York City Marathon and the Five-Boro Bike Tour ("Campaign for Verrazano bike path picks up speed," online Nov. 24).*

*A separate foot-and-bike path — costing about \$40 million, according to a 1997 city figure adjusted for inflation — would offer a toll-free option on one of the highest-tolled bridges in the country. The path is the pet project of the cyclists who hired a plane to buzz the Nov. 21 ceremony, towing a banner advertising the idea.*

And tolls for the bikes, in one direction only.

**Ty**  
from Prospect Park South

Woo-hoot! This is great news!

**Rob from Williamsburg**

I agree there should be a toll for the bikes, proportional to the damage caused by bicycles on the roadway. This comes out to \$41 per 100,000 crossings. (Google "bicycle fourth power rule" for the math.)

**Stairbob from Brooklyn**

### 'Bridge' author

To the editor,

Thanks for your fine piece "Talese tales! Author to discuss 'The Bridge' at Transit Museum" (online Nov. 12), and also it was nice meeting reporter Max Jaeger.

I can't speak for Frank Sinatra, but I think he would (as I did) enjoy the tribute authored by the one and only Carmine Santa Maria ("Carmine Santa Maria has hunger pangs," online April 20).

**Gay Talese**  
Manhattan

### Text laws

To the editor,

Automobile drivers and bicyclists, who text or otherwise use electronic devices while using their vehicles, are equally wrong (Cyclists: Text-messaging-while-biking ban has g2g," Nov. 18). If this behavior weren't responsible for tragedy, their mutual finger-pointing would be farcical. The same goes for people who cluelessly wander through intersections bathed in the blue glow of their smartphones and tablets. All are dangerously irre-

sponsible, not only to themselves, but to everyone else. It's time that we approached this selfishly indulgent behavior as if it truly mattered.

The way to eliminate such hazards is to categorically and unconditionally prohibit the active use of electronic devices by drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians while on a roadway or in an intersection, including those crossing streets.

Please, let's have unambiguous laws that apply equally to all, and then demand that those laws be aggressively enforced across the spectrum of offenses. Fines never work as deterrents, and at best would be seen as the cost of doing business.

It's time that the adults take charge and the toys are put away. Compulsion is no excuse for mayhem. Councilman Mark Treyger's (D-Coney Island) efforts to control the distracted should be universally supported and expanded.

**Burt Bloom**  
Brighton Beach

### Idle hands

To the editor,

As a new resident of Park Slope and an environmental professional, I am concerned about vehicle idling on the streets of our community, contributing to local air pollution and climate change. I am most concerned about the issue in the area surrounding New York Methodist Hospital and in Prospect Park. To encourage action, I have contacted Methodist Hospital, the Prospect Park Alliance, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

**Jeff Potent**  
Park Slope

### Boardwalk blues

To the editor,

Who is the brainiac who decided to concrete the Brighton Beach Boardwalk from Coney Island Avenue to Brighton 15th Street ("City: Brighton Beach boardwalk's fate is set in concrete?" Nov. 20)?

It has been two years since we were devastated by Hurricane Sandy, but what lesson have we learned? Brighton Beach has been the stepchild of the city without any representation. While other cities use recycled wood for their boardwalks we're still in the Dark Ages. Let's continue to build near the water which looks oh-so good, until the next flood.

Does any one believe in global warming? How about six feet of snow in Buffalo, and the prediction of snow melts that will cause more massive

floods, wild fires, tornados, hot summers then the year before? Polar ice is melting at a fast rate and will impact low-lying areas. Duh. Does one need to be a rocket scientist to see this? Wake up and smell the coffee, while you can.

**Jerry Sattler**  
Brighton Beach

### Retroactive pay

To the editor,

For a decade, I have worked hard to provide an excellent school environment for students at PS 130, where I am principal. I came up through the ranks. So did many of my fellow school leaders who worked for years as teachers before accepting a leadership role. I worry that many of those who did — principals, assistant principals, and other supervisors — may not receive the retroactive pay they are owed for the years they taught our children. Moreover, I'm worried that many of those who would like to apply for promotions may not do so.

The city has developed a thesis that says these teachers have not worked "continuously" so they are ineligible for the retroactive payments earned during their long years without a contract. Yet, these teachers and now, administrators, have continuously worked for the Department of Education. In fact, many of them have remained in the same schools. The effect of this thesis is already negatively impacting the pool for current school administration vacancies. Many vacancies in districts around the city have been re-posted again due to lack of qualified willing candidates.

At my school we strive to help students reach their full learning potential and this can't happen without high-performing school leaders. I am concerned that as I look ahead, schools like mine throughout the city may not be able to draw from these experienced educators because a promotion would mean they would lose thousands of dollars.

Schools Chancellor Farina, who served as superintendent in my district, and Mayor DeBlasio, who was on the District 15 school board, are on the record saying that our schools are most likely to succeed when leaders come from the ranks of seasoned city teachers. That statement reflects a sound education vision. How ironic then that the city is taking a position in direct opposition.

**Maria Nunziata**  
The writer is principal of PS 130 in Windsor Terrace.

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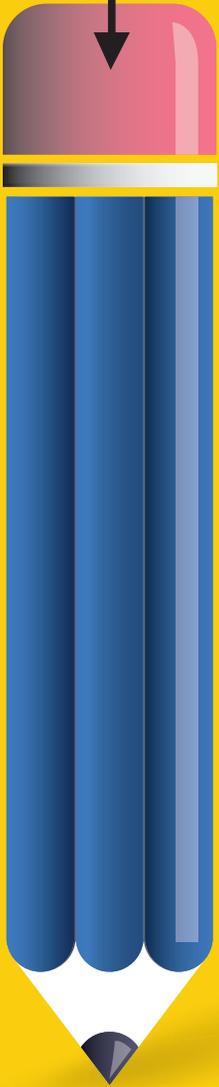
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**ROOM FOR DEBATE:** Councilman Brad Lander managed to appease a lot of opinionated Gowanus residents with his draft rezoning recommendation report. Mostly, anyway.

## GOWANUS

*Continued from cover*

of my building, and I may cast you a shadow, but that's my home," said Charlene Nimmons, a Wyckoff Gardens resident. "If you say to hell with me and what I think, I might say to hell with you and what you think."

An impromptu straw poll initiated by Mariano showed that about 60 percent of the 70-100 people present opposed inviting high-rises while 40 percent approved.

The response to the document's other demands, including added flood control infrastructure, stronger protections for artists and industry, more affordable housing, and stricter protections for rent-regulated tenants, was largely favorable. Even formerly vocal foes of the process hailed its findings.

"I really do think there has been a lot of listening happening," said Joseph Alexiou, who in July headed a protest disrupting a Bridging Gowanus meeting and tried to mount an alternate planning process. "I'm amazed at how much got into the report."

The document is meant to preempt a potential rezoning, and to avoid patchwork development as property values in surrounding neighborhoods

continue to rise and realtors eye the area despite the Gowanus Canal's designation as a federal Superfund site in 2010. The city solicited neighborhood input for a possible rezoning over the course of three years starting in 2007, but pressed pause when the feds called for the pollution cleanup that is set to take at least until 2024.

Despite the largely favorable response on Monday, few suggestions outlined in the draft found unanimous support. The document calls for beefing up the neighborhood's antiquated sewer system, which already floods the canal with filth during heavy rains, to accommodate the additional toilets that would come with new development. But that issue is already mired in controversy as residents have opposed the federal proposal to place massive sewage retention tanks beneath Thomas Greene Park and the Douglass and Degraw pool, which the city recently announced its support of.

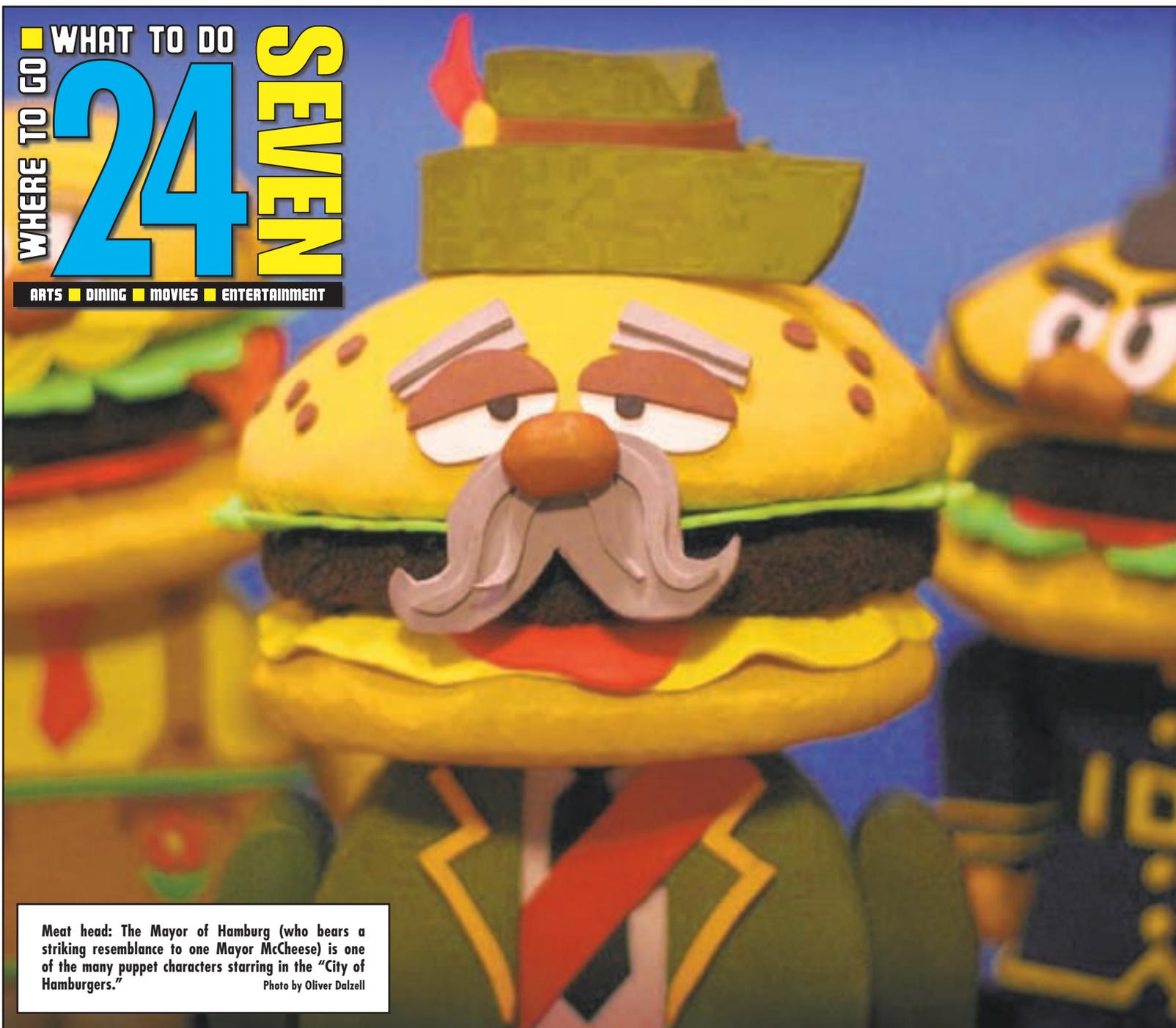
One neighbor who expressed measured support for the proposal worried that the city and developers may see only what they want to see among the report's many recommendations.

"If you take this to the city all they are going to see is '18-story buildings,'" said Carl Teitelbaum, a business owner and activist. "What happens if they cherry-pick?"

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**Meat head:** The Mayor of Hamburg (who bears a striking resemblance to one Mayor McCheese) is one of the many puppet characters starring in the "City of Hamburgers."

Photo by Oliver Dalzell

# Shakespeare shack

## Puppets and Poets fest brings hamburgers to life

By Vanessa Ogle

**M**mm, the land of hamburgers! The Bushwick Starr theater and Alphabet Arts artist collective are sandwiching marionettes and metrists together once again for their annual Puppets and Poets Festival on Dec. 6 and 7. And one of the performances in the two-day fest sounds both cheesy and saucy — and we mean that in the best kind of way. "City of Hamburgers" is a free, family-friendly show featuring anthropomorphized junk food speaking in silly rhymes. And it is the kind of story that is

perfect for the medium of puppetry, one of the performers explained.

"Puppetry has that little bit of magic in it — you're watching something inanimate come to life," said Kirsten Kammermeyer, a puppetry teacher who lives in Flatbush. "It is very bright, it's very colorful, the music is fun."

The story — adapted from a children's book by Mike Reiss, a former writer for "The Simpsons" — uses rod puppets to animate the imagination of a young boy named Jeffery, who is listening to his grandmother tell him a bedtime story about

her life in Germany. Jeffrey's grandmother is from Hamburg and his grandfather is from Frankfurt — and Kammermeyer said the story comes alive when Jeffrey's imagination beefs up her anecdotes.

"He is imagining all of these little kids' hamburgers running around and playing tag," she said. "He is imagining all these frankfurters."

The festival will also include two adult-oriented evening performances, featuring puppet plays with more mature content.

Kammermeyer said she hopes "City of Hamburgers" encourage kids to try their

hand — literally — at puppetry.

"It just allows kids to express themselves because they can put their focus on something else and make that something else do what they want to do — and say what they want to say," she said. "They can put all that creativity and the energy into this object they're making come to life."

"City of Hamburgers" is part of the Puppets and Poets Festival at Bushwick Starr (207 Starr St. between Irving and Wyckoff avenues in Bushwick, [www.the-bushwickstarr.org](http://www.the-bushwickstarr.org)). Dec. 6 and 7 at 3 pm. Free.

# CYBORG NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

*Robot to star in Downtown tree lighting*

By Vanessa Ogle

Friends, Brooklynites, countrymen, lend me your gears.

A robot named Caesar — or cellularly accessible expressive semi-autonomous robot — is going to help Santa spread Christmas cheer at the 25th annual tree lighting at MetroTech Commons Downtown on Dec. 1. The electronic emperor, which stands 40-inches tall, is going to press a button on St. Nick's stomach that will activate the lights. But Caesar's primary job will be getting spectators young and old, naughty and nice into the holiday spirit, according to one of his creators.

"His main goal is to stand there and smile at onlookers, to wave his arms, and do other small facial expressions," said Jared Alan Frank, a doctoral student at New York University Polytechnic School of Engineering and the principle investigator of the project. "Caesar will be very animated on stage."

A team of more than six students and professors helped construct Caesar about two years ago as part of the university's robotics program, which is funded by the National Science Foundation. But



Photo by Jason Speakman

**Bow down to your festive robot overlords: Caesar the robot will activate the Christmas tree lights at MetroTech Commons Downtown on Dec. 1.**

Frank said he has given the droid some new upgrades specifically for the tree lighting ceremony.

The button that operates the tree lights is a heavy-duty industrial knob, so Frank had to restructure Caesar's arm into a much thicker limb than the original prototype.

"To be able to generate that

amount of force has taken a lot of brainstorming and repurposes," he said.

The tree lighting celebration will also feature some other electrifying acts — dancers from the American Ballet Theatre Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School, entertainers from Big

Apple Circus, singers from the Brooklyn Tech High School Choir, and members the Brooklyn Nets.

Frank said the ceremony will give Caesar a chance to mingle with the crowd and he said he hopes that the audience realizes that robots are truly a gift to all mankind.

"To illustrate that robotics is advancing where it can be brought out in public settings and used — we're going to show that," he said.

*Tree lighting at MetroTech Commons (2 MetroTech Center between Lawrence and Bridge streets Downtown). Dec. 1 at 5 pm. Free.*



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

## Pro-creations: Art show inspired by parenthood



**The kids are alright: Artist Monica Carrier poses with her artwork and children, Lola, 5, and Cecilia, 1-and-a-half.**  
Photo by Stefano Giovannini

By Danielle Furfaro

Meet the parents — then meet their artwork.

A group of artists with offspring are exhibiting their work in a show at Rhombus Space in Red Hook show called "Post Partum Party," which examines the effects of pregnancy and raising young children on an artist's life and work.

No, the exhibition is not made up of sculptures featuring diapers, pacifiers, and baby shoes, but the works are all influenced by a life marked by wiping tiny runny noses.

"Having children has pushed me in the direction of being more playful, because of the way I communicate with my kids and talk to them about imagery and what they see," said painter and Williamsburger Monica Carrier,

whose has contributed several abstract images made from spilled ink to the show. "I have wanted more absurdity in my work, letting it be silly and letting people see what they want. I am now willing to have less control over the process."

"Post Partum Party" also includes the work of Hugh Walton, who made video pieces about his interpretation of childhood, Sydney Chastain-Chapman, who painted portraits of three generations of her family, and David Lukowski, who has created sculptures out of hams.

Another progenitor participating is artist Marni Kotak, who famously gave birth to her son, Ajax, in a Brooklyn art gallery three years ago, and then made another performance piece of going off the anti-depression med-

ication that she had been taking for post-partum depression.

The show's curator said she wants to celebrate the creations that procreation can inspire, rather than the limitations it is often seen to impose.

"There is a lot of stigma against artists who are parents being able to pursue an active practice and be competent parents at the same time," said Katerina Lanfranco, the show's curator. "I wanted to put on a show that embraces the complexities of that dual role and use it as fertile territory for creative practice."

*"Post Partum Party" at Rhombus Space (183 Lorraine St. third floor, between Clinton and Court streets in Red Hook, www.rhombusspace.com). Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 pm until Dec. 14. Free.*



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# BRINE TIME!

*Bulgarian pickling class comes with stories, songs*

By Matthew Perlman

This class is kind of a big dill.

Members of a local Bulgarian arts collective are putting on a workshop for families in Greenwood Heights to teach them the art of pickling, Bulgarian style. But the recipe for this class contains some unexpected ingredients — the participants will also sing and tell stories from their home countries as they cook. One of the organizers said it is all about preserving culture while preserving food

“It’s an important way of sharing knowledge,” said Daniela Kostova, a Bedford-Stuyvesant artist who helped launch the Bulgarian Collaborative. “It’s a real cultural exchange.”

Kostova, along with fellow collective members Vlada Tomova and Meglena Zapreva, will supply all the fixings needed for pickling on Dec. 6 at Open Source Gallery — jars, vegetables, herbs, and brine. During the pickling process, the artists will explain their traditions and teach kids about the plants they are working with. At the end of the workshop, they will use the leftover veggies to make a soup. The idea is to take the sharing of cultures out of art galleries and museums and open it up to people from all walks of life, Kostova said.

“I really see this as an alterna-



**Jarring:** Daniela Kostova and Maglena Zapreva will run a pickling workshop for families in and around Greenwood Heights where they will sing and tell stories from their home country of Bulgaria.

Photo by Jason Speakman

tive to the exclusivity of the art world,” she said. “We want to make people feel comfortable and not be intimidated.”

Kostova said that pickling in Bulgaria is basically a survival skill that people use to preserve vegetables through the winter season. She remembers her grandmother preserving peaches, plums, and cherries for cold compotes, which were her favorite.

“It was just part of our culture,” she said. “You couldn’t have a meal without pickles.”

Kostova said she finds it interesting that artisanal pickling has become so hip in Brooklyn, while ethnic stores around the city have always sold the brined basics.

“We wanted to connect these two different cultures — the gourmet and the real-deal pickling,” she said.

“Pickles / Stories / Songs” at Open Source Gallery (306 17th St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Greenwood Heights, [exchange-works.co/offers/pickling](http://exchange-works.co/offers/pickling)). Dec. 6 from 1–2 pm and 2:30–3:30 pm. \$35 per family.

## Bay Ridge lights up for the holidays

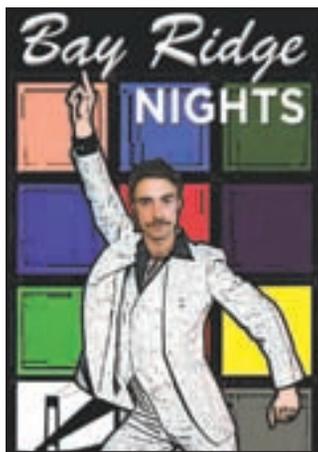
By Max Jaeger

Now you are stuffed full of Turkey Day cheer — and turkey — work off that stuffing by rocking out in the Ridge.

There is plenty of live music to sweat to this weekend, and with Thanksgiving out of the way, the neighborhood is already turning its sights to the rest of the holiday season.

On Friday, waddle over to **Greenhouse Cafe** (7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th streets), where British Invasion mavens London Fog will drape the cafe in a haze of Brit-Pop goodness starting at 9 pm.

On Saturday, celebrate the life and music of local a legend — the late Jerry Greaney — at the fourth annual Jerry Greaney Day Celebration at **Lief Bar** (6725 Fifth



Ave. between 67th and Senator streets). The Head and South band is headlining with special guests, so you can bet you bottom dollar there will be some serious Southern rock going around. The tribute kicks off at 9 pm.

If you are stuck taking your visiting family out for the night, head to the **Wicked Monk** (9510 Third Ave. between 95th and 96th streets) for party-pop tunesters Hot Date at 11 pm. The Long Island group plays dance, hip-hop, rock and country, so you have got all your bases covered if trying to please a fickle array of relatives.

Wednesday night is all about getting into the holiday spirit. The Owl’s Head Park Horticulture Group is lighting up a holiday tree in **Owl’s Head Park** (68th Street and Colonial Road) at 7:30 pm. There will be hot chocolate on tap and live music from the Guild for Exceptional Children Choir’s choir, as well as an appearance from Santa. The park’s super-secret new mascot will also be making his debut, according to a hot scoop from the event’s organizer.



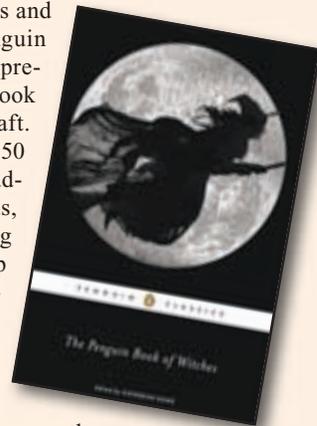
The best reads — handpicked by some of the best Bklyn bookstores

### Word’s pick: “The Penguin Book of Witches” by Katherine Howe

Spanning two continents and three centuries, “The Penguin Book of Witches” is a comprehensive and fascinating look at this history of witchcraft. Howe has curated nearly 50 primary sources — including warrants, court records, and even a witch-hunting manual — which, with help from her insightful introductions, give the reader an entirely new perspective on witchcraft and early American history.

If you’ve ever wondered over the judgement of our ancestors or our continuing fascination with witches, this book will certainly satisfy.

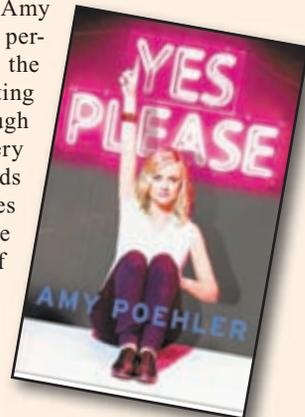
— Emma Nichols, Word [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383–0096, [www.wordbrooklyn.com](http://www.wordbrooklyn.com)].



### The BookMark Shoppe’s pick: “Yes, Please” by Amy Poehler

Sharp and insightful, Amy Poehler’s “Yes, Please” is a perfect way to get through the holiday madness by just sitting back and enjoying a good laugh and some fun writing. Every single Amy Poehler fan needs to read this book. She tackles many important topics while using her amazing sense of humor to personalize it.

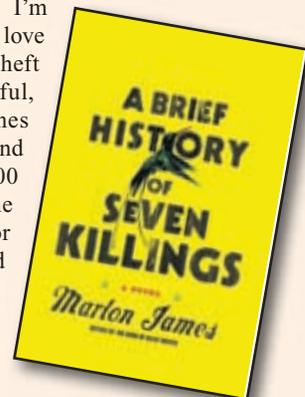
— Christine Freglette, The BookMark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833–5115, [www.bookmark-shoppe.com](http://www.bookmark-shoppe.com)].



### Greenlight Bookstore’s pick: “A Brief History of Seven Killings” by Marlon James

In short, a masterpiece. I’m completely and utterly in love with this book. Don’t let its heft deter you — James’s powerful, evocative writing combines with a story so convoluted and so compelling that these 700 pages are devoured in the blink of an eye. Perfect for fans of John Le Carre and James Ellroy (weird combo, I know), though honestly, if you consider yourself a real lover of fiction, this is one of the year’s must-reads.

— Emily Russo Murtagh, Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246–0200, [www.greenlightbookstore.com](http://www.greenlightbookstore.com)].



PERFORMANCE

**MUSIC, ROBERT RAN-DOLPH AND THE FAMILY BAND, ANIMAL YEARS:** \$20. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklyn-bowl.com.

**MUSIC, RUNAWAY DOROTHY:** Free. 8:30 pm. Hill Country Barbecue [345 Adams St. at Willoughby Street, (718) 885-4608], www.hillcountrybk.com.

**MUSIC, AKIM FUNK BUD-DHA'S HIP-HOP HOLIDAY:** Free. 9 pm. BAM Cafe [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene], www.bam.org/programs/bamcafe-live.

**THEATER, "TAMBURLAINE, PARTS I AND II":** Christopher Marlowe play about a Scythian shepherd who rises to power to become king of half the world. \$55-\$100. 7 pm. Theatre for a New Audience, Polonsky Shakespeare Center [262 Ashland Pl. between Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (212) 229-2819], www.tfana.org.

**THEATER, "TRISTAN AND YSEULT":** Kneehigh Players present an adaptation of the play. \$30. 8 pm. St. Ann's Warehouse [29 Jay St. between John and Plymouth streets in Dumbo, (718) 254-8779], www.stannswarehouse.org.

OTHER

**ART, "BIRTH CULTURE":** Photographer Alice Projanski's exhibition documents the ways different cultures regard birth, from midwives and hospitals to the nature of birth itself. Free. 10 am-6 pm. United Photo Industry [111 Front St. between Washington and Adams streets in Dumbo, (718) 215-9075], www.unitedphotoindustries.com.

**ART, "MONKEY SEE":** Featuring art by Matther Couper, Robert McLeod, Mason Saltarrelli, Warwick McLeod, and Lorene Taurerewa. Free. 1-5 pm. Tabla Rasa Gallery [224 48th St. between Second and Third avenues in Sunset Park, (718) 833-9100], www.TablaRasaGallery.com.

**COMEDY, RHYS DARBY:** \$25. 6:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebell-houseny.com.

**COMEDY, LIVING ROOM SHOW:** Featuring comics Lance Weiss, Nore Davis, and Kareem Green. Free. 8 pm. Postmark Cafe [326 Sixth St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope].

**COMEDY, ANDRES DU BOUCHET:** Celebrating the release of his second comedy album, "20-Sided Guy." \$10. 9 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebell-houseny.com.

WHAT TO DO SEVEN EVENTS



Art of Glass: Philip Glass and nine pianists will perform "The Etude" at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Dec. 5 and 6.

SAT, NOV. 29

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

**TALK, INTRO TO BIRD WATCHING:** Take a tour and learn about the 250 species of birds that call Prospect Park home with Brooklyn Bird Club. Free. Noon-1 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

**WATERFOWL:** Kids join with rangers to discover the birds of winter. Bring field guides and binoculars or ask a ranger to borrow a pair. Free. 10 am. Salt Marsh Nature Center [3302 Avenue U in Marine Park, (718) 421-2021].

PERFORMANCE

**MUSIC, ROBERT RAN-DOLPH AND THE FAMILY BAND, MICHAEL BELLAR & THE AS-IS ENSEMBLE, LIONS ON THE MOON:** \$20. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklyn-bowl.com.

**MUSIC, MORIA, AIR FOR ANTS, PLEISTOCENE, BETHLEHEM STEEL:** \$8. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

**MUSIC, TODD ADELMAN:** \$12. 8:30 pm. Hill Country Barbecue [345 Adams St. at Willoughby Street, (718) 885-4608], www.hillcountrybk.com.

**THEATER, "UN BALLO IN MASCHERA":** Presented by the Regina Opera Company, in Italian with English subtitles. \$25. 3 pm. Our

Lady of Perpetual Help School [5902 Sixth Ave. at 60th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 259-2772], www.ol-phschoolbrooklyn.org.

OTHER

**COMEDY, ANDY KINDLER — LIVE AND IMPERSONAL:** \$12 (\$10 advance). 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

SUN, NOV. 30

PERFORMANCE

**MUSIC, MUSIC FROM GOOD SHEPHERD:** Featuring Roger Verdi on the trombone. Free. 6 pm. Good Shepherd Church [Avenue S and Batchelder Street in Marine Park, (718) 998-2800].

**MUSIC, NERD KARAOKE:** DJ Joe Rude and the Kings of Karaoke present a night to sing songs from nerdy acts such as They Might Be Giants, Tom Lehrer, and Jonathan Coulton. Free. 10 pm. The Way Station [683 Washington Ave. between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place in Prospect Heights, (718) 627-4949], www.waystationbk.com.

OTHER

**WINTER ON A FLATBUSH FARM:** Kids learn how to make candles, watch a master spinster spin wool thread, and enjoy Dutch treats. St. Nicholas will also make an appearance at 3 pm. \$3. 1-4 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789-2822], www.prospectpark.org.

**WOMEN'S SOCIALIZING AND DINING CLUB:**

Weekly women's group for single women aged 48-68. Reservations are a must. 2 pm. El Greco Diner [1821 Emmons Ave. at Sheepshead Bay Road in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 336-7908].

MON, DEC. 1

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

**ICE SKATING SCHOOL:** Instruction, fitness, homework help, and more for students in grades first through eighth. Must live in Brooklyn or go to school in Brooklyn, and be eligible for free or reduced lunch program. Preregistration required. Free. 4-6:30 pm. Lefrak Center in Prospect Park [Parkside and Ocean avenues in Prospect Park, (718) 594-7439], www.brooklynice.org.

PERFORMANCE

**MUSIC, COMPOSERS CONCERT:** Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music composers present new acoustic and electroacoustic works. Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn College, Studio 312 [2900 Bedford Ave. at Campus Road in Flatbush, (718) 951-5792], www.bc-music.org.

**MUSIC, ENCYIPHER, QEW LUNEL AND THE MO-SAIC, CANCION, FOXY, SIM ROSS & THE EASY TRUTH:** \$7. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

OTHER

**READING, GRINCH DAY:** Celebrate the eye-guy at a special reading of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" with a coloring activity to follow. Free. 4 pm. Barnes and Noble [267 Seventh Ave. at Sixth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-9066], www.barnesandnoble.com.

**TALK, MY NAME IS NEW YORK — RAMBLIN' AROUND WOODY GUTHRIE'S TOWN WITH NORA GUTHRIE:** Nora Guthrie discusses her father Woody's travels across the United States in this multimedia presentation. \$10. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierreport St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.

**COMEDY, SACK MAGIC:** Weekly comedy show hosted by Grant Gordon and Louis Katz. Free. 9 pm. Legion (790 Metropolitan Ave. at Humboldt Street in Williamsburg), www.legion-bar.com.

TUES, DEC. 2

PERFORMANCE

**MUSIC, THE NTH POWER, FREEKBASS:** \$10. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

**MUSIC, BROOKLYN COLLEGE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC JAZZ ENSEMBLE:** Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn College, Studio 312 [2900 Bedford Ave. at Campus

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Bulls on parade: The Nets charges the Bulls at Barclays Center on Nov. 30. Associated Press / Seth Wenig

COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

FRI, NOV. 28

**SPORTS, BARCLAYS CENTER CLASSIC:** Basketball tournament featuring Virginia, Rutgers, Vanderbilt, and La Salle. \$35.50-\$250. 7 pm.

SAT, NOV. 29

**SPORTS, BARCLAYS CENTER CLASSIC:** 7 pm. See Friday, Nov. 28.

SUN, NOV. 30

**SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. CHICAGO BULLS:** \$75-\$4,000. 3 pm.

WED, DEC. 3

**SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. SAN ANTONIO SPURS:** \$35-\$4,000. 7:30 pm.

FRI, DEC. 5

**SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. ATLANTA HAWKS:** \$25-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

SAT, DEC. 6

**SPORTS, BROOKLYN BOXING:** David Lemieux vs. Gabriel Rosado. \$15-\$150. 8 pm.

SUN, DEC. 7

**SPORTS, BIG APPLE CLASSIC:** Basketball tournament featuring Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, North Carolina Central University, and Howard University. \$26-50-\$46.50. 3 pm.

MON, DEC. 8

**SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. CLEVELAND CAVALIERS:** \$85-\$4,000. 7:30 pm.

THURS, DEC. 11

**MUSIC, SMOKEY ROBINSON:** \$40.50-\$105.50. 8 pm.

620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights (917) 618-6100, www.barclayscenter.com.

FRI, DEC. 12

**SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. PHILADELPHIA 76ERS:** \$70-\$4,000. 7:30 pm.

SUN, DEC. 14

**MUSIC, JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE:** The 20/20 Experience World Tour. \$54.50-\$200. 8 pm.

TUE, DEC. 16

**SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. MIAMI HEAT:** \$20-\$4,000. 7:30 pm.

THURS, DEC. 18

**SPORTS, LIU BROOKLYN BLACKBIRDS VS. FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY:** Basketball tournament. \$15-\$25. 7 pm.

FRI, DEC. 19

**MUSIC, CHRISTMAS IN BROOKLYN:** featuring Run DMC, LL Cool J, DJ Z-Trip, and Lecrae. \$19.99-\$225. 7:30 pm.

SUN, DEC. 21

**SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. DETROIT PISTONS:** \$22-\$3,000. 6 pm.

MON, DEC. 22

**SPORTS, BROOKLYN HOOPS HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL:** College basketball tournament featuring Providence, Miami, Fordham, and Manhattan. \$15-\$56.50. 6 pm.

TUE, DEC. 23

**SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. DENVER NUGGETS:** \$30-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

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Road in Flatbush, (718) 951-5792], www.bcmusic.org.

**SALES AND MARKETS**

**BOROUGH HALL GREEN-MARKET:** Fruits and vegetables, plants and flowers, grass-fed meat, fish, free-range eggs, and grass-fed dairy products. Free. 8 am-6 pm. Borough Hall Plaza (Court Street at Montague Street in Downtown), www.grownyc.org.

**OTHER**

**ART, PAINT NITE:** Students learn to paint while drinking cocktails. Materials provided, no experience required. \$65. 7-9 pm. Schnitzelhaus [7319 5th Avenue between 73rd and 74th St. in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-5600], www.paintnite.com.

**TALK, THE MOTH:** Storytelling competition with the theme of the streets. \$8. 7 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

**PROM THROUGH THE DECADES FUNDRAISER:**

Dance to prom songs from the past, plus a photo booth, open bar, snacks, dessert, and crowning of prom king and queen. Dress in your vintage prom best. All proceeds go to fund the Junior League of Brooklyn's Belle of the Ball Program and College Scholarship. \$45-\$55. 7 pm. Roulette (509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Downtown), https://2014jlbprom.eventbrite.com.

**PAT KIERNAN'S POLAR CORTEX:** "Winter pop culture"-themed trivia night hosted by Pat Kiernan. \$26. 7:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseeny.com.

**COMEDY, "THE FANCY SHOW":** Producers Michael Joyce, Langston Kerman, Lane Pieschel, Simmons McDavid, and Jenny Zigrino share the stage with local talent. Free. 8 pm. Bar Reis [375 Fifth Ave. between Fifth and Sixth streets in Park Slope, (718) 974-2412].

**MOVIE TRIVIA:** Six rounds, including famous movie quotes, not so famous movie quotes, and Nicolas Cage quotes. Free. 8:30 pm. Videology (308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg), www.videology.info.

5740], www.therockshopny.com.

**MUSIC, KIM GORDON AND LOREN CONNORS, GARY WAR:** \$20. 8 pm. Issue Project Room [22 Boerum Pl. at Livingston Street in Downtown, (718) 330-0313], www.issueprojectroom.org.

**MUSIC, "ON BEHALF OF NATURE":** Meredith Monk explores our connection to the natural realm. \$20. 7:30 pm. BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

**OTHER**

**ART, KNIT AND CROCHET GROUP:** Learn how to crochet and knit with instructors or simply spend time with fellow makers. All experience levels and ages 10 and up welcome, and participants can come and go as they please. Free. 1-3 pm. Brooklyn Pharmacy & Soda Fountain [513 Henry St. at Sackett Street in Carroll Gardens, (718) 522-6260], www.brooklynpharmacyandsoda-fountain.com.

**BALLROOM DANCE PROGRAM:** Free ballroom dance classes. Students learn merengue, foxtrot, tango, cha cha, and swing. 6 pm. IS 96 [99 Avenue P between W. 11th and W. 12th streets in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 232-2266].

**TREE LIGHTING:** Candy canes, Christmas carols, Toys for Tots collection, and a visit from Santa. Free. 6:30 pm. McKinley Park [Bay Ridge Parkway and Ft. Hamilton Parkway in Dyker Heights, (718) 238-6044].

**THEATER, "RODNEY KING":** A solo work from Roger Guenveur Smith on the life of Rodney King. \$22 (\$18 advance). 7:30 pm. BRIC Arts Media House [647 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 683-5621], www.bricarts-media.org.

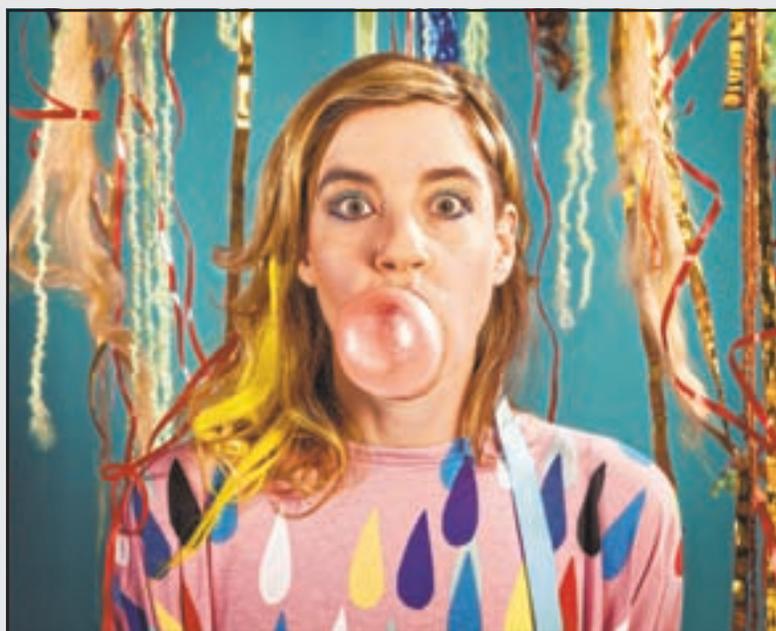
**THURS, DEC. 4**

**PERFORMANCE**

**MUSIC, AFTERNOON CHAMBER MUSIC:** Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music students perform solo and chamber works. Free. 1 pm. Brooklyn College, Studio 312 [2900 Bedford Ave. at Campus Road in Flatbush, (718) 951-5792], www.bcmusic.org.

**MUSIC, TUNE-YARDS:** \$35. 8:30 pm. Music Hall of Williamsburg [66 N. Sixth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 486-5400], www.musichallofwilliamsburg.com.

**MUSIC, THE JUDY BLOOMS, COUCH JACKETS, WILD BORE:** \$10 (\$8). 7:30 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park



**Yard work: Freak-folk artist Tune-Yards, also known as Merrill Garbus, will play a four-night run at the Music Hall of Williamsburg, Dec. 4-7.**  
 Holly Andres

Slope, (718) 230-5740], www.therockshopny.com.

**MUSIC, BILL EVANS' SOULGRASS, JAMES CASEY AND FRIENDS:** \$15. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

**OTHER**

**TALK, INVISIBLE CHILD — ONE YEAR LATER:** One year on from the New York Times' "Invisible Child" series on 11-year-old Dasani, the reporter and one of Dasani's teachers look back at what has, and hasn't, happened in the intervening year. \$5 (free for BHS and Green-Wood members). 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

**READING, KEN SIEGELMAN'S POETRY OUTREACH:** Anthony Vigorito hosts a night of poetry featuring guest poets each week. For teens and adults. Free. 6:30 pm. Barnes and Noble [267 Seventh Ave. at Sixth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-9066], www.barnesandnoble.com.

**TREE LIGHTING:** Candy canes, Christmas carols, Toys for Tots collection, and a visit from Santa. Free. 6:30 pm. Lady Moody Square [Van Sicklen St. and Avenue U in Gravesend, (718) 238-6044].

**READING, AARON REZNY AND JORDAN SCHAPS:** Authors discuss Jewish cuisine in the Lower East Side at the launch of their cookbook, "Eating Delancey." 7-9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

**FRI, DEC. 5**

**PERFORMANCE**

**MUSIC, I AM THE HEAT, THE DANBEES:** \$8. 7:30 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and

President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], www.therockshopny.com.

**MUSIC, "THE COMPLETE PIANO ETUDES BY PHILIP GLASS":** Glass and nine other pianists will perform his 20 etudes, dating back to 1994. Performers include Aaron Diehl, Tania Leon, Maki Namekawa, and Jenny Lin. \$20. 7:30 pm. BAM Howard Gilman Opera House [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene], www.bam.org/programs/bamcafe-live.

**MUSIC, DAN ABRAHAM, JESSI ROBERTSON, RICHARD BUCKNER:** \$15. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

**MUSIC, THE OMNI ENSEMBLE:** An evening of holiday chamber music. \$50 (\$90 per couple; \$25 students). 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music [58 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln Place and Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 622-3300], www.bqcm.org.

**OTHER**

**TREE LIGHTING:** Features a window design competition, live performances, speakers, refreshments, Santa, and a toy and book drive. Free. 6-8 pm. Belarusian Church (401 Atlantic Ave. at Bond Street in Boerum Hill).

**FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES AND SOUTHERN STYLE DINNER:** Welcome Shabbat with food, singing, socializing, and stories. RSVP by Dec. 2. \$40 per family, \$20 per single. 6:30 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103], www.brjc.org.

**READING, "THE POLAR EXPRESS":** Free. 7 pm. Barnes and Noble [267

Seventh Ave. at Sixth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-9066], www.barnesandnoble.com.

**SAT, DEC. 6**

**PERFORMANCE**

**MUSIC, CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Featuring the Grand Street Community Band. Free. 6-7:30 pm. New Utrecht Reformed Church [1831 84th St. between 18th and 19th avenues in Bensonhurst, (718) 256-7173], www.historicnewutrecht.org.

**MUSIC, "CHRISTMAS ORATORIO":** Musica Nuova and the Weckmann Project present Baroque work by Heinrich Schutz. \$10-\$25. 7 pm. Zion German Evangelical Lutheran Church [125 Henry St. between Clark Street and Love Lane in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 852-2453], peatix.com/user/525203/view.

**MUSIC, MATT WONG:** Seventeen-year-old guitarist performs for the release of his second album "Reflections." Free. 8 pm. Tea Lounge [837 Union St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 789-2762], www.tealoungey.com.

**THEATER, "JERRY'S GIRLS":** Gallery Players present a musical revue of Broadway composer Jerry Herman. \$18. 8 pm. Gallery Players [199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352-3101], www.galleryplayers.com.

**SALES AND MARKETS**

**35TH ANNUAL UNIFAIR:** The First Unitarian Congregational Society hosts its 35th annual Unifair, with clothing, jewelry, household goods, decorated holiday wreaths, books, records, DVDs, and baked goods. Free. 10 am-4 pm. First Unitarian Church [50 Monroe Pl. between Pierrepont and Clark streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 624-5466], www.fuub.org.

**BROOKLYN HOLIDAY BOOK FAIR:** Independent

and antiquarian booksellers sell rare, vintage, and out-of-print books. Free. 11 am-5 pm. The Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195], theoldstonehouse.org.

**FLEA MARKET:** Monte's Restaurant hosts a holiday flea market. Noon-5 pm. Monte's Restaurant [451 Carroll St. between Nevins St. and Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 852-7800], www.montesnyc.com.

**OTHER**

**SPORTS, JINGLE BELL JOG:** Family-friendly four-mile race with raffles and prizes. Proceeds benefit New York Road Runner's Youth Programs. Entrance fee includes bells for your sneakers, a pair of knee-high tech socks, and hot chocolate. \$55. 7:30 am. Prospect Park Nethermead (Enter the park at Flatbush Ave. and Lincoln Road in Prospect Lefferts Gardens), www.nyrr.org.

**WINTER JAMBOREE:** Face painting, temporary tattoos, arts and crafts, a bake sale, snacks, balloons, and live music from City Stomp. Proceeds go to Families First charity. \$25 per family. Noon. [250 Baltic St. between Court and Clinton streets in Cobble Hill, (917) 543-2011].

**WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS:** Explore the world of "The Nutcracker" in a workshop for children 4 through 12 years old. No dance experience necessary. On-line registration required. Free with admission. Noon-1:30 pm and 2 pm to 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], www.bbg.org.

**SINTERKLAAS:** Go inside New York's oldest house to explore the origins of Santa Claus. With traditional live music, Dutch treats, holiday crafts, and a special visit with St. Nicholas as he arrives on horseback. Free. 1-4 pm. The Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum [5816 Clarendon Rd. between E. 59th Street and Ralph Avenue in Canarsie, (718) 629-5400], www.wyckoffmuseum.org.

**THE BROOKLYN COOKIE TAKEDOWN:** Bakers from across the city compete to create the best cookies. Observers can consume bottomless cookies and eggnog. \$20. 2-4 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseeny.com.

**HOLIDAY FIESTA:** Food, fun, and dance along with holiday gifts, an audience nutcracker freeze dance, and an open house. \$10 (\$15 at the door; children under 5 \$5). 3:30 pm and 5 pm. PS 77 [62 Park Place, between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 522-4696].



# Their 'Finest' hour at the precinct

### BATH BEACH

Put your hands together for New York's boys in blue. Cops from the **62nd Police Precinct** in Bath Beach were medaled and rewarded for going above and beyond the call of duty at ceremonies at St. Finbar's Msgr. Scanlon Center on Nov. 15.



It is no surprise that the officers were commended with medals because, not only do they stand at the forefront of protecting the members of the community every day, but they go way above what the shield requires.

Our roving photog **Steve Solomonson** — friend to the Finest and to Standing O — was present to snap away and congratulate the awardees.

Standing O offers thanks to the officers for their dedication and commitment to keeping the streets of Bath Beach safe for all.

*62nd Police Precinct [1925 Bath Ave. at Bay 22nd Street in Bath Beach, (718) 236-2611].*

### BAY RIDGE

## He says goodbye

Standing O bids a happy retirement to **Dr. Laszio Biro**, after 57 years of treating the community at **Bay Ridge Skin and Cancer Dermatology**, the firm he founded more than 40 years ago.

The good doctor will be trading his white coat and stethoscope in for a set of irons and a natty golf sweater, and heading to warmer climes in sunny Florida. In his long and storied career, Dr. Biro pioneered cryosurgery — the use of extreme cold in surgery to destroy abnormal or diseased tissue — and has lectured around the country on the topic.

He was the former president of the Bay Ridge Medical Society, and a professor of dermatology at the Statue University of New York Health Science Center, and Lutheran Medical Center.

He leaves the practice in the very capable hands of his son, **Dr. David Biro**, and hopes that one of his grandsons will follow in the family business as well.

"He will be greatly missed," said a staff member. "It is an end of an era."

Standing O wishes Dr. Biro a bogey, eagle, and hole in one.

*Bay Ridge Skin and Cancer Dermatology [9921 Fourth Ave. at 99th Street*



**LIGHTING UP:** Catholic clergy and staff of Maimonides Medical Center gathered for a celebration of lights. Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

## Twinkle, twinkle, Christmas lights

### BOROUGH PARK

**Maimonides Medical Center** kicked off the season of holiday cheer and Christmas ho, ho, ho with a celebration of light on Nov. 19 in the hospital auditorium.

"The annual event is an opportunity for Maimonides to provide financial support to Catholic parishes in Southern Brooklyn to defray the cost of Christmas lighting," said **Pamela Brier**, president and chief executive officer at the healing center.

Fellow attendees that helped

light the way to the seasonal festivities included "Mr. Maimonides" **Douglas Jablon, Dominick Stanzone**, our very own state Sen. **Marty Golden** (R-Bay Ridge), **Larry Morrish**, community activist **Eileen LaRuffa**, **Anne Blumetti-Stravaci, Msgr. John Maloney, Msgr. Jamie, Rev. Khader El-Yateem, and Arlene Figaro.**

Standing O says, "Thanks for keeping the lights on."

*Maimonides Medical Center [4802 10th Ave. at 48th Street in Borough Park, (718) 283-6000].*

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### EAST FLATBUSH

## Welcome, snip, snip

**Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center's Department of Psychiatry** snipped the ribbon and held its grand-opening of the new 25-bed Adult Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit. Festivities were held on Nov. 14 at the hospital's campus.

The new unit boasts a state-of-the-art inpatient psychiatric unit specifically designed for the treatment of younger adults with acute psychiatric illnesses in need of hospitalization. The new unit will expand the department's range of care.

Helping to cut the ribbon were **Dr. Stephen Mark Goldfinger, Dr. Linda Brady, Councilman Mathieu Eugene (D-Flatbush), Dr. Ellen Tabor, Jane Lederer, and Robert Dubicki.**

The psychiatric program includes an entire multi-disciplinary team of board-certified psychiatrists, registered nurses, psychiatric technicians, recreational therapists, behavioral health associates and clinical social workers, who remain committed to providing the highest quality of patient and family-centered care.

Mental disorders are among the most common causes of disability in our country, with almost 20 percent of our population, around 61.5 million

Americans, suffering mental illness in any given year, and approximately four percent of our adult population, or 13 million American adults, being chronically disabled by mental illness, said Dr. Tabor.

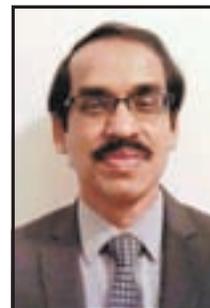
This new unit will provide an invaluable service for the community, and Standing O extends the welcome mat.

*Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center's Department of Psychiatry [585 Schenectady Ave. at Rutland Road in East Flatbush, (718) 604-5000].*

### PROSPECT LEFFERTS GARDENS

## Take a seat, Mr. Chairman

We hear that **Dr. Aam Baqui** has been appointed the new chairman and medical director of the department of Pathology and Laboratories at Interfaith Medical Center.



Hospitals president **Dr. Steven Korf** told Standing O that he is delighted with the appointment of Dr. Baqui, who has more than 30 years experience in the field and will provide vital diagnostic and assessments services to the community.



### MIDWOOD

## Frost-ing on the cake

Felice Frost of FrostBiz — Standing O friend and pal to seniors everywhere — hosted the third annual healthy aging expo at the Council Center for Senior Citizens on Nov. 13. Seniors received free screenings for blood pressure and blood sugar, flu shots, giveaways, and health-smart information on how to boost winter wellness.

More than 25 businesses attended this year's much anticipated event, including Agewell N.Y., Walgreens, and Affinity Health Care. **Nickie Cheng**, a representative from the New York City Department for the Aging, and staff from Coney Island Hospital were among the experts answering questions.

Thanks for the vital outreach, Felice, this Standing O is for you.

*Council Center for the Senior Citizens [1001 Quentin Rd. at E. 10th Street in Midwood; (718) 627-7680].*

Prior to joining Interfaith, Dr. Baqui served as assistant medical director, and director of microbiology and cytopathology in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Coney Island Hospital, and as medical director for anatomic and clinical pathology at Precise Diagnostics in New Hyde Park, N.Y.

The physician has also served as a pathology resident at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New Hyde Park, N.Y., completed a fellowship in cytopathology at Louisiana State University in Shreveport, L.A.; and completed a clinical post-doctoral fellowship in medical microbiology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Hospital in Baltimore, M.D.

Dr. Baqui is a member of the American Society for Microbiology, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, and the College of American Pathologists. He is a resident of Elmont, N.Y.

Standing O is delighted to welcome Dr. Baqui, and wishes him a very long tenure.

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● 'This is our last chance, so we have to go out with a bang.'

— South Shore senior Brianna Fraser on the prospect of winning a title this season

● 'We are on a roll and hope to keep it rolling.'

— FDR coach Paul Klyap on reaching the Bowl Conference title game

## Roosevelt reaches first-ever title game

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Tristin Thomas needed just one yard to keep a drive alive on fourth down as Franklin Roosevelt was trying to hold off Bayside in the fourth quarter. He got much more.

The senior running back burst through the middle of the defense untouched for a 46-yard touchdown that ensured the second-seeded Cougars a 32-20 victory over No. 4 Bayside in the Public School Athletic League Bowl Conference football semifinals last Sunday at Midwood Athletic Complex.

Thomas's teammates ran with him in celebration down the sideline.

"They told me, 'get the first down,' and I tried my hardest," said Thomas, who scored twice. "I saw the hole and I was gone."

The victory earns Franklin Roosevelt (10-2) its first-ever trip to the final, where it faces top-seeded McKee-Staten Island Tech at 7 pm Nov. 29 at Abraham Lincoln.

Roosevelt had not won a playoff game before this season. FDR's program only started in 2006, and the team lost its first two games this year, but won 10-straight games since then.

"It's very special," FDR coach Paul Klyap said. "Right now we are on a roll. We are on a roll and hope to keep it rolling."

Bayside (8-3) did its best to derail the Cougars' run, but it had an answer for each second-half charge. The Commodores got within 18-12 on a five-yard touchdown pass from Charlie Flug to Tyrell Plaza with 2:12 to go in the third quarter. FDR didn't take long to counter.

It needed just seven plays to go 71 yards on a drive that ended with Kaseem Morrison hitting Monrico Cummings for a 20-yard score to make it



**EXTRA EFFORT:** (Above) Franklin Roosevelt's Tristin Thomas dives into the end zone for a touchdown. (Right) Monrico Cummings runs down the sideline for FDR.

Photos by Joseph Staszewski

26-12 early in the fourth quarter. Bayside made it 26-20 on Tyrell Plaza's second touchdown run of the game before Thomas put the game out of reach.

The combination of Thomas and Morrison proved too much for Bayside to handle. Thomas carried the ball 16 times for 136 yards and two touchdowns. Morrison rushed for 67 yards and a score on eight carries, and also threw two touchdown passes to Cummings.

"At any point they can take over the game," Klyap said. "A little bit here, a little bit there and then — bam — they are gone."

Franklin Roosevelt felt its performance could have been even better, as fumbles and penalties gave Bayside a chance to stay in the game. FDR did take advantage of the Commodores' mistakes in the



first half. The Cougars scored just before halftime after a high snap on a punt left them deep in Bayside territory. Morrison found Cummings for a 16-yard score and Thomas ran in the two-point conversion to make it 18-6 at the half.

FDR knows it will need to be better to get revenge on a McKee-Staten Island team that beat it 22-18 in the season opener. The Sea Gulls scored a touchdown with eight seconds left to steal the victory. That left Franklin Roosevelt even hungrier to claim the crown.

"We were praying for this," Thomas said. "We were praying to play them again. We got one more shot."



**GOING DEEP:** Grand Street quarterback Justin White gets set to throw a pass.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

## Grand Street gets to semifinals

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Grand Street continues its historic playoff run, and is now just one win away from playing for a championship at Yankee Stadium.

The No. 5-seed Wolves used a big play from returning quarterback Justin White and defensive back Justin Phillip to beat No. 4 and host DeWitt Clinton 28-8 in the Public School Athletic League City Conference football quarterfinals last Saturday afternoon.

Grand Street, which has won eight-straight games, reaches the semifinals for the first time in program history.

"We are just rolling," said Grand Street coach Bruce Eugene. "Everybody said Fort Hamilton is the hottest team going. I just feel right now, my team is confident and we're just rolling."

White, who missed last week recovering from a concussion, made sure to keep the roll going. He completed eight of 12 passes for 188 yards and three touchdowns. White opened the scoring with an 80-yard touchdown pass to Kimani Talbot in the first quarter, and tossed a back-breaking 48-yard scoring pass on third and long to Taysir Mack to give Grand

Street a 20-8 lead with 5:51 to go in the third quarter. His 10-yard scramble on fourth down also kept a scoring drive alive in the second quarter that resulted in a 15-yard touchdown pass to Romilio Littlejohn.

"He's the trigger man," Eugene said. "He's the guy everybody on this team looks to, and we're all comfortable with him back there."

Eugene got on White for not getting an open Mack the ball. On the next play White scrambled in the pocket to get free enough to deliver a pass to Mack. The junior shook a defender along the left sideline and ran the final 15-yards for the score.

"The matchup was good," White said. "[The defender] was playing off we had to take a shot."

The offense for Clinton (9-2) didn't have as much luck outside of a 20-yard touchdown pass from DaShown Wilson Jr. to Chesley Carter to cut the Grand Street (11-1) lead to 14-8 with 1:23 to go in the first half. The Governors, with help from some Grand Street penalties, appeared ready to answer to Mack's touchdown in the third quarter. Philip made one of the game's biggest

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# Lightning Rod

Four Rodriguez touchdowns power Lincoln past Flushing

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

Abraham Lincoln's defense was suffocating last Saturday, and senior Luis Rodriguez continued to make a strong case for being the city's best all-around player as Lincoln returned to the semifinals.

The second-seeded Railsplitters led from start to finish and beat the No. 7 Red Devils 31-6 in the Public School Athletic League City Conference football quarterfinals in Coney Island on Nov. 22.

Lincoln's stout defense didn't allow the usually explosive Flushing to do much, and forced five turnovers on the afternoon. The Railsplitters beat Flushing 56-0 in last year's semifinals.

"We knew Flushing scored a lot of points leading into this game," said Lincoln coach Shawn O'Connor. "Our defense was able to give our offense good field position all day long, and our defensive line did a good job of pressuring the quarterback."

Rodriguez provided more than enough offense for Lincoln (9-2), and was simply



**HE'S OUR MAN:** Lincoln's Luis Rodriguez, No. 11, was a major force in the Nov. 22 game against Flushing. Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

unstoppable all day. He tore apart the Flushing defense with four touchdowns — three on the ground and one receiving.

"He's our go-to guy," O'Connor said. "He has been the guy for us all year long."

Rodriguez got the ball roll-

ing on the game's first drive as he caught a 15-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Paul Litvak to give Lincoln (9-2) a 7-0 lead. Litvak returned to action after missing the prior three games with an injury.

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# Lincoln's Tripp in position to reclaim spotlight

Jahlil Tripp was supposed to arrive last season.

Instead, one of the most highly regarded and talented players in New York City ended up on the bench with crutches. He was shot in the leg early in the league season and later broke his tibia during the warm ups of his return game for Brooklyn Collegiate.

The talented junior wing, who still has plenty of Division-I interest and scholarship offers from Manhattan and Quinnipiac, is prepared to put his lost season behind him at his new home of Abraham Lincoln. The start of the season cannot come quick enough.

"I can't wait for Dec. 2 to roll around," said the 6-foot-4, 210-pound Tripp. "The ball will go up in the air and everyone will be there to see me back on the court."

He will again have a chance to put his name among the city's elite players. The Railsplitters are in need of a new star with the graduation of Isaiah Whitehead, and Tripp has the talent to be that guy. He can average a double-double, can score inside, and can also step back and hit the jumper.

"He is a miss-match problem for most schools," said Lincoln senior forward Ezekiel Charles. "If you put a big guy on him, he will go past him. You put a little guy on him, he will post him up."

First-year Lincoln coach Kenny Pretlow said Tripp is close to 100 percent, but his knee acts up on him now and again. It was tough early on because Tripp was so eager to play, but needed to take it slow in order to comeback healthy. Once Pretlow saw him starting to dunk again he knew Tripp was feeling better.

"I think he is anxious," Pretlow said. "He realizes that he can be one of the better players in the city."

Doing so at Lincoln was



**JOE KNOWS**

by Joe Staszewski

an easy choice for Tripp. He had wanted to join the Railsplitters out of grammar school, but formed too strong a bond with then-Brooklyn Collegiate coach Jacob Edwards.

With Edwards now an assistant at Lincoln, Tripp felt comfortable coming to Coney Island. Tripp is capable of playing any position on the court and will fill many different roles for Lincoln this season.

He went from an up-and-coming team to the Public School Athletic League's primer program. The spotlight is really on him now. It is an opportunity he is embracing.

"It's been really cool to be here, seeing all the trophies and all the legacy that has been left here, with all the players that have been here," Tripp said.

He has the chance to put his name with them over the next two seasons. It won't be easy. This year, he can simply return himself to the discussion with the likes of Christ the King's Rawle Alkins, Benjamin Cardozo's Rashond Salnave, Thomas Jefferson's Shamorie Ponds, and St. Raymond's Sidney Wilson as the city's premier talent.

A difficult season of bad breaks is well in the past, and limitless possibilities lie ahead of him.

# South Shore seniors aim to win elusive crown

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The urgency to win this year isn't lost on Brianna Fraser and her fellow seniors at South Shore.

The Maryland-bound forward and her classmates have led the South Shore girls' basketball team to consecutive Public School Athletic League city title games, coming up short both times.

This season marks their last chance to bring the Vikings program its first crown.

The opportunity is there with defending champion Francis Lewis losing center Chelsea Robinson to graduation and Murry Bergrauam potentially taking a step back from its dominance after the resignation of legendary coach Ed Grezinsky. South Shore wants to have its turn to celebrate.



**NOW OR NEVER:** Brianna Fraser and her fellow seniors at South Shore know this is their last chance to win a city championship, after falling one game short in the past two seasons. Photo by Ken Maldonado

"This is our last chance, so we have to go out with a bang," Fraser said. "We have to play as hard as we can, so we cannot only make it to the championship, but win the championship."

The 6-foot-3 Fraser is arguably the city's best player. She can post a double-double on any night and can handle the ball like a guard even at her size. It's a weapon most teams in the five boroughs don't have.

"She is one of the top players in the country," said South Shore coach Anwar Gladden.

The amiable Fraser sometimes needs a little push to dominate games, and said he needs to stop being tentative at times. She will have plenty of help in the paint from bruising junior forward Jordan

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# Dutchmen take Fort Hamilton

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

No loss is a good one, but Erasmus Hall falling to Tottenville in the final game of the regular season led to a shake up of the running game that coach Danny Landberg had long been pondering.

The rushing load was spread out amongst more backs after a bye week. Shavar Brathwaite, and Keon Gravenhise were given bigger roles. The change led to three different players scoring on the ground for top-seeded Erasmus Hall in a 26-14 victory over No. 8 and visiting Fort Hamilton in the Public School Athletic League City Conference football quarterfinals last Saturday.

"I was just trying to improve and try to figure out how to use what we have in the best situation," Landberg said.

Gravenhise ran for 70 yards on 12 carries, and Brathwaite compiled 64 yards on eight rushes. Jahquel Webb carried the ball twice for 24 yards, including a nine-yard score to put the Dutchmen up 26-6 at the half. Kefa Cort ran for 23 yards and a touchdown on three carries. Jahsen Wint also added a score.

Getting off to a quick start was important against a Fort Hamilton team that had won four straight after losing to the Dutchmen 28-22 back on Oct. 18. Aaron John recovered a fumble and returned it for a touchdown to highlight a 19-point second quarter for Erasmus Hall (10-1). Freshman Matt Jones, who is now starting at nose guard, helped slow down the Fort Hamilton attack.



**WEBB-SLINGER:** Erasmus Hall's Jahquel Webb ran for a touchdown against Fort Hamilton last Saturday. Photo by Steven Schnibbe

"Coming out fast and strong and aggressive was the game plan," Landberg said. "That being done was a very important part of our momentum."

Fort Hamilton (7-5) couldn't take advantage of a long Devon Watts interception return in the third quarter, but still got itself back in the game. Sharif Legree ran for a three-yard touchdown to pull Fort Hamilton within 26-14, but that was as close as it got.

Erasmus hosts No. 6 Curtis at noon on Nov. 29 in the semifinals. The Dutchmen beat the Staten Island school 22-0 in the third week of the season, but Landberg doesn't expect it to be that easy the second time around.

"We expect them to come out rocking and socking,

ready to fight," he said. "We just have to give it our A game and make sure we carry out our plan."

**Eagle Academy II 20, Adlai Stevenson 18:** Ramell Redd carried the ball 18 times for 165 yards and two touchdowns for second-seed Eagle Academy (11-1) in the Public School Athletic League Cup Conference semifinals. Eagle Academy heads to the title game in its first season as a varsity team. Redd also caught a 48-yard touchdown pass. Du Sean Barnett completed six of seven passes for 138 yards and a touchdown. Brian Varick, Charles Hinton, Claude McCammon, and Tisshun Williams all collected interceptions. Eagle Academy II faces No. 3 Stuyvesant in the championship game at 6 pm Sunday at Abraham Lincoln.



**CELEBRATION:** Grand Street celebrates its victory over DeWitt Clinton. Photo by Joseph Staszewski

## GRAND ST.

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plays to ensure it didn't happen.

He scooped up a Clinton fumble from a pile of players and returned it 76-yards for a touchdown to help give Grand Street a 28-6 lead late in the third quarter. On the next play from scrimmage, he intercepted Wilson Jr.

Philip didn't want to call the scoop and score the biggest of his carrier, but said it was up there.

"I saw the ball on the floor and picked it up and ran," he said. "It was a very big play.

The play came and I took the opportunity to put it in the end zone."

It helped put Grand Street in position to avenge its only regular season loss when it visits No. 2 and defending champion Abraham Lincoln on Nov. 29 at noon. The Wolves celebrated with fans that made the trip to Clinton, but understood there is plenty of work to be done if Grand Street is going to bring home a championship.

"Our main goal is Yankee Stadium," Philip said. "We've said it since the beginning of the year — 'Chip or bust' — so this is another chapter in the story."

## LINCOLN

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"It's fantastic having Paul back," Rodriguez said. "He's our starter and he played really smart football today."

The defense then got involved on Flushing's first drive as it forced and recovered a Red Devil fumble, but couldn't capitalize on the turnover. On Flushing's next possession, the Lincoln defense was able to force senior quarterback Terrence Chavis to cough up the ball at his own 15-yard line. This time Rodriguez was able to punch the ball in from two yards out and give the Railsplitters a 14-0 advantage.

Flushing's offense seemed to be figuring things out in the second quarter as it drove down to Lincoln's side of the 50-yard line, but the Railsplitters stout defense stopped Flushing in its tracks and forced a turnover on downs. Rodriguez set up his team for another score as he blew by the Flushing defense into its secondary for a 58-yard run. The drive re-

sulted in a 35-yard field goal by junior Axel Pembele and a 17-0 lead heading into halftime.

The Red Devils (8-4) did attempt a comeback. Litvak was intercepted in the end zone and the ball was returned to the Lincoln one-yard line and eventually run in for a score to cut the Railsplitters' lead to 17-6 in the third quarter.

Rodriguez followed up the Flushing score with a 65-yard rushing touchdown, giving Lincoln a 24-6 lead. He put the game away for Lincoln with a 14-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

The win sets up a semifinal matchup with Grand Street at noon on Nov. 29 in Coney Island. Lincoln narrowly beat the Wolves 21-18 in the regular season.

"We have to have a week of intense practice," Rodriguez said. "We cannot take any days or plays off this week. They're going to come in one game away from Yankee Stadium just like us. Everyone is going to put it all on the line and do what we have to do to come out victorious."

## SOUTH SHORE

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Washington, who was a surprise contributor a year ago.

"This team is a little bit smaller," Fraser said. "We don't have a lot of big, but we are fast. We are going to try to blow teams out by being faster than them."

That's because the team is deeper and more seasoned

than last year, especially in the backcourt.

Senior Ashley McDonald, who has improved her ball handling, appears primed for a break out year. Classmate Amanda Cruz brings plenty of speed, and wing Ashley Salkey has shown improvement.

The x-factors could be sophomore guard Valena Hickerson and freshman wing Diamond Shavis. Both play with skills and confidence well be-

yond their years and can really score the ball.

South Shore believes it has all the ingredients to be a championship team. The seniors are determined to not let them go to waste after having their season ended one win from the crown in the last two years.

"It would mean everything to us," McDonald said. "We know how it feels to lose, but we want to know how it feels to win the championship."



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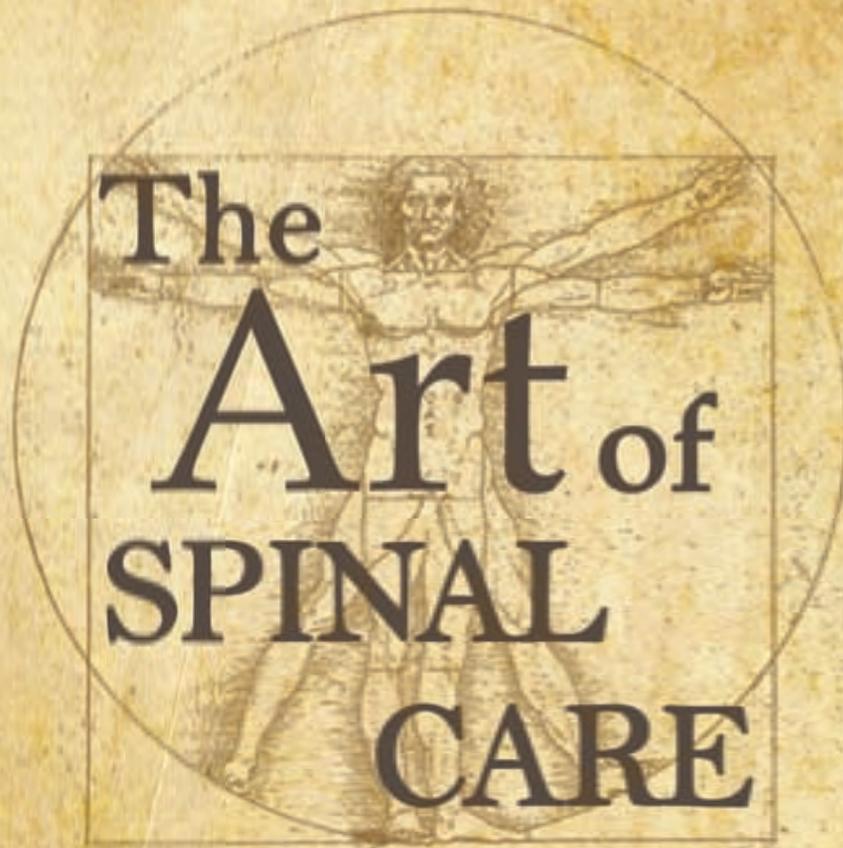
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