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'Dime' bank hits market

BY MATTHEW PERLMAN

There is money in this bank, sure, but there's money above it, too.

The landmarked Dime Savings Bank building on DeKalb Avenue is hitting the market, and the firm selling the property and the air rights above it is expecting they will fetch more than \$100 million. Even that price would be a steal, according to a realtor who called the 1908 neoclassical building one of a kind.

"It's one of the most architecturally distinct structures in Brooklyn. In all of the city," said Robert Knakal, a partner with realty company Massey Knakal. "It's iconic."

A branch of JP Morgan Chase currently operates out of the building, and would likely be relocated if it is sold. The lot sits at a focal point of development in the neighborhood, across Fleet Street from the block-long, high-rise mall and residential project City Point, and a few-minutes' walk from the two tallest buildings in Brooklyn, and the under-construction tower that is set to take the title.

"That area is just booming right now," Knakal said.

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NEW YEAR'S REVOLUTION

Countdown to 2015 coming to Coney

BY MAX JAEGER

Champagne, a midnight kiss, and a ... Nathan's hot dog?

The Coney Island Boardwalk will host a massive New Year's Eve celebration on Dec. 31, Borough President Adams announced on Dec. 18, and he promised the party would have many happy returns.

"We are starting a Brooklyn tradition," Adams said in front of the iconic Parachute Jump, which will be the centerpiece of the festivities.

Reports in less perceptive publications have said that the Coney shindig will center around a ball-drop like the over-hyped one across the East River, but that is false. Brooklyn will count down to

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Full speed ahead

Williamsburg kids, left, Nikita Troast, 7, and Christopher Robinson, 7, try out handicap-accessible ice sleds at the McCarren Park rink. The sleds are new to rinks borough-wide. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

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TRAGEDY: (Left) Paramedics rush Ismaaiyl Brinsley to an ambulance after police say he shot himself after killing officers (above right) Rafael Ramos and (bottom right) Wenjian Liu.

MADMAN ‘ASSASSINATES’ COPS

Bedford-Stuyvesant intersection is scene of murder-suicide bloodbath

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

A gunman shot and killed two police officers in Bedford-Stuyvesant on Saturday before turning his gun on himself in what New York’s top cop called an “assassination.”

The shooter opened fire on officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu as they sat in their patrol car at Tompkins and Myrtle avenues that afternoon, police said. In the evening, police Commissioner Bill Bratton and Mayor DeBlasio, flanked by city and Police Department brass, mourned the loss and condemned the killing.

“Today two of New York’s finest were shot and killed with no warning, no provocation,” Bratton said. “They were, quite simply, assassinated, targeted for their uniform and for the responsibility they embraced to keep the people of this city safe.”

Ismaaiyl Brinsley approached the officers’ car shortly before 2:50 pm and opened fire with a 9-mm handgun, shooting both officers in the head through the passenger-side window, according to Bratton. Brinsley then fled onto the platform of the Myrtle-Willoughby G train stop, with officers close behind, and shot himself in the head, Bratton said. Paramedics transported Brinsley to Brooklyn Hospital Center, and doctors there declared him dead, a re-



TENSE SCENE: (Left) Heavily armed police stand by following the murder of the two officers in Bedford-Stuyvesant. (Right) The car officers Ramos and Liu were sitting in when police say Ismaaiyl Brinsley shot them through the passenger window.

Photos by Paul Martinka

port says. Officers recovered a silver, semiautomatic Taurus pistol at the scene, Bratton said.

Liu and Ramos were taken to Woodhull Medical Center, where doctors attempted in vain to save them.

Liu and Ramos belonged to Downtown’s 84th Precinct, but were posted outside the Tompkins Houses on an anti-violence detail, according to the commissioner.

Ramos, 40, had been a policeman for two years and was married with two sons. Liu, 32, had been on the force for seven years, and was recently married.

DeBlasio hung his head and closed his eyes as Bratton spoke. When the mayor took the microphone, he lashed out at the shooting, describing it as an assault on

all New Yorkers.

“When a police officer is murdered it tears at the foundation of our society,” DeBlasio said. “Police are the foundation of our society, and when they are attacked, it is an attack on the very concept of decency.”

The killing comes as New York and cities nationwide are embroiled in protests over the police killings of Gowanus native Eric Garner in Staten Island and Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, neither of which resulted in criminal charges.

Shortly before the shooting in Brooklyn, Brinsley shot his ex-girlfriend in Baltimore County, seriously injuring her, Bratton said. Brinsley then wrote in Instagram posts that he planned to murder officers as vengeance for the deaths of

Garner and Brown, according to reports. “I’m Putting Wings on Pigs Today. They Take 1 of Ours..... Let’s Take 2 of Theirs #ShootThePolice,” he reportedly wrote alongside a photo of a silver pistol, adding references to Garner and Brown. Baltimore officials warned the NYPD about the posts, but the word came too late, Bratton said.

Brinsley is said to have lived in Georgia and Bratton said he had unspecified ties to East Flatbush.

The last police officer who died in the line of duty was Officer Dennis Guerra, who perished after responding to an arson in Coney Island in April.

Protest leaders and Borough President Adams, who has been sympathetic to the demonstrations, condemned

the murders, and said they could hurt the cause of police reform. Police union representatives who have accused Mayor DeBlasio of fomenting distrust of officers by speaking in support of the protests lashed out following the murders. On Saturday night, representatives of two police unions said that the mayor has blood on his hands.

“There is blood on many hands tonight. Those that incited violence on the street under the guise of protests that tried to tear down what New York City police officers did every day,” Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association president Pat Lynch said during a press conference outside the hospital. “That blood on their hands starts on the steps of City Hall in the office of the

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Grimm: I lied on my taxes

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

Guilty!

Rep. Michael Grimm (R-Bay Ridge) pleaded guilty to one count of tax fraud in federal court on Tuesday afternoon. The charge carries a penalty of as much as three years in prison.

Grimm had been facing a 20-count indictment for alleged tax, insurance, and immigration fraud during his time as co-owner of a Manhattan health-food restaurant before taking office. A newly filed court document indicates that prosecutors had enough evidence to prove that Grimm hid \$900,000 that came into the eatery, Healthalicious, and used the cash to pay employees under the table from 2007 to 2009, then lied about it during a 2013 deposition in a civil suit.

In a brief press conference outside the courthouse, Grimm said he is trying to move on.

"If you do something wrong, you can never fully get past it until you accept full responsibility for it and that's what I'm doing," he said. "Although this was a little restaurant, I made some big mistakes."

Grimm bested Democratic challenger Domenic Recchia in November despite the looming charges, and said during an October debate that he would step down from office if he was "unable to serve." He reiterated the sentiment outside the courthouse on Tuesday.

"As I said before, as long as I'm able to serve, I will serve," he said.

His sentencing is set for June 8, 2015.

The pol, a former FBI agent who once went undercover as a crooked stockbroker named "Mikey Suits," has been under fire since 2012, when the FBI charged an ally with campaign fund-raising shenanigans. Two involved in separate shady fund-raising schemes have since pleaded guilty, but Grimm has professed to know nothing about the funny money. In January of this year, three months before his formal indictment, Grimm threatened an NY1 reporter asking about the investigation into his management of Healthalicious, saying he would break him "in half — like a boy."

Grimm, who also represents the rugged lands of Shaolin, commonly re-



GRIMM OUTLOOK: Indicted Rep. Michael Grimm entered a guilty plea in federal court on Tuesday afternoon.

File photo by Steve Solomonson

ferred to as Staten Island, dismissed the pall surrounding his time in office by saying that it has been created by political foes.

"For the past four years I've been a very effective, strong member of Congress who has served the people of Staten Island," he said. "I know some are going to use this for political purposes like they did for the past three years."

If Grimm remains free, he could continue to hold office. In such a scenario, it would be up to his congressional colleagues to expel, censure, or fine him. He could also be stripped of his ability to vote in Congress, but remain in office.

Congress has only expelled five members in its history, including three during the Civil War for "disloyalty to the Union."

U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch, now President Obama's pick for attorney general, is overseeing the case against Grimm. A lone protester who a judge tossed from the courtroom for holding a sign reading "Grimminal" said that the plea deal is a bum deal for New Yorkers.

"The prosecution had all the cards and they gave the game away," said Staten Island resident Mike May. "Justice was not served."

May said Grimm will be busy with legal problems and unable to work effectively for the people that elected him. Plus, he added, Grimm is only ever looking out for number one.

"Not only can he not do the people's work, he is not interested in doing the people's work," he said.

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Penalty

Players vie to save roller-hockey rink

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

Puck that!

Roller hockey players want the parks department to body-check a planned overhaul of DiGilio Playground on McDonald Avenue between Avenue F and 18th Avenue in Kensington that erases the park's hockey rink, saying the feature is constantly in play.

"We're trying to stop it, or at least prolong it as long as possible," said Lupo, who regularly straps on Rollerblades and plays at the rink on weekends. "If you come down on Saturday or Sunday, the rink is always in use."

The \$3-million rejiggering, pushed by Councilman David Greenfield (D-Kensington), calls for the installation of two climbing structures, a sprinkler system, a sitting area, and an adult workout area in the place of the roller rink.

The organized hockey league that used to play in the park has folded, but, Lupo said, dozens of people still show up on weekends to play pickup games. Because the



DON'T HATE THE PLAYERS: From left, hockey players James Monello, Andrew Lupo and Brian Reese hope to save the roller-hockey rink at DiGilio Playground in Kensington. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

informal play doesn't involve permits, Greenfield doesn't have data on just how popular the rink really is, Lupo explained.

The demolition of the rink won't just eliminate a city structure, either, he said. The dedicated athletes have fixed up the rink's sideboards with their own, hard-earned cash.

"We're telling Greenfield that the rink does get used," Lupo said. "We put our own work and money into it. We go there to get away on the weekends."

Greenfield, playing the role of enforcer, threw the gloves off

when discussing the hockey enthusiasts, saying that the needs of the many trump the demands of a few, and claiming the players are breaking the law by playing without permits.

"I don't have acres to work with," he said. "It's a couple of dozen people using it illegally on the weekend versus renovating space where thousands can use it 365 days a year. The cost-benefit was pretty clear."

The overhaul design is awaiting government approval and has not set date for completion. The rink is one of four in Brooklyn.

REACTIONS

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has been a fixture at the anti-police brutality marches. He echoed the calls for a brief break in the action during a cable news appearance.

"I personally believe there should be a day or two- or three-day moratorium out of respect for the officers that were executed," Williams said on MSNBC on Monday.

Many of the organizations involved in the protests condemned the shooting and distanced themselves from any acts of violence. But some organizers, unmoved by the requests to stay home, put on a march on Tuesday evening in an attempt to disrupt Manhattan's Fifth Avenue, which they called "a playground for the global one percent."

One Bay Ridge rabble-rouser ventured that it is possible to respect the deaths of police officers while also demanding action on behalf of people who police officers killed.

"Sisters and brothers, we can mourn the death of police and by police. They are not mutually exclusive," Linda Sarsour wrote on Monday on her personal blog. "Asking black Americans and communities of color to 'stop protesting' is unreasonable. To engage in requests to elected officials to suppress the constitutional rights of segments of the American population makes you no better than the countries we are quick to criticize for lack of democracy."

A pol who represents a nearby southern Brooklyn district didn't take a stand on whether or not people should protest, but did say in a police e-mail that tolerance must prevail.

"We can continually strive for improvements, but in doing so, we must never accept creating a climate of the vilifying of any group," said Assemblyman Bill Colton (D-Bath Beach).

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No reprieve for mute swans

Gov. vetoes bill aimed at halting state's controversial extermination plan

BY VANESSA OGLE

Brooklyn's mute swans may be silenced for good.

Gov. Cuomo vetoed a bill on Dec. 17 that was aimed at halting the Department of Environmental Conservation's controversial plan to exterminate all mute swans in the state by 2025, putting the swans of Prospect Park and Sheepshead Bay back in the state's crosshairs.

An animal-rights activist who is fighting to save the species said the governor's decision ignores the pleas of elected officials and the public, who will be burdened with the cruel cost of killing the creatures.

"He ignored the will of the public, he ignored a near unanimous state legislature. That rarely happens," said David Karopkin, organizer of GooseWatch NYC. "The government is just going to kill a lot of them and it is not going to accomplish anything, and it is going to waste a lot of tax dollars — and it is going to be

ridiculously cruel."

State conservationists have said the swans destroy aquatic plants, pollute water, endanger planes, and attack people. Swan lovers say there's no evidence to that effect.

Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz (D-Sheepshead Bay) introduced the bill to protect the elegant birds that are an iconic feature of his waterfront district. According to the assemblyman, the governor explained his veto by saying the Department of Environmental Conservation is revising its current swan plans. But Cymbrowitz said the department has a bloody history with swans.

"The governor's office told me that DEC would be introducing a revised plan that would incorporate parts of the bill," said Cymbrowitz. "I would like to find this reassuring, but DEC already promised to consider non-lethal methods for managing the swans and then last June shot two swans to death upstate in full view of the public."



FLIPPING THE BIRD: Gov. Cuomo has vetoed a bill that would have halted the state's plan to exterminate the beloved mute swans in Brooklyn.

File photo by Elizabeth Graham

The Department of Environmental Conservation said it has met with various animal-rights groups, including the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, New York State Conservation Council, and Ducks Unlimited to discuss revisions. A spokeswoman for the department said it is finalizing a new plan, but she could not say when it would be made public.

"While there is not a confirmed date, the revised draft management plan will soon be released for another 45-day comment period," Lori Severino said.

But Karopkin said the department has promised — and failed — to revise its program in the past, so he is going to continue to fight for the rights of those without a voice.

"The DEC has been saying they were going to release a revised plan for almost a year now," Karopkin said. "We'll keep fighting for the swans. We'll keep fighting for all wildlife."

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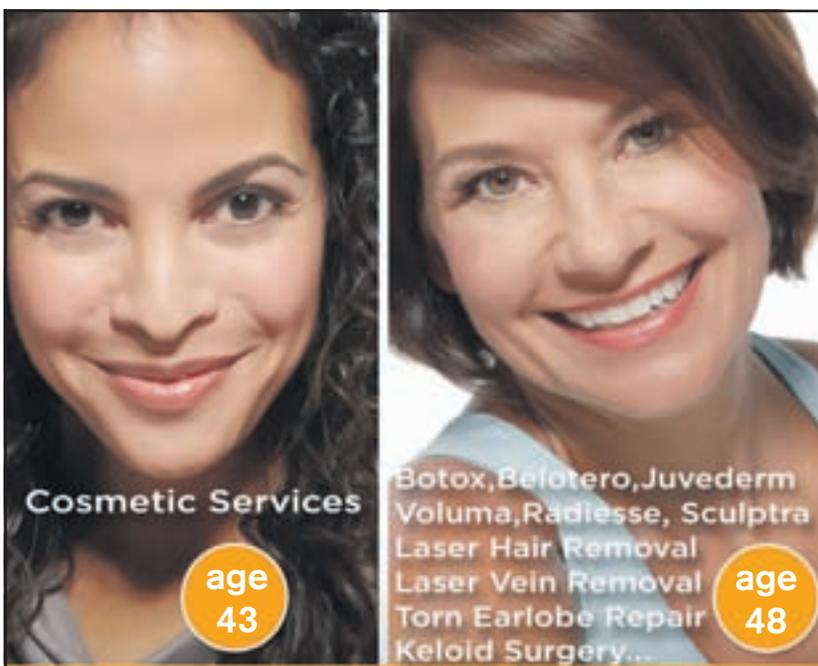


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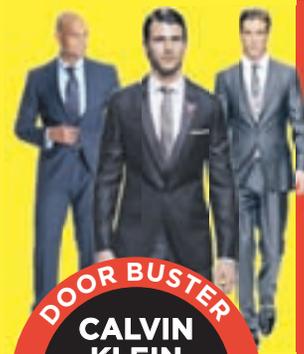
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Wheels of steal

A disc jockey suffered a setback when thieves made off with the equipment she had left in her parked car between 3 pm on Dec. 10 and 1:30 pm on Dec. 11 cops said.

The victim parked her 2005 Hyundai on Fourth Street between Fifth and Sixth streets and locked the door, but when she returned to her ride the next day someone had smashed her rear, driver's-side window and stolen an Acer Aspire laptop valued at \$650 and a Seagate Expansion external hard drive valued at \$500, according to a report.

Not-so-smooth

A wannabe Artful Dodger swiped a woman's wallet and a chunk of cash on a crowded train on Dec. 8, police said.

The victim boarded a Barclays-Center-bound R train at the Union Street stop and noticed a stranger jostle her as she walked through the doors, according to the authorities. When she got to her destination she realized the cretin had snagged her wallet and the \$450 in cash that it contained, a report says.

Rubber meets road

Drivers beware. Two similar wheel thefts befell car owners in recent weeks, according to a report.

In the first heist, a sneak made off with tires worth \$1,200 and rims worth \$2,000 from a 2014 Cadillac Escalade between 6:10 pm on Dec. 6 and 11:10 am on Dec. 7 on Carroll Street between Prospect Park West and Eighth Avenue cops said.

In the second, a bandit swiped tires worth \$800 and rims worth \$1,200 from a 2012 Honda Acura between 11:15 am and noon on Dec 13 on Third Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues, law enforcement officials said.

Packing it in

A thief looted a parked car in the parking lot of a large home improvement store on Second Avenue between 10th and 12th streets in Gowanus on Dec. 12, cops said.

The victim parked his car at 3 pm and returned at 4:30 pm to find it unlocked, although he told police he could not remember whether he had locked the vehicle before going shopping. He drove out of the parking lot, but when he arrived home he realized a \$1,200 Hewlett Packard laptop and \$350 Samsung tablet had been taken, according to a police account.

Snatch-and-grab

A pair of fleet-footed thieves snatched a woman's phone at the Ninth Street R train station on Dec.

12, the NYPD said.

The victim was at the bottom of the station's stairs and had begun taking her phone out of her purse when the punks came up from behind, one grabbed the Blu Studio 5.5 phone, valued at \$199, and they both tore up the stairs and out of site, the authorities said.

— Noah Hurowitz



POLICE BLOTTER

84TH PRECINCT

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DUMBO-BOERUM HILL-DOWNTOWN

All is fare

Police arrested a teenager who they say stole a straphanger's fare in the Jay Street-MetroTech subway station on Dec. 1, then resisted arrest when officers confronted him.

Cops reported that they saw the 17-year-old suspect bump someone away from the turnstile 10 am, after the commuter had swiped, then entered the station in the person's place. An officer confronted the suspect and asked for identification, which got the teen agitated, they said.

"I don't have ID. Y'all are arresting me?" the youngster said as he flailed his arms and kicked, officers said.

The suspect then allegedly dragged the arresting officer and his partner down a staircase trying to evade arrest, a report says. Two more cops joined in and the youth bit officers and screamed, according to the authorities. Police eventually got the suspect into custody, but two officers were injured in the process, per the official report.

Rude awakening

A burglar spooked a woman when she woke up mid-heist in her Dean Street apartment on Dec. 9, according to cops.

The 49-year-old victim said she was asleep in the apartment between Bond and Nevins streets when she heard the floor creak at 4:50 am. She saw the sneak on the third floor of the apartment, and when she asked him what he took he said, "Nothing," then booked it down the stairs towards the front door, cops said. On his way out he snagged a bag containing a laptop, a set of house keys, and \$100 in cash, police said.

Stick it to him

Cops arrested a guy for allegedly attacking the doorman of a Duffield Street building on Dec. 10, NYPD officials said.

The 40-year-old worker said the suspect came into the lobby of the building between Fulton and Wiloughby streets, intoxicated at 12:45 am. The suspect picked a fight with the worker, as he has a history of doing, then supposedly broke a broomstick and whacked the attendant in the wrists and chest, according to a police report.

Police arrived and arrested the 53-year-old suspect, the report says.

Push and pull

A cold-hearted crook stole a woman's purse as she exited the York Street subway station on Dec. 8, according to cops.

The 62-year-old victim said she was leaving the station through the exit at Jay and York streets at 5 pm, when the fiend came up from behind and grabbed her purse. She tried to pull it back, but the brute pulled harder and knocked her to the ground, officers said. The guy pocketed \$45 in cash, police reported.

Everything must go

Someone snatched a woman's wallet from her purse while she shopped in a Fulton Street clothing store on Dec. 13, cops said.

The 21-year-old shopper said she was browsing in the store between Lawrence and Jay streets at 4:15 pm when a stranger bumped into her. She checked her purse shortly thereafter and noticed that her wallet was gone, police said. The bag contained \$20 in cash, and debit and credit cards, according to officers.

— Matthew Perlman

90TH PRECINCT

SOUTHSIDE-BUSHWICK

Keep the change

A young man was arrested after he allegedly used counterfeit money to make three purchases at a Hewes Street bodega on Dec. 19.

The owner of the store between S. Fourth and S. Fifth streets said the 19-year-old came into the store three times with a fake \$20 bill. Each time, the suspect purchased a few snacks and left with lots of change, police reported.

The third time he came in, at 9:20

pm, he purchased an Arizona iced tea, some Lays chips, and a Sunkist, cops said. The owner's son confronted the accused, and the two of them got into a scuffle, a police account says.

The owner's son ended up with cuts and bruises to his left hand and the teen was arrested and charged with robbery, cops said.

Mug lugs

A pair of muggers attacked a woman and tried to steal her pocketbook as she was walking home on S. First Street on Dec. 19, NYPD officials said.

The 28-year-old victim said she was near Berry Street at 8:50 pm when two goons suddenly grabbed her and shoved her to the ground, injuring her right ankle.

The robbers struggled with her and tried to steal her purse but she would not let it go, cops said. The bandits eventually ran away without her purse, according to the authorities.

Slasher flick

Police arrested a man after he allegedly slashed another guy across the face with a broken bottle on Scholes Street on Dec. 20, officers said.

The 20-year-old victim said he was arguing with the suspect at Graham Avenue at 2:30 am when the attack occurred.

Police were called and they arrested the man and charged him with assault. Emergency services took the victim to Bellevue Hospital Center in Manhattan.

94TH PRECINCT

GREENPOINT-NORTHSIDE

Baseball bat attack

Cops cuffed two men who they say beat a guy with a baseball bat on Humboldt Street on Dec. 14.

The 24-year-old victim said he was between Driggs and Nassau avenues, on his way home at 10:54 pm, when the pair got in his face.

"You have a problem, n-----?" one of them allegedly asked.

The two then beat him on his back and right side with the bat, then scrambled, cops reported. Both men were charged with assault, according to the authorities.

Toilet humorless

A man broke into a vacant apartment on India Street on Dec. 15 and stole the bathroom fixtures, law enforcement officials said.

The owner said that he went to his building between Manhattan Avenue and McGuinness Boulevard at 4 pm and found the baseboard, copper pipes, and shower heads taken from the apartment.

— Danielle Furfaro

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AND IT'S GOOD: The Lady Bears break in the fresh court after decades of using other schools' gyms. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

PLAY BALL!

Clinton Hill college athletes get new gym

BY MICHAEL RANDAZZO

Home is where the court is.

Saint Joseph's College in Clinton Hill opened its new athletic center on Vanderbilt Avenue between DeKalb and Willoughby avenues last Thursday night, ending more than a dozen years of work. The small, Catholic liberal-arts college broke in the basketball court with a two-win double-header against teams from its Long Island location. The facility in use was a sight to behold, according to the school's athletic director.

"Not often can you see a dream become a reality," said Frank Carbone, who runs the school's sports programs and coaches its Lady Bears women's basketball team. "To actually see it come to fruition is truly special."

The Hill Center features a three-story atrium, exercise and sports-treatment facilities, and a hardwood basketball court that will also be used for volleyball games. It is the result of a long collaboration between Carbone, Sister Elizabeth Hill, the center's namesake, and Steve Somers, a college trustee and 1982 grad.

Hill retired last June after leading the college as president for 17 years.

Carbone joined the school with Hill in 1987, and on his watch, it has gone from having three varsity sports and 30 athletes with no conference affiliation to 13 sports, 175 athletes, Division 3 status, and membership in the Hudson Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Before the grand opening, Hill praised Carbone's problem-solving skills.

"That man can make bricks out of straw!" she said.

And thanks to the underground student-parking that is part of the building, the two biggest problems Hill saw have been solved.

"When I became president, I said I wanted to do two things: do something about parking, which was very hard in



FINALLY: Saint Joseph's College athletic director Frank Carbone is glad to have an athletic center at long last.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Brooklyn, and to find a home for our basketball and volleyball teams," she said. "We're finally able to do that, so thank god for that."

The athletic program had been nomadic for years, playing in borrowed spaces including Brooklyn Technical High School's cramped gym.

The timing is fortuitous. Next fall, all 13 of the Saint Joseph's sports teams will move to the Skyline Conference, which will allow them to qualify to compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association postseason for the first time.

Saint Joe's is following in the footsteps of Brooklyn College in betting big on athletics. Last year, the Flatbush school finished the West Quad Center, a \$100-million complex including an arena, a pool, and playing fields. So far, the ambitious amenities have been paying off, Brooklyn College's athletics director said.

"They have helped our program continue to grow and helped us with recruiting, student-athlete morale, and fan attendance," Bruce Filosa said.

Hill said her school's new gym will take its sports to the next level.

"Every college should have a home court, a place where they can come to and be proud of, and the students can come and cheer the team on," she said.

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Charter schools get more space

Success Academy secures middle school digs in Williamsburg, Cobble Hill

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

A powerful charter school chain has successfully pressured the city into giving it space to set up new middle schools and fifth-grade classrooms within public-school buildings in Williamsburg and Cobble Hill, an executive with the company said.

Success Academy announced the city had reached a deal moments before the company was set to hold a protest on the steps of city hall last Thursday decrying what it claimed was the city's cold-shoulder response to months of inquiries. A Success exec hailed what she said was a break in the standoff.

"We are feeling positive now that there will be a good outcome," said Ann Powell, Success Academy's senior managing director of public affairs.

Success is asking for space to open fifth-grade classrooms in fall of 2016 for about 80 kids in both Williamsburg and Cobble Hill. Company administrators say they applied for the expansion in July and worried that a lack of response from the city would mean that kids who have attended Success schools since kindergarten would be left with nowhere to go.

"Getting space and making it ready does not happen overnight," Powell said. "We need as much time as we can get."

The city said that it has no intention of shutting out the charter school company, even though many public-school parents resent that the programs take space and resources from their kids. The head of the education department said Success got no special treatment.



EXPANDING: Eva Moskowitz's Success Academy Charter Network has gained more classroom space from the city.

"As we have with all charter operators seeking space, we have been engaged in good-faith discussions to reach outcomes that are fair and work for all our kids," chancellor Carmen Farina said. "We treat every proposal equally, and maintain the same priorities when reviewing every school's request to ensure collocations maximize space to provide an excellent education for all children."

Both the company and the city declined to say where the new Success facilities will be placed.

Williamsburg's JHS 50 was the site of a battle over Success Academy's attempt to move in an elementary school, during which activists argued that the chain was only marketing to affluent white people. Success ultimately won that fight.

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MURDERS

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mayor."

Lynch's union has been embroiled in a contract dispute with the city since May.

The Sergeant's Benevolent Association tweeted a similar message.

A video taken in the hallway of the hospital shows dozens of officers turning their backs on DeBlasio as he makes his way to the press conference after meeting with family members of the slain officers.

At 8:30 pm that night, the intersection where the officers were shot was inaccessible for blocks, with po-

lice floodlights illuminating the surrounding streets. Police in helmets and body armor patrolled the neighborhood with semiautomatic rifles and K-9 units, and neighbors gathered at the police line. One woman, just returning to the neighborhood with her 8-year-old son, was unable to get to her apartment in the Tompkins Houses, and had only just heard about the shooting. The woman, who declined to give her name, said that the relationship between the community and the police is often tense, but that violence and hatred are never the answer.

"Don't shoot the police, don't hate the police," she said. "They keep us safe."

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STEPPING IT UP: Neighbor Louis Ramos hopes a judge throws the Israel brothers, landlords at 300 Nassau Ave., in jail. They are not currently facing charges. Photo by Jason Speakman

STILL OUT IN THE COLD

G'Pointers frozen out of digs by 'sabotage'

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

A group of rent-stabilized Greenpoint tenants are still out of their apartments a year after their Nassau Avenue building's utilities were rendered inoperable — by their landlords, they suspect.

The tenants have sued Aaron and Joel Israel, the brothers who own 300 Nassau Ave., and are paying rent into an escrow account to show good faith, but say they are tired of waiting for the courts to act.

"I am losing hope," Catalina Hidalgo said. "With everything we have been through, I thought that the justice system would kick in right away, but we have not even gotten an update, let alone gotten back into our homes."

The plight of the 15 renters dates back to when someone destroyed the building's thermostat, electrical system, and boilers with an ax. The tenants called the city to complain and inspectors determined that, without utilities, the three-apartment building was unsafe to live in, and forced them to leave, pending repairs.

The displaced residents believe the Israel brothers plotted the sabotage to force them out and replace them with tenants paying market rates.

The three families are scattered around the city. For the time being, Hidalgo and her family are staying in a much more expensive apartment, another family has split up to stay with various relatives, and the third is staying in a homeless shelter, Hidalgo and the tenants' lawyer said.

They are all also paying \$1 per month to the Israel brothers to maintain their end of the landlord-tenant contract.

The tenants' lawyer said the case has been held up by Israel's attorneys and by the slow pace of housing court, and that has to change.

"We need faster response from city and state agencies and from housing court," said lawyer Adam Meyers. "And we need more proactive policing to catch these situations before they result in vacature."

A lawyer for the Israel brothers denied that they sabotaged their building and said that the court's procedures are to blame for all of the delays.

"The Israels have been committed from the beginning to making the necessary repairs as quickly and safely as possible, but repairs cannot be made until they are approved by the court," said Glenn Spiegel, attorney for JBI Management, the Israels' property management company. "The Israels certainly have never vandalized their own buildings, nor have they ever engaged in an effort to force out rent-stabilized tenants."

The lot's zoning allows for a five-story building to rise in place of the current, three-story one.

Tenants at another Israel-owned building, in Bushwick, are having more luck. A judge has ordered the brothers to repair holes contractors made in tenants' floor, forcing them to use a neighbors' kitchen and bathrooms for months.

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NEW YEAR'S

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the new year with a pulsing light show using the Parachute Jump's dazzling new \$2-million lighting system that switched on last year.

Adams touted the seaside celebration as the more authentic way for New Yorkers to ring in the new year.

"Why go to Manhattan and be squashed by tourists when you can come to the county of Kings and be treated like royalty?" said Adams. "Real Brooklynites like to be here in Coney Island. Times Square is for a few people, but Coney Island is for everyone."

The crowds aren't the only thing that will be better in the People's Playground, the local councilman said.

"Times Square has confetti, but we've got the fireworks — real fireworks," said Councilman Mark Treyger (D-Coney Island).

Boardwalk revelers can also catch music and performances, and sip a little (non-alcoholic) bubbly during the celebration, Adams said. But Boardwalk bars like Tom's of Coney Island and Ruby's will also be open and slinging their higher-octane libations, owners said.

A DJ will handle kicking-out-the-jams duties this year, but the Borough President said starting

next year he'll hold an annual competition to select live performers to feature at future New Year's bashes. And the freaks will certainly be out on Dec. 31.

"In true Coney Island fashion, we will have sideshow performers," said Johanna Zaki, director of the Alliance for Coney Island.

One community leader said the celebration heralds the People's Playground's ongoing resurgence.

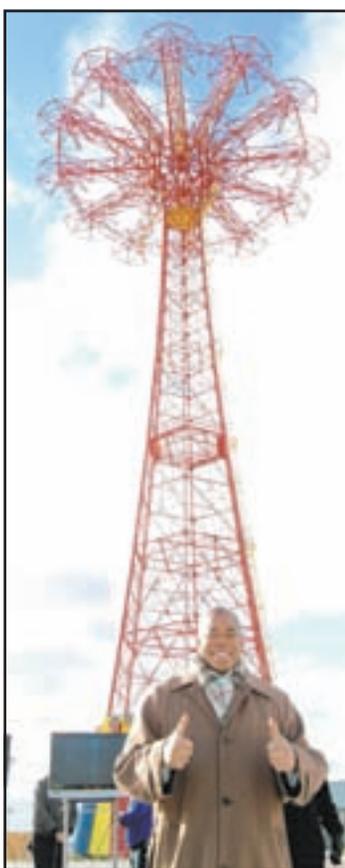
"This has been five years in the making," said Eddie Mark, a member of Community Board 13 who advocated for the party. "The new regime — Eric Adams and Mark Treyger — is saying, 'Coney Island is ready for a change.' This is a sign of major things happening in the neighborhood."

A staffer for Adams said the celebration could become an economic engine in the waterfront area's slower, cold-weather months.

"You could see people, in future years, coming here for New Year's and staying the night for the Polar Plunge on New Year's Day," said Borough Hall communications director Stefan Ringel.

The Brooklyn pride was palpable at last Thursday's announcement, and the man famed for running on the Boardwalk in weather fair or foul for thousands of consecutive days best summed up the general mood.

"F--- Times Square," said pe-



COUNTING UP: Borough President Adams says the New Year's countdown on Coney Island's Parachute Jump will be a new annual tradition.

Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

rennial Boardwalk jogger Gary Atlas.

DIME BANK

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The Dime building has enjoyed both interior and exterior landmark designations since 1994, when the Landmarks Preservation Commission called it one of the most important structures in the borough.

"The building with its interior banking hall is among Brooklyn's most notable works of commercial architecture," the commission's designation report says.

The protected status prevented Chase from adding a wheelchair ramp to one of its cash machines last year, and means that tearing down the Greek-like dome and column structure is all but out of the question. But thanks to the lot's zoning, the property includes a heap of unused development rights, which can be transferred to add height to a nearby property.

Junior's Restaurant, located up the block on the corner of DeKalb Avenue and Flatbush Avenue Extension, is one eligible neighbor, but the owner said he turned down a \$45 million offer and took the cheesecake haven off the block back in September because he couldn't bear closing, even temporarily. Knakal says other properties in the vicinity could also qualify to use the air rights.

The bank building could be used for retail or an event space, he said, acknowledging that the corner would make a good place for an Apple store. The tech giant is rumored to be opening a store on Bedford Avenue in Williamsburg, and the siting of the first of its retail outlets in Brooklyn has provided fodder for years of speculation.

"Absolutely. That's one of the many retail possibilities," he said.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE PROBATE COURT CASE NO. 2005-ES-15-00013 COUNTY OF COLLETON Vincent Shider, Petitioner, Vs. Tiffany Joefield, Deidra Shider, Noah Salley, Hoover Salley, SUMMONS Cynthia Salley, Noah L. Salley, Jr., Ruby Marshal, and Leroy Henderson, TO THE DEFENDANTS

ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to this Complaint upon the subscriber at her office, 112 Forest Hills Road, Walterboro, South Carolina 29488, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint and your failure to appear and defend shall result in a judgment by default being rendered against you. Walterboro, South Carolina 16 June 2014 Deborah B. Kane Attorney for Plaintiffs 112 Forest Hills Road Walterboro, SC 29488 (843)549-1060

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FAMILY COURT FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE NOTICE OF FAMILY COURT PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ACTION TO Anthony Roman, (Respondent) Petitioner, Josarah Calhorn has filed a Petition for an Order of Protection From Abuse against you in the Family Court of the State of Delaware for Kent County, Petition No. 14-33352 A court hearing has been scheduled for 12/30/2014 at 9:30AM. The Family Court is located at 400 Court St., Dover, DE 19901. If you fail to appear, the hearing may proceed without you. There is an Ex-Parte Order in effect. If you wish to obtain the information on this filing prior to the hearing, please respond to the Family Court location noted above.

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1121 AT DEAN STREET LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on

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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.

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1434 UTICA LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/06/14. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2070. 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, 1431 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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5 COLEMAN SQUARE LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/13/14. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2070. 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, 1431 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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DiRaimondo & Schroeder, LLP. Notice of Registration filed with the SSNY on 10/21/14. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of

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the LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLP, 240 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11249, which also serves as the location of the partnership. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law.

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GreenTree General Store LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/15/07. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 95 Norman Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11211. General Purposes.

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JKD & ESD, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/8/14. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1610 8th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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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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LAT Research, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/21/14. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2279 Coney Island Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11223. General Purposes.

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More Development LLC. Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 09/06/05. 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: The LLC, 812 54th St., Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

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Notice of Formation of 142 NEWTON LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/14. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 142 Newton St., Brooklyn, NY 11222. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Betzalel Solomon at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of 828 NY Ave LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/2014. 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 11203. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: 498 SMITH Street, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/26/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O 498 SMITH STREET, LLC, 45 Garnet St., Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

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Notice of Formation of BROOKLYN YOGA PROJECT, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/23/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY

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designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, regd. agent upon whom and at which process may be served. 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 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 limited liability company (LLC). Name: R & B 26, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/01/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of

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process to: MARTIN I. SUSS, CPA 800 ANNA-DALE ROAD STATEN ISLAND, NY 10312. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 888 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/16/2014. 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: SHIH-TUO EUSTACIA LIU 22 TANNERS ROAD GREAT NECK, NY 11020. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GOURMET FLIGHTS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/11/2014. 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: PARAGON JETS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/19/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail copy of process to: PARAGON JETS LLC 155 WATER STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ESHOPO LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/25/2014. 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: 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 Qualification of Fifth & First LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/24/14. NYS fictitious name: Henri on Fifth I, LLC. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 279 5th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215. LLC formed in DE on 9/22/14. NY 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. DE addr. of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

Get to know your cataract risk factors



Vision impairment is one condition that many associate with aging, and cataracts are a primary concern for those of middle-age and older.

As men and women age, they can experience certain physical changes and health challenges. Vision impairment is one condition that many associate with aging, and cataracts are a primary concern for those of middle-age and older.

Today, more than 22 million Americans age 40 and older have cataracts. According to the National Eye Institute, by age 80, more than half of all Americans will either have a cataract or have had cataract surgery.

Cataract is clouding of the eye's lens that blocks or changes the passage of light into the eye. Normally the lens is clear, which allows light to pass through to the back of the eye, so that a person can see well-defined images. If a cataract forms and the lens becomes covered in an opaque film, light cannot pass through easily. The result will be fuzzy vision, almost like looking through a fogged-up window. If cataracts are not treated, an individual may eventually lose most of his or her vision.

One or both eyes can be affected by cataracts. In the case of both eyes being compromised, one eye is usually worse than the other.

The primary risk factor for developing cataracts is age. The older a person is, the greater their risk. However, there are several other risk factors as well.

- Intense heat or long-term exposure to UV rays from the sun
- Certain diseases, such as diabetes
- Obesity
- High blood pressure
- Inflammation in the eye
- Hereditary influences
- Long-term steroid use
- Eye injuries
- Other eye diseases

• Smoking
Prevent Blindness America provides free information to the public on everything from cataract basics to tips on what to expect from cataract surgery. And, as part of its new Healthy Eyes Educational Series, the organization offers a specific online module on cataracts, including a Power Point presentation and guide. The organization shares this information about cataracts:

• Early symptoms of a cataract may include cloudy or blurry vision.

• Lights may cause a glare, seem too dim, or seem too bright.

• Sufferers may also find it difficult to read or drive, especially at night.

• Individuals may have to change their eyeglass prescriptions often.

There are no medications or other treatment options besides surgery to correct cataracts. In the United States, cataract surgery has a 95 percent success rate, and patients often have 20-20 or 20-40 vision post-surgery. Cataract surgery is also the most frequently performed surgery, often performed as an outpatient procedure.

In Canada, where, according to Statistics Canada, seniors will make up 21 percent of the population by 2026, cataract surgery is also frequent and well tolerated. Approximately 250,000 cataract surgeries take place in Canada each year, according to The National Coalition for Vision Health.

It is widely recommended to get regular eye exams to check for cataracts early on.

"By getting a complete, dilated eye exam, your doctor can discuss with you the best strategy to protect your vision well into the future," said Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent

Blindness America. "We encourage everyone, especially those ages 40 and older, to make their vision a priority by scheduling an eye appointment

today." *Prevent Blindness America, visit preventblindness.org/ataract or call its toll free number at (800) 331-2020.*

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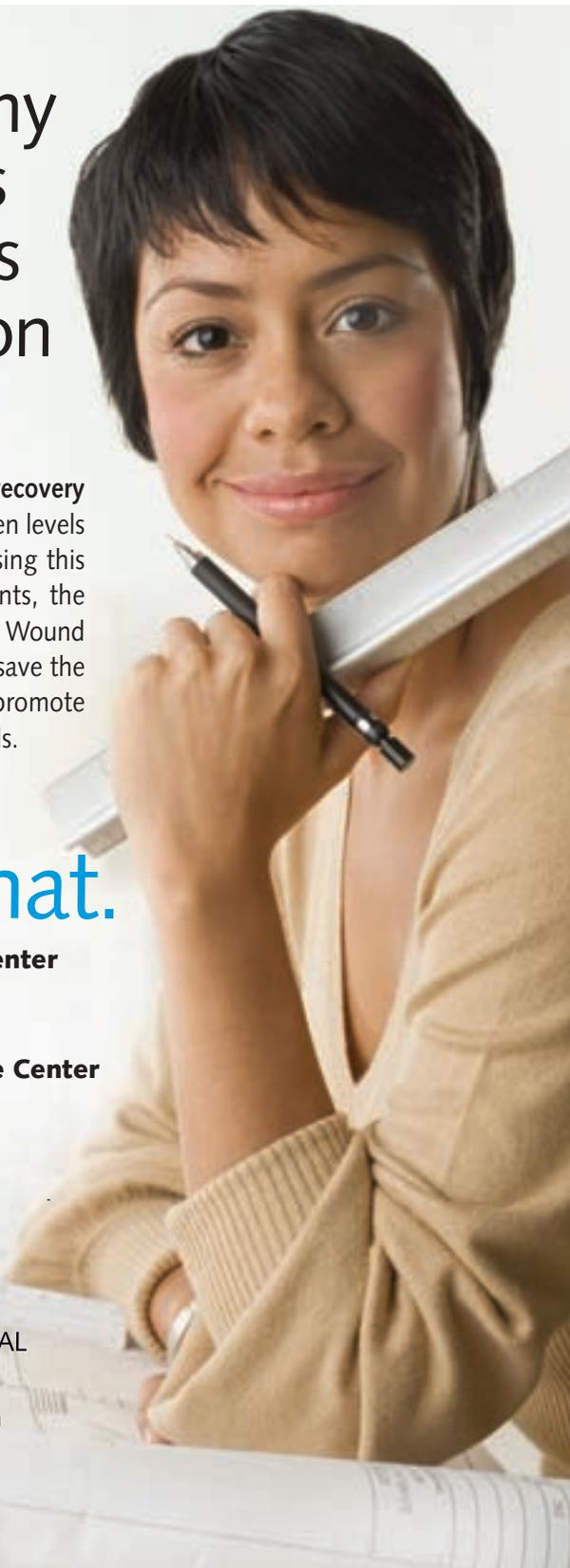
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Recognizing your child's vision problem

Parents want their kids to be as healthy as possible. Whether tailoring kids' diets to include healthier foods or encouraging their youngsters to be physically active, parents often go the extra mile with regards to the health of their children.

But as hard as parents may try, some health-related issues are difficult to avoid or prevent. For example, even the most conscientious parents might have little influence over their children's vision. Many children have a form of myopia, commonly known as nearsightedness, which progressively worsens as kids get older, but eventually stabilizes when their eyes have stopped growing, typically in a young adult's early 20s. Myopia is common and treatable, but parents should still educate themselves about it.

What causes myopia?

When a person has myopia, light entering his eye is focused incorrectly. Nearsighted

people usually have an eyeball that is slightly longer than normal from front to back, and the light rays that make up the images a nearsighted person sees focus in front of the retina instead of directly on it.

The result is that objects that are far away appear blurry.

Are there indicators that a child is nearsighted?

Kids likely won't tell their parents that they are struggling to see distant objects clearly, so it's important for parents to look for indicators that a child might be struggling with myopia. Kids who are nearsighted might squint to see objects that are far away, including the television.

One of the telltale indicators is how a child behaves in the classroom. Children who tell their teacher they need to move closer to the chalkboard should be taken to the eye doctor. Parents who suspect their child might be nearsighted can

talk to their child's teacher and ask if the teacher feels the child might be struggling with his or her vision. Such struggles can affect how a child performs in school.

Children who get frequent headaches might also be suffering from nearsightedness.

Doctors recommend that kids have their eyes examined at six months, 3 years of age, and prior to entering the first grade. But even if kids have passed previous eye examinations at each of those benchmarks, it's best to take them for another exam the moment a vision problem is suspected.

Is myopia preventable?

Since it is often inherited, myopia is not preventable. However, treatment can significantly minimize its effects. Children who appear to be struggling to see distant objects clearly should be taken for an eye exam. That exam may include an eye pressure

measurement; a refraction test, which is used to determine a correct prescription for eyeglasses; a retinal examination; and a visual acuity test, which measures sharpness of vision at close and far distances.

When a child is diagnosed as being nearsighted, the doctor will likely prescribe eyeglasses or contact lenses. LASIK surgery can correct vision, but many surgeons are reticent to recommend such surgery until a patient's eye has fully developed, which does not occur until after childhood.

Are there other symptoms?

There are additional symptoms of childhood vision problems that might not indicate nearsightedness, but might indicate another problem that should result in a trip to the eye doctor. For example, a child might close one eye when watching television or reading. This could be indicative that vision in one eye is poorer



than the other.

Young children who struggle to color within the lines might have an issue with their hand-eye coordination. Poor hand-eye coordination could be the result of a vision impairment.

Children who tilt their head to one side to improve vision might be suffering from a vision problem that makes it difficult for them to look directly down.

Vision problems can negatively affect how a child performs in school as well as in social situations. Though such vision problems are not always preventable, parents who can identify them can greatly minimize their effects.



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Millie R. Fell, MD
Clinical Associate Professor
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It's that time of year again when we all make resolutions to start an exercise program and lose those last ten pounds we are carrying with us for the past couple of years. Why not start with a comprehensive eye exam at the top of your resolution list? Make a checklist of all the health-care preventive measures you can take to ensure that you are in the best health possible. Give yourself a head start and make an appointment with your physi-

cians today. Start with your eyes and make an appointment with your eye MD to kick off the New Year.

Preventing serious problems by early detection is the number one way to stay healthy. A comprehensive eye exam including a dilated retinal exam can detect many diseases that are silent and without symptoms, the most common being:

-Glaucoma - every adult over 40 should be examined for the

risk factors for this disease

-Diabetic retinopathy - every diabetic patient should have a dilated retinal exam

-Need for a prescription change or reading glasses - as we get older our need for glasses changes and sometimes fluctuating vision can be simply remedied with a new prescription for glasses.

So take your health into your own hands and schedule an eye exam with your eye MD today.

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Contact lens care vital for eye health

Since the advent of contact lenses, individuals with impaired vision have had a convenient method for improving their eyesight. Contact lenses are available in more prescriptions and styles than ever before, making them quite attractive to those looking for an alternative to traditional eyeglasses.

Contact lenses are worn by millions of people every day. Although contact lenses appear to be a recent phenomenon, the concept of altering the optics of the human eye by placing an object directly over the cornea can be traced back to mathematician and inventor Leonardo da Vinci as early as 1508. Some reports say German glassblower F.A. Muller used methods initiated by English astronomer Sir John Herschel to produce the first glass contact lens in 1887. Others say the invention is

attributed to Swiss physician Adolf E. Fick and French optician Edouard Kalt in 1888.

Regardless of their origins, contact lenses gradually evolved from glass to nonporous plastic to hydrophilic soft contact lenses, which were introduced in 1959. Today, All About Vision notes that more than 90 percent of contact lenses prescribed in the United States are soft lenses.

Because they're so convenient to use, contact lenses are easily taken for granted. However, good contact lens care is essential to maintaining proper vision and eye health. When certain precautions regarding contact lenses are not taken, the risk of eye infection or more serious complications increases considerably.

The best way to avoid eye infections and further problems is to prac-

tice proper lens care. Contact lenses come in direct contact with the eye, and these lenses can easily transport bacteria and other microscopic material from the hands and elsewhere, putting sensitive eyes in constant jeopardy if precautions are not taken. Ophthalmologists help their patients decide which lenses are best for their particular eyes, and the condition being treated also helps determine the type of lens.

But whether a person is using single-use disposable lenses or rigid gas-permeable lenses, the following tips can help ensure lenses stay clean:

Keep hands clean. Always wash hands with soap and water before handling contact lenses or any equipment. Choose a noncosmetic soap. Soaps with perfumes, lotions and the like can leave a film on your hands, and that film can then be

transferred to the lenses. Once hands have been washed, dry them with a lint-free towel.

Say not to H₂O. Do not rinse or allow contact lenses to come into contact with water, even if the water is sterile. Remove lenses before washing your face or getting in a shower or pool. The lenses should not be stored in water; they should only be stored in a suitable contact lens solution.

Rub dirt out. While there are a variety of contact solutions on the market, some of which advertise "no-rub" cleaning, many eye care professionals recommend that lenses be rubbed and rinsed regardless of any claims made on solution labels. This helps break up oil or other materials that can stick to the lenses.

Clean the lens case. Always rinse lenses with



Contact lenses are convenient, but they require more maintenance than traditional eyeglasses to keep eyes healthy.

fresh solution. When the lenses are in your eyes, leave the empty case open to air dry. Routinely rinse your storage case with solution. This cleans out any dust or material that falls into the case. Discard each case after three months.

Keep contact solution bottle clean. Keep the tip of the solution bottle away from any surfaces in the bathroom. Always replace the cap to keep the solution sterile. Use the solution from the sterile bottle, and do not transfer it to smaller travel bottles.

Use care when handling lenses. A small

tear or nick in soft lenses can cause irritation in your eyes. Discard worn or torn lenses, and follow the recommendations of the lens manufacturer and your eye doctor as to when to replace each set of lenses.

Follow doctor's orders. Your doctor may recommend a protein removal product if your lenses are prone to protein buildup. Eye drops can rewet the eyes if they are dry and irritated.

Contact lens care requires commitment. Though contact lenses are convenient, they require more maintenance than traditional eyeglasses.

Focus on Focus: New York Methodist Offers Treatments for Diabetic Macular Edema

If you are reading this text, then you have your macula to thank. Enjoying your new HD television? Thank your macula again. The macula, a quarter-inch area at the back of the eye's interior (retina), is responsible for your central vision and your ability to resolve fine details, features and colors.

Unfortunately, for the 25 million Americans with type 1 or type 2 diabetes, the macula is a prime target for diabetic macular edema (DME), the leading cause of blindness and visual disability in patients with diabetes. Over half a million Americans currently live with DME, which occurs when blood vessels

in the eye become leaky, causing a clear, yellow or bloody fluid to ooze into the retina.

"DME often has no symptoms, which is why it's important that patients with diabetes receive comprehensive dilated eye exams on a yearly basis," said Sam Unterricht, M.D., chief of ophthalmology, retina, and neuro-ophthalmology at New York Methodist Hospital. "Medical and nutritional measures can be very effective at preventing and controlling DME. By the time a patient starts to notice the symptoms, such as distortion, blurred vision, and difficulty resolving faces or reading, the condition may

already have reached an advanced stage. Fortunately, over 90 percent of DME cases can be halted and even reversed with advanced, non-surgical treatments. But DME is a progressive condition, so receiving treatment as soon as it is identified is crucial."

To diagnose DME, an ophthalmologist may use a combination of stereoscopic retinal examination with headsets or microscopes, retinal angiography, Ocular Coherence Tomography (OCT), or ultrasonography which uses sound waves. This allows the doctor to evaluate subtle details in the macula that may indicate that DME is present. The most common treat-

ment for DME is focal laser treatment to slow the leakage of fluid into the retina. Retinal specialists at NYM can now also treat DME with several different injections that can dramatically reduce fluid leakage into the retina and inhibit the growth of abnormal blood vessels. Depending on the individual, this may result in better vision than focal laser surgery used alone is able to provide.

"The best way for diabetic patients to reduce their risk for developing diabetic macular edema is straightforward: be dedicated to your treatment for diabetes," said Dr. Unterricht. "Manage your blood sugar and blood pressure care-

fully, exercise regularly, eat a balanced diet and maintain a healthy body weight and cholesterol level. This is essential to reducing risk for all types of complications due to diabetes. However, those who develop DME have an ever-increasing array of options that will allow them to stave off vision loss and blindness, and help them to maintain a high quality of life."

New York Methodist Hospital's Diabetes Education and Resource Center offers a multidisciplinary team of doctors, including ophthalmologists, specializing in the treatment of diabetes. To consult with a physician affiliated with the Center, call 718-246-8603.

Adams to activists: Pause the cause until after cop burials

Anti-police-brutality protestors should ditch the pitch while the two cops killed in Bedford-Stuyvesant are laid to rest, according to Borough President Adams ("Brooklyn pols say 'pause' protests, borough activists vow to march on," online Dec. 23).

The cease and desist came as the city mourned officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, who were shot without warning by an unhinged gunman with a lengthy rap sheet. Family members of the shooter said he had a history of mental illness and violence, and officers say he was disgruntled over grand-jury decisions not to indict the cops who killed Gowanus native Eric Garner on Staten Island and Michael Brown in Missouri. The murderer turned the gun on himself as cops moved to arrest him.

Online, readers marched full steam ahead with their comments.

Mayor DeBlasio, you are polarizing New York City. Please resign. You are in over your head in this job. Please do the right thing and resign. Do us all a favor, please. Please.

Anonymous from Williamsburg

Anonymous you are doing a disservice to the city. He's done more to help ordinary people. Please do us a favor and stop causing trouble.

Bkmanhatman from Nubrucklyn

As much as I dislike the mayor, he can't be blamed for what this animal did. That piece of garbage, and many others like him, led long criminal pasts in which they were let off easy by district attorneys looking for quick "convictions" through plea bargains. Fact is he was a felon who only served two years for a felony gun possession charge in Georgia, when he should have served five years, meaning he should have still been in jail. And while the NYPD needs sweeping reforms, people need to draw a distinction between the officers and the agency. So while protesters have the patriotic right to protest peacefully, they should show some respect, not for the NYPD, but for the officers and their families.

Common Cents from Crown Heights

SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

Even the British and Germans paused World War I for Christmas. But I can't criticize those who choose to continue protesting over the next few days. Reforming the police department and the justice system is too important.

Mike from Williamsburg

The Patrolmen's Benevolent Association's president is a rabble-rouser. The NYPD's inability to accept criticism makes it impossible to have a dialogue between police and civilians.

Bob from Brooklyn

These protesters and anyone associated with them are immoral and should be ashamed. Stop with the bull nonsense and don't break the law — plain and simple. You are not a god, nor are you better than anyone else. Get a life.

DMC from Park Slope

Patrolmen's Benevolent Association's president Pat Lynch should take a "pause" from spewing inflammatory bile out of his mouth. That would actually show respect to the people he supposedly represents.

Jimmy from Flatbush

It would be extremely insensitive if the protest groups continue marching right away. It'd be bad public relations for them, and the public sympathy for their cause will decrease. If they are incapable of even pause a few days to show respect to the murdered officers, clearly the demonstrators harbor lots of hate. In that case, these groups should not expect much respect from the public.

Jimmy from Bedford-Stuyvesant

A Kensington councilman's pushes to redesign a playground erases the roller-rink beloved by area hockey players ("Face-off! Roller-hockey players vie to save Kensington rink," online Dec. 19).

Readers took some shots on goal online.

There was a similar argument the last time the park was renovated, perhaps a dozen years ago. It comes down to demographics. Many Orthodox Jewish mothers and children visit the park, but they never use the hockey rink.

Is the rink used enough to warrant taking up that much real estate? I don't know. Apparently the Council member doesn't think so, or perhaps

he is just taking care of his core constituency.

Anonymous from Williamsburg

Cop killers

To the editor,

It's Christmas week and the news is filled with the sad story of two of our finest NYPD officers gunned down in cold blood. In this politically charged atmosphere and politically correct society, a high-ranking chief referred to the gunman as a "gentleman." This "gentleman" had a rap sheet of more arrests that should have put him behind bars for a lifetime. Why was this "gentleman" out on the streets committing these heinous crimes?

I believe the politically correct should refer to low-life cop killers as Fine Upstanding Citizens! These F.U.C.'s deserve the full weight of the law, and then some, when they decide to kill a cop. These F.U.C.'s should, if they don't kill themselves first, also feel the wrath and pain of the families they hurt so badly. So whenever one of these so-called "gentlemen" perpetrates a crime such as this, police brass should refer to them as the F.U.C.'s they truly are.

**Robert W. Lobenstein
Mill Basin**

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To the editor,

An "unarmed" young man was shot. Was that the important thing? That he was unarmed? Is that ever the important thing?

Is the cop really supposed to fight back with his bare hands, even if he feels his life is in danger, because if he uses his gun and if the guy he's trying to arrest is unarmed, then it wasn't a fair fight? What if the "policeman" is a policewoman? Still not allowed to shoot? She also has to fight fair?

If the cop is the only one with a gun, then it might not be a fair fight but it's not supposed to be a fair fight. An arrest is not a duel. It's not "Man of La Mancha." The cop is supposed to win. You're supposed to give up. You're being arrested. Tomorrow, you'll have a lawyer and then there'll be the judge.

Last week we saw what happens when the other guy is armed. That's the way it will always be if the bad guy has a gun. Nobody reads a cop his Miranda rights. It's just, "Bang!" Rest in peace, Officer Wenjian Liu. Rest in peace, Officer Rafael Ramos.

**Stephen Finger
Mill Basin**

Elected oaf-icials

To the editor,

Two years ago 26 children and six teachers were shot dead by a loose cannon at a Connecticut elementary school. Where was the Congress that was supposed to represent us? It was so easy to go on TV and feel the pain of the families who lost loved ones, but when the general public cried out to do something, some politicians were silent. So afraid that if they pushed for background checks for guns the National Rifle Association would find other candidates to support. I really find them so heartless with no feelings of any kind.

Now two NYPD officers have been gunned down by a deranged man. This was not the first time this has happened. Are politicians going to be silent once again in the face of our local police being shot down? Who is next on someone's list to be taken out?

**Jerry Sattler
Brighton Beach**

Kim Gone Un

To the editor,

I think the response to North Korea's cyber attack on Sony was a little harsh by the U.S. — if in fact we were behind their nine-hour internet interruption. Kim Jong Un must have been jumping mad when he couldn't watch his daily cartoons or episodes of "The Three Stooges" that he watches every day because he likes to watch Moe dropping young Kim Jong Un on his head over and over, and also believes Moe is his real grandfather. I don't think they'll try anything again.

**Nufigity Sanzone
Coney Island**

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To the editor,

I cannot understand why Al "Sharpy" Sharpton gets away with all his crap. He incited protesters to block the Brooklyn Bridge, and ambulances and fire trucks couldn't get through if need be, just as he did back in May 2008 (regarding Sean Bell), and numerous other times.

He likes to organize protests more than he likes to bring peace. A reverend? Where'd he get his training, alongside the Islamic State? Let us not forget that he has not paid the heap of money he owes the government, but he stands next to Police Commissioner Bill Bratton and Mayor DeBlasio at press talks, and spends more time at the White House than our elected officials. Arrest him.

**Bea Watson
Bensonhurst**

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The mayor's freshman-year report card

Like many freshmen, Mayor DeBlasio had some moments of glory and some rookie stumbles in his first year in office. Now, as we head into the holiday season of good cheer (and school break), here is a brief report card on his performance in some difficult subjects:

PUBLIC SAFETY: It's hard to believe that major crime went down once again this year, continuing a remarkable two-decade-plus slide in a city many thought was ungovernable in the early 1990s. Murders dropped once again and all major crimes were down about five percent from last year. Even more remarkably, all this was accomplished with a huge decrease in the use of "stop and frisk," one of the key crime-fighting techniques of the previous administration. **Grade: A**

EDUCATION: Getting universal pre-K approved in his first few months in office and then launching what is essentially a whole new grade by September definitely stands out as the singular achievement of the DeBlasio administration's maiden year. There's



POLITICAL SPIN CYCLE

Tom Allon

no doubt that getting kids in school a year earlier will pay long-term dividends. On the other side of the ledger, however, the mayor still seems to have an aversion to charter schools, but is grudgingly allowing them to expand because they have a strong ally in Albany in Gov. Cuomo. Now DeBlasio has to tackle the black hole of middle-school education, raise the overall

high-school graduation rate, work on teacher development and retention and, of course, make sure the Common Core curriculum succeeds.

Grade: A-

POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Some may say that the mayor is not to blame for the Eric Garner incident, lack of indictment and the chaos that has ensued with mass protests and the recent assassination of two cops. They may be right, but one of the downsides of being the boss is that along with the kudos, comes the blame when things don't go well. The mayor has tried very hard to skate between qualified support for the men in blue and feeling empathy for the family of Garner and the thousands of protesters who have hit the streets after the no-indictment grand jury. Gone are the days of a mayor who is absolutely, positively always siding with the cops; Giuliani and Bloomberg made an art of that and it invariably bruised the city's minority community at times. Now, with Al Sharpton back in the racial mix (where was he during

the Bloomberg era?) and with the city's tabloids fanning the flames of cop vs. citizen conflagration, we are witnessing a brush fire that may become a four-alarm blaze. The Mayor needs to become the "Uniter-in-Chief" and make both heads of the Patrolmen's and Sergeant's unions his besties. **Grade: D**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The mayor hired a great team of people, including Alicia Glen and Carl Weisbrod, to spearhead his ambitious attempt to build more than 200,000 affordable units in the next decade. His first year, he definitely set a strong tone and precedent with his hardball negotiation with the owners of the Domino Sugar Factory. But the actual number of new units getting off the ground in the first year is not on pace with the mayor's ambitious long-term plan, so he may have to hit the remedial room in 2015 to make up lost ground. He also didn't help the affordable housing cause by ham-handedly campaigning for state Senate Democrats who lost badly in the recent election; with rent

regulations up for renewal in 2015 in Albany, he does not have many allies in the state Senate's Republican majority. If a large chunk of rent-regulated apartments go to market rate in the next few years, the mayor will feel like Sisyphus as the net number of affordable units actually goes down during his first term.

Grade: B

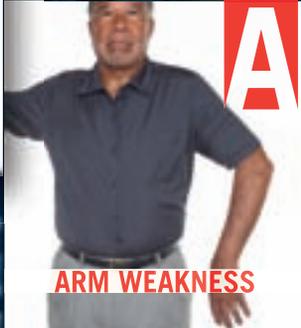
LEARNING FROM MISTAKES: The mayor probably needs to have more than a better alarm clock to make sure he shows up when he says he will; he needs a person he trusts to pull him out of bed, end meetings or cancel unnecessary appointments so he can shake his reputation for tardiness. And in personnel matters, he probably needs to be more decisive in getting rid of non-essential staffers such as Rachel Noerdlinger when their alleged misdeeds start dominating the tabloid headlines. **Grade: D**

Tom Allon, the president of City & State, NY, was the Liberal Party-backed candidate for mayor in 2012. He can be reached at tallon@cityandstateny.com.

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Crazy, sexy, cool: DJ and '90s music aficionado Steve Reynolds will DJ a throwback New Year's Eve party at Union Hall.

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Get jiggy wit it

Brooklyn is celebrating the new year 1990s style

By Danielle Furfaro

Welcome 2015 by partying like it is 1999!

The level of 1990s nostalgia is so high right now that at least three separate venues in Brooklyn are planning to ring in the new year with sounds and styles from two decades ago.

"People want to go back and revisit their youth and all the great songs that came out of that era," said Marcus Linal, manager of '90s party band the Bayside Tigers.

The band, named for the school mascot in iconic '90s teen show "Saved by the Bell," will ring in the new year with a "Saved by the '90s" party at the Fun Music Ballroom in Dumbo.

Revelers should come in their comfiest pair of platform Sketchers or Reebok

pumps to dance in, as the band said it has a catalogue of more than two hours' worth of songs from acts including Third Eye Blind, Smashmouth, and the Backstreet Boys.

The hams at Park Slope restaurant Pork Slope will also provide plenty of era-appropriate tunes at their '90s party, courtesy of a DJ, but the focus will be on throwback tastes, with the kitchen cooking up house-made hot pockets, pop tarts, and pizza rolls. The organizers are also asking attendees to come dressed for the theme — which means bucket hats and JNCO jeans (worn backwards, Kriss Kross style, please), as the target audience is those who spent the decade poring over their Trapper Keeper and watching Clarissa explains it all, said one employee.

"We want to make a good time for those who remember coming home from

middle school and getting their hot pocket on," said Pork Slope manger Lopi Asch.

Over at Union Hall in Park Slope, disc jockey and Steve Reynolds is no stranger to the era of Nirvana and No Fear T-shirts. He hosts the regular "Party Like it's 1999" dance parties at sister bar the Bell House. But to celebrate 2015, he is expanding his repertoire from 1989 to 2004 with "15 for 2015: A Flashback New Year's Eve."

"I wanted 15 years to work with, so I fudged it until I came up with the ones that made the most sense," said Reynolds, who lives in Kensington.

The market for these kind of events may be those hoping to relive their teen years, but unlike real '90s high school parties, there will be no lines between the preps, geeks, and burnouts at these dances, said Linal.

"There used to be the kind of person who listened to Nirvana and the kind of person who listened to Britney Spears," said Linal. "But now everyone in the audience is singing all of the songs together."

"Saved by the '90s" at the Fun Music Ballroom (26 Bridge St. between John and Plymouth streets in Dumbo, www.funmusicpresentsnye.com). Dec. 31 at 9 pm. \$95, including five-hour open bar.

Party at Pork Slope [247 Fifth Ave. between Carroll Street and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 768-7675, www.pork-slopebrooklyn.com]. Dec. 31 at 5 pm. Free entry.

"15 for 2015" at Union Hall [702 Union St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400, www.union-hallny.com]. Dec. 31 at 10 pm. \$5.

LAST DANCE

New Year's Eve parties around Brooklyn

In the immortal words of David Bowie: let's dance.

The horror that was 2014 is finally (almost) behind us, and the only thing to do is put on your red shoes and dance the blues away until the year is but a distant memory. And whether you prefer to do that in a sweaty mosh pit or a laser-lit dance-floor, Brooklyn has a party to suit every musical preference. So we have compiled an authoritative guide to all the New Year's Eve shows in the borough that haven't sold out yet (as of writing; no guarantees), arranged in order of price for your convenience.

Let's go crazy

Don your best velvet suit for Videology's "Purple Rain" party. The bar-theater will screen the film and serve up Prince-themed cocktails followed by DJs playing tunes from the '70s to the '90s.

9:30 pm at Videology [308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg, (718) 782-3468, www.videology.info]. Free.

Sing it off

Be your own entertainment at Greenpoint bar the Diamonds, which is throwing a karaoke party. Your first drink is half-price, and those who dress in "party attire" get free champagne at midnight.

8 pm at the Diamond [43 Franklin St. between Calyer and Quay streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-5030, www.thediamondbrooklyn.com]. Free.

Rasta la vista

The annual Reggae Prom returns, with Rastafarian rhythms from bands the Far East and the Frightnrs, plus selectors Grace of Spades and Jonny Go! Figure. Dress fancy and bring your own alcoholic libations.

8 pm at the Tea Factory (175 Stockholm St. between Wilson and Knickerbocker avenues in Bushwick). Free before 9 pm, \$7 after.

Horn-y

Upbeat jazz and blues band the Rad Trads will bring its party-starting horn section to Radegast Hall and Biergarten for a literal blowout.

9 pm at Radegast Hall and Biergarten [[113 N. Third St. at Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3973, www.radegasthall.com]. \$10.

Raga-muffins

Indian classical music collective Brooklyn Raga Massive is ringing in the new year with the sound of the subcontinent. Raga Kids will play a family-friendly sing-a-long at 4 pm, followed by a marathon evening of music, headlined by the Brooklyn Raga Massive All-Star Party Band and capped off with a midnight jam session.

6 pm at Art Cafe [886 Pacific St. at Underhill Avenue in Crown Heights, (347) 533-8662, www.brooklynragamassive.com]. \$20.

On the John

Say goodbye yellow brick road, hello 2015 with Elton John at Barclays. There weren't many tickets left last time we checked, but ABC will broadcast some of the show live as part of "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve."

9 pm at Barclays Center [620 Atlantic

Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100, www.barclayscenter.com]. \$69.50-\$700.

Diplomatic unity

Groove into the new year at Barbes with guitarist Mamady Kouyate and his Guinean Afro-jazz group Mandingo Ambassadors.

10 pm at Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (347) 422-0248, www.barbesbrooklyn.com]. \$20.

High spirits

Stomp along to local folk-y bluegrass outfit Spirit Family Reunion in the cavernous confines of record store Rough Trade. Support comes via "grunge gospel" band Mail the Horse and Spirit Family offshoot Twain.

10 pm at Rough Trade [64 N. Ninth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 388-4111, www.roughtradenyc.com]. \$35.

Chk yourself

Dance punk band !!! headlines the Knitting Factory's New Year's Eve festivities, supported by the psych-y sounds of Prince Rama and rapper Cakes da Killa.

9:30 pm at Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. near Havermeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529-6696, bk.knittingfactory.com]. \$40-\$45.

Hold on

Hometown heroes the Hold Steady are not just celebrating the new year at this show with the So So Glows at the Music Hall of Williamsburg — the band is also toasting bass player Galen Polivka's birthday. As such, you can also buy a ticket to a post-show birthday party, where the band will DJ and give you a signed poster.

9:30 pm at the Music Hall of Williamsburg [66 N. Sixth St. between Wythe and Kent avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 486-5400, www.musicallofwilliamsburg.com]. \$45, \$75 birthday ticket.

Rub down

The Bell House's monthly dance party the Rub is on New Year's duty, with DJs Ayres and Eleven spinning danceable hip-hop, disco, funk, and soul tracks.

9 pm at the Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third streets in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510, www.thebellhouse.com]. \$50

Hey, Mr. DJ

Cameo has dance music across two rooms, including Morgan Geist (also known as Storm Queen and one half house duo



He's still standing — but also sitting: Elton John rocks Barclays Center on New Year's Eve.

Associated Press / Wade Payne / Invision



What a prince: (Clockwise) Put on your raspberry beret, get in your little red Corvette and head to Videology for its "Purple Rain" party. Deer Tick finishes up its six-night run at Brooklyn Bowl. And Spirit Family Reunion plays record store Rough Trade.

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Lauren Slusher

Metro Area), disco band Midnight Magic, and LCD Soundsystem's Pat Mahoney amongst many others.

9 pm at Cameo Gallery [93 N. Sixth St. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue, (718) 302-1180, www.cameony.com]. \$50-\$60.

Last call

This may be the hottest ticket in town. Glasslands is promising four mystery guest performers from the past for its final show ever (sniff).

8 pm at Glasslands (289 Kent Ave. between S. First and S. Second streets in Williamsburg, www.theglasslands.com). \$50.

Wave hello

The Way Station's annual New Wave Eve party returns, with DJ Pseudo Iguana spinning '80s new wave tracks all night, plus burlesque performers and go-go dancers from Wasabassco. Stick around for the free (very) early brunch at 2 am.

8 pm at the Way Station [683 Washington Ave. between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place in Prospect Heights, (347) 627-4949, www.waystationbk.com]. \$50.

Let it go

The costume party extraordinaires at Gemini and Scorpio are putting on a huge winter bash this year dubbed "The Court of the Snow Queen." The theatrical party will feature live jazz and swing music, aerial performers and contortionists, face and body painting, large-scale art, and a snowy photo booth. Come in an appropriately winter wonderland-inspired costume.

9 pm at Irondale Center (85 S. Oxford St. between Lafayette Avenue and Fulton Street in Fort Greene, www.geminianscorpio.com). \$60 (\$20 after 12:30 am).

Ticked off

Rhode Island alternative band Deer Tick is celebrating 10 years of existence with a six-night run at Brooklyn Bowl. Its final show will be on New Year's Eve, where it will perform a set chosen entirely by its fans.

6 pm at Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369, www.brooklynbowl.com]. \$50.



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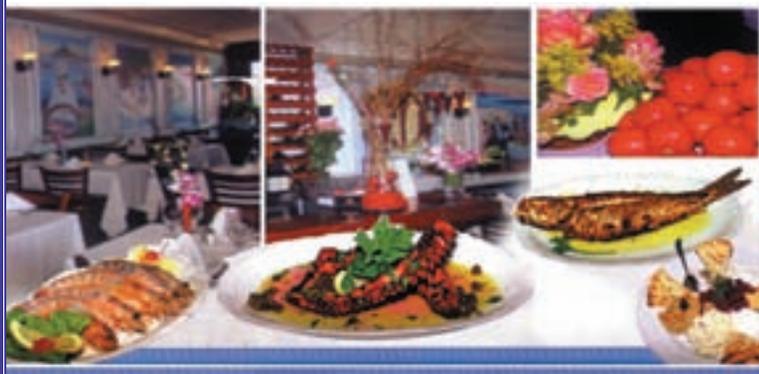
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CARTOON NETWORKING

Collaborative comic drawing night comes to Brooklyn

By Danielle Furfaro

If your super power is drawing comic book characters, this could become your new secret lair.

Dare2Draw, a collaborative drawing event that aims to encourage burgeoning comic artists to put their spandex where their mouth is, is coming to Brooklyn Brewery on Dec. 30.

"It gives people the chance to work on their skills and network, not in a fanboy kind of way, but in a colleague to colleague kind of way," said head organizer Charles Chenet. "It is a way to get people engaged and lower inhibitions."

Just as regular art classes offer nude models for life drawing skills, Chenet invites cosplay models — people who dress up as superheroes and other comic characters — to pose for aspiring artists, who then spend a couple of hours using them as a blueprint to create new characters.

"It is important to learn how to draw clothing and figures in motion," said Chenet.

The event also includes speed-drawing contests, with prizes for the winners, and guest professional comic artists on hand to answer questions and look over the amateur artists' work and give them pointers.



Surreal life models: Cosplayers pose for artists at Dare2Draw.

Dare2Draw

Chenet has been holding Dare2Draw nights in Manhattan for the past five years, and this is the first time the event will take place in Brooklyn.

Chenet said he decided to start the program after putting his own comics-creating career on hold for years while he was in the military.

"I wanted to get back into comics and develop a platform for peo-

ple like me who never had a chance to get mentored," he said. "I got pulled away from comics and art because I did not have someone in my life to help me figure out my road."

Dare2Draw at Brooklyn Brewery (79 N. 11th Street between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, www.dare2draw.org). Dec. 30 at 7:30 pm. \$20–\$25.

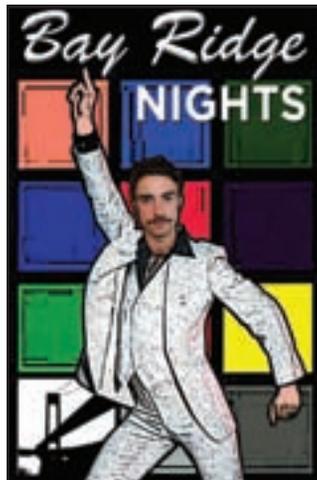
Welcome 2015 in Bay Ridge!

By Max Jaeger

Ring in 2015 in the Ridge! You have made it through the holidays — now it is time to start fresh. But first, one last night of riotous debauch in Brooklyn's wildest neighborhood!

If you want to catch some live music on New Year's Eve, head to **Schnitzel Haus** (7319 Fifth Ave. between 73rd and 74th streets), where classic rock duo Full Disclosure will welcome the new year starting at 10 pm. The venerable Bavarian joint is promising a special menu and a bubbly toast at midnight.

Or file over to the **Wicked Monk** (9510 Third Ave. between 95th and 96th streets) where hip-hop pop-rockers Hello Brooklyn will usher in new beginnings



starting at 11 pm.

Of if you would rather provide the music yourself, head down to the **Leif** (6725 Fifth Ave. at Senator

Street), where you can jam with the Max Christopher Trio from 9 pm–2 am. If you are feeling flush, \$75 will get you an open bar and food, or you can pay for drinks and dinner as you go. Either way, noisemakers and a Champagne toast will be on the house.

If you are looking to be on the dance floor when the ball drops, head over to **Pipin's Pub** (9701 Third Ave. between 97th and 98th streets), where a DJ will be spinning tunes from 10 pm.

And for the serious party animals, **No Quarter Tavern** (8015 Fifth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets) is going to be open all night long, so you can celebrate until the sun comes up on 2015 while enjoying free food, drink specials, and a pinata.



Floating flute: James Schlefer at Bargemusic with his shakuhachi, a traditional Japanese wooden flute. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Flute force

Bargemusic fest features new work on ancient instrument

By Matthew Perlman

Here is a concert you can really barge in on.

Brooklyn's floating concert hall Bargemusic, which has been rocking in the water off of Fulton Ferry landing for 37 years, is hosting its annual floating festival of new works for the new year from Jan. 1–4. The boat's director said it is a good way to follow up the venue's New Year's Eve Bach concert the night before.

"We're closing out the year with some cheers for our old friend Bach, and then starting the new year with some new pieces," said Mark Peskanov, Bargemusic's artistic director.

This year's Here and Now Winter Festival will include new works by Australian composers Rob Davidson and Brett Dean, chamber violinist Jesse Mills, and boundary pusher Annie Gosfield, whose work will fuse cello and electronic sounds.

Some of the compositions will be having their world premiere, while others will be heard in New York for the first time. The pieces vary greatly in terms of sound and style, and Peskanov said there will be something for everyone.

"It's going to be for all different tastes," he said.

One composer who definitely qualifies as different is James Schlefer. His work "Brooklyn Tsuru no Sugomori" is a solo composition for the shakuhachi, a wooden flute of Japanese origin. Schlefer, who was born and raised in Brooklyn Heights, has been playing the instrument for 35 years and performs across the country.

First used by Buddhist monks on their path to enlightenment, the shakuhachi makes a whimsical sound reminiscent of water fowl, Schlefer said. His newest piece roughly translates to "life of the cranes" and is based on ancient compositions, but with a modern twist.

"This is the Brooklyn version," Schlefer said.

Part of a trilogy of similarly conceived works, "Brooklyn Tsuru no Sugomori" tells the sonic story of two cranes finding each other and living out their lives together. The flute's noises imitate vocal sounds made by the crane as well as the flapping of its wings.

Schlefer, who is classically trained on the western flute in addition to holding a "grand master" certificate in the ancient Japanese version, said he tries to merge the old and new with all of his work.

"It's a blending of classic Japanese chamber music with western classical music," he said.

And though the two disciplines are unique, they still share certain elements, he said.

"Even though there's a great many differences, the expression of the human experience through sound is often the same," he said.

Here and Now Festival at Bargemusic [Fulton Ferry Landing near the corner of Old Fulton and Water streets in Dumbo, (718) 624-4924, www.bargemusic.org]. Jan. 1–3 at 8 pm, and Jan. 4 at 4 pm. \$35 per night (\$30 seniors, \$15 students).



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Katt scan: Comedian Katt Williams will perform at Barclays Center on Jan. 2. Associated Press / Matt Sayles

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SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. INDIANA PACERS: \$50–\$3,000. 8 pm.

\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

MON, JAN. 12

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. HOUSTON ROCKETS: \$55–\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

SUN, DEC. 28

SPORTS, BROOKLYN HOOPS WINTER FESTIVAL: College basketball tournament featuring St. John's, Tulane, LIU-Brooklyn, Hofstra, Fairfield and Loyola Maryland. \$15–\$56.50. Noon.

WED, JAN. 14

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES: \$20–\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

MON, DEC. 29

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. SACRAMENTO KINGS: \$35–\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

SAT, JAN. 17

SPORTS, LIU BROOKLYN BLACKBIRDS VS. MOUNT ST. MARY BLUE KNIGHTS: \$15–\$25. 11:45 am and 2 pm.
SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. WASHINGTON WIZARDSS: \$35–\$3,000. 8 pm.

WED, DEC. 31

MUSIC, ELTON JOHN: \$69.50–\$700. 9 pm.

SUN, JAN. 25

MUSIC, LINKIN PARK: \$69.50–\$98.50. 7:30 pm.

FRI, JAN. 2

COMEDY, KATT WILLIAMS: \$54.50–\$180.50. 8 pm.

MON, JAN. 26

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. PORTLAND TRAILBLAZERS: \$35–\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

SAT, JAN. 3

SPORTS, BROOKLYN HOOPS PRESENTS IOWA STATE VS. SOUTH CAROLINA: \$15–\$25. 6 pm.

THURS, JAN. 29

MUSIC, CHRIS BROWN WITH TREY SONGZ AND TYGA: \$69.75–\$150.75. 7:30 pm.

MON, JAN. 5

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. DALLAS MAVERICKS: \$30–\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

FRI, JAN. 30

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. TORONTO RAPTORS: \$20–\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

WED, JAN. 7

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. BOSTON CELTICS: \$30–\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

SAT, JAN. 31

MUSIC, IGOR KRUTOI GALA CONCERTA: Composer is joined by Russian singers including Filipp Kirkorov, Kristina Orbakaite, Irina Allegrova, and Valeriy Leontiev, and more. \$65–\$955. 7 pm.

FRI, JAN. 9

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. PHILADELPHIA 76ERS: \$30–

FRI, DEC. 26

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, DEER TICK: Covering NRBC's album "Tiddlywinks." \$20. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, DUCKTAILS, JULIAN LYNCH, FAMILY PORTRAIT: \$12. 7 pm. Glasslands (289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg), www.glasslands.com.

MUSIC, DAR WILLIAMS: With special guests. \$25. 7:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

MUSIC, NO SHOES, THE PLUTO MOONS: \$7. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

MUSIC, ORVILLE DAVIS & THE WILD BUNCH: Free. 8 pm. Hill Country Barbecue [345 Adams St. at Willoughby Street, (718) 885-4608], www.hillcountrybk.com.

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ART, SMALL WORKS EXHIBITION & SALE: Clover's Fine Art Gallery presents an exhibition and sale of contemporary artwork from over ten artists. Free. 11 am–5 pm. Clover's Fine Art Gallery [338 Atlantic Avenue between Smith and Hoyt streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 625-2121], www.cloversfineart.com.

ICE SKATING: \$6 (\$8 on Sat. and Sun) plus \$6 skate rental. 11 am–8 pm. LeFrak Center in Prospect Park [Parkside and Ocean avenues in Prospect Park, (718) 594-7439], www.brooklynice.org.

BLOOMING NATURALIST: Children use fun games and activities to learn what makes birds so special. Free. 1–2 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

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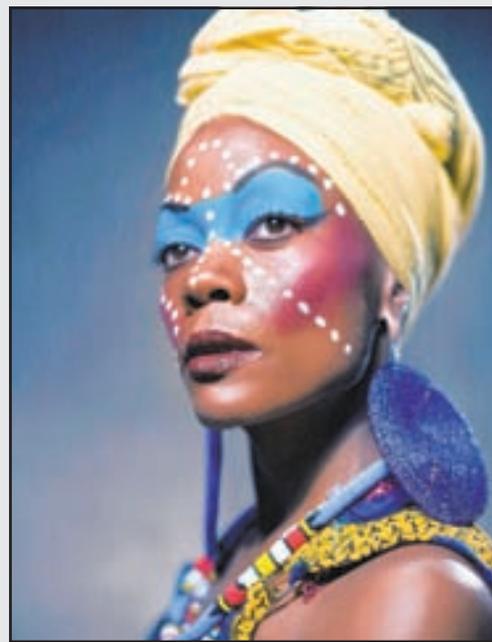
PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, DEER TICK: Covering Lou Reed's album "Transformer." \$20. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, FIASCO, SNUFFY, MAXO: \$10. 8 pm. Glasslands (289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg), www.glasslands.com.

MUSIC, STEEL REIGN, SHIT-KILL, IKILLYA: Free. 8 pm.

WHAT TO DO SEVEN EVENTS



Kwanzaa queen: Dancer Iris Wilson will host a Kwanzaa celebration at the Cumbe Center for African and Diaspora Dance on Dec. 27. James Petrozzello

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

MUSIC, CHARANGA SOLEIL: 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, PJS 'N DJS: Partygoers dance in pajamas, while DJs Brian Blackout and Doctor Mister spin year-end tunes. Free. 10 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

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CELEBRATE KWANZAA: Iris Wilson teaches families about the history and seven principles of the holiday through song, dance, and a candle-lighting ceremony. Refreshments served. \$10 per family. 11:30 am–1 pm. Cumbe Center for African and Diaspora Dance [558 Fulton St. - 2nd Floor in Boerum Hill, (718) 935-9700], www.cumbedance.com.

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SUN, DEC. 28

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, DEER TICK: Covering The Beatles' album "Meet the Beatles." \$20. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, BASS DRUM OF DEATH, MITSKI, SUNDELLES, LUSHES: \$15. 7 pm. Glasslands (289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg), www.glasslands.com.

MUSIC, LEX RUSH, BS, OSYRIS ANTHEM, TEDDY SIMS: \$7. 7:30 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

OTHER

ART WEEK: Kids create their own stained glass window panel. \$13 (\$10 seniors). 10 am–5 pm. Jewish Children Museum [792 Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 907-8833], www.jcm.museum.

VICTORIAN TOYS: Step back in time and play with wooden climbing bears, Jacob's ladders, do-nothing machines and other olden day whatnots. Free with admission to grounds. 1–4 pm. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], www.bbg.org.

COMEDY, COMPETITIVE EROTIC FAN FICTION: A comedy show featuring 10 comics, writing and performing Erotic Fan Fiction pieces, based on their whims or audience suggestions. \$10. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth

Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

MON, DEC. 29

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, DEER TICK: Covering Devo's album "Q: Are We Not Men? A: We Are Devo!" \$20. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, TR/ST, KLAUS, SOFTSPOT, BIG AL: \$25 (\$20 in advance). 7 pm. Glasslands (289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg), www.glasslands.com.

OTHER

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

TUES, DEC. 30

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, DEER TICK: Covering Elvis Costello's album "My Aim Is True." \$20. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, CYMBALS EAT GI-TARS, KEEPAWAY, MON KHMER, AIR WAVES: \$15 (\$12 in advance). 7 pm. Glasslands (289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg), www.glasslands.com.

MUSIC, MICHAEL DAVES' ALL-STAR BLUEGRASS THROW-DOWN: With Noam Pikelnay, Sarah Jarosz, Brittany Haas, and Mike Bub. \$15. 7:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

OTHER

FINAL STEAM WHISTLE CEREMONY: Pratt Institute Chief Engineer Conrad Milster will blow his historic collection of steam whistles on New Year's Eve for the final time, celebrating a 50-year tradition at the Institute for members of the local Brooklyn community. Free. 10 am–noon. Pratt Institute (200 Willoughby Avenue between Classon Avenue and Hall St. in Fort Greene).

FILM, "FROZEN": Screening of the Disney favorite, with popcorn. \$5. 1 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103], www.brjc.org.

ART, PAINT NITE: Students learn to paint while drinking cocktails. Materials provided, no experience required. \$65. 7–9 pm. Schnitzelhaus [7319 5th Avenue between 73rd and 74th St. in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-5600], https://www.paintnite.com/pages/events/view/newyork/842095.

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

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

WED, DEC. 31

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, THE BARNSTORM: New Year's Eve party. Free. 8 pm. Hill Country Barbecue [345 Adams St. at Willoughby Street, (718) 885-4608], www.hillcountrybk.com.

OTHER

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS: Start the celebration early with entertainment, hot refreshments and the firework extravaganza at midnight. Free. 11 pm. Grand Army Plaza (Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope).

EYES WIDE OPEN MASQUERADE BALL: Masquerade ball with guests wearing "Eyes Wide Open"-themed costumes, featuring a four hour open bar, a DJ, and an aerial performer. \$150. 9 pm. Brooklyn Winery [213 N. Eighth St. between Driggs and Roebling avenues in Williamsburg, (347) 763-

1506], www.bkwinery.com.

THURS, JAN. 1

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, ZOSO: The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience: Led Zeppelin cover band performs the rock band's greatest hits. \$10. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

FRI, JAN. 2

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, ZOSO: The Ultimate Led Zeppelin cover band performs the rock band's greatest hits. \$12 (\$10 in advance). 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, SEAN SCHULICH'S PHUNKY PHLOOT AND ALPHA MOSAIC: 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

LIGHT IT UP: Many holiday traditions use light in this dark time of year. Come learn the science behind light bulbs, and safely experiment with electricity using common objects in strange and fun ways. Free with museum admission. 1:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

COMEDY, THE SHAME GAME: Join comedians Giulia Rozzi, Krystyna Hutchinson, Emma Willmann, and Sabrina Jalees in a storytelling competition to see whose story is worthy to be crowned King or Queen of Shame. \$10 (\$8 in advance). 8:30 pm.

Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

SAT, JAN. 3

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, JARFLOWER, LIZARD PIZZA, FORGET THIS: \$10 (\$8 in advance). 8 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], www.therockshopny.com.

MUSIC, MOTEL POOLS, THE MIDNIGHT HOLLOW, LAS ROSAS: \$10. 8 pm. Baby's All Right [146 Broadway between Bedford and Driggs avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 599-5800], www.babysallright.com.

MUSIC, JUDD NIELSEN: 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, '90S HIP-HOP AND R&B SING-ALONG: R&B music videos from the 1990s, with the lyrics on screen so friends can sing, rap, and dance along together. \$10. 9 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

MUSIC, LLOYD H MILLER: Children join in for a sing-along. Free. 11 am–noon. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

OTHER

SUBWAY SAFARI: Kids learn about the many animals that sleep underground in the winter to keep warm, with games and hands-on activities. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am–noon. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694-1600], www.mta.info/mta/museum.

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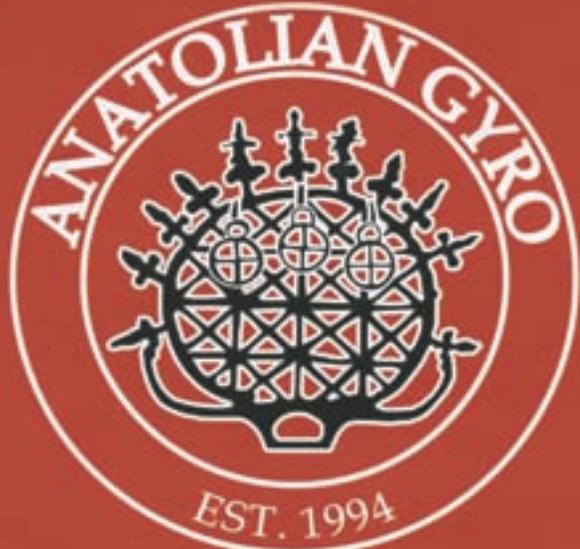


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● 'I was just trying to match their intensity.'

— Thomas Jefferson star Shamorie Ponds after a particularly intense play against Lincoln

● 'We didn't play as poorly as the score looked.'

— Xaverian coach Jack Alesi on his team's loss to St. Francis Prep

Lincoln wiped out by Orange Wave

Big night from Ponds puts Jefferson past rival Lincoln

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

As dominant as Shamorie Ponds was against the Railsplitters, even he needed a little help to finally put Abraham Lincoln away.

The Thomas Jefferson guard was sensational, scoring a game-high 36 points, grabbing 11 rebounds and dishing out 11 assists. He also put his team immediately back ahead after Lincoln took its only two leads of the game.

Still, Lincoln was still within six points with two minutes remaining. Jefferson turned the ball over twice and Ponds missed a jumper on the next possession. Rasheem Dunn was there to rescue the Orange Wave. He soared between two defenders for the rebound and put it back for the basket and the foul.

"That was the play of the game," said Jefferson coach Lawrence "Bud" Pollard. "We never looked back after that."

The Orange Wave followed with a run to close out a 98-86 victory over rival and visiting Lincoln in Public School Athletic League Brooklyn AA boys' basketball on Dec. 18. Dunn scored 15 points and Jaquan McKennon added 13 points and 10 assists in a victory that moved undefeated Jefferson (6-0) into sole possession of first place.

"This game is very important," Dunn said. "They are our rivals. We go back and forth with them."

Ponds certainly treated the contest that way. The star junior did everything in his power to make sure it didn't get away after Lincoln (6-1) went on a 21-3 run to erase a 17-point third-quarter deficit. The Railsplitters briefly grabbed a 59-58 lead on three-pointer by freshman Tyler



TRIPLE-TEAMED: (Above) Thomas Jefferson's Shamorie Ponds looks for an open teammate while being pressured by the Lincoln defense. (Right) Abraham Lincoln's junior forward Jahlil Tripp drives to the hoop against Jefferson.

Photos by Joseph Staszewski

Bourne with 45 seconds left in the third quarter, but it didn't last long.

Ponds scored five points in three seconds. He drained a three-pointer, stole the ensuing inbounds pass and laid it in to put Jefferson up 63-59 with 36 ticks remaining in the frame. Ponds feels very comfortable imposing his will on games.

"I was just trying to match their intensity," Ponds said. "Their crowd was into it and our crowd was into it."

Lincoln again took a one-point lead on a three-pointer early in the fourth by Bourne, who had 13 points. Ponds immediately answered with a three-point play that ignited an 8-0 Jefferson run to increase its lead to 73-65. Railsplitters coach Kenny Pretlow was happy with his young team's fight, but knows that it will have to do a better job con-



taining Ponds in future meetings.

"Kidnap him, don't let him get to the game." Pretlow said jokingly of his revised strategy. "He's the best player in the city right now."

Junior forward Jahlil Tripp led Lincoln with 24 points and freshman Paul Person added 13. The Railsplitters, who missed 15 free throws, dug a 10-2 hole from the start as Jefferson connected on three of its seven three-pointers in the game's first 1:30. It left Lincoln constantly playing catch up.

"We thought we had them at one point, and then they

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WIN-WIN: St. Joseph's College Brooklyn christened the newly opened Hill Center with a pair of victories over sister school St. Joseph's College Long Island on Dec. 18.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

St. Joseph's sweeps hoops doubleheader

BY MICHAEL RANDAZZO

St. Joseph's Brooklyn men's and women's basketball teams did not disappoint in front of a standing-room-only crowd at the newly opened Hill Center. The Bears won both ends of a doubleheader against their sister school, St. Joseph's Long Island.

The seventh annual East vs. West matchup, with Brooklyn's Bears and Lady Bears facing the Golden Eagles of Long Island, was a fitting backdrop to the Hill Center's opening ceremonies on Dec. 18.

In the evening's first game, the Lady Bears secured the school's first-ever Hill Center win, a 69-58 decision over the Golden Eagles. Led by senior forward Samantha Retas's 14 points and 17 rebounds, St. Joseph's maintained a double-digit advantage throughout to

help capture the team's second straight win against the Golden Eagles (2-7).

In the nightcap, St. Joe's Brooklyn men's team (7-3) trailed visiting St. Joe's (5-5) for much of the game, at one point falling behind by 13 points. With Brooklyn star forward Michael Megafu in foul trouble, senior guard Vernon Maddox led the Bears to a 69-66 win with 19 points and five assists.

Maddox, generously listed at 5-foot-7, scored St. Joe's Brooklyn's final five points, giving his team the lead on a three-pointer with one minute left. He converted two crucial free throws with nine seconds remaining to seal the Bears' third-straight series win and complete the hometown sweep.

The Golden Eagles' Sean McCarthy led all scorers with 23 points, including five of 10 from three-point range as St. Joe's Long Island hit on 13 of 30 attempts from downtown.

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Clippers clipped

Xaverian out of sync in loss to Terriers

BY PATRICK MCCORMACK

It was not a good night for Xaverian coach Jack Alesi and his squad last Friday at St. Francis Prep.

The team missed foul shots and failed to get its offense flowing in the Clippers' 59-44 loss to the Terriers in Brooklyn-Queens boys' basketball. Alesi blamed himself for the performance.

"I think it's poor coaching. I put it on me," he said. "Right now, we are not playing as crisply as we would like to. We just need to do a better job."

The play of St. Francis Prep senior Shane Herrity didn't help the Clippers either. He scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half, and started off the third quarter with six of St. Francis Prep's eight points to give the Fresh Meadows school a 35-28 lead. Alesi said Herrity's play really hurt the Clippers.

"He's a good player," he
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HIGH FLYER: Nyontay Wisseh takes a layup for Xaverian against St. Francis Prep.
Photo by Robert Cole

All-Brooklyn girls' soccer honors

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Brooklyn athletes again brought their best to the girls' soccer pitch this season.

Grand Street rode a young roster to a division title, while Brooklyn Tech relied on a mix of young and old to win its league. St. Saviour nearly scripted the perfect story line, but fell one win shy of a Brooklyn-Queens Class A crown after the program just two years after it nearly didn't field a team. Fontbonne, Bishop Kearney and St. Edmunds again had strong seasons, and Poly Prep held its own in the Ivy League.

Here are the people who made it all happen and we consider Brooklyn's best:

All-Brooklyn Girls' Soccer Player of the Year: Jocelyn Aguilar, Grand Street

The junior midfielder continues to prove she is arguably the borough's best offensive player. The speedy, athletic Aguilar led the Public School Athletic League in points with 37 goals and 27 assists. Her leadership helped bring a young team together and helped the win a division title.

All-Brooklyn Girls' Soc-



GRAND PROSPECTS: Grand Street's Jocelyn Aguilar is our pick for Player of the Year.
Photo by Steve Solomonson

Soccer Coach of the Year: Andre Lamy, Grand Street

Lamy's task was to mold his established stars with an influx of talented youth. It wasn't always easy, but his tough love and high expectations led to

one of the best years in program history. The Wolves won a division title and nearly knocked off a Staten Island squad in the postseason. A bright future lies ahead for the program with

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New-look Lincoln, Jefferson rivalry lives up to billing

The Abraham Lincoln-Thomas Jefferson rivalry began a new chapter last week.

It's one without coach Dwayne "Tiny" Morton patrolling the Lincoln sidelines for the first time in two decades, without Lincoln having an All-American-caliber star, and one where Jefferson plays the role of favorite for the first time among two of the city's premier boys' basketball programs.

A lot has changed in less than a year, including many of the faces on both sides, but the intensity, fan interest, and level of play have not.

"Between us it is always going to be a good intense game," said Jefferson junior guard Shamorie Ponds.

Jefferson gutted out a 98-86 victory Dec. 18 in front of a raucous standing-room-only crowd in East New York. The game was intense, clean, and dramatic. It was everything hoops in the five boroughs is about.

"We have a young team and they really aren't used to a hostile environment," said Lincoln junior Jahlil Tripp.

Orange Wave coach Lawrence "Bud" Pollard called himself the "Big Dog" in Brooklyn in March after his team sent highly-favored Lincoln home in the Public School Athletic League Class AA semifinals. Pollard can bark even louder now that he has the best player on the floor in Ponds. The junior had 36 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists and made multiple key shots in last week's game.

"He feeds off that," Pollard said of Ponds's reaction to the big stage. "He loves the thrill and the villain. He loves that. I thought he played well today. He has the heart and courage."

Ponds shined the brightest in the contest, but Lincoln may have found its stars of the future in Tripp and freshman guard Tyler Bourne. They combined for 37 points. Tripp controlled the paint and Bourne played with a



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poise beyond his years.

"He had a great game." Lincoln coach Kenny Pretlow said of Bourne. "He hit shots, came up with a big steal and put us up twice. "He's playing phenomenal for a freshman."

While the game certainly lived up to the rivalry's standards, not having Morton and a cast of Division-I stars on the other side certainly lessened the tension between the programs. Jefferson and Pollard had struggled to beat the Morton-led version of Lincoln, including a loss in the city final two years ago. Pollard had nothing but praise for what Pretlow is doing with his group.

"I don't see any let down in that program," Pollard said. "He's doing a lot more with less talent over there."

This was just the opening act of possibly two or three more meetings between two teams that will only get better. There is plenty to look forward to, like lead changes, dagger threes, animated coaches, and two groups of players looking to leave their marks.

"I know Jefferson is a title contender, but I think we hung in there," Pretlow said. "We showed fight and we took the lead twice. This is going to help them get better."

All signs point to the games and the rivalry getting better, as well.

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PRIME TIME: Abraham Lincoln's Jason Primus takes the ball to the basket between two Jefferson defenders. Photo by Joseph Staszewski

JEFFERSON

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comeback and score," Tripp said. "It was a game of runs and they went on a run and we couldn't close the gap."

The Orange Wave has won the debate on who is Brooklyn's premier program — for now, and it is one of the early

city-title favorites. But Pollard said all this game proved was that his club is tough to beat on its home floor. He knows things won't be easier against Lincoln in Coney Island on Feb. 6 to close out the season.

"We have always been tough on our home court," Pollard said. "We go there they are going to be better."

BEARS

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Long-distance shots were a favorite weapon throughout the night — including on-court promotions, as Wayne Warmbier, a 2008 Brooklyn graduate, nailed a promotional half court shot to win \$10,000.

It was that kind of night

for St. Joseph's Brooklyn, winning the first of many big games in its stunning new athletic facility.

"It's wonderful to finally have a place we can call home," said Bears' head coach Joe Cocozello, a 1995 graduate who has been associated with St. Joe's for more than 20 years. "I'm thrilled to be a part of all this."

XAVERIAN

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said. "It was an even game. They were a little crisper and we were not reading things correctly."

Herrity continued his offensive display by hitting a floater to put St. Francis Prep (4-4, 1-3) up 39-31 at the end of three. Herrity wasn't done after the third. The senior scored the first three points of the fourth to give the Terriers a 42-31 advantage with 5:58 left in the game.

It looked like Xaverian (2-2, 1-2) had a comeback brewing after it scored four-straight

points on a pair of free throws by Doyin Issac, who led the Clippers with 14 points, and a layup by Nyontay Wisseh, who had eight second-half points. That cut the Terriers' lead to 42-35, but the Clippers' inability to make shots hurt down the final stretch.

Alesi said he felt like his team played better than the 15-point loss suggested.

"We didn't play as poorly as the score looked," he said. "We missed a bunch of foul shots. It's an early season game. We just made some bad decisions. We didn't play our best game."

Xaverian's offense looked like it was going to start off

as it had five different scorers in the first quarter, but trailed 20-13. The Clippers came back behind five points from Issac in the second to cut the Terrier lead to 27-23, but missed shots and played too sloppily to capitalize.

Alesi said he knows that this performance doesn't reflect his team's ability. His team needs to keep playing and straighten out some of the early season problems.

"Right now we are not the team we are going to be," Alesi said. "We may need to simplify some things to make them clearer but I think we looked more like a confused team out there than a bad team."

SOCCER

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Lamy at the helm.

All-Brooklyn Girls' Soccer First Team:

Midfielder Delaina Allegretti, Fontbonne Hall

Allegretti has been a driving force for the Bonnies throughout her career. This year was no different. The senior was a dynamic force at midfield, scoring and making her teammates around her better.

Midfielder Margaret Edwards, Leon Goldstein

The senior is one of the borough's best all-around players. Edwards's poise, smarts and foot skills allowed her to impact a game in many ways. She scored 25 goals and dished out seven assists and helped Goldstein to a playoff win.

Defender Jane Kleiner, Poly Prep

The Blue Devils team prided itself on its veteran defensive unit. Kleiner was a key contributor to that squad. The senior's heart, hustle, determination, and ability to cover ground propelled Poly to another strong season in the Ivy League.

Forward Halima Matthews, Brooklyn Friends

Matthews certainly made an impact in her sophomore season. The speedy, athletic forward found the back of the net 35 times. She recorded five hat tricks, including one in the Independent School Athletic League Championship game.

Midfielder Katie O'Donnell, St. Saviour

The senior was one of the biggest reasons for the Pandas' turnaround. Her leadership kept the group together and improving, and her skills



TOP DOG: Wolves head coach Andre Lamy — our pick for Coach of the Year — hugs Diana Aucapina after an emotional win.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

on the pitch led them to a berth in Brooklyn-Queens Class A title game.

Midfielder Jazmin Gonzales, Grand Street Campus

The junior midfielder was the driving force behind the Wolves' high-powered offense. Gonzales's smart and unselfish play allowed all the pieces to fall into place. She scored 14 times and compiled 24 assists.

Midfielder Melissa Gonzalez, Telecommunications

Gonzalez remained one of the borough's most prolific scorers. The dynamic senior continued to haunt defenses by netting 27 goals and dishing out 17 assists. She was a big reason for the growth of the Telecom program.

Goalie Sarah Goldzweig Panitz, Brooklyn Tech

The senior was one of the city's most underrated goalkeepers and was a big reason behind Brooklyn Tech's success. The agile and heady Goldzweig Panitz recorded eight shutouts and allowed just 14 goals all season to help

Tech win a division title.

Forward Samantha O'Brien, James Madison

The senior forward enjoyed a breakout season for the Knights on the soccer pitch. O'Brien scored a career-high 21 goals and dished out seven assists. Her explosive year helped Madison to a second-play finish in its division.

Defender Karina Osorio, Grand Street Campus

There was plenty of attention paid to Grand Street's prolific offense as Osorio quietly lead a young defense. The senior's instinct and heart steadied a Wolves defense that consistently held opponents to a goal or less.

Midfielder Rorie St. Lawrence, Leon Goldstein

The junior was the other end of the dominant one-two punch with Margaret Edwards. St. Lawrence controlled play at midfield, scored 20 goals and dished out 13 assists. Her poise helped keep everything together for the Dolphins.

Honorable mentions:

Midfielder Maura Bellone, St. Edmund

Goalie Concetta D'Angelo Bishop Kearney

Goalie Claudia Espana, Fort Hamilton

Midfielder/Defender Jennifer Fay, Bishop Kearney

Forward Shareka Joseph Thomas Jefferson

Midfielder Julia King, Brooklyn Tech

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DOYIN IT RIGHT: Xaverian's Doyin Isaac races ball up court against St. Francis Prep. Photo by Robert Cole

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