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BY VANESSA OGLE

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DEMO DISASTER: During a demonstration, the drone operator lost control of the contraption and our very own photographer Georgine Benvenuto was hit, causing lacerations to her nose and chin.

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Naughty or nice?

State Sen. Marty Golden has a twinkle in his eye as he sits on Santa's lap at the Lady Moody Triangle tree lighting in Gravesend on Dec. 4. For more, **see page 2.** Photo by Steve Solomonson

MERRY AY MOODY

Gravesend kicks off Christmas season with tree lighting

BY VANESSA OGLE

The Christmas spirit is brightening up the neighborhood!

The annual Christmas tree lighting at the Lady Moody Triangle in Gravesend on Dec. 4 featured seasonal songs and holiday dance routines. The celebration was the perfect way to kick off the winter season and spread Christmas cheer, said one elected official who attended the celebration.

"The Christmas tree lighting was great way to usher in the holiday spirit here in our community," said state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge).

Students from PS 95 sang Christmas classics and showed off their dance moves while the crowd sipped on hot chocolate, and cheerleaders from IS 228 David A. Boody spread Christmas cheer.

But no Christmas celebration is complete without jolly old St. Nick, and Santa Claus jetted from the North Pole to celebrate the winter festivities with the community.

Golden said the red-suited hero was the reason the night was so magical.

"I felt the true excitement of the season among us all — and I know that the special visit from Santa Claus had something to do with it," said Golden, who gleefully licked a candy cane while seated on Santa's lap.



SANTA'S HELPERS: (Above) Santa receives a big hug from Kavel Butt. (Left) Christiana Thompson sips on her piping hot chocolate. (Below) The PS 95 chorus sing Christmas songs for the crowd.

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LIGHT IT UP: Santa, fire department Capt. Paul Brincat, and state Sen. Martin Golden illuminate the park's tree. Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

McKinley Park lights up for the holidays

BY MAX JAEGER

McKinley Park is shining! Neighbors came together for a tree-lighting ceremony in the park that straddles the border between Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights on Dec. 3.

One resident who recently moved to Bay Ridge from Brooklyn Heights said she didn't really miss the yuletide blow-out at Borough Hall, because the Ridge lighting was so spectacular.

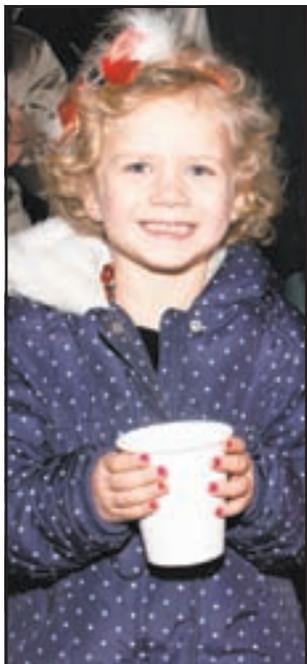
"We were really impressed with the one at McKinley," said Marianne Ponton. "It was so fun and festive, and the kids had such a great time."

State Sen. Martin Golden hosted the event, which included free hot chocolate, Christmas carols, and an early visit from Santa Claus, who doled out candy canes and seated starry-eyed kids on his knee for a holiday tete-a-tete.

The concert band from IS 201 played a set of holiday tunes, but a song from a blockbuster movie stole the show.

"The kids got especially excited when they heard the song from 'Frozen,'" Ponton said. "All of the kids were singing 'Let It Go.'"

The oscar-winning tune — penned by a couple of



HITS THE SPOT: Gemma Poton enjoys a cup of cocoa on a chilly December evening at the McKinley Park Christmas tree lighting.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

Brooklyn songsmiths — struck a chord with kids, but the more staid classics resonated with adults, according to the band's director.

"There were enough adults there to appreciate the Christmas carols," said director John Altieri.

Coney wants cops

Fearful residents appeal for more police

BY MAX JAEGER

They're calling it a cop out.

Mayor DeBlasio's updated four-year financial plan doesn't boost the police department's uniformed head count, but critics say the mayor has to grow the force to keep pace with the city's rising population — especially in neighborhoods like Coney Island where violence remains a problem.

"If the city is growing — and the mayor boasts of it — we need to increase the budget for the NYPD," said Councilman Mark Teryger (D-Coney Island). "There have to be more police officers."

There are currently 34,483 uniformed officers on the force, and the mayor plans to keep that level static through June 2018, according to an updated financial plan released Nov. 25. Maintaining the force's current size will reduce the number of police per capita as the population continues to grow, say critics. In 2000, there were 202 New Yorkers for every police officer — in 2014 there were 244 people per cop, according to census data.



EXPANSION IN TANDEM: Councilman Mark Teryger says the police force needs to keep pace with the city's population growth.

File photo by Steve Solomonson

Even the raw numbers are at record lows, according to another councilman.

"There are 6,000 fewer police officers patrolling our streets than there were on Sept. 11, 2001," said Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge). "Indeed, I don't recall the head counts in the precincts in my district ever being lower than they are today."

Not hiring additional police will have a negative impact on Coney Islanders, according to locals who say they need more

police to quell rising violence in the neighborhood's impoverished residential sections. The People's Playground saw a bloody summer and a fall full of gunfire.

The neighborhood has seen a "razor thin decrease" in shooting incidents, according to 60th Precinct commanding officer Deputy Inspector James Rooney, with 21 so far this year and 22 this time last year. But, several recent incidents that left locals with bullet holes in homes do not count toward that statistic because bullets didn't strike anyone, according to police and lawmakers. Patrols vary, but there are typically five to six cars working the beat in each precinct, police said.

One Mermaid Avenue homeowner and neighborhood leader whose home has been caught in neighborhood crossfire longed for the days when the police were a common sight on city street corners.

"Growing up, we always had the police on the beat — they knew who we were and we knew who they were," said Pamela Pettyjohn.



HOLE IN THE FORCE: Coney Islander Pamela Pettyjohn points to the spot where an errant bullet hit her neighbor's home last month. Pettyjohn said a stronger police presence on area blocks would deter violence, but police officials say they don't have the manpower.

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Pol: Landmark the Boardwalk

Coney councilman seeks preservation status to prevent cement replacement

BY VANESSA OGLE

Giving Coney Island's iconic wooden Boardwalk the same landmark protection as Prospect Park could be the only way to thwart the city's plans to remake it in concrete and plastic, according to the area's councilman.

Councilman Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island) is pushing to get the Riegelmann Boardwalk landmarked as a way to halt work on the Brighton Beach section of the Boardwalk to rip up the hardwood boards and replace them with cement and plastic slats.

The city started construction on the Brighton Beach section last month but the community isn't giving up the fight to save the wooden walkway, saying that the iconic Boardwalk is essential to the city's history and should be protected as one of the city's scenic landmarks.

"This to me is an issue that goes beyond Coney Island — this structure has a role in New York history," Treyger said of the 91-year-old Boardwalk named after former Borough President Edward J. "Ned" Riegelmann. "There are so many New Yorkers that can recall stories of going to the Boardwalk with their families and friends."

Treyger wrote a letter to the city's Landmarks Preservation Committee last week urging it to designate the Boardwalk as a scenic landmark. He said the designation is rare but there are several sites in the city — including Central Park and Prospect Park — that have secured the status. He said the Boardwalk deserves to be landmarked and residents shouldn't be punished because they have less wealth than other neighborhoods.

"I will be working with my colleagues in government and the community to advocate for what we believe is a public treasure in our part of New York that historically has not been given the level of attention it deserves," Treyger said. "We hear about this theme of two cities — certain well-



BOARDWALK UMPIRE: Councilman Mark Treyger wants the famed Riegelmann Boardwalk to be named a "scenic landmark" like Prospect Park. File photo by Steve Solomonson

do-to areas get more resources."

The Parks Department said it plans to convert the 2.5-mile Boardwalk — which stretches from the border of Sea Gate to Brighton 14th Street — into a plastic and concrete path to ensure a more "sustainable" walkway. But Treyger said that cement surfaces can't protect residents from severe weather as well as the wooden Boardwalk.

"Tell the residents of New Orleans that their concrete levees were safer," he said, alluding to the flooding during Hurricane Katrina. "Mother Nature will destroy anything in her path she wants to."

One local said the cement Boardwalk is the Parks Department's way to avoid routine maintenance that future generations would regret. He said a cement Boardwalk will permanently deface the area but he agreed a landmark classification could stop the destruction of the icon.

"It is kind of like vandalizing the Boardwalk — it is a short-sighted solution that future generations will wonder how this happened," said Charles Denson, the director of the Coney Island History Project. "Landmarking it would prevent this sort of plan in the future."

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Drone strike in S'head Bay

Our photographer injured by wayward TGI Friday's mistletoe copter

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Diners at the Harkness Avenue eatery were more amused than threatened by the kiss-coaxing drones looming overhead, saying Benvenuto's injury was just a flesh wound.

"It was like a scratch on her nose," said Karim Turner of Yonkers, who didn't witness the incident but saw a photo of the result. "I've seen far more worse blood than that."

Another man, who happily kissed his wife under the heavy downdraft of the larger drone, said the flying toy might even make a good Christmas gift for his wife.

"If you wanna bring it to the house, she's gonna blow dry her hair with it,"



COUPLE KISS: George and Carmen Gonzalez, who have been coming to TGI Friday's for about 16 years, kissed underneath a drone carrying mistletoe at the Sheepshead Bay eatery on Dec. 4. Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

said George Gonzales, who has been coming to TGI Friday's with his wife for their twice-a-week "date night" for almost 16 years.

Quiones isn't worried that the drone strike on Benvenuto will be the kiss of death for the restaurant chain's Mobile Mistletoe holiday promotion, saying that people won't be scared away because they already know — and disregard — the risks.

"If people get hurt, they're going to come regardless. People get hurt in airplanes, they still fly," Quiones said. "There is a risk involved — anything flying, there is risk."

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EAT UP!: Lori Denman and Lev Kelman show off the different flavors of Brooklyn Dark chocolate – all flavors are dairy-free, gluten-free, and nut-free. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

The caring chocolatiers

Couple makes hypo-allergenic treats

BY VANESSA OGLE

This couple has just the thing for the lactose-intolerant, nut-allergic, vegan chocoholic in your life!

The husband-and-wife Brighton Beach chocolatiers behind Brooklyn Dark — a dairy-free, organic chocolate company — have treats that everyone can eat up this holiday season. Brooklyn Dark's treats are made with dark chocolate and hemp seeds, and without common allergens like gluten and nuts.

"Our goal is to be the healthiest chocolate in the world right now — and the tastiest, obviously," said Lev Kelman, who started the company with his wife, Lori Denman, three years ago. "If you have someone vegan in your family and you don't know what to give them, this is the perfect gift. If you know someone who wants to be healthy, this is the perfect choice."

The chocolates are made with hemp seeds and high concentrations of cacao beans, which Kelman said offers a rich taste that allows the couple to use less sugar and fat. Kelman said Brooklyn Dark is the first company to use hemp seeds as a standard ingredient — and he said the small seeds pack a mighty punch.

"Hemp seed is what truly sets each

of our Brooklyn Dark products apart — not only in taste and texture, but for health benefits as well," said Kelman. "Hemp seeds are a nearly perfect food source. They contain digestible protein, healthy Omega fatty acids, and naturally occurring vitamins and minerals."

The chocolate flavors include classic hemp, orange silk, open sesame, and Moroccan spice. The company's newest flavor is Pop Star, which contains popcorn. Kelman said he created the crunchy flavor to entice folks who are new to cacao-heavy dark chocolate.

"It could introduce other people to higher-content chocolate, like 'Oh, it is popcorn,'" he said. "This is enticing people to try something they'd never try anytime else."

Kelman said the organic ingredients can even offer women relief for premenstrual syndrome.

"The change during the time, women lose a lot of metal. Magnesium and hemp helps regulate that," he said.

But the chocolate isn't gender specific. Denman said residents who try the chocolate will enjoy it so much, they'll want to share it with their friends.

"It is also a good regulator of mood," said Denman. "It is a gift and re-gift."

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BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Bank robbery flop

A spineless man tried to rob a Third Avenue bank on Dec. 2 — but fled when the teller called the manager.

The would-be robber walked into the branch between 95th and 96th Streets in Bay Ridge at 1:15 pm and passed the teller a note that read: "This is a robbery. I have a gun. Pull [sic] all money in an envelope. No dye packs. No alarms," a police report states.

The teller told a manager, and the cowardly crook fled without any loot, police said.

Cops pinch gunman

Police caught one of two alleged gun-toting robbers who they said assaulted a man on 96th Street on Dec. 5.

Officials say the pair flashed a gun at a guy between Third and Fourth avenues in Bay Ridge at 12:15 am and demanded his wallet. The victim said no, and the gun-less goon punched him in the face before both allegedly fled.

Police saw the pair flee into a building at 87th Street and Fourth Avenue and cuffed the guy allegedly carrying the gun, a police report states.

16 grand gone

A burglar stole an estimated \$16,060 in jewelry, cash, and electronics from a Narrows Avenue home sometime between Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

The thief sneaked into the home between 70th Street and MacKay Place in Bay Ridge between 5 pm and 5:30 pm the next day, police said.

The trespasser took a Macbook Pro, an iPad, iPhone, two Louis Vuitton bags, three pieces of gold jewelry, speakers, a diamond pendant, and \$3,200 cash, a police report states.

Bargain basement

Someone broke into a Ridge Boulevard basement and took \$8,280 in tools sometime overnight on Dec. 4.

The intruder made his way in to the home between 81st and 82nd streets sometime between 6 pm and 11 am the next day, a police report states.

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

Dirty deeds

Police arrested a guy who they said stole laundry detergent from an 86th Street pharmacy on Dec. 6 and punched the security guard in the face when the man tried to stop him.



POLICE BLOTTER

Gunpoint jewelry heist

BY VANESSA OGLE

Police are asking for the public's help finding two men who robbed a Midwood jewelry store at gunpoint on Dec. 3.

The two men burst into the Coney Island Avenue shop near E. 10th Street at 1:22 pm and stole \$250,000 worth of merchandise, according to authorities.

Police say one of the suspects held individuals in the store at gunpoint while the other smashed jewelry cases with a hammer and dumped the loot into a sack.

Both men wore dark clothing and they had bandannas covering their faces.

The suspect with the gun was wearing white gloves and his sweatshirt had light-colored writing on it.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-8477. The public can also submit tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website at www.nypd-crimestoppers.com or by texting tips to 274637 (CRIMES) then entering TIP577.

Cops say the laundry larcenist came into the store between 21st Avenue and Bay Parkway in Bensonhurst at 10:35 pm and snatched the soap. When a security guard confronted the dirty dude, the alleged thief punched the man in the face and threatened the guard with a piece of metal, according to police.

Robbed at gunpoint

Two gun-toting goons took a cellphone and \$100 from a guy on 65th Street on Dec. 6.

The man was between 21st Avenue and Bay Parkway in Bensonhurst at 9 pm when the heat-packing pair flashed the gun at the man, took his stuff, and fled down 65th Street toward 21st Avenue in separate cars, a police report states.

The first robber fled in a rental car, and the second fled in a white Honda Odyssey, police said.

Door-busting burglar

Someone is busting down front doors and stealing electronics and jewelry from homes in a section of Gravesend.

•Someone stole \$1,500 and electronics from a Bay Parkway apartment on Dec. 4.

The burglar broke a lock on the front door of the apartment between 86th and 87th Streets at 11:30 am, police said.

•A thief got into an 84th Street apartment and stole electronics and jewelry on Dec. 5.

The guy entered the home between 23rd and 24th avenues at 7:30 am, a police report states.

•A burglar busted the lock on the front door of an apartment on 80th Street between 23rd and 24th avenues and stole jewelry at 2 pm on Dec. 5, police said.

60TH PRECINCT

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-SEAGATE

Masked beat-down

Two chumps beat up a guy and stole his phone and coat on W. 11th Street on Dec. 1.

The pair came up to their victim between Avenues W and X wearing black hoodies and masks at 10:52 pm, police said. One said, "Give me your s---" and then punched the man in the face while his partner tried to pry the phone from the guy's hand, a police report states.

The victim fell to the ground and the two louts started kicking him in the face and head shouting, "Give me your money," police said. The thugs took the guy's phone and jacket and left him with a bruised head, officials said.

Not neighborly

Police arrested a man on Dec. 3 who they said robbed a Surf Avenue woman and threatened to rape her in public if she called the police.

The suspect and the victim live in the same apartment building, between W. 30th and W. 31st streets, police said. The guy allegedly followed the woman and harassed her as she walked her kids to school at 7:45 am.

Then police say he cornered her in a stairwell of the apartment building, grabbed her by the hair, and threw her to the ground before taking her tablet computer. After allegedly beating and robbing the woman, officials say the man threatened her, saying "If you call the cops, I'm gonna violate you in the street."

The woman told police that the 37-year-old lives with his mother and has no job or car, police said. Officers went to the man's home, arrested him, and recovered the computer, a police report states.

Socketed hard

Some punks at an Ocean Parkway high school beat a kid so badly on Dec. 1 that they broke his eye socket.

The victim was eating lunch at the school between West Avenue and Shore Parkway at 12:45 pm when someone threw food at him, police said. He confronted the punks, who told him they were looking for a fight, a police report states.

The bell rang, and the kids dispersed, but the punks jumped the victim in the stairwell, officials said.

Teens mob guy

A horde of juveniles jumped a guy on Brighton Beach Avenue on Dec. 5.

The 40-year-old victim was between Ocean Parkway and Brighton First Street at 3:42 pm when someone came out of nowhere and punched him in the face, police said.

As he tried to run, about 20 kids between the ages of 16 and 18 hit him and smacked him with a blunt object, a police report states. The punks took the guy's cellphone and they fled to the Brighton Beach Avenue Q train station.

Caught a stray

Someone shot a man while he was walking home from a W. 33rd Street grocery store on Dec. 1.

An unknown shooter fired four to five shots between Bayside and Neptune avenues at 3:43 pm, and one struck the guy's thigh, police said.

Paramedics took him to Lutheran Medical Center and was not likely to die from the wound, officials said.

—Max Jaeger

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Having a ball for Coney kids

BY MAX JAEGER

There's no disguising a fun time.

More than 100 people covered their faces and opened their wallets at a masquerade ball benefitting the youth-mentoring program Coney Island Generation Gap at Rex Manor Catering Hall in Dyker Heights on Dec. 4. While the adults played, young members of the organization were busy raising money for a spring trip, the group's director said. "We had all our youth there

as the paparazzi filming and taking photos," said director Pamela Harris.

Coney Island Generation Gap raised \$6,500 toward an April cruise that will whisk 20 kids and Harris through Jamaica, Mexico, and the Cayman Islands. But the holiday won't just be a lark — Harris is turning the trip into an educational scavenger hunt, she said.

"They have a lot of questions they're going to have to answer — math, geology, geography — we don't just take

them on trips and let them eat bon bons," Harris said.

Guests at the masquerade were treated to food and fun, with a photo booth and raffles to raise money for the youth group.

The organization also honored community leaders, including hero Brian Gottlieb, who broke several toes and took 13 stitches stopping an out-of-control soap box derby car at the Generation Gap's annual downhill race in August.

FILLING THE GAP: (Left) Officer Eric Castagliola – the 60th Precinct's crime prevention officer – won an award at Coney Island Generation Gap's masquerade gala on Dec. 4. His wife, Aidee, joined him for the honor. (Center) Brian Gottlieb won the Heroism Award for stopping an out-of-control soap box derby car during a summer race in Coney Island. (Above) Kayla Lorenzana was on hand to give out raffle tickets.

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DANGER ZONE: (Left) Drone operator David Quinones – seen here with the drone that injured our photographer – was unapologetic after the bloodshed. (Right) George and Carmen Gonzalez, who have been coming to TGI Friday's for about 16 years, kissed underneath a drone carrying mistletoe at the Sheepshead Bay eatery on Dec. 4. Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

DRONE

Continued from cover
 sak, a spokeswoman for the restaurant chain.

Diners at the Harkness Avenue eatery were more amused than threatened by the kiss-coaxing drones looming overhead, saying Benvenuto's injury was just a flesh wound.

"It was like a scratch

on her nose," said Karim Turner of Yonkers, who didn't witness the incident but saw a photo of the result. "I've seen far more worse blood than that."

Another man, who happily kissed his wife under the heavy downdraft of the larger drone, said the flying toy might even make a good Christmas gift for his wife.

"If you wanna bring it to the house, she's gonna blow dry her hair with it," said George Gonzales, who has been coming to TGI Friday's with his wife for their twice-a-week "date night" for almost 16 years.

Quiones isn't worried that the drone strike on Benvenuto will be the kiss of death for the restaurant

chain's Mobile Mistletoe holiday promotion, saying that people won't be scared away because they already know — and disregard — the risks.

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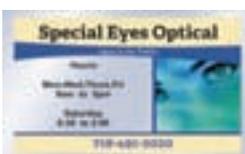
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CANDY CANE CRAZE: Zumba dancers from PS 95 showed off their moves at the Lady Moody Triangle tree lighting on Dec. 4.
Photo by Steve Solomonson

Merry at Moody

BY VANESSA OGLE

The Christmas spirit is brightening up the neighborhood!

The annual Christmas tree lighting at the Lady Moody Triangle in Gravesend on Dec. 4 featured seasonal songs and holiday dance routines. The celebration was the perfect way to kick off the winter season and spread Christmas cheer, said one elected official who attended the celebration.

“The Christmas tree lighting was great way to usher in the holiday spirit here in our community,” said state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge).

Students from PS 95 sang Christmas classics and showed off their dance moves while the crowd sipped on hot chocolate, and cheerleaders from IS 228 David A. Boody spread Christmas cheer.

But no Christmas celebration is complete without jolly old St. Nick, and Santa Claus jetted from the North Pole to celebrate the winter festivities with the community.

Golden said the red-suited hero was the reason the night was so magical.

“I felt the true excitement of the



SANTA'S HELPER: Santa receives a big hug from Kanvel Butt. Photo by Steve Solomonson

season among us all — and I know that the special visit from Santa Claus had something to do with it,” said Golden, who gleefully licked a candy cane while seated on Santa’s lap.

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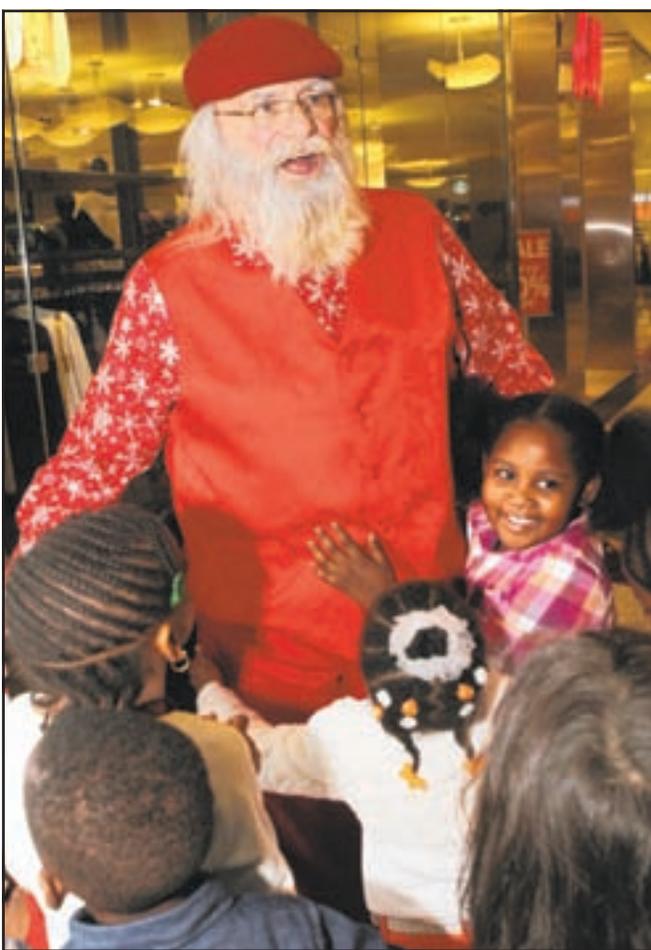
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Noshing with St. Nick

BY VANESSA OGLE

Christmas cheer was part of this balanced breakfast!

Kids jumpstarted the Yuletide festivities at King Plaza's "Breakfast with Santa" in Mill Basin on Dec. 6. The youngsters dined and danced to celebrate the jolly old elf's early arrival to neighborhood.

The children chowed down on bagels with cream cheese or jelly, and when they fin-

ished eating, they danced alongside Santa's helpers. One parent said the music at the event — which included Christmas classics and pop hits — pumped up her daughter for the holiday season.

"She enjoyed it immensely — she was on stage dancing," said Sharon Mendoza, who lives in Flatbush and watched her daughter, Jordan Campbell, shimmy onstage. "They did play holiday songs, like

the Mariah Carey one, and some pop culture music that the kids now."

Santa also told the youngsters the story of "The Night Before Christmas" and he answered their questions about the timeless tale. Mendoza said her daughter is already looking forward to Santa's next visit.

"She really does look forward to it every year," she said.

CHRISTMAS CHEER: (Above) Santa Claus jetted in from the North Pole to greet children at Kings Plaza's Breakfast with Santa in Mill Basin on Dec. 6. (Center) One of Santa's helpers, Tamara Delane, shows the kids Christmas dance moves. (Right) Jordan Campbell munches on a bagel. Photos by Steve Solomonson

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PLYING HIS TRAY-DE: Doughnut Plant owner Mark Israel with a rack of marzipan doughnuts fresh out of the oven. Community News Group / Noah Hurowitz

Time to make the doughnuts

Fancy doughnuts on Flatbush Avenue

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

Finally! A place to buy \$3.75 doughnuts on Flatbush Avenue!

The upscale Manhattan chain Doughnut Plant opened its first Brooklyn location on Dec. 3 in a triangular building bounded by Bergen Street and Sixth Avenue in Prospect Heights. The business is known for its big pastries that come in out-there flavors, currently including marzipan, carrot cake, and gingerbread, just in time for the holidays. The confections range in price from \$3.25 to \$3.75, a far cry from the buck-or-so Dunkin' Donuts charges, but customers we quizzed say you get what you pay for.

“It’s worth the price,” said Preston House, who trekked out from his home in Queens to snag a treat. “You’re not going to get quality without paying for it.”

There are five Dunkin' Donuts locations within a mile of the Doughnut Plant outpost, but the Plant’s proprietor said he has never paid attention to the competition.

“When we started, we were the only ones making our doughnuts from scratch,” said Mark Israel, who opened his first shop in 1994. “I just focus on what I’m doing, not on the big chains.”

The new location was packed with devotees on its second day.

“When I lived in Maryland I would get a doughnut every time I visited New York,” said Ore Roberts, who now lives in Flatbush. “When I found out it was opening here I was watching and just waiting for it to open.”

Israel said he had long been courted



NEWS BITE: Courier doughnut correspondent Noah Hurowitz samples a marzipan doughnut from Prospect Heights’s newest round confection spot.

Community News Group / Nathan Tempey

by former Borough President Marty Markowitz, who once supposedly went so far as driving him around Brooklyn pointing out potential spots to open up shop.

But it wasn’t until Israel laid eyes on the distinctive storefront on Flatbush, formerly home to a Yummy Taco, that he knew it would work.

“I wanted to find the right building,” he said, pointing out rows of doughnut-evoking tiles inside and out, which predate Doughnut Plant. “I really liked the character and personality of this one.”

Israel is not the only one excited about his newest shop. The official Twitter account of the 78th police precinct, the station-house of which is kitty-corner on Sixth Avenue, retweeted three tweets hailing the store’s opening.

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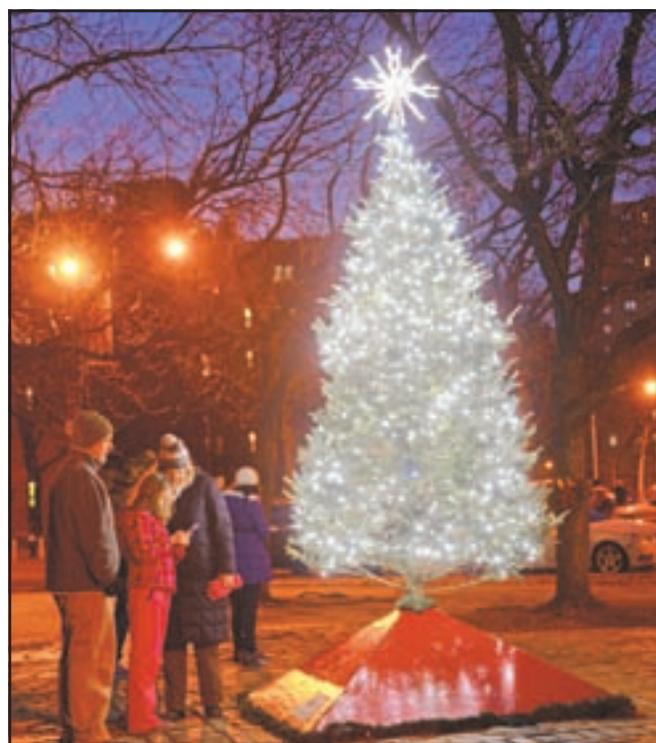


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It was a tree-light-ful time

BY MATTHEW PERLMAN

They'll leave the lights on for us.

The holiday season is in full swing in Brooklyn, and Fort Greene Park and Boerum Hill got in on the action last weekend with two tree lightings. One mom braved cold, soggy weather to bring her daughter out to Fort Greene's Sunday shindig.

"It was freezing, but it was fun," said Kerry Odom, who came from Crown Heights to the tree lighting in Fort Greene Park with her daughter. "The people were so warm you didn't notice."

Hot chocolate and cookies made their way around the crowd as well, in case yule-

tide cheer was not enough to keep attendees toasty. The modest tree, at the Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park corner of the green space, is sponsored by the Myrtle Avenue Business Improvement District and the Fort Greene Park Conservancy. The tree and the event were the perfect size for Odom.

"A lot of times at the big tree lightings you're stuck watching from far away," she said. "This was very intimate."

Also in attendance to pose for photos was Santa Claus, a celebrity resident of the North Pole section of the Arctic Circle, known for his annual gift-giving frenzy. Claus took one 2-year-old onlooker

by surprise.

"She was terrified of Santa," said Sydney Hollon-King, whose 2-year-old daughter Stella was not familiar with Saint Nick's backstory. "I really need to give her some more context surrounding Santa so she understands."

Nevertheless, the lighting was a grand old time, the elder Hollon-King said.

"I really appreciate how diverse the crowd was," she said. "But it felt like we all belonged. There was a real community feeling."

Claus was fresh off a stopover on Atlantic Avenue at the Belarusian Church last Friday. The Atlantic Avenue Local Development Corpo-

HOLY NIGHT: (Left) Santa Claus spread holiday cheer on Atlantic Avenue on Dec. 5, when he flipped the switch to light a Christmas tree in front of Boerum Hill's Belarusian Church. (Center) Emma Meade from Clinton Hill and Ella Johnson of Crown Heights munch on cookies at the Fort Greene Christmas tree lighting on Dec. 6. (Above) The Fort Greene Park tree lighting featured cookies, cocoa, and Santa Claus.

ration threw that lighting, which also included singers from PS 38, refreshments, and a toy drive.

Jeanine and Justine Es-

pinosa, 10-year-old twins from Boerum Hill, turned out to see the holiday activity. Their mom said she tries to bring them every year.

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Running of the Santas

BY MAX JAEGER

Santa Claus is running through town.

A cadre of red-suited joggers took to the Shore Road Promenade for Bay Ridge's second annual Santa Shuffle 5k on Dec. 6. The dash's organizer said the jolly holiday suits are a great way to get people moving.

"We found that, when you try to get people to come to a competitive race, only certain people will come," said John Edwards, founder of the Rockaway Running Series. "You see people running on the street and ask come to a 5k and they say 'naw.' But when you put a Santa Claus

suit on somebody, they lose all inhibitions and participate."

The weather outside was indeed frightful that Saturday, when temperatures dipped into the low 30s and a wintry mix of rain and snow came in bursts, but that just made the post-race celebration at Pipin's Pub all the more cozy, one runner said.

"The rain started at the same time as the race, but after the race, being all together and socializing was really, really nice," said Alicia Sanchez, a Manhattan resident who was the first woman to finish the run.

Sanchez and men's first-

finisher Jimmy Butler walked away with cheesecakes from Edwards' Long Island bakery. The prize was a hit with friends, Sanchez said.

"I took the cake to my office to share with my coworkers — now they are asking me when I'm going to run the race again," Sanchez said.

She'll have another chance on Dec. 14, when the Shuffle tramps through Prospect Park.

"Prospect Park Santa Shuffle 5k" at Bartel Pritchard Square [corner of Prospect Park West and Prospect Park Southwest, (917) 287-7280, www.rockapulcorun.com]. Dec. 14 at 11 am. \$35.

NO SLEIGH NEEDED: (Left) A mob of merry-makers braved the soggy weather to trot through a Santa-themed 5K in Bay Ridge on Dec. 6. (Center) Rockaway Runners director John Edwards and time-keeper John Lovett present victory prize cheesecakes to race winners Alicia Sanchez and Jimmy Butler. (Above) The wintry mix didn't stop Alicia Sanchez from finishing first in the women's division. Photos by Georgine Benvenuto



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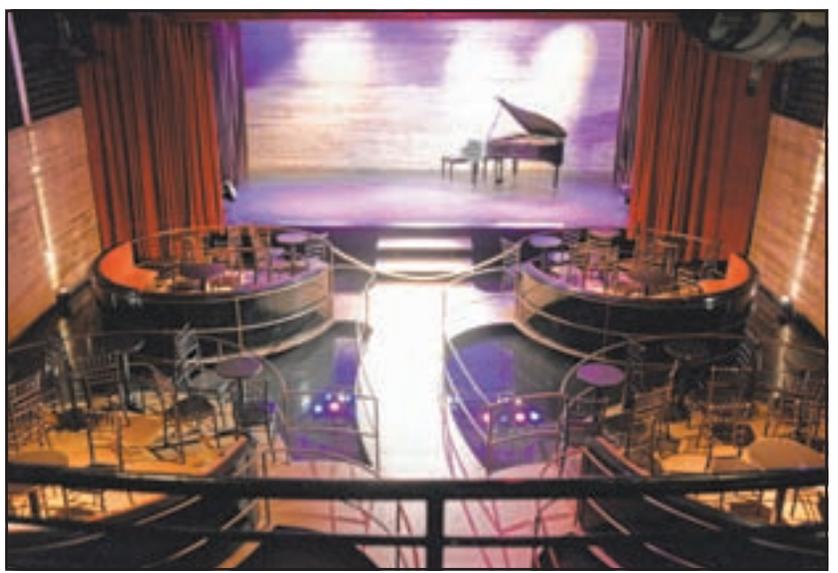
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A GREAT LAKE: Galapagos Art Space is leaving behind its indoor Dumbo lake for less-gentrified environs in the Motor City, where owners will build an even bigger lake in the new space. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Taking it to Detroit

Dumbo art space leaving borough

BY MATTHEW PERLMAN

A Dumbo gallery and venue is moving to the Motor City.

In a stunning reversal of the Great Hipster Migration that has defined the part of Brooklyn nearest to the East River for going on two decades, Galapagos Art Space is packing it up and starting a new life in the Midwest. The move will end a 19-year run in the borough, first in Williamsburg, then, starting in 2008, in Dumbo. The head of the operation says that it may be setting out for more post-apocalyptic pastures, but it will remain Kings County to the core.

"We were born in Brooklyn. We grew up in Brooklyn," said Robert Elmes, executive director at Galapagos. "We'll always be a Brooklyn venue."

Galapagos had enjoyed below-market rent at its space on Main Street between Water and Plymouth streets courtesy of its landlord Two Trees, the developer that made Dumbo the real-estate pressure cooker it is today by carefully cultivating an artistic community there. But now the lease is up and, though Two Trees is willing to keep the rent below what it could charge, it is asking too much, Elmes said.

"We just would not be able to work on our mission with those numbers," he said.

In discussing the impending move a third of the way across the country, Elmes said Highland Park, a small city surrounded by Detroit, reminds him of the Williamsburg he set up shop in during the mid-1990s. It is the land of milk

and affordable real estate, he explained, and it is only a matter of time before artists from elsewhere catch on.

"Cultural scenes need three things: time, space, and people," he said.

His opinion of the cultural aptitude of Detroit's 713,000 residents is apparently not high.

"In Detroit there's time and space," he said. "And the people are coming."

Williamsburg's scene was more established than the bankrupt city's is now, Elmes explained, but Galapagos can make it there.

"We're confident we can do well in Detroit," he said. "Even if we're a little earlier than we were in Williamsburg."

Increasing costs forced Galapagos to make a move to Dumbo in 2008. There Elmes's team increased the size of the space as well as the size of the venue's signature centerpiece, its indoor lake. The size of that lake will increase again when the group moves to the Great Lakes region, with the water feature taking up about as much space as a Major League Baseball infield.

"We love lakes," Elmes said.

Galapagos is forming a veritable arts archipelago, having purchased nine buildings, including five on one block in Highland Park, three elsewhere in the city, and one in the Corktown neighborhood of Detroit proper. Elmes plans to develop a large main performance space complemented by smaller stages and a gallery space. He would not disclose the exact cost of the properties, but said it

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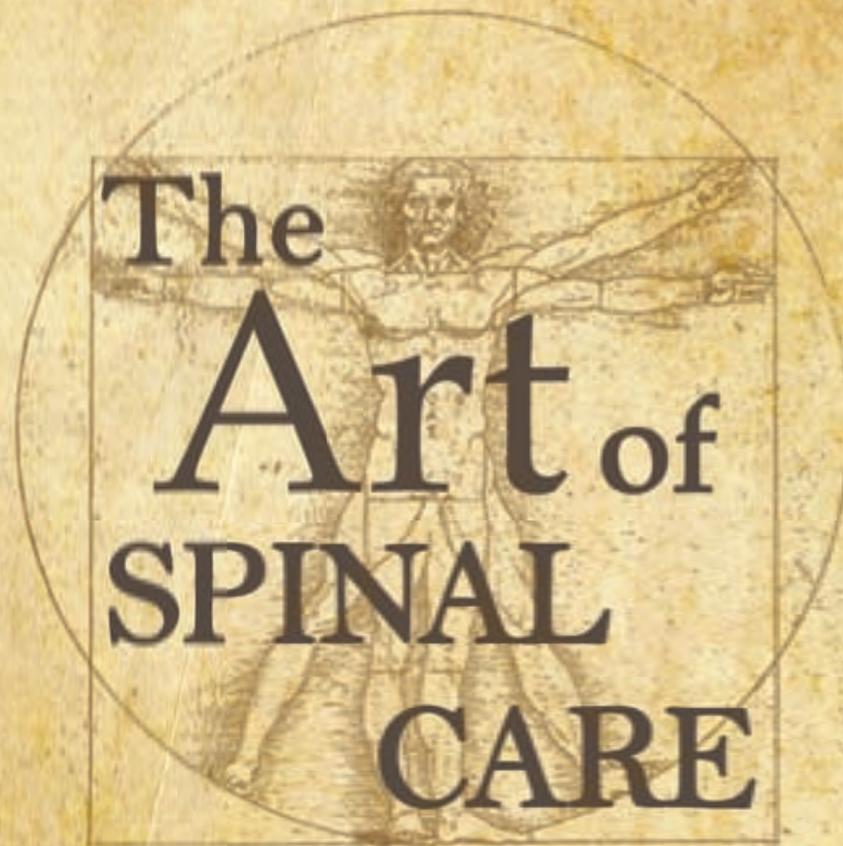
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CNG employees party down

BY VANESSA OGLE

Community News Group held its holiday party at Buckley's in Sheepshead Bay on Dec. 8, and it was a boisterous bash with an open bar, a delectable dinner, and some daring dance moves.

But the best part of the night was the bonding between the Brooklyn, Bronx, and Queens employees, according to an account executive, who added that she liked chatting with her coworkers in the social setting.

"It was the camaraderie between all three offices — that was my favorite part," said Shanika Stewart, account ex-

ecutive for Brooklyn Family. "Outside of work — always a pleasure. You get to know the real them outside of their work representation."

Employees dined on appetizers including crab cakes and shrimp before the lavish main course of salad, tilapia, chicken Parmesan, and green beans. Between bites, the intrepid employees boogied down on the dance floor, as the deejay played hip hits, like "Cupid Shuffle," and classics, like "Sweet Caroline."

The bash was a stress-free shindig, according to one employee, who said the night was

all about bonding with his fellow employees and enjoying the finer things in life.

"It was good to blow off some steam with my co-workers," said John Napoli, a graphic artist who works in the production department. "I had a blast, the pigs in the blanket were awesome, and they had two types of mustard."

The night ended on a sweet note with cake and chocolate chip cookies for dessert — but one staffer said the party was the true treat.

"What a rollicking revel it was," said staff writer Shavana Abruzzo.

LIVELY AND LUSTROUS: (Left) Julio Tumbaco lets loose on the dance floor during the Community News Group's holiday bash at Buckley's on Dec. 8. (Center) Reporter Noah Hurowitz, left, and Deputy Editor Nathan Tempey bust their respective moves. (Above) Publisher Clifford Luster sways to the music. Photos by Steve Solomonson

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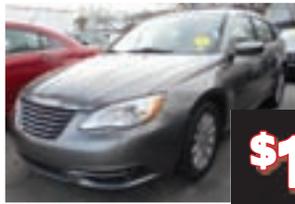
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The Board of Trustees of Hebrew Language Academy Charter School will meet on Thursday, 12/11 at 6:30 PM at 1340 E. 29th Street, Brooklyn. The meeting is open to the public.

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1067 MANHATTAN AVE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/2014. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as

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agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Michal & Stefania Gut, 114 Java St., Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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1121 AT DEAN STREET LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/24/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 43 E. 16th St., Brooklyn, NY 11236. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

1472 FLATBUSH AVE REALTY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/16/2007. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Reg Agent: Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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1711 PITKIN AVE., LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/19/06. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1711 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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224 METROPOLITAN AVE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/2014. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Michal & Stefania Gut, 114 Java St., Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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228 METROPOLITAN LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/2014. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as

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agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Michal & Stefania Gut, 114 Java St., Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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235A 27th STREET REALTY LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/29/14. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Betty Ziotas-Mitchell, 8 Bruere Drive, Millstone Township, NJ 08510. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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304 BEDFORD AVE BKLYN LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/2014. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Michal & Stefania Gut, 114 Java St., Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

42-44 DIAMOND STREET LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/2014. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Michal & Stefania Gut, 114 Java St., Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

5723 8TH AVENUE LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/14/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 5723 8th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11220. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

596 BALTIC LLC, a foreign LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/26/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom pro-

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cess against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 1610 Cortelyou Rd., Brooklyn, NY 11226. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

75 SUTTON STREET, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/30/2014. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Ahmad S Rateb C/O the Forgiore Law Firm PLLC, 395 Graham Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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820 REMSEN LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/15/14. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 820 Remsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

830 59TH STREET LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/14/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 830 59th St., Brooklyn, NY 11220. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

8702 HK REALTY LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/20/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Stephen N. Erlitz, 16A Murdock Rd., E. Rockaway, NY 11518. General Purposes.

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909 LIVONIA AVENUE LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/3/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be

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served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 677 Jerome St., Brooklyn, NY 11207. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

Abattoir LLC Arts of Org. filed NY Secy of State (SSNY) 6/19/14. Office: Kings Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 69 Mercer St - PH New York, NY 10012. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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BRUNO DAYAN PHOTOGRAHY LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 9/18/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 541 Leonard St., Apt. C, Brooklyn, NY 11222. General Purposes.

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DIKEMAN REALTY GROUP LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 9/22/2014. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 72 Union Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

East 51st Realty LLC Arts of Org. filed NY Secy of State (SSNY) 11/13/2014. Office: Kings Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 703 3rd Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

ECO & JTO LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/22/2014. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 20 Pierrepont St., #3D, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Reg Agent: Melissa Sison Overton, 20 Pierrepont St., #3D, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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ENHANCED EVENTS, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 7/30/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave., Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

GoKids LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/8/14. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to Symon Hallam C/O Choa Park, 76 Roebing St., #4b, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: General.

LEGAL NOTICE

Innovative Fund, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/29/14. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1820 E 13th St., Apt. 2N, Brooklyn, NY 11229. General Purposes.

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I Prep Consulting LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 10/23/14. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1933 W 8th St, Brooklyn, NY 11223. General Purposes.

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ITech Trading LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/18/14. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 370 91st St., Apt. 2-B, Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

JSY Realty Development LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 10/23/14. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 292 S Main St, Farmville, VA 23901. General Purposes.

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KOLA HOUSE, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/28/14. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 114 Troutman Street, #303, Brooklyn, NY 11206, Onsite Contact: Chad Turner. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Lucky 8222 Realty LLC, Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 10/16/14. Office Location: Kings County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O The LLC, 1014 62nd Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE

MAS PROPERTIES I LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 9/11/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 1208 Ave. M, #2205, Brooklyn, NY 11230. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

MAYDYN BROOKLYN, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/10/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 86 Central Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11206. General Purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Ashforth Watermark Court Square LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/22/14. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 707 Summer St., 4th Fl., Stamford, CT 06901. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes.



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MOZNAIM LLC Art. of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 10/1/2014. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 1285 52 St., Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Name of Foreign LLC: MC Global LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State: 10/20/14. Office loc.: Kings Co. LLC formed in DE: 6/6/14. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205. DE addr. of LLC: 108 W. 13th St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Name of LLC: Focus Cosmetics LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 10/17/14. Office loc.: Kings Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Notice of Formation of 1434 Utica Avenue Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/4/14. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 2435 E. 65th St., Brooklyn, NY 11234. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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Notice of Formation of 1546 52 STREET LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/09/14. Office location: Kings

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County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Zev Weisberger, 1232 42nd St., Brooklyn, NY 11219. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 245 Dean Street LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 8/14/14. Office location: Kings County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Patricia Stegman, 245 Dean St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, principal business address. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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Notice of formation of 425 WINTHROP LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/4/2014. Office location, County of Kings. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 828 New York Ave., Brooklyn, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 495 Pacific Street LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 8/14/14. Office location: Kings County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Patricia Stegman, 245 Dean St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, principal business address. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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Notice of Formation of COHEN FASHION OPTICAL STORE NO. 302, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/22/14. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 56 Graham Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11206. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Susan Goldberg, c/o Cohen's Fash-

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ion Optical, 100 Quentin Roosevelt Blvd, Ste. 400, Garden City, NY 11530. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Extra Space of Brooklyn 14th Street LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/20/14. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 2795 E. Cottonwood Pkwy., #400, Salt Lake City, UT 84121. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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Notice of Formation of Helm Equities Nostrand LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 4/11/08. Office location: Kings County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Ayal Horovits, 1100 East 7 St., Brooklyn, NY 11230, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of HENRI on Fifth LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/30/14. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 279 5th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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Notice of Formation of HM Ventures Group 6 LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/20/13. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 143 Roebing St., 2nd Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of LAFITTE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/31/13. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o McLaughlin & Stern, LLP, Attn: Steven Kaplan, Esq., 260 Madison Ave., 18th Fl., NY, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: FITNESS DISTILLED, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/28/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GRACE'S TASTIES & MORE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/23/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 1460 FLATBUSH AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11210. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SABINA BIS, MD PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/29/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 594 HUMBOLDT STREET APT 3L BROOKLYN, NY 11222. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: B&L TAX SOLUTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/13/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: BRENT LESS-EY 451 HEGEMAN AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: NOWOKUNSKI LAW FIRM PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/25/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: NOWOKUNSKI LAW FIRM PLLC 33 NASSAU AVENUE, 2ND FLOOR BROOKLYN, NY 11222. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SHOOT TO KILL NYC, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/09/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: MIWIRE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/09/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: MIWIRE LLC 679 OCEAN PARKWAY APT 6B BROOKLYN, NY 11230. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: NEW LAB INVESTOR GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/31/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC C/O MARCUS ATTORNEYS 13 GREENE AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11238. Purpose: Any lawful activity. BG 6X 12/12, 19, 26 2014 1/2, 9, 16 2015.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SIRJ REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/13/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: JONATHAN LEWIN 1414 NEWKIRK AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11226. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 1880 STERLING PLACE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/29/2008. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O MAX MARKUS KATZ, P.C. 88 UNIVERSITY PLACE NEW YORK, NY 10003 Purpose: any lawful purpose. BG6X 11/28 12/5, 12, 19, 26/14 1/2/15.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: DISTURB THE NEIGHBOURS GALLERY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/02/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES CORPORATION

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AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: MORPHOLOGICALLY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/07/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: MELISSA MCGILL 1235 DEAN ST #3 BROOKLYN, NY 11216. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: KID-SHOW, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/07/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 10 GRAND AVE. #6-4 BROOKLYN, NY 11205. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SAWASDE BANGKOK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/07/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: SAWASDE BANGKOK LLC 229 COURT STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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ZEN & RELISH, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/29/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Stephanie Kurz, 87 Summit St., Apt. 1, Brooklyn, NY 11231. General Purposes.

EDUCATION



'Tis the season to stress out

At this time of year, adult learners need to juggle school, work and family activities

The holidays are typically everyone's favorite time of the year.

They're filled with family, festivities, good cheer and delicious food. But for anyone juggling parental duties, work and online learning, relaxing and enjoying the season can be a challenge.

Desiree Carr, a mother of three with a full-time job, knows pursuing a college degree and balancing holiday demands is no easy task.

"Carving out time to study on top of my kids' schedules, a 40-hour work week and setting time aside to spend with my husband can be daunting at times," Carr said. "For me, a healthy balance and support from my family is the key to making everything work. And honestly, some weeks are tougher than others — especially during the holidays when there are so many distractions."

Carr's goal is to earn a bachelor's degree in political science to move ahead in her career, which helps keep her focused, even in the most trying times. She plans to complete her degree through an online program, and then continue on to law school. Hav-

ing these goals constantly top of mind helps her remain motivated during the holidays despite the mistletoe and cheesecake.

The holidays can be a stressful time of the year, but the added responsibility of online studies doesn't have to add to the stress if you plan ahead.

For working parents pursuing an online education, constant motivation is a great first step in achieving your career goals. Here are some other best practices to keep in mind that will allow you to balance schoolwork, family and holiday preparations while still enjoying the most festive time of the year:

Set up a support system in advance

Let your friends and family know in advance that you'll need their support

preparing for the holidays. Share your educational goals and how you are planning to accomplish them, and let your family know how important it is to have their support. Instead of doing all the cooking for holiday gatherings, ask your friends and family to each bring a dish. This will save you several hours and give you more time to study. If you have school-age children, study with them to keep their minds active over the holidays. It's a great bonding experience and will show your kids just how important learning is for both of you.

Create a study environment that helps you excel

Chances are your house will be full of loud voices, laughter and commotion during the holidays. A quiet workplace without interruption from your family is necessary for continued success in your online courses.

"I recommend going to a local coffee shop for a couple hours every morning," Carr said. "If you stay home to study over the holidays, there's a good chance you'll be interrupted and tempted to catch up with your family

instead of studying."

Frequently communicate with your classmates

Your classes may be online, but you should still connect with your classmates on a regular basis over the holidays via the online discussion boards.

"I often found that other students in my classes were facing similar challenges on assignments so we helped guide each other in the right direction with the support of our professors," Carr said. If students from your classes live near you, form a study group to interact in person as well as online.

The holidays can be a stressful time of the year, but the added responsibility of online studies doesn't have to add to the stress if you plan ahead. Enjoy the holidays and make this special time with your family a priority, but don't let your studies fall to the wayside. Trying to catch up and get back on track after the holidays can lead to unnecessary pressure. Remain focused on your end goal of completing your degree and the gift that this accomplishment will bring to you and your family.

Let Santa bring gifts fit for learning

How to wrap up the latest technology to give your children an added boost at school

Toys and games are sure to be on kids' gift lists this holiday season. Many parents will hope to mix in something practical with all the fun, aiming to give a gift that can help children of any age do their best in school. With technology in common use in classrooms across the country, many parents will shop for laptops, notebooks or other devices that can help facilitate learning.

56 percent of high school students would like to use mobile devices more often in the classroom than they do now.

With the wide range of learning tasks students tackle daily, it's important for parents to choose devices with maximum flexibility. Windows is the most commonly used operating system in the workplace and a vast library of educational materials are Windows compatible, so it makes sense for children to learn on Windows 8-enabled devices with Intel inside. Three types of devices stand out for parents looking for computing flexibility:

Notebooks

Smaller, lighter and more economical than



full-sized laptops, today's notebooks still pack a great deal of computing power in their compact frames. Products like the HP 210 G1 Notebook PC allow students to perform basic word-processing tasks, access online learning tools, and share notes and assignments with peers and teachers. Durable yet lightweight, their typical small size

allows them to fit easily into backpacks and be used in classroom settings without taking up too much space.

Tablets

With their versatile touchscreen interface, tablets inspire creativity and facilitate collaboration among students and educators. Teachers who use tablets in class

are able to personalize lessons to appeal to the learning styles and interests of multiple students, rather than approaching a lesson as one size fits all. For younger students who have not yet mastered a keyboard, touchscreen tablets provide an easy way to accomplish tasks. Styles like the Dell Venue 11 can also feature handwriting recognition, making note-taking fast and easy for older students and helping younger pupils practice handwriting skills.

Two-in-ones

For older students who do more typing, 2-in-1 devices like the Lenovo Yoga or Asus Transformer provide the convenience of a notebook and the flexibility

of a tablet. These devices are lightweight with a touchscreen interface, like a tablet, but can be also used like a traditional laptop through a detachable, flippable or rotating keyboard. Having both functionalities within one device facilitates creativity, note-taking and collaboration.

Not sure which of these device types might best suit your student's needs? Consult with your child's teacher. In many classrooms across the country, teachers are already using technology in their lessons. Your child's teacher may be able to advise you on what type of device would best mesh with what he or she is already using in the classroom.

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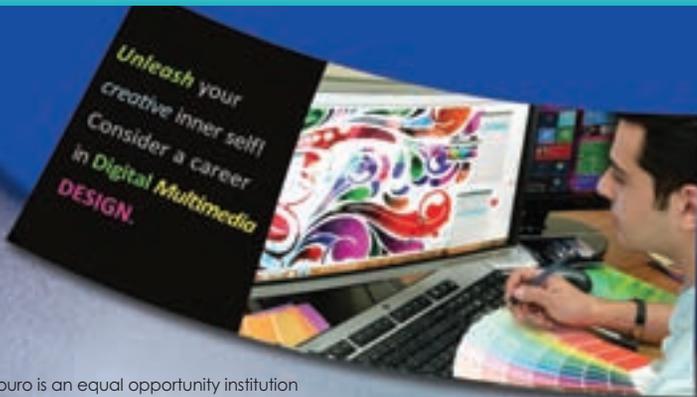
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Protesters greet royals at Barclays

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

They were royally pissed.

Hundreds of protesters gathered outside Barclays Center on Monday night for a fifth straight night of protests following a grand jury's decision not to indict Officer Daniel Pantaleo for killing Gowanus native Eric Garner by choking him and holding him face-down on Staten Island — only this demonstration coincided with a visit by Prince William and Kate Middleton. One protester said the marches are still going because the system has failed black people.

"I'm out here to demand justice," said Derrick West, of Park Slope, as the crowd marched down Atlantic Avenue toward Smith Street. "We are tired of speaking and having no one listen."

The crowd of protesters didn't dramatically disrupt the Nets game against LeBron "King" James's Cleveland Cavaliers, but James and several Nets players, including Kevin Garnett and Deron Williams, brought the activists' message to the court, warming up in black shirts that read, "I can't breathe," the phrase Garner wheezed repeatedly as Pantaleo took him down. Brooklyn royalty Jay Z and Beyonce were also in attendance, and King Hov took time out to pose with the politicized Nets players ahead of the game.

Outside, more than 500 ac-



BIG SCREEN: The royal couple enjoy a moment in the spotlight on the Barclays Center jumbotron.

Photo by Paul Martinka

tivists assembled, many galvanized by the Twitter topic "#royalshutdown" and seeking to capitalize on the media attention being paid to the English royals' visit. The crowd staged a silent "die-in" in the intersection of Flatbush and Atlantic avenues, then moved across the street to Atlantic Terminal mall, where protesters roved from store to store, disrupting shoppers, ac-

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FUNERAL PROCESSION: Demonstrators carry coffins bearing the names of people killed by police officers over the Brooklyn-bound roadway of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Photo by Paul Martinka

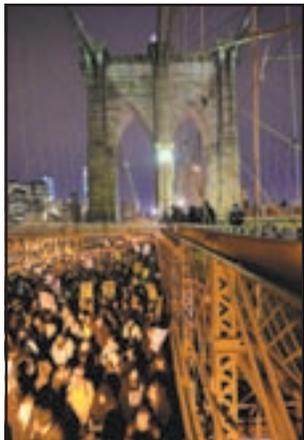
Garner protesters swarm Downtown

BY MATTHEW PERLMAN

Hundreds of protesters marched across the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges and sat down in front of Barclays Center last Thursday evening during a second night of protests decrying a grand jury's decision not to charge NYPD Officer Daniel Pantaleo with a crime for choking Gowanus native Eric Garner to death on Staten Island in July.

In a more widely attended repeat of the Wednesday night demonstrations that followed the decision, activists gathered in Manhattan and fanned out, clogging traffic and transit points throughout the borough. One faction of a few hundred surged across the Brooklyn-bound side of the Brooklyn Bridge roadway at about 7:30 pm, some carrying signs and black coffins. The procession continued up Flatbush Avenue to Atlantic Avenue, where protesters held a "die-in," lying in the street for seven minutes in symbolic commemoration of the time Garner lay on the street without police or paramedics' assistance.

Some protesters continued onto Fulton Mall, while others returned to Manhattan, this time across the Manhattan Bridge roadway. Police blocked Manhattan-bound traffic at around 10



NIGHT MOVES: Hundreds crossed the iconic span as part of widespread demonstrations against the non-indictment of the officer who choked Garner to death this summer.

Photo by Paul Martinka

pm for the marchers to proceed. Some protesters sat down on the bridge and were arrested.

The NYPD said more than 200 people were arrested across the city in connection with the protests, most of them charged with disorderly conduct. Among those was Brooklyn Courier reporter Noah Hurowitz, who officers grabbed along with more than a dozen others out of an agitated crowd in Times Square. Police charged Hurowitz, who was photographing and live-tweeting the

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THROW AWAY THE KEY: Protesters make clear their feelings about the police.

Photo by Paul Martinka



FINAL REST: Brooklyn activist Kevin Powell delivers the eulogy at the funeral of Akai Gurley, who died after a rookie cop shot him in the dark stairwell of an East New York public housing building. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Saying goodbye

Funeral for Red Hook police-shooting victim

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

The family of the Red Hook man shot dead by a police officer in November put him to rest at a funeral in Clinton Hill on Dec. 6.

Akai Gurley's younger brother Malachi Palmer choked up as he read a poem at the services inside Brown Memorial Baptist Church, and their mother Sylvia Palmer was set to say a few words, but opted not to because she was too overcome to speak. The formalities of the funeral were a balm after the trauma Gurley suffered, according to a friend of the family.

"We wanted to bury Akai with grace and dignity after everything he experienced," said activist Kevin Powell, who delivered the eulogy.

Gurley died on Nov. 20 after Officer Peter Liang shot him once in the chest inside the Louis H. Pink Houses in East New York. Liang and another cop were sweeping the dark stairwell, and Liang shot Gurley once in the chest as he entered one flight below, according to cops. Liang had his gun drawn when Gurley opened the door, and Liang fired the fatal shot without warning, according to reports. Police Commissioner Bill Bratton called Gurley a "total innocent" and the shooting an "unfortunate accident."

The city paid for the funeral, according to reports.

Notably absent was civil-rights firebrand Al Sharpton, who Gurley's family asked to



MOTHER'S TEARS: Sylvia Palmer, mother of Akai Gurley, weeps as she leaves her son's funeral in Clinton Hill on Dec. 6. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

steer clear after his National Action Network sent out an advisory listing the funeral as the evening before, and touting Sharpton as the eulogist. Gurley's aunt lashed out at Sharpton in the pages of the New York Post, telling him to keep his publicity machine away from the memorial.

Sharpton has appeared at press conferences with Gurley's live-in girlfriend and daughter, while Assemblyman Charles Barron (D-East New York) has spoken alongside Gurley's parents and another girlfriend, Melissa Butler, who was with Gurley when he died. Barron has blasted Sharpton for calling the shooting an "accident."

In the wake of the controversial grand jury decisions

not to indict the police officers who killed unarmed black men Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and Eric Garner in Staten Island, Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson announced on Dec. 5 that he is working to bring Gurley's killing before a grand jury to consider charges against Liang.

On Monday, state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, with the backing of many city and state pols, including Borough President Adams, called on Gov. Cuomo to appoint him as special prosecutor for all cases where officers killed unarmed civilians, saying it would "restore public trust."

In response, Thompson reiterated his adamant opinion that, in Kings County, he is the guy for the job.

GARNER

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demonstration, with disorderly conduct and released him around 5 am with a desk appearance ticket.

An officer smacked Hurowitz's phone out of his hand minutes before another singled him out for arrest.

Garner's death first prompted outcry this summer when a video surfaced showing an upset Garner, who bystanders said had just broken up a fight, telling police to leave him alone, and Pantaleo choking him

to the ground from behind. In the video, Garner says "I can't breathe" 11 times. Subsequently released footage showed paramedics and police milling around Garner's unmoving body for several minutes without moving to assess or treat his condition.

The medical examiner later ruled the death a homicide caused by compression of his neck and subsequent compression of his chest after Pantaleo had brought him down.

Brooklyn federal prosecutor Loretta Lynch is now investigating the death, as is the Police Department.

ROYALS

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cording to reports.

Police arrested three people outside the arena that evening, one for assault, according to a police spokeswoman.

Just before 10:30 pm, the 150 remaining protesters set off down Atlantic Avenue. Some cars stuck in traffic honked in support, and at one point the protesters paused for a moment outside the House of Detention to relay their solidarity to the prisoners inside, chanting, "We're here for you!"

The march wound its way through Downtown and Brooklyn Heights then, with its ranks numbering about 100, attempted to cross the Manhattan Bridge on the



MODERN-DAY JOHN CARLOS: LeBron James warms up in a shirt commemorating Eric Garner's death.

Associated Press / Kathy Willens

Brooklyn-bound roadway. Police barred the path and, after a standoff, the protesters turned around and left the borough the legal way, on the pedestrian walkway, chanting "I can't breathe" as they went.

GALAPAGOS

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was less than \$1 million.

Elmes is excited to move but is sad to leave Kings County. Looking back, his favorite events include the annual News Year Eve Party, a Ted Talk, and the Nerd Nite series, which featured presentations and trivia on science topics. He also has fond memories of the help he received from the Dumbo community following Superstorm Sandy, when the space was inundated with more than five feet of water, destroying nearly all its electronic gear.

"That was too much lake," he said.

Neighbors raised \$10,000 and gathered 80 volunteers to help out, which enabled Galapagos to reopen within a week of the storm.

"That told us we were an

important part of the community here," Elmes said.

A spokeswoman for Two Trees said that the company supports local artists with reduced and sometimes free rent, and that the current Galapagos space will continue to be used for a cultural purpose.

"We wish Galapagos all the best moving forward in Detroit," she said.

Elmes said that ever-skyrocketing costs are causing a crisis in Brooklyn's art world, and he is hoping that Galapagos can provide some relief for budding creative types, albeit in another city.

"New York is losing its influx of new cultural migrants," he said. "They're landing in other cities, and we think we can attract some of them to Detroit."

The last performance at Galapagos's Dumbo home will be its Floating Kabarette on Dec. 20.

Championships Crown LIU Brooklyn's Season

Brooklyn, NY – Let's hear it for the home team! LIU Brooklyn's Blackbirds have continued to thrill their staunchest fans – thousands of Brooklyn neighbors – by bringing exciting play and fierce competition to the borough.

Perfect Season

The nine-time Northeast Conference champion LIU Brooklyn women's volleyball team (left) dominated this season on the court and in the classroom. The Blackbirds hold the nation's longest conference win streak with 46 consecutive regular-season victories, earned their third straight NEC title in 2014 and were awarded the 2013-14 AVCA Team Academic Award for recording a 3.55 team GPA.

The LIU Brooklyn men's soccer team, who has won 15 league titles in its storied history, clinched another NEC Tournament berth this fall while also ranking among the top academic teams in the country. And the women's golf team continued its recent dominance of the league by capturing a third consecutive NEC title, and earning a subsequent appearance at NCAA Regionals.

Legendary Athletics, Compelling Academics

LIU Brooklyn boasts 18 NCAA Division I teams, including the five-time NEC champion LIU Brooklyn men's basketball team. The Blackbirds became the first men's basketball program in conference history to win three straight conference tournaments (2010-



13). The only university in Brooklyn offering over 200 award-winning programs, such as LIU Brooklyn School of Health Professions, ranked #1 in the country as Best School for Healthcare Majors' Salaries by Payscale.com. LIU Brooklyn is also home to LIU Pharmacy, one of the oldest and largest pharmacy schools in the country.

"LIU Brooklyn athletics has enjoyed unprecedented success both on the field and in the classroom in recent years," interim director of athletics Brad Cohen said. "Our sport programs have won 12 conference championships over the last three years, the most in a three-year span in school history. Our student-athletes have accumulated a 3.22 GPA for the 2013-14 academic year, and three individuals were named Academic All-Americans. It truly is a

great time to be a Blackbird!"

Blackbirds at Barclays

The LIU Brooklyn basketball teams play a portion of their home games at Barclays Center, home of the NBA's Brooklyn Nets. Brooklynites also fill the stands on campus at the \$45 million, state-of-the-art Steinberg Wellness Center that opened in 2006.

LIU Brooklyn fans can catch Blackbirds' men's and women's basketball over the coming weeks at Barclays Center. The men's squad will take on Florida International University on December 18, Hofstra University, December 28, and Mount St. Mary's University, January 17. The women's team will be the first game of a doubleheader with the men on January 17 against the Mountaineers.

LIU Brooklyn

Located in the heart of downtown Brooklyn's Tech Triangle and Cultural District, LIU Brooklyn offers nearly 200 academic programs. The self-contained campus includes the \$45-million Steinberg Wellness Center, featuring a NCAA-regulation swimming pool, a 2,500-seat arena, and state-of-the-art workout and track facilities. LIU Brooklyn is also the home of LIU Pharmacy, the distinguished Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, which was established in 1886, as well as a number of other renowned schools, including the Harriet Rothkopf Heilbrunn School of Nursing. Visit liu.edu/Brooklyn.

LIU Brooklyn athletes dominate the competition.

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Police, Eric Garner, and crime tipping point

Some believe that history is cyclical, while others believe that the march of progress in humankind is linear. To these macro theories of history I add another: the pendulum of life often swings until it reaches a “tipping point” and then it shifts course and swings back in the other direction.

This theory, I believe, can be applied on a micro level to New York City’s crime-fighting tactics and now, it seems, we have reached a new “tipping point” that may require us to reverse course.

Allow me to explain.

A little more than two decades ago, the crime rate was soaring and New York felt ungovernable. Our police department was largely reactive and many families and older people fled the city because they feared for their safety. The New York Post famously belabored in a headline, “Dave, Do Something!” urging then-emblematic Mayor David Dinkins to try to stop the rising tide of crime and chaos in Gotham.

Dinkins, to his credit, did do something, and along with then Council Speaker Peter Vallone and Police Commis-



POLITICAL SPIN CYCLE

Tom Allon

sioner Ray Kelly, started the “Safe Streets, Safe City” program that added thousands of police officers to the force.

But voter anger at the rising crime stats swept Dinkins out of the mayoralty in 1993 and brought in two new sheriffs: Mayor Rudy Giuliani and his first police commissioner, Bill Bratton. They decided to adopt a few innovative policing strategies and theories.

The first, Compstat, used daily data to send resources to areas that had the greatest concentration of crime. The second, the “Broken Windows” theory of policing, mandated pursuing low-level misdemeanors such as subway fare evasion and cracking down on the ubiquitous “squeegee men” who menaced city drivers.

The theory was that if you clamped down on small offenses, it would send a signal to petty criminals that there is zero tolerance and this, in turn, would deter bigger crimes. Also, by arresting low-level offenders, you would be ridding the streets of criminals who might be wanted for other crimes. This aggressive style of policing was accompanied by an increasing use of “stop and frisk,” which reached its peak in the last few years of the Bloomberg administration.

Now the pendulum has begun to swing back. In the aftermath of the grand jury’s controversial non-indictment in the Eric Garner case last week, people are questioning the wisdom of arresting a man whose only crime was selling loose cigarettes on a street cor-

ner. The public’s appetite for “Broken Windows” policing has reached a tipping point. Society is fed up with aggressive policing that can lead to the deaths of unarmed men.

And so it seems that we will now enter an era where our police will be more guarded and will likely wear cameras that will record their interactions with people. This technology will make things more transparent.

If “Broken Windows” is abandoned (and if it is, it is unlikely to happen with a press release or a major pronouncement) it will end an era of policing in New York in which our cops played offense rather than defense. If we are now entering a period of kinder and gentler policing, we will see if the dramatic decrease in major crime in New York has gained enough traction that we no longer need a constantly vigilant police force.

There is a third way — keep “Broken Windows” policing but re-imagine it so petty crimes only lead to fines and summonses, not arrests and in extreme cases (like Eric Garner), forcible arrests that can lead to seemingly excessive use

of force. Police Commissioner Bratton has talked about re-training police to be more judicious and cautious in the use of force; this new version of aggressive policing could keep crime rates low but also cut down on high-profile incidents like Garner and the recent shooting of an unarmed man in a Brooklyn housing project stairway. In that case, the officer pulled out his gun before he knew there was a clear and present danger and when it misfired it led to the tragic murder of an innocent young man.

It will take some time for New York to be able to judge the outcome of this new crime-fighting strategy. We will only know after 12 to 18 months whether crime rates will start to rise and whether it was “Broken Windows” policing that kept the crime rate so low for so long.

In the meantime, let us pray that our mayor and police commissioner and the whole NYPD continue to maintain order and peace. End of history decrees.

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Chaim & Mark B'walk heroes, but Steve & Alec zeros

To the editor,

Let's have a Boardwalk reality check: Councilmen Chaim Deutsch (D-Sheepshead Bay) and Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island) are our two local political representatives who deserve huge credit for doing everything in their power since taking office last year to try and stop the Parks Department's hideous plan for a concrete and plastic walkway ("City: Brighton Beach boardwalk's fate is set in concrete," online Nov. 20).

They have met with constituents to hear our concerns, they have garnered support from fellow City Council members, sent letters to the mayor demanding the plan be halted, followed up with calls to his office, and they have sought to meet with the Parks commissioner, and have expressed their outrage to him at this plan and the lack of respect for the will of the community. They have been unyielding in their efforts to save a community treasure. In fact, Chaim Deutsch, while still just a candidate for his office, attended the city's design commission hearing and eloquently testified against the plan. Now that's commitment!

In contrast, Assemblymen Steven Cymbrowitz and Alec Brook-Krasny funded this ill conceived plan. Cymbrowitz's protestations that he was "hoodwinked" and wasn't aware that the funds he allotted were to be used in this manner, ring hollow. The plan has been on the table and in the media for the past few years, with presentations at the community board, Parks Department public statements, city hearings, and numerous articles and reports from all manner of media. It would seem that he is the only one in our community not aware of it, were that the case! Brook-Krasny certainly was fully aware of what he was funding, as on various occasions, he spoke in favor of it, and he sent his representative to testify in favor of it before the design commission. Thus, since they were co-funding this, it stretches credulity to believe that Cymbrowitz was ignorant of what was taking place.

Now, just a few weeks ago as the machinery was being put in place to start ripping up the Boardwalk, and after years of silence, in an ef-

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fort to appear the superhero showing up at the last moment to try and save the day, Cymbrowitz begins issuing statements expressing his faux outrage! Brook-Krasny, in contrast, hides in the shadows saying nothing on the issue and not addressing the many calls and emails his constituents have sent him. One is left to wonder if it isn't we who are being hoodwinked.

Rob Burstein

The writer is president of the Coney-Brighton Boardwalk Alliance.

To the editor,

At last a ray of hope shines on the boardwalk. Why did it take so long for Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz to see the light? One hopes he will be as good as his word and rescind funding for a destructive project.

**Jonathan Weiss
Flatbush**

To the editor,

After writing to Assemblymen Cymbrowitz and Brook-Krasny, asking them to stop funding Parks' Boardwalk plan, I received a letter back from Cymbrowitz, but no response from Brook-Krasny. Cymbrowitz said that the funding expires on Dec. 31, and that "the city is hoping to extend this contract, but I have other ideas. I am committed to doing everything in my power to block the extension of the contract and rescind the money that was allocated."

This would seem to be good news for all of us that want a real Boardwalk. However many questions need to be answered by both he and Brook-Krasny. Does Brook-Krasny feel the same and intend to do the same? How exactly can they do this, since contracts have been signed and the Parks Department has begun the process? And finally, why did it take so long for either one to try to stop this? They gave their funds for this project, and if it wasn't what one or both wanted, why didn't they say so and stop it long ago?

I hope they both will do whatever is now necessary to stop this plan of destruction which will so negatively impact our enjoyment of the Boardwalk, and which most of my neighbors and friends, as well as myself, despise.

**William Burg
Coney Island**

To the editor,

I was very happy to see Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz's statement committing himself to putting a stop to the city's plan for the Boardwalk,

and joining with Councilmen Mark Treyger and Chaim Deutsch. However, where does Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny stand? He seems to be missing in action. He would seem to be the missing link in having a unified opposition from all of our local elected officials. Since he also gave funds to the Parks Department for Boardwalk repair, we deserve to know if this plan is what he had in mind and still supports, and if not, what he is doing about it. The least he can do for those of us who voted for him is to give us some clear answers to our questions.

B. Chalet

Brighton Beach

To the editor,

Work is already underway on the Coney Island Boardwalk. If Assemblymen Alec Brook-Krasny and Steve Cymbrowitz don't pull the plug on their funding to "repair" our Boardwalk, we Brighton Beach residents will end up drowning in the Parks Department's good intentions. How dare the city's design commission pretend to know what's best for area residents? In the Ocean Parkway vicinity that's already sporting concrete, Hurricane Sandy deposited tons of sand that had nowhere to go except onto the streets and private properties, thanks to the lack of boardwalk slats. Let the design commission stick to what they know best — designing sky-scraping toilets that now blight our beaches.

**Suzanne Friedman
Brighton Beach**

To the editor,

Upon taking office Mayor DeBlasio declared that he would forge a new direction, that his would be an administration that values and is responsive to the will of the citizens of a community. With respect to our Boardwalk communities of Coney Island and Brighton Beach, he has failed to honor that pledge.

Time after time, the people that reside in these communities, along with their political representatives, have made known their distaste for the city's plan for the Coney Island Boardwalk concocted during the last mayoral administration. They have demanded that this plan, which most view as lazily uninformed, odiously destructive, and lacking in vision be scrapped. Sadly, the mayor has chosen to continue to listen to the voices of those Parks Department officials least concerned about community will, who themselves are unaffected

by the diminishment to our quality of life, and who are not subject to the potential dangers their decisions inflict on our communities.

I was happy to read, therefore, that Councilman Mark Treyger is calling for the Boardwalk to be declared a scenic landmark, and thus be afforded the protective status that provides. All of our political representatives should come together and lend their support to this.

Let us hope that the Landmarks Commission is a truly independent body, and will act in the best interests of all of New Yorkers to preserve and protect for all time this internationally recognized iconic national treasure! What a shame that we can't rely on the mayor or the Parks Department to do that job!

**Nelson Levine
Midwood**

To the editor,

Heartfelt thanks to Councilmen Chaim Deutsch and Mark Treyger for recognizing that the Boardwalk is a national treasure, and should not be replaced with cement and plastic. Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz has recently issued strong statements against the current plan, though it is late in the process and possibly moot. Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny? Who knows where he is hiding! A public statement and public position would be most welcome.

It seems that every day New Yorkers and Brooklynites in particular lose the things that make our lives and environments unique, intimate, and connected to history. When all things that once existed are destroyed to make way for all things new, something precious is lost. I am not merely being nostalgic; the boards of the Boardwalk are part of its identity, and part of the identity of the whole area it serves. The sound and feel and connection of walking, cycling, daydreaming on the Boardwalk is something that can't be experienced anywhere else. A small thing? Sure.

But it is the small things in life that create lasting impressions and a lifetime of memories. I recall with love and joy the sound of my dad's big work shoes as we walked the Boardwalk every Sunday, watching the gulls wheel over the ocean, and spotting the occasional hobo still roasting potatoes on the beach. Let's not let them rip up our Boardwalk!

**Alice Shechter
Williamsburg**

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Stan: Always check your charities

They're baa-ack! The holiday season is here, and with it comes the charity solicitations — and the scammers.

I was out driving when I stopped for a red light and was approached by one of two men dressed in Battle Dress Uniforms carrying pails on which was written "Disabled Veterans Of America." "Help the Veterans," they were shouting and I noticed some of the drivers tossing dollar bills into their buckets.

I am a big believer in donating and assisting our heroes in any way I can, but I knew I had seen this hoax before. There is no Disabled Veterans of America charity. The organization we are familiar with is called Disabled American Veterans.

After a few minutes on the Internet, I learned that the creator of the Disabled Veterans of America scam was arrested two years ago in Michigan for creating fake charities with names similar to legitimate veterans groups. He used the telemarketing proceeds for his own gain. He was sentenced to serve time in prison and had to make restitution.

Either he was released, or someone else is now working his con.

At this time of year, we receive many solicitations for donations. If you are not sure about the legitimacy of the senders go to the following website: CharityNavigator.org. This website ranks not-for-profit organizations on the strength of their finances, the transparency of their operations, and their control of administrative and fund-raising expenses. Four stars is the highest ranking. Three stars is OK. I stay away from anything less than that. Go to that website and you will be shocked at how many very popular charity organizations are two, one and zero stars.

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IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

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As you reach down into your handbag for the 25 dollars your new best friend switches the good card for an identical one that she took from the display rack — one that is not validated and totally worthless. You'll be very embarrassed when you attempt to use it as payment for a purchase. You've been had.

I am StanGershbein@Bellsouth.net saying: If it sounds too good to be true, yada, yada, yada.

The Islamization of Britain

Prince William and Catherine, the Duchess of Cambridge, called the shots when they took in a Nets game at Barclays



A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

Center last week — including telling journalists how to dress and behave — because British royalty is the final word on kings and queens. Bhumibol Adulyadej, the king of Thailand, is richer than Queen Liz. Mohammed VI, the king of Morocco, is more powerful. The Japanese, Cambodian, and Omani monarchies are older than the British Crown. But who cares about them?

The House of Windsor may find its days are numbered though, if the radical Islamization of Britain continues to depose the English way of life — a grim reality that could hit tolerant America next. The writing is on the wall:

• Mohammed is the most popular name for baby boys in the nation which birthed the Anglican Church.

• A senior Church of England bishop wants Prince Charles's coronation service opened with a reading from the koran.

• A rising, parallel Muslim society threatens to bump Christianity as the dominant religion within the next generation.

• The capital is nicknamed Londonstan because of its growing number of Muslims, also known as Asians.

• The country's legal system permits shariah-style wills, penalizing widows and non-believers.

• Areas once as British as steak and kidney pudding have become sharia-controlled zones banning gambling, alcohol, music, and western clothing.

• Islamo-rappers meld thug

culture with extremist ideology, brandishing guns and the koran in music videos.

• Self-styled Muslim vigilantes spout proudly

in lawless cyber videos, "Islam is here in London, Mr. David Cameron, Mr. police officer, whether you like it or not."

Britain's acts of accommodation for its problem community amount to national suicide, making it a sitting-duck for extremist trends and the type of violence that killed 52 people and injured more than 700 in the 2005 London terror attacks, and big-hearted America can learn from its ally's dismal experience.

Prime Minister David Cameron once said, "It is mainstream Britain which needs to integrate more with the British Asian way of life, not the other way around." He can toss and turn at night knowing Britain has done that — to a fault.

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Freeze! I mean don't freeze those eggs!

What a crock. Heavy emphasis on crock.

I read that tech giants Apple and Facebook have offered to cover the cost of their female workers to freeze their eggs and postpone pregnancy so they can extend their work life. How big of them.

And this is supposed to be a good thing for the women?

How dare corporate America even begin to proffer this as an option? The thought is so heinous it renders me speechless.

Big business never fails to surprise me with its ruthlessness, but this goes way beyond the bounds of indecency even for it.

This BS method of manipulating female workers in this manner is tantamount to criminal.

Female employees have a hard enough time juggling work and parenting, often times sacrificing time with their children for the sake of the job. And now they have this conundrum to contemplate: "To freeze or not to freeze, that is the question."

Tech companies have no sense of propriety. This is just another display of their unmitigated chutzpah to manipulate and force themselves into the bedrooms of their employees and put women in a position



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

of subservency. And I thought Hobby Lobby had a lot of nerve. SMH — this really takes the cake.

For the sake of giving these corporations the benefit of the doubt, I'm asking the gods of industry this question: "When exactly is it a good time to unfreeze those eggs and have a child? When the woman is 40, 50, or 60 years old? When she is no longer wanted or needed in the workforce and has outlived her usefulness, then the little woman can go home, take a whole bunch of fertility shots to get her uterus in child bearing shape and defrost a child?"

Is that a good time?"

Isn't it magnanimous for the CEOs to allow a woman to decide? I'm so sure every female employee is saying to herself: "This is great — I can't wait to freeze my eggs, so that when I'm so pass menopause, I can unfreeze my eggs, have a baby, and spend my retirement funds on diapers, formula and onesies."

Adding, "Thanks Facebook, thanks Apple, for allowing me to postpone my body's natural rhythms to stay in my job and be a slave to the corporation."

Sounds good to me, how about you?

Let's face it, the only benefit of a female employee freezing her eggs and postponing child bearing is a benefit for the corporation, not the woman.

Not for Nuthin™, but if these titans of gigabytes want to improve the lives of their female workers, then provide better prenatal benefits, provide longer maternity leave, affordable on-premise day care options, flexible work schedules, and remote access from home so that when baby is sick or needs mama, mama can stay home and be a mama. Now these would be improvements that would benefit female employees.

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Carminine can't get a word in edgewise!

I'm madder than a Jet fan watching the Heidi Bowl over the fact that all my plans for informative public meetings get interrupted by special reports from certain residents who care more about what they care about than the things they should care about that I tell them about.

Case in point was last Tuesday at my semiannual BWECC's Open Community Council meeting on the identity theft of seniors, a topic close to my heart as I don't want no one going around saying they are me when in fact they are someone else, thus getting access to my money stashed in a mattress under the floorboards in the attic. I had all these grand plans for a meeting with 62nd Precinct community affairs officer Nick Moran, who was going to tell us how to make sure our checks in the mail don't get intercepted and illegally cashed, and everything was going just swell, with me nodding authoritatively, until one member of the audience brought up all the muggings that are happening around PS 212 that had



BIG SCREECHER

Carmine Santa Maria

everybody up in arms.

I slammed my gavel down to try to retain order and switch the conversation back to the issue at hand, but the audience would have none of it.

Apparently, the seniors learned that a bracelet was ripped off the wrist of a parent from PS 212, and the mugger made a clean getaway down Cropsy Avenue. It was then reported that four other muggings had taken place in the

area, and all heck broke loose in the room.

I immediately realized that I had to do what I could to calm the masses and make sure we could get back to the important topic that I brought everyone there to discuss — the fact that I have to worry about people claiming they are me when they are not.

So we made a motion that we would send a letter to the district attorney and to local elected officials telling them how their senior constituents now feel threatened. We're going to carbon copy that letter to a number of other places, including the 60th Precinct and Brooklyn South (I'll make sure to hit the keys on my Smith-Corona really hard so the copy on the bottom isn't so light it is illegible).

With that I assumed we could get back to making sure no one goes on the interweb and buys something in my name without my approval.

But that's when my good friend Eddie Mark, the past chairman of Community Board 13, broke in and gave a rundown of what is happening

over in Coney Island during the off season, when everyone moves back to Bensonhurst.

Apparently, there were many locations where Thanksgiving meals were served through the auspices of the Greater Coney Island Jewish Community Council. Another "important" issue brought up by the seniors was the lack of services to our immediate community for our residents. The nearest one to us are the food pantry at Sea Surf adjacent to John Dewey High School as well as Rabbi Wiener's Marlboro Senior Center. All these concerns will be investigated and brought up at the BWECC's Dec. 18 meeting.

Around this time, a few people started questioning the noises coming from my tummy. I explained to them that this was the residual affects of the Thanksgiving abundance son-in-law Michael — who makes every holiday meal not only spectacular but physically impossible to eat all in one sitting — he created.

Michael's first course was giant stuffed shells overflowing with ricotta, accompanied

by everybody's favorite — Michael's mixed salad (which he never makes enough of, hint, hint) with cranberries, sliced almonds and (thankfully) no onions. A platter of acici pepe sausage stuffing, stove top stuffing, candied sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, wild rice and broccoli casserole, a huge macaroni and cheese platter like I've never tasted before, corn, stuffed mushroom (I don't indulge because I gotta watch my weight) and long string beans with almonds.

There was plenty of white wine to go around, and for dessert, I even brought my favorite coconut custard pie, apple pie and blueberry pie, Sicilian cookies, lemon drop cookies, two French and one large seeded twist, (which brought me to my shameless plug of the week, Bread Plus bakery. That place make canolis you could die for. I'm getting fatter just thinking of them!)

By the time I finished, everybody had left, and nobody learned nothing about identity theft!

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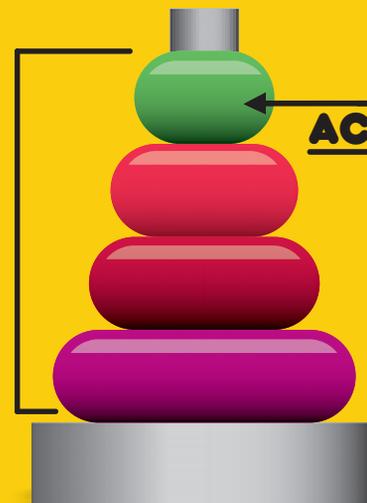
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ON THE ROAD: A Wisconsin National Guard soldier moves between vehicles during a training mission on Nov. 24 at Fort Bliss, Texas.

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Guards are on the move and saving lives

HARBOR WATCH

Every time the soldiers of the Wisconsin Army National Guard's 950th Engineer Company go out on a mission, they know they are saving lives.

The route clearance company from Superior, Wisconsin, which is in the final phase of its pre-mobilization training at Fort Bliss, Texas, is one of just a handful of units within the Army specifically designed to combat the threat posed by improvised explosive devices. Secure roadways and infrastructure are key to the international coalition's military efforts in Afghanistan. They are also vital corridors for Afghan civilians trying to go about their daily lives.

Enter the 950th, which with every bomb, IED or other threat that it identifies, will make the roads of Afghanistan a safer place.

"There's not a whole lot of missions in the Army that you can really say this, but every time you go out, no matter what, when you find those bombs you're saving somebody's life — be it friendly, a civilian or coalition," said Capt. Andrew Redd, the unit's commander. "And I just feel good about that as a person. If nothing else, when

I'm old, I'll look back and say, 'I found X number of bombs.' And who knows, maybe that guy is the future of our world. So I feel good about our mission."

Redd and his unit have been hard at work at Fort Bliss preparing for their upcoming deployment since leaving Wisconsin in October, and the 950th is up to the task. The unit's training evaluators heaped praise on the unit's professionalism and skills during a recent visit from senior Wisconsin National Guard leaders, and the members been honing their craft with intense training scenarios.

"I feel really good," Redd said of the training at Fort Bliss. "These guys are throwing a ton of stuff at us. I'd love a couple months or even a year down here training with these guys, but I feel really confident about where we're at and how we're going to perform on our mission."

"They're challenging us, and they're really making our guys think about it and develop new stuff and work together to succeed and do well," he added.

The nearly 100 soldiers of the 950th are coming to

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Airmen flash concert

Musicians achieve success on first video



SURPRISE! The Air Force Band performs at Udvar Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va.

Staff Sgt. Devon Suits

HARBOR WATCH

Musicians in the Air Force Band gave a smooth and unexpected performance after a lot of meticulous planning and coordination during a recent video recorded concert.

"Airman musicians are fortunate to serve our country in the Air Force by inspiring people through music," said Senior Master Sgt. Robert Kamholz, the superintendent of band marketing and outreach. "The success of our first video is a testament to the power of music and the power of the U.S. Air Force."

Kamholz said that the band began preparing its winter surprise in July. The first steps were finding the location and scheduling the proper time in the band's busy schedule.

Kamholz said the next step of the planning process was securing the rights to use the English lyrics for the songs "Greensleeves" and "Carol of the Bells." With the publisher's permission, the band was authorized to arrange the music as needed, perform it live, record the session, and later release it.

After the selection was approved, Kamholz said the musicians in blue brought on retired Senior Master Sgt. Bob Thurston, the chief arranger

from the 2013 flash mob at the Smithsonian National Air and Space museum in Washington, D.C.

"He wrote the one last year and he has the most experience writing these all-encompassing compositions," Kamholz said.

From there, the music was taken through several read-through rehearsals and tweaked until the final composition was selected.

"Once the arrangement was completed, it was given to the instrumentalists and vocalists to practice and memorize," said Lt. Col. Donald Schofield, the band's director of operations. "The musical arrangement was modified slightly between each rehearsal to achieve the right balance between each musical line ... For this year's video, there were four musical rehearsals at The U.S. Air Force Band's facility on Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C."

The final practice included more than 100 military musicians and was held at the museum the night before the performance.

"Finally, some of our audio technicians and musicians served as videographers for the project," Schofield said.

"During the final dress rehearsal at the museum, they reacquainted themselves with the video equipment and practiced their camera angles while the audio crew adjusted their settings to achieve the perfect sound."

According to band officials, the audio from the performance was recorded through more than 40 different wireless microphone channels and nine different cameras at various locations and angles.

"The Air Force is fueled by innovation and after the success of (our) viral flash mob video last year, we decided to expand upon that concept," Kamholz said. "We use music to bridge language, cultural and societal differences."

The nine reels were later edited to make up the final video. Once that was complete, the audio was then synced to the video, timing specific instruments' audio during playback.

"There is an obvious tie between the Air Force and both of the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museums," he said. "We've enjoyed partnering with them to demonstrate the U.S. Air Force Band's commitment to upholding our mission in air, space and cyberspace."

Seven tips to stay safe in winter

Planning and preparing are key to maintaining safety in cold weather

HARBOR WATCH

Regardless of the region in which you live, the winter season brings added tips to help you stay safe on the water. With colder air and water temperatures, it's crucial to be prepared for anything if you happen to be heading out on the water for any activity this winter — boating, kayaking, paddle boarding, or even ice fishing and snowmobiling.

If you plan to participate in any water activity this winter — know what will keep you safe! Planning and preparation are key to any safe outing on the water, but also knowing some basic safety and cold water immersion tips can help save your life.

Here are tips to help keep you safe on the water this winter:

File a float plan

Filing a float plan can be as easy as telling a loved one where you are headed and when you plan to return. Leaving this crucial informa-



SAFETY FIRST: Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeremy Timothy, of the New London, Conn.-based Coast Guard Cutter Morro Bay, pulls a fellow Coast Guardsman out of the water while practicing ice-rescue techniques at the Coast Guard Ice Capabilities Center of Excellence at Station Saginaw River in Essexville on Jan. 25, 2011.

Lauren Jorgensen

tion with someone on shore can help rescuers narrow down where to look if you don't return when scheduled.

Wear a life jacket

Life jackets are crucial equipment that keep you safe

while out on the water. Find a style that works for you and your activities and just wear it!

Make sure the lifejacket is Coast Guard-approved and fits properly. Just as important as wearing one yourself,

you should always make sure the people with you have one on as well.

Keep in touch

On a boat, the easiest thing to have is a working marine-brand VHF radio and a handheld navigation system. This will easily allow you to call for help and give rescuers your position if necessary. Cellphones don't always receive reception in the areas you may be going on your boat — so it's better to be prepared with extra equipment and not need it, than need it and not have it. The Coast Guard always monitors VHF Channel 16 for distress.

Dress for the water

Even though the temperature outside may be 60 to 70 degrees, the water temperature could be near freezing. It's always crucial to check the water temperature and know the proper protective equipment that will keep you warm in the worst case scenario.

Know the 1-10-1 principle

Knowing some basic cold-water immersion principles can greatly increase your chances of survival if something goes wrong.

1 — You have one minute after being submerged in water to get your breathing under control and realize what has happened. If breathing isn't controlled immediately, the possibility of drowning drastically increases.

10 — After gaining your awareness, there are 10 minutes of meaningful movement to help someone self-recover. After 10 minutes, it's likely the cold water temperatures will cause a loss of dexterity in fingers and arms, lessening the ability to recover yourself.

1 — There is approximately one hour until hypothermia will set in and you could become unconscious.

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together as a tight-knit group on the eve of their deployment, according to company First Sgt. Jason Miller.

"With the training going on, the platoons are really starting to become cohesive teams," he said. "They were cohesive before, but now they're just melding together spending all the time out on mission, spending long days getting to know each other more, starting to rely on each other, knowing who they can rely on to do what."

Approximately half of the unit has deployed before — many to Iraq in 2010 on an earlier route clearance mission with the 950th — and those veteran soldiers have been an invaluable asset

to the younger soldiers getting ready to deploy for the first time, Miller said.

One of those soldiers is Staff Sgt. Bill Connolly, of Superior, who was a specialist when the unit deployed to Iraq in 2010. Now he's a truck commander responsible for the lives of his crew and equipment.

He said the unit is confident in its training and preparedness as it nears the end of its pre-mobilization training. The soldiers trained with handheld mine detectors, robots, and honed their skills on the unit's primary vehicles — the Buffalo mine-resistant ambush protected (MRAP) vehicle and the Husky, a mine-detecting vehicle with ground-penetrating radar.

The unit is focused on battle drills and develop-

ing the muscle memory it will need overseas. It's also focused on developing confidence.

"We want them to know that they're the tip of the spear," Connolly said. "And we want them to know that we're the fight. At this point, especially with Afghanistan drawing down, we're going to be a small percentage of people that are the fight there."

Maj. Gen. Donald Dunbar, Wisconsin's adjutant general, Brig. Gen. Mark Anderson, the assistant adjutant general for Army, Lt. Col. Jon Russell, 724th Engineer Battalion commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Bradley Shields, the state's senior enlisted advisor, travelled to Fort Bliss to observe the unit's training and visit with the soldiers, and they came away impressed.

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WHAT TO DO WHERE TO GO 24 SEVEN Swingers



Burn the floor: Some serious dance skills will be on display at the Winter Ball. And below, band leader and event co-organizer Michael Arenella blows his own horn — literally.

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Jazz Age Party creators throw '30s ball in Fort Greene



By Danielle Furfaro

The jazz '20s are out and the swinging '30s are in!

The folks behind the much beloved Jazz Age Lawn Party that takes place annually on Governor's Island are throwing another throwback party in Fort Greene on Dec. 13. But unlike the summer event, which channels the spirit of 1920s, the Winter Ball is a celebration of the fashion and music of the 1930s and 1940s, an organizer explained.

"It is a much more elegant affair," said co-organizer Gin Minsky. "There are elaborate costumes and set pieces. It is something you do not see any-

more in New York City."

This is the sixth year the Winter Ball has taken place, but the first time the shindig will be in Brooklyn instead of Manhattan. This time, it will held at the Irondale Center, a cavernous two-tiered ballroom in Fort Greene.

"We have a whole crew from Barney's who will be coming in to do our displays," said Minsky. "We put a lot of time and effort into totally transforming the space."

The entertainment for the evening will include Minsky's tap-dancing duo the Minsky Sisters, big band Michael Arenella and His Dreamland Orchestra and Roddy

and Gretchen Caravella, who play holiday ballroom dance duets.

But just as entertaining will be the array of costumes worn by not only the performers, but all of the guests, many of whom aim to outdo each other with their vintage wear, Minsky said.

"We want it to have as much vintage spirit as possible," she said. "Consider this a black tie affair."

The Sixth Annual Winter Ball at the Irondale Center [85 S. Oxford St. between Lafayette Avenue and Fulton Street in Fort Greene, www.winterball14.brownpapertickets.com] Dec. 13 at 8 pm. \$150, ticket includes dinner and cocktails.

GOLDEN YEARS

Photos celebrates older athletes

By Trupti Rami

They're still standing — and running, hurdling, pole-vaulting, javelin-throwing, and shot-putting!

"Racing Age," a photography exhibition currently on display at United Photo Industries in Dumbo, features snaps of elderly athletes in action. The show is intended to challenge the notion that older bodies are only good for water aerobics and shuffleboard, said the artist responsible.



Angela Jimenez

"I've always been really interested in movement, subculture, sports, and things that shake up stereotypical ideas of people," said photographer and Prospect Lefferts Gardens expat Angela Jimenez, who recently moved to Minneapolis after 12 years in Brooklyn. "These athletes are setting records that explain what a human being is capable of doing. The body is getting stronger. People are living longer."

Shot on a friend's Hasselblad camera, the 14 black-and-white images and three audio pieces

in the show were captured at masters track and field meets in Kentucky, Maryland, and Italy over four years beginning in 2007. Age divisions for masters competitions begin at 30, but "Racing Age" specifically documents senior sportspeople who are a decade or so past retirement age, Jimenez said.

The shutterbug said she intentionally used a medium-format camera for the project to slow herself down — without an internal light meter and with manual exposure, focus,

and frame winding, her process became as mechanical as the athletes' movements.

"The athletes' bodies are slower and more ponderous, and shooting the pictures was slower and more ponderous," said Jimenez. "I really wanted people to see the wrinkles and texture in the skin and to focus on the shape of the bodies and the way that they were moving. In the show, you can see the difference in muscle tone and physiology between someone who's 74 and someone who's 95."

Jimenez also found kinship with her subjects in other ways. One woman, an 82-year-old black athlete named Johnnye Valien, proved especially memorable, she said.

"She's a multi-event athlete, which is what I did," said Jimenez. "There's an audio piece in the show where she talks about the limited opportunities that she had as a black woman. She was in college in the 1940s. That's way before Title IX and any of the opportunities that I had."

Jimenez earned the solo show at United Photo Industries as the jury's choice winner of the Fence, an annual summer photography installation that features work from 40 photographers displayed on a banner along a walking path in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

"Racing Age" at the United Photo Industries gallery [111 Front St. Suite 204 between Washington and Adams streets in Dumbo, (718) 215-9075, www.unitedphotoindustries.com]. Show runs through Jan. 23, 2015. Free.



Photo by Cate Dingley

The race is on: Above, photographer Angela Jimenez and her exhibition "Racing Age" at the United Photo Industries gallery in Dumbo. And left, 87-year-old 55-meter sprinter Tom, one of many older athletes Jimenez photographed for the show.

Vanilla Fudge guitarist to rock Sheepshead Bay

By Vanessa Ogle

Sweet! The lead guitarist of psychedelic '60s band Vanilla Fudge will rock out in Sheepshead Bay for the Bay Improvement Group's 23rd annual Celebrity Concert Toy Drive on Dec. 14. The holiday concert — which is free for anyone who donates a new, unwrapped toy — will feature classic holiday tunes and the guitar guru said everyone is welcome to join in the jam session.

"We do all kinds of Christmas stuff and have everyone join in with it," said Vince Martell, who lives in New Jersey but has been performing at the concert series for 16 years.

The show is all about spreading holiday cheer, Martell said. The donated toys will be given to a Sheepshead Bay homeless shelter that houses women and children and Martell said it is important for residents to remember that their neighbors may be struggling in the otherwise-silly season.

"A battered women's shelter — it is a horrible thing but I'm glad somebody's doing something," he said.

Martell said the cause is the main reason he keeps coming back to the coastal community year after year. But the setting is a nice fringe benefit.

"It is beautiful there — it is very uplifting to see the water and the boats," he said. "I was in the Navy before the Vanilla Fudge. I love anything around the water and seashore."

Martell won't be the only musician donating his chops for the charitable concert. Other performers include Dom "Randy" Safuto — the lead singer of the doo-wop group Randy and the Rainbows — Denver musician Peg Pearl, and Broadway theatre star Ben Vereen. But Martell said rock fans can definitely expect to boogie down to some creamy classics.

"We try to do the first set with some rock 'n' roll stuff — some Vanilla Fudge," he said.

Celebrity Concert Toy Drive at Knights of Columbus Baron De Kalb [300 Emmons Ave. at Nostrand Avenue in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 646-9206, www.bayimprovementgroup.org]. Dec. 14 at 5 pm. Free with an unwrapped toy donation.



Ready to rock: Vince Martell, the lead guitarist of Vanilla Fudge, is going to jam out at the Bay Improvement Group's 23rd annual Celebrity Concert Toy Drive in Sheepshead Bay on Dec. 14.

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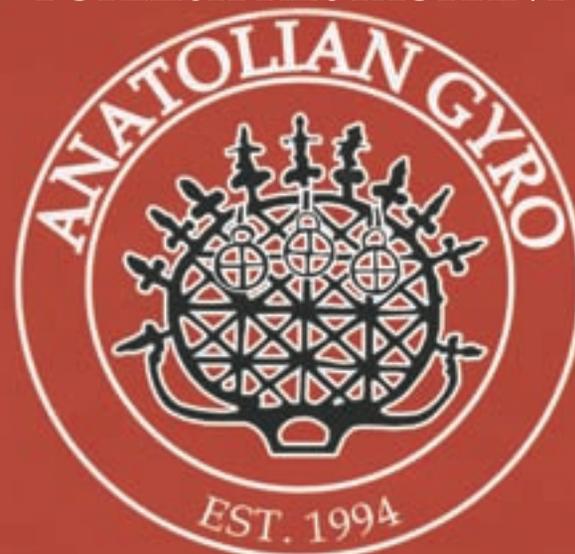
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SUGAR, SUGAR

Give the gift of a sweet Brooklyn cookbook

By Matthew Perlman

W e won't sugarcoat it. Cookbooks might be Brooklyn's favorite holiday present, and this year's crop of borough-penned recipe tomes has a heavy bent towards the sweeter side of the kitchen. So here are some tasty titles for every type of sweet-tooth in your life.

Birthday bakers

"Baked Occasions"

Matt Lewis and Renato Poliafito have been luring Red Hookers and Fairway shoppers to their cozy bakery Baked with high-quality cookies and cakes since 2005. Their latest book — their third — dishes out 75 delicious recipes assigned to different holidays and celebrations. There is a praline ice cream cake for Mardi Gras, a rum-infused hair of the dog cake for New Year's Day, and 12 different cookie recipes for each day of Christmas. But the most enticing — probably because it is the weirdest — is a purple velvet cake for Hunter S. Thompson's birthday.

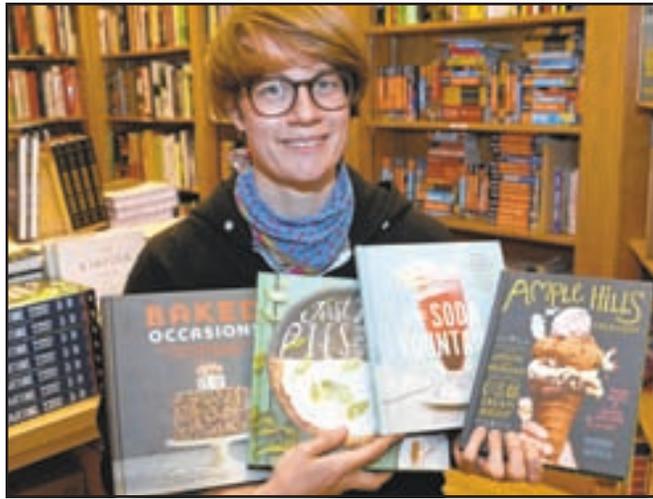
The adventurous

"Ovenly"

The brains behind Greenpoint's popular bakery Ovenly have put together a book full of recipes that whip together salty and sweet in their signature way. Agatha Kulaga and Erin Patinkin melt brains — and tastebuds — with combinations such as caramel bacon hot tarts and currant rosemary scones.

Old and nostalgic

"The Soda Fountain"



Cooking the books: Jess Pane from Greenlight Bookstore in Fort Greene holds up some of our cookbook gift suggestions, all penned by members of Brooklyn's sweet-erati.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

The jerks behind Brooklyn Pharmacy, a retro throwback soda counter on Henry Street in Carroll Gardens, have poured their knowledge into this carbonated cookbook. Not only does it include 70 recipes for such classic beverages as the egg cream, the shake, and the ice cream float, but it is also packed with history, folklore, and ephemera surrounding the soda fountain.

Barflies

"First Prize Pies"

Clinton Hill baker Alison Kave — one half of Smorgasburg favorite Butter and Scotch — has made a name for herself combining pies and booze, with creations such as bourbon ginger pecan pie and margarita pie. But not all of the recipes in this book are alcoholic — Kave

also includes quirky innovations such as her candy-apple pie, and the Elvis pie — made with banana, peanut butter, and bacon.

Cool kids

"Ample Hills Creamery"

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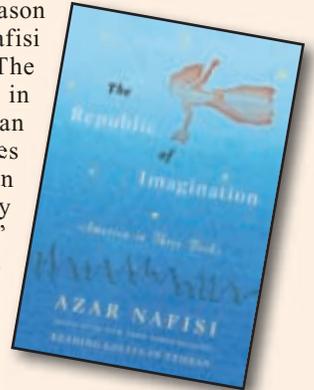
The best reads — handpicked by some of the best Bklyn bookstores



Word's pick: "The Republic of Imagination" by Azar Nafisi

If you're looking for a reason to reread the classics, Nafisi has got you covered. The author of "Reading Lolita in Tehran" is now an American citizen, and contemplates three pivotal American books in her new book. By way of "Huckleberry Finn," "Babbitt," and "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter," she examines our current political life, what it means to be a US citizen, and her hopes and fears for modern-day readers. And given the recent political climate and protests, a little extra consciousness goes a long way.

— Jenn Northington, Word [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, www.wordbrooklyn.com].

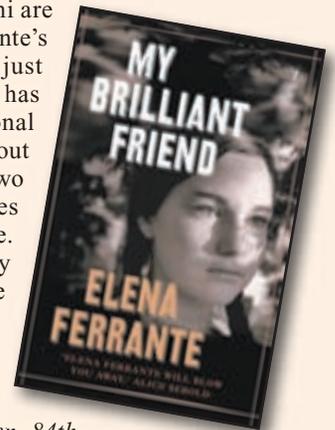


The BookMark Shoppe's pick:

"My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante

Fans of Adriana Trigiani are sure to find Elena Ferrante's "My Brilliant Friend" just as amazing as I did. It has the feel of a deeply personal memoir. A great story about the friendship between two girls and how their lives evolve, clash, and diverge. Get a peak into life in Italy in the 1950s, and embrace the two girls throughout their journey.

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

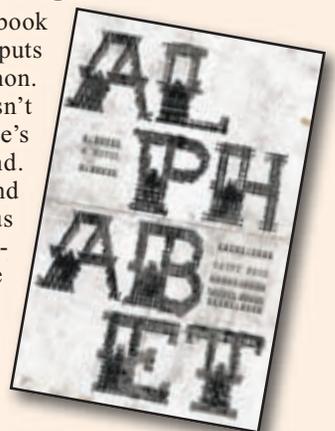


Greenlight Bookstore's pick:

"Alphabet" by Kathy Page

This is my favorite book of the year. Kathy Page puts you inside the head of Simon. He's in jail and doesn't understand his rage. He's murdered his girlfriend. He learns the alphabet and begins writing anonymous letters to women. He pretends to be someone else — someone who loves art — until someone figures him out and asks him for the truth, and it all unravels. This book is about identity, the prison system, and how to love yourself when you've been beaten down.

— Jess Pane, Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, www.greenlightbookstore.com].



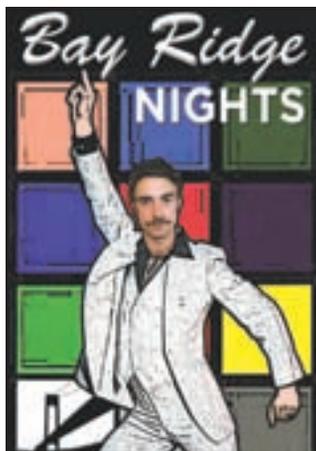
'Tis the season to rock the Ridge

By Max Jaeger

Holiday tunes and hard rock are waiting for you in Bay Ridge — think of it as the Trans-Siberian Orchestra without all the pomp and fog.

First, get into the Christmas spirit by caroling up Third Avenue with Bay Ridge Cares. The chorus will spread cheer from 84th to 92nd streets and is meeting at the BookMark Shoppe (8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets) at 6:30 pm.

After you've warmed your voice (and some hearts), go sing along to some different tunes with Brooklyn rockers Pete Wire at the Leif Bar (6725 Fifth Ave. between 67th and Senator streets). Catch the all-original, pan-genre band's



odes to Bushwick, Coney Island, and Brooklyn poet Walt Whitman at 9 pm.

Then, tear over to Greenhouse

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On Saturday, relive the glory days of rock 'n' roll with Steppin' Back at the Schnitzel Haus (7319 Fifth Ave. between 73rd and 74th streets). The strum down memory lane starts at 9:30 pm.

Then step forward to the 1990s and check out grunge-y rockers the Social Zoo at Three Jolly Pigeons (6802 Third Ave. between 68th Street and Bay Ridge Avenue) at 10 pm.

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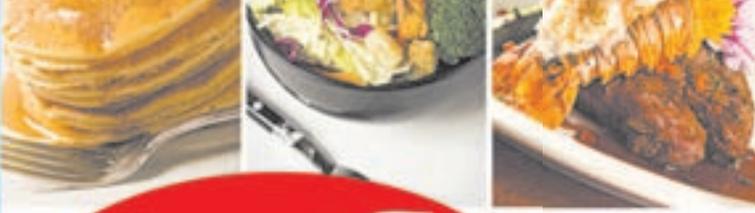
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3 eggs, beaten with 1 tablespoon water
3 cups seasoned bread crumbs

Cooking spray
3 cups (1 jar) Uncle Steve's Marinara sauce
1 pound fresh mozzarella, sliced
3/4 cup grated Pecorino Romano cheese
Fresh basil leaves, torn

PROCEDURE:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees with rack set in center of oven.

Heat 1/2" oil over medium high heat in a large skillet. If you have two skillets you can use both to speed this up.

Dredge each eggplant slice in the flour, shaking off excess, dip in egg wash, and then press in bread crumbs, shaking off extra. Place into heated oil. Slices should fit comfortably in oil without touching. Fry about a minute and a half per side or until golden brown. As they are finished transfer to a paper towel lined plate. Repeat with the remaining eggplant, adjusting the heat as necessary.

Spray a baking dish (11" x 9" x 2") with cooking spray. Cover the bottom of baking dish with a layer of Uncle Steve's Marinara sauce and arrange several eggplant slices over the sauce. Cover the eggplant with a layer of mozzarella, some Romano cheese and then basil. Repeat with two more layers of sauce, eggplant, cheese and basil. Bake uncovered about 20 minutes or until hot and beginning to brown. Let rest 10 minutes or before serving.

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He's loving it: Justin Timberlake brings sexy back to Barclays Center on Dec. 14. Associated Press / Abdeljalil Bounhar

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SUN, DEC. 14

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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.

SAT, DEC. 27

SPORTS, HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS: \$25.50-\$193.50. 1 pm.

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FRI, DEC. 12

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, WAYNA: Free. 9 pm. BAM Cafe (30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene), www.bam.org/programs/bamcafe-live.

MUSIC, TATTERS & RAGS: \$8-\$10. 8 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], www.therockshopny.com.

THEATER, "JERRY'S GIRLS": Gallery Players presents 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.

THEATER, "THE WIZARD OF OZ": Presented by the Edward R. Murrow Theater group retells the classic story of Dorothy Gale and the magical land of Oz. \$10. 8 pm. Joseph Anzalone Theater at Edward R. Murrow HS [1600 Ave. L and E. 17th Street in Midwood, (718) 258-9283 X3051], www.ermurrowhs.org.

THEATER, "RADIO DREAMING": A musical comedy revue with starring special needs performers from DreamStreet Theatre Company. \$25. 7 pm. Jalopy Theatre [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Red Hook, (718) 395-3214], www.jalopy.biz.

OTHER

HOLIDAY FAIR: Free. 9 am-7 pm. IS/PS 163 [Benson Ave. and 17th Avenue in Bensonhurst, (718) 236-9003].

ART, "CHITRA GANESH — EYES OF TIME": A site-specific installation inspired by the Hindu goddess Kali, created by Brooklyn artist Chitra Ganesh. \$16 suggested. 11 am-6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklyn-museum.org.

READING, AFTER SCHOOL YULE PARTY: Children enjoy hot cocoa, the movie "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and a reading of Brendan Deneen's book "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Island of Misfit Toys." RSVP required. \$15. 4 pm. Boulevard Books & Cafe [7518 13th Ave. at Bay Ridge Parkway in Dyker Heights, (718) 680-5881].

SAT, DEC. 13

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK: \$30-\$40. 8 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd., between Amersfort Place and Kenilworth Place in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyncenteronline.org.

THEATER, "THE SNOW QUEEN": Hans Christian Andersen story, as told by puppets. \$12. 2 pm.

WHAT TO DO SEVEN EVENTS

SUN, DEC. 14

PERFORMANCE

DANCE, "THE COLONIAL NUTCRACKER": The Dance Theatre in Westchester performs Tchaikovsky's classic ballet set in colonial Yorktown during the Revolutionary War. \$15. 2 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd., between Amersfort Place and Kenilworth Place in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyncenteronline.org.

MUSIC, KINGSBOROUGH MUSICAL SOCIETY CHORUS: Performing a medley from Jerome Kern's "Show Boat" and other holiday songs. Free. 2 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5000], www.kbcc.cuny.edu.

MUSIC, MUSIC FROM GOOD SHEPHERD: Featuring Handel's "Messiah," with a choir, soloists, and orchestra. Part of the 18th annual free fall concert series. Free. 6 pm. Good Shepherd Church [Avenue S and Batchelder Street in Marine Park, (718) 998-2800].

MUSIC, FRANK SINATRA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Celebrate Sinatra's 99th birthday with special emphasis on the Christmas songs. Free. 6-9 pm. Schnitzel Haus [7319 Fifth Avenue between 73rd and 74th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-5600], www.schnitzelhausny.com.

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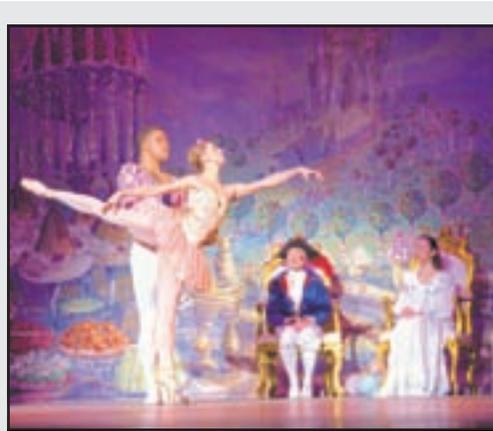
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Cracking show: Dance Theater of Westchester brings "The Colonial Nutcracker" back to Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts on Dec. 14. Margarita Corporan

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kits, jewelry demonstrations, and face painting. Free. 11 am-4 pm. Carmine Carro Community Center [3000 Filmore Ave. at 33rd Street in Marine Park].

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GINGERBREAD SHIP WORKSHOP: Children decorate a gingerbread model of the USS Levant, and attend an arts and crafts shipbuilding workshop led by an educator from the Brooklyn Historical Society. \$8 for kids, free for accompanying adult. 1 pm. Brooklyn Navy Yard BLDG 92 [63 Flushing Ave. at Carlton Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 907-5932], bldg92.org/events/gingerbread-ship-workshop.

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FILM, MOVIE NIGHT AT BAY RIDGE JEWISH CENTER: Screening of "Charlie Chan" detective movies, with Chinese food. \$4.20. 6:30 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Avenue between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103], www.brjc.org.

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Shake it off!

An all-women cocktail contest in W'burg

By Noah Huowitz

They're taking the first four letters out of "cocktail."

A cocktail-making competition is coming to the Music Hall of Williamsburg on Dec. 14, but don't expect to see the contestants in waistcoats and suspenders. The event, dubbed "Speed Rack," is a mixology mix-off just for women.

One of the organizers said she first got the idea for the competition when she found herself frustrated by the lack of opportunities for women at craft cocktail bars.

"There was no room for a woman in that scene then," said Ivy Mix, who started Speed Rack with fellow bartender Lynnette Marrero in 2010.

Speed Rack — which is named for the area bartenders keep their most-used bottles of liquor, as well as a double entendre for the upper-body motion caused by a woman using a cocktail shaker — pits 20 liquor-slinging ladies against each other. The competition is set up like a sports tournament, with pairs going head-to-head and advancing along a bracket from quarterfinals to semifinals to the final round.

In each round the women must make four different drinks with the clock running. But while speed is of the essence, it is far from the most important factor, Mix said.



In the mix: Bartenders Ivy Mix (left) and Lynnette Marrero are the brains behind Speed Rack.

Leo Borovsky

"Just because I finish more quickly doesn't mean I win," she said. "If I sacrifice taste and quality for speed, I could lose."

The winner of this local contest will move on to the national competition, which will be held in New York next summer. Some of the proceeds of the event on Dec. 14 will go to breast cancer research groups chosen by the event organizers.

Many cocktail competitions require their contestants to bring a recipe for a signature cocktail, but at Speed Rack, the classic cocktail is queen. In quarterfinals and semifinals, the contestants stick to the script, serving up the drinks that any mixologist worth her salt should know by heart. But as they advance,

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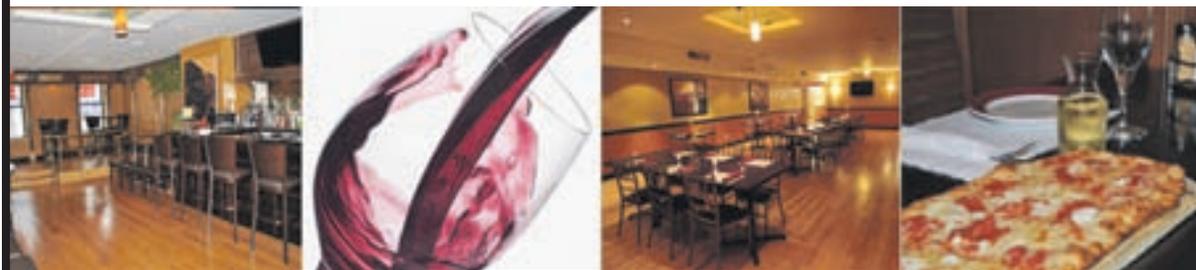
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WHAT TO DO SEVEN EVENTS

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MON, DEC. 15

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "HOT FEET": The Paper Bag Players blend paper and cardboard costumes and sets with sing-along songs and stories. \$10. 10 am and noon. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488-1624], www.brooklyn.liu.edu/kumbletheater.

OTHER

READING, "HONEYKY HANUKAH": Special story event featuring the book by Woody Guthrie with accompanying CD. Free. 4 pm. Barnes and Noble [267 Seventh Ave. at Sixth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-9066], www.barnesandnoble.com.

COMEDY, THE MEHRAN

SHOW: Presented by Mehran Khaghani, featuring Janeane Garofalo, Eugene Mirman, Jen Kirkman, Gary Gulman, and more. \$10 (\$8 advance). 9 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallnyc.com.

TUES, DEC. 16

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, COMPUTER MUSIC SHOWCASE: Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music's advanced electroacoustic music class performs new original works. Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn College, Studio 312 [2900 Bedford Ave. at Campus Road in Flatbush, (718) 951-5792], www.bcmusic.org.

MUSIC, HOW TO DRESS WELL, HEEMS DJ (DAS RACIST): \$22. 7 pm. Glasslands [289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg], www.glasslands.com.

OTHER

READING, STORY TIME:

Children hear a story then do a craft project. \$5. call for time. Boulevard Books & Cafe [7518 13th Ave. at Bay Ridge Parkway in Dyker Heights, (718) 680-5881].

READING, JENNY WILIAMS:

Launching her book "What My Daughter Wore," an original collection of drawings cataloging the sartorial wardrobe choices of young girls. Free. 7-9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

COMEDY, DAN ST. GERMAIN'S CHRISTMAS SPOOKTACULAR:

With comedians Brooks Wheelan, Jared Logan, Kevin Barnett, and more celebrate the holidays in this stand-up event. \$10. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallnyc.com.

WED, DEC. 17

OTHER

ART, KNIT AND CROCHET GROUP:

Learn how to crochet and knit with instructors or simply spend time with fellow makers. Free. 1-3 pm. Brooklyn Pharmacy & Soda Fountain [513 Henry St. at Sackett Street in Carroll Gardens, (718) 522-6260], www.brooklynpharmacyandsoda-fountain.com.

THE BIG QUIZ THING — 2014 FLASHBACK TRIVIA-O-RAMA:

Six rounds of live quiz action. \$10 (\$8 advance). 7 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

THURS, DEC. 18

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, DELICATE STEVE, CELESTIAL SHORE: \$12. 7 pm. Glasslands [289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg], www.glasslands.com.

COCKTAIL

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the women are instructed to take note of their judges' preferences, and the final two contenders have an extra challenge — to make two custom cocktails based on the instructions and observed tastes of two of the judges.

For anyone doubting the entertainment value of watching a bartender mix drinks on stage, Speed Rack's organizers promised there is never a dull moment. The women are there to win, and tensions and emotions run high, they said.

"When we went into this we didn't realize what a spectator sport we were creat-

ing," said Marrero. "I feel kind of bad that I created something people can get so upset about."

At its heart, Speed Rack is a competition, but its organizers said everyone is a winner when female bartenders are given more recognition.

"I'm not sure if Speed Rack caused this, but now all the best bars have women working behind the bars," Mix said. "The point isn't who wins but what we're doing collectively as women. We're saying 'we're here, and you should hire us.'"

Speed Rack at the Music Hall of Williamsburg [66 N. Sixth St. between Kent and Whythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 486-5400, www.musichallofwilliamsburg.com]. Dec. 14 at 3 pm, \$25 (\$20 in advance).

OTHER

READING, KEN SIEGLEMAN'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.

FRI, DEC. 19

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, HOLIDAY CONCERT: Featuring over 300 students from Edward R. Murrow High School. \$8 (\$6 advance) Free for Junior High students with ID. 7 pm. Edward R. Murrow HS [1600 Ave. L and E. 17th Street in Midwood, (718) 258-9283 X3051], www.ermurrowhs.org.

MUSIC, JULIA WELDON, KINGS, SMALL TALK, KAREN AND THE SORROWS: Part of the Big Gay Country Holiday! show. \$10 (\$8 in advance). 7:30 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

OTHER

READING, ROOTS POETRY SERIES: Featuring poets Bianca Stone, Kate Pendoley, Michael Carlson, and Ari Cameron. Free. 8 pm. Roots Cafe [639A Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (615) 419-7877], www.facebook.com/rootsbrooklyn.

SAT, DEC. 20

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, JEW MONGOUS: Unkosh Comedy Songs: Created by Sean Altman, founder of Rockapella. Free. 9 pm. BAM Cafe [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene], www.bam.org/programs/bamcafe-live.

OTHER

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1 Humus
1 Beef Salad
1 Eggplant
2 Cheese Rolls

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15 ps. Stuffed Grape Leaves
2 Lg. Shish Kebab
2 Lg. Chicken Kebab

2 Lg. Adana Kebab
2 Lg. Gyro
2 Lg. Grilled Chicken
2 Lg. Chicken Adana
3 x 2 Lt. Coke

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CUOMO AND GET IT!

Weezer tribute band finds unexpected fame

By Max Jaeger

Holy cow — we think we've got one here!

If you're all undone over not seeing Weezer in the band's heyday, you'll have another shot at the good life when tributeers the Sweater Songs rock Brooklyn Bowl on Dec. 17.

The band started out as a one-off novelty show in 2012, cobbled together by Brooklyn musicians who all play in other nationally touring bands. But the reception to the gig was so huge, they have kept the shtick going, explained to one band member.

"We started selling out at our second show," said guitarist and Greenpointer Oscar Rodriguez. "We were totally shocked by that."

The act has struck a nostalgic chord with fans in their late-20s and early-30s, Rodriguez said. For many, it has been a year or two since they were out on the floor, shaking booty, making sweet love all the night to Weezer's wildly popular breakout album "Weezer" — also known

as the "Blue Album."

"If you're talking about people in the age range over 25, I think everyone kind of grew up with this band, and people really get amped up about these shows — almost to our detriment," he said. "At our first show at Brooklyn Bowl, during 'Only in Dreams,' this one guy was so drunk and amped up, he grabbed a fire extinguisher off the wall and he just started spraying it everywhere. It was remarkable to me that someone would get that excited seeing a tribute band."

The band has dabbled in post-'90s Weezer tunes, but it mainly plays the two albums roundly known as the band's best, said Rodriguez.

"I think we played 'Hash Pipe' [from a 2001 Weezer release] at one point," he said. "But for us, it's the Blue Album and 'Pinkerton' that everyone holds near and dear, and we just get such a kick out of playing them."

Bespectacled and be-cardiganed on stage, the musicians look like they just walked out of central casting. Even their



Weezer along if you know it: Weezer cover band the Sweater Songs plays a rollicking set of classics from the group's first two albums. **J. Ryan Roberts**

audiences look just like Buddy Holly — the group passes out thick-rimmed plastic glasses (a nod to Weezer frontman Rivers Cuomo's signature specs) to everyone who comes to its shows. But although there might be one or two posters of Kiss among the five musicians, there aren't any 12-sided dice in their arsenal, Rodriguez said.

"We're all music nerds in terms of

music trivia and knowing who played on what records and who played what song," he said. "Otherwise we're all pretty normal dudes. Like, I don't think anyone is going home and playing World of Warcraft."

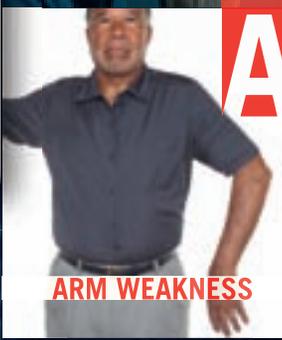
The Sweater Songs play Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369, www.brooklynbowl.com]. Dec. 17 at 6 pm. \$8-\$10.

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Drum roll, please, for **Mathylde Frontus**, founder and executive director of **Urban Neighborhood Services**, and proud recipient of USA Network's prestigious "Characters United Award" for her efforts in combating hate and discrimination in Coney Island and across Brooklyn.

Our pal Mathylde, who received \$5,000 to support her project — a lot of gelt! — was one of 10 honorees lauded at a swinging soiree at **Gargiulo's Restaurant**. Our borough daughter established her group in 2004, after realizing that many of the issues in her community, including underdevelopment, health disparities, incarceration, and poverty, were all related. Since then she has helped more than 10,000 Brooklynites each year meet their goals, while having a tremendous impact on the People's Playground. Now that deserves a Standing O, for sure.

Standing O says, "Congratulations and thank you, Mathylde."

Urban Neighborhood Services, Inc. [1718 Mermaid Ave. at W. 17th Street in Coney Island (347) 374-2455].

CONEY ISLAND

Take the plunge

Take the chill off New Year's Day with a heartwarming swim in the frosty Atlantic to raise money for a worthy cause! The ninth **Polar Dip** benefits **Camp Sunshine**. **Polar Bears** are rarin' to jump to boost the one-of-a-kind national retreat in Maine for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

Jump in on Jan. 1 2015 at 1 pm (registration begins at 10 am). Early registrants with a minimum \$20 donation will receive express entry into the early plunge wave. People who raise more than 100 buckeroos will receive a long-sleeve "Freezin' for a Reason- I Did It" T-shirt.

Standing O says, "What are you waiting for? Get a move on — Jan. 1 will be here before you know it."

Coney Island Polar Dip (Riegelmann Boardwalk at W. 12th Street in Coney Island; www.freezinforareason.com).

Heroes rescue borough seniors

BOROUGH WIDE

Put your hands together for the stars and heroes of **Citymeals-on-Wheels**. **Dwayne Pierre** (right) of Flatbush and Bushwick resident **Ray Vasquez** (left) were presented the organization's 2014 Star Awards for outstanding service and for going above and beyond the call of duty to help neighbors in need. The honorees were nominated for the distinction by their colleagues and administrators.



Dwayne was at the door about to deliver a meal when he heard a thud and realized the homeowner was on the floor. His quick-thinking call to 911 saved the day.



Our champ Ray works for the Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizen's Council and faithfully delivers meals every Thanksgiving and Christmas to frail seniors who would otherwise be alone. In one of the city's worst blackouts Ray helped cook, pack, and deliver meals, climbing stairs in complete darkness to make the deliveries. Recently one of his regulars did not answer the door when he came with a meal. Although he could hear the woman's dog barking inside the apartment, he couldn't hear the senior. He knew that she would never leave her dog alone, and instantly knew something was terribly amiss. He called the paramedics and they found her lying in her bed unable to move. The woman was taken to the hospital, and has since returned home and is recuperating.

Citymeals-on-Wheels [355 Lexington Ave. in Manhattan; (212) 687-1234].

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FLATBUSH

Green-thumbed 'Friends'

The **Friends of Wingate Park**, led by **Vivia Morgan**, is truly a pal to our green spaces. The organization received the Golden Trowel Award at the **It's My Park Awards** reception hosted by **Partnerships for Parks** at the **Museum of the City of New York**. The accolade honored individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment to local parks — and we have more than 177 of those to talk about.

The Golden Trowel is presented to volunteers who have transformed these outdoor treasures into dynamic community assets, and **Friends of Wingate Park** was at the top of the list. The organization regularly hosts activities, including concerts and holiday-themed events. This past year, **Friends** partnered with **B.M.S. Family Health Center** on the "Parents 2 Children" forum, and offered program support and resources to parents who have lost a child to violence.

Awards and a Standing O — that's some season for our **Friends**.

The Friends of Wingate Park; www.friendsofwingatepark@gmail.com.

Standing O pals Dwayne and Ray are "true life savers," according to **Beth Shapiro**, executive director of **Citymeals-on-Wheels**. "I would like to thank Dwayne and Ray for their dedication, compassion, and hard work in ensuring New York's most vulnerable residents are safe and sound behind their closed doors," she said.

Standing O hero Dwayne delivers life-saving meals with the Senior League of Flatbush. He came to the rescue of a 96-year-old client who had fallen inside his locked apartment.



KICK UP THOSE HEELS: From left, Rockette Stacey, Mary Queen of Heaven School teacher Joan Sieja, eighth-grader Ciedah Hosten, her proud papa, and Rockette Logan celebrate the student's "My Favorite Christmas Moment" winning essay.

Essay-winning student kicks it up with Rockettes

FLATLANDS

Hip, hip, hooray for **Ciedah Hosten**. The eighth grader at **Mary Queen of Heaven School** with a passion for writing won the 2014 Brooklyn-Queens Diocesan contest with her Pulitzer-worthy essay about "My Favorite Christmas Moment."

The competition was open to all Brooklyn and Queens students attending Catholic elementary schools. Our young scribe snagged first place

out of 675 students and was treated to a special visit by Rockettes **Stacey and Logan**. Ciedah and her classmates also received tickets to see the **Christmas Spectacular** show at Radio City Music Hall.

The win comes as no surprise to her former Language Arts teacher and very special Standing O pal **Joan Sieja**.

"Ciedah is a very dedicated young lady, with her eye firmly on the prize and a very firm plan for her future," she told Standing O.

Eileen Griffo, coordinator at the school, added her sentiments as well.

"We are very proud of her accomplishment," she said.

Standing O is pretty proud of Ciedah, too, and offers her congratulations on her win and hopes this is just the first of many more special Christmas moments in this aspiring writer's future.

Mary Queen of Heaven School [1326 E. 57th St. between Avenues M and N in Flatlands, (718) 763-2360].

● 'It's championship or bust with us.'

— Thomas Jefferson's Davere Creighton on his team's ambitions this season

● 'We are looking to take the championship.'

Loughlin freshman Zaria Dursey on the quality of her team this year

Lions off to roaring start

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Bishop Loughlin girls' basketball team is well aware of the buzz generated by its young but extremely talented squad, and is embracing the high expectations as a source of motivation.

"We are trying to live up to the hype and show everybody what we can do," said sophomore Milicia Reid.

Loughlin is off to a good start after a convincing 66-37 victory over Cardinal Spellman in a Catholic girls' basketball crossover game last Sunday at Christ the King. Murry Bergtraum transfer Reid led the way with 16 points and seven assists. The sophomore is being asked to be a leader.

Freshman big Zaria Dursey had 13 points and Lynette Taitt and Ahyana Green chipped in eight points each for the Lions. The victory has the Lions off to a 3-0 start, but coach Chez Williams knows this team is still getting its feet wet when it comes to playing against top competition.

"We are not as crisp as I want us to be, but it's coming," Williams said. "The more games we play the crisper we will get."

Loughlin is a team that preaches creating turnovers off its defensive pressure. The Lions flustered Spellman in the first half, but could not convert the turnovers into points. The Pilots (3-1) cut the advantage to just 29-22 at the half after a basket by Nicole Hill at the second-quarter buzzer.

Things changed after the break as Reid came alive offensively. Loughlin rattled off an 18-3 run to grab a 49-



HEAR US ROAR: (Above) Milicia Reid of Loughlin dribbles the ball and looks for a teammate to pass to. (Right) Zaria Dursey shoots the ball and scores for Loughlin when it faced off against Cardinal Spellman.

Photos by Gina Palermo

29 advantage with 15 seconds to play in the third quarter. It was more the way Loughlin envisioned things being when it gets going. Spellman didn't have a single player score in double figures. Jade Vega and Nijah Morgan led the pack with eight points each.

"We realized we had to separate ourselves," Reid said. "We are AA, they are an A team. We have to show them

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OUT: Annika Foit and Long Island University women's volleyball team fell to UCLA in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

Long Island University Athletics

LIU volleyball falls in NCAA tournament opener

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

An NCAA tournament victory has again eluded the Long Island University women's volleyball team.

The Blackbirds won a third-straight Northeast Conference title and ninth in the 11 years before dropping a hard fought 25-23, 25-19, 25-18 match to host UCLA in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament on Dec. 6.

It is the second time in three years Long Island University has fallen to the Bruins in the first game. Tamara Ignjic and Annika Foit combined for 19 kills and 15 digs and Veraa Djuric chipped in 24 assists for the Blackbirds.

Long Island University went toe-to-toe with No. 12-seeded UCLA in the first set. The Blackbirds trailed just 23-22 after a kill from Ignjic, a kill from Nicole Okeke and a block from Djuric and Okeke. A UCLA attack that went long cut the margin to just one. The Bruins, following a time out, scored the next two points to close out the set.

UCLA took the second set, but the Blackbirds put one final scare into the favored Pac-12 team in the third. Long Island University led 15-11 thanks to key service aces from Mirjana Rajic and Adriana Viñas Joy. The advantage was short lived as the Bruins retook control of the set by scoring nine points straight.

The defeat ends a season that again saw the Blackbirds dominate the Northeast Conference. LIU went undefeated in league play and earned the program's first win over a nationally ranked opponent when the Blackbirds took down then-No. 25 Michigan State on Sept. 19.

The Blackbirds went 25-7 overall and beat Robert Morris in straight sets, 25-20, 25-16, 25-15, to claim the conference title behind Djuric, the tournament's most valuable player. Long Island University loses just four players from this squad and it looks to continue its success next season.

High-voltage Jefferson jumpstarts new season

BY PATRICK MCCORMACK

Thomas Jefferson wanted a fast start to the new season after losing in its second-straight city title game last year. Consider the New York City hoops community on notice in the early goings.

"The team was anxious to get back," said Orange Wave coach Bud Pollard. "I think we felt like Miami after losing last year to the Spurs. These guys are locked in and focused. They are working hard. I can't ask for much more as a coach from these guys."

Jefferson has won its first five games, including an 89-52 victory over visiting Brooklyn Collegiate in Public School Athletic League Brooklyn AA boys' basketball last Sunday afternoon. Junior guard Shamorie Ponds led the way with 25 points. He likes the way the team is playing in the early portion of the season.

"We are paying as a team," Ponds said. "I think we still have a long way to go, but I think we can do it this year."

Jefferson's first real test came against Catholic League power Cardinal Hayes last Friday night. The Orange Wave passed with flying colors by defeating the Cardinals 131-89. Ponds recorded 44 points and



HIGH JUMP: Thomas Jefferson senior guard Jaquan McKennon, seen here in a practice, scored 16 points and dished out 12 assists against Brooklyn Collegiate. File photo by Steven Schnibbe

10 rebounds. The team went out wanting to make a statement against a good Catholic school that had been ranked higher than Jefferson in most

preseason rankings.

"They were supposed to be number two in the city," Ponds said. "They placed them above

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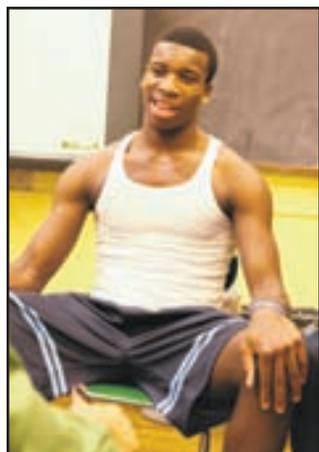
New Lincoln stars want to carry on old traditions

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Abraham Lincoln's familiar faces and its legendary coach are no longer at the Coney Island school, but the tradition and expectations still remain.

"The pressure at Lincoln is there," said first-year coach Kenny Pretlow. "It's not going to go away because I took over. We try to win a championship every year."

This year is no different for Pretlow and his young and talented roster. He was an assistant under Dwayne "Tiny" Morton for 12 years and helped the Railsplitters win numerous Public School Athletic League City titles. Pretlow wears his championship ring regularly as a subtle reminder



FORCE TO RECKON WITH: Lincoln forward Greg Poleon will need to be a force on the paint for the Railsplitters this season. Photo by Steven Schnibbe

of the hard work it takes to get one. It keeps the younger players hungry to get one of their own now that the likes of McDonald's All-American Isaiah Whitehead and stars Desi Rodriguez and Elisha Boone have graduated.

"We know our history, Lincoln's history," said senior guard Ezekiel Charles. "Every year we have to try to relive that history and keep it going. Every time we see the banners in the gym, it makes us want to work harder to keep it going."

The 6-foot-4 Charles, a superb shooter and scorer, is one of just two seniors on the squad, along with 6-foot-6 for-

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Alkins off to good start as new face of NYC hoops

Rawle Alkins is comfortable being the new face of New York City boys' basketball, and up to the challenge as well.

The Canarsie native and Christ the King junior guard has claimed the mantle of the city's most sought-after recruit with Isaiah Whitehead now at Seton Hall. The 6-foot-5 Alkins had a huge summer, gaining scholarship offers from Louisville, Indiana, Providence, North Carolina State, Miami, and Kansas, and has more than a dozen overall.

Royals coach Joe Arbitello could see a new demeanor in Alkins when he returned to Middle Village.

"He's been on a different level," he said. "He's been playing great. He is leading our guys. He is playing hard, shooting it well. He's ready."

Alkins, a top-30 recruit nationally, proved that as he led Christ the King to an 87-56 victory over St. Rita (Ill.) at the Chicago Elite Classic last Saturday. He tallied 28 points, seven assists, six rebounds and five steals. Alkins did so while playing against University of Kentucky recruit Charles Matthews, the No. 11-ranked prospect in his class. Matthews had 16 points. Alkins' highlight reel from the night includes dunks over defenders, three-pointers, steals and getting the Royals going in transition.

It was exactly the type of role Alkins said he would take on in the preseason — and the way you'd want New York City basketball represented when teams go out of state. This is his team now with the graduation of seniors Adonis De La Rosa, Andre Walker, and Travis Atson transferring to South Kent. His teammates have embraced him as their leader.

"They are all expecting that Rawle is the best player," Arbitello said. "Nobody is trying to be Rawle Alkins. They know he is the best player. Everyone else is



JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

finding their time to play."

Alkins was groomed for this. He was brought up late as a freshmen and made an impact in limited minutes and particularly flourished late last season to lead Christ the King to its second-straight Catholic and state Federation Class AA titles. His time is now as the Royals look for a historic three-peat of Federation crowns.

"It's just the beginning," Alkins said. "If we keep progressing like we are now I don't think anyone can keep up with us."

His confidence is what sets him apart. He expects to win and expects to dominate, and usually makes both happen. When he was younger, sometimes that confidence manifested in bold predications of guaranteed victories, including in last year's city title game against Bishop Loughlin.

So far this year, with the Royals lacking experienced size, it is Alkins volunteering to defend players who are five or six inches taller than him. It's all part of his maturity and development into the player and person you thought he could be when he came onto the scene as a sophomore. Anytime Alkins is on the court now he's the leader, the face of the Christ the King program and of New York City basketball. The mantle is in good hands.



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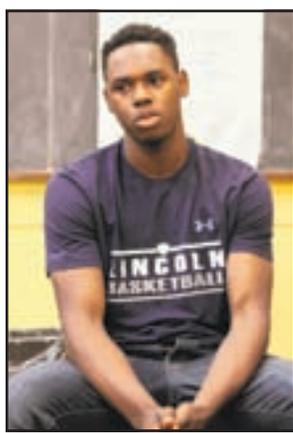
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THE OLD AND THE NEW: (Left) Senior guard Ezekiel Charles takes over the leadership role for Abraham Lincoln this season. (Right) Brooklyn Collegiate transfer Jahllil Tripp is expected to make a big impact.

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JEFFERSON

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us and we just had go out and kill them.” Helping out Ponds this season is Brooklyn Collegiate transfer Davere Creighton. Creighton, who averaged close to 16 points per game last season, is averaging 14 points per contest in three league contests this season, including nine points against his former team on Sunday. Creighton feels that his experience playing in the city semifinals last year is going to help his new

squad. “I bring great leadership and toughness to this team,” the senior said. Senior point guard Jaquan McKennon, who transferred from National Christian Academy (Md.), guides the Orange Wave’s offense. He scored 16 points and had 12 assists against Brooklyn Collegiate. The senior is averaging close to 11 points per game this season. The trio of Ponds, Creighton, and McKennon lead a fast-paced Jefferson offense that likes to run, play in transition, and is averaging 104 points in its first five con-

tests. Even though the team is off to a good start, Pollard feels there is still more work to be done. “We have to work on our execution, our defense, our free-throw shooting — a lot of things we just need to keep on getting better,” Pollard said. Jefferson has been to two consecutive city title games and has come up short in each of them. This season it is off to a quick start and the Orange Wave is showing it is once again a top team in the city with a clear goal. “It’s championship or bust with us,” Creighton said.

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ward Greg Poleon, who is expected to be a big-time rebounder. Pretlow hopes they can become an inside-outside combo that will give opponents fits. Defenses’ biggest headache may be Brooklyn Collegiate transfer Jahllil Tripp. The 6-foot-4, 205-pound junior missed nearly all of last season after being shot in the leg and then breaking his patella upon his return. He has the potential to be one of the city’s best players. His ability to play a guard or forward makes him a versatile piece. “He’s a big part of our team,” Poleon said. “He is a mismatch problem for other schools.” It will be sophomore point guard Donald Flores’s job to run this offense after transferring from St. Raymond. Pretlow described him as a talented offensive player and one of three underclassmen that are the future of

the program. Freshman Tyler Bourne is a finesse player and 6-foot classmate Paul Pearson is a more physical presence. It gives Lincoln, which is off to a 2-0 start, the potential for a deep and explosive lineup. “We have to uphold the tradition of the program, so I need some young guys to grow up pretty fast,” Pretlow said. Last season’s loss in the semifinals to Thomas Jefferson still stings the players who were a part of it. The whole team wants to continue the school’s tradition of winning, but many observers have dubbed Cardozo, Wings Academy and Jefferson the early favorites to win the city title. “I think there is a lot to prove, but in the team’s heart we know what we can do, and everyone will just have to wait for the season to see, because everyone is counting us out,” Tripp said. “We are really young, a lot of our stars left, but nobody really knows what we got.”

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why we are AA. We have to give ourselves that push.” This Lions’ players aren’t new to each other, despite their youth. Many of them played summer travel ball together at New Heights with Williams as coach, winning numerous tournament titles. The adjustment is learning to play against kids older than them in one of the most competitive leagues in the country. “We are used to playing with each other, so we have chemistry,” Dursey said. “We already know how each other plays.”

Loughlin’s lineup gives it many options for how it can beat teams. Reid and senior guard Kiana Clark can both shoot and attack the rim. Skydajan Patterson can help push the pace. Green gives the Lions another athletic forward to complement Dursey, one of the city’s best young players. Williams makes sure all of them are committed to the defensive end. The players know they haven’t come close to reaching their potential yet, and expect big things when they finally do. “We think we have the team now,” Dursey said. “We are looking to take the championship.”



Tip your Waiters

Cleveland Cavaliers guard Dion Waiters dunks over Nets forward Cory Jefferson in the second half of the Dec. 8 game at Barclays Center. Waiters was the high scorer in the Cavaliers’ 110-88 victory over the Nets.

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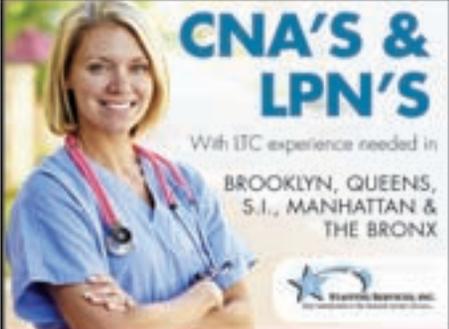


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