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Bigfoot, seen in this 1977 photo walking through Bellingham, Washington, may have made it all the way to Brooklyn. Associated Press

'Bigfoot' spotted in P'Park

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

Bigfoot might live in Prospect Park!

A Fort Greene videographer claims to have shot footage showing the legendary Sasquatch lumbering around a wooded area of Brooklyn's backyard near the Prospect Park Zoo during Monday's snowstorm.

"I don't know what it is, but it looks like Bigfoot," a man going by the name Russell Strark said. "I don't know what to say, man, I've never seen something like this."

Strark said he was working to launch a YouTube channel featuring time-lapse videos of Brooklyn and had set up several cameras to catch the snowfall on Monday. But he said he never bargained for what turned up on one of the memory cards.

The clip shows a still forest scene with snow falling around 7 am. Enter a tall, dark figure on the left side of the screen. It crouches to dig in the snow for a moment, then walks down a hill in the center of the frame and out of sight.

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TRAINS IN VAIN

Cuomo defends his snowstorm subway closure

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

On Tuesday morning Gov. Andrew Cuomo defended his decision to suspend subway service overnight on Monday, in the wake of revelations that the trains ran empty all night, and charges that the move ran against common sense.

The storm that meteorologists predicted would dump two-to-three feet of snow on Brooklyn wound up leaving a mere four-to-six inches on the borough, but subway service was not restored until around noon, and many Brooklynites opted to stay home, leaving stores closed and subway platforms sparsely populated. Cuomo said his call to keep passengers out of the city's train system for the first time ever during a snowstorm came out of an abundance of caution.

"My attitude is if there's a lean one way or another, if you will, lean toward safety," he said. "I've seen the consequences the other way, and it gets very frightening very quickly. I've seen people put in extraordinarily dangerous situations, and we've had people die in storms. I'd much rather be in a situation where we say we got lucky than saying we didn't get lucky and somebody died."

The statement followed an
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Mush!

Sara Gavryck-Ji of Park Slope and her son Kai are ready to hit the park for some sledding with their dog Frida on Jan. 26. For more on the snow days, see pages 2 and 3. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Convention tension: Residents demand city acts

BY MATTHEW PERLMAN

Somebody call a party planner.

The city must do something to ensure the dignitaries and party people attending the Democratic National

Convention at the Barclays Center don't turn the neighborhood into a nightmare out of a Republican attack ad, residents demanded this week. The massive presidential-candidate-anointing party

would come on top of nearly a decade of construction work at the mega-development formerly known as Atlantic Yards, frequent film shoots, and big events at the arena. The traffic, street closures,

and crowds are just too much, a spokesman for a newly formed coalition of community groups said.

"This is just too much piling on," said Wayne Bailey, Continued on page 10

THE CALM AFTER

Much-feared 'historic' blizzard fizzles,

BY MATTHEW PERLMAN AND DANIELLE FURFARO

That blizzard was a bust. City and state officials greatly over-estimated 2015's first significant snowfall, closing the road, train, and subway systems in an attempt to preempt the effects of what turned out to be four-to-six inches of snow in most Brooklyn neighborhoods.

Dire warnings from elected officials and the drastic measures taken by area authorities had put people on edge in the run-up to the storm, but hardy Brooklynites calmly went about their day on Tuesday when the promised blizzard fizzled.

Mayor DeBlasio — who was roundly criticized last year for a lackadaisical response to the first snowstorm of his tenure — was all over this one, holding a flurry of press conferences throughout the day on Monday, cancelling school, and urging people to stay indoors.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo went so far as ordering the closure of state roads and the subway and bus systems on Monday evening, even though the train system needed to keep some trains running overnight in order to keep tracks clear of ice, as this paper exclusively reported.

Brooklynites snuggled into bed on Monday night after binge-watching their favorite television shows, expecting to wake up to a three-foot wall of the white stuff outside their doors. But instead, they found a few inches of snow and mostly cleared streets. Subways were back up and running on Sunday schedules by noon.

Some workers expecting a snow day found they would have to schlep to their offices after all.



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ALL CLEAR: It turned out that Tuesday's storm of the century was a no biggie for Brooklynites, with only about four to six inches falling on the borough. (Clockwise from top) Park Slope resident Ellen Beyda shovels out her car on 16th Street after the storm. The snow is no match for this Borough Park man's blower, which made a simple job even simpler. Members of the Coney Island Polar Bear Club got waist-deep — in the ocean, not the snow.



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THE STORM!

all bark and no bite in B'Klyn

Other Brooklynites got the chance to enjoy the snow — and our intrepid reporters and “snow-tographers” were out there to capture it.

One Park Slope dad who was making a snowman with his son in front of their 16th Street building on Tuesday said that the government response didn't bother him, and that politicians have a tough row to plow.

“Closing the subways seemed a little irrational,” said Jason Kruk, a psychologist. “[But] it's better to over-react than to under-react.”

Kruk's practice is on the distant island of Manhattan, so he canceled all of his appointments for the day and hit the street.

Toby, his 3-year-old son, was disappointed that the local muffin store was closed, and that the head of his snowman kept falling off.

A Greenwood Heights resident sledding with her daughter and boyfriend in Prospect Park echoed the better-safely-than-sorry sentiment.

“I'm glad they shut down the subways so people didn't get stuck,” Cassandra Romaguera said.

Over in Bushwick, a man hard at work shoveling out his vehicle on Menahan Street at



Photo by Paul Martinka



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Photo by Elizabeth Graham

MAKING THE MOST OF IT: (Above) A bicyclist cruises over the Brooklyn Bridge during the storm. (Right) Jason Kruk and son Toby build a snowman named Frosty in Park Slope. (Left) A family braves the blustery wind on Prospect Avenue. (Top left) Cross-country skiers trek across Prospect Park.

Wilson Avenue said the snowfall was underwhelming.

“It is annoying to have to dig out my car, but this really is not a big deal,” Jose Amaro said.

And a woman trudging through the snow on Bush-

wick Avenue offered more of the benefit-of-a-doubt take on the government response that pretty much everyone our reporters spoke to had, then perhaps ventured closer to the heart of the matter.

“I am glad that they shut down the subway, just in case it was really bad,” Allison Donovan said. “And it meant I did not have to go to work.”



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TOW-TALLY AWESOME: Jack Tawil entertains himself with the help of some friends, a snowboard, and a Mercedes-Benz in the MCU Park parking lot.

Photo by Paul Martinka

Zip slip snarls post plan

Post office backs off pitch for move to wrong zip code

BY NOAH HUROWITZ

Return to sender!

Plans to move Boerum Hill's post office seven blocks from its Atlantic Avenue location to nearby Dean Street have been sacked because the new location is in the wrong zip code, and residents are wondering how the agency that claims it delivers could make such a mistake.

"How the post office of all people, as one of their first tests, did not plug this address into their own website is a mystery to me," said Community Board 2 District Manager Rob Perris of the so-called "Times Plaza" station.

The present office at 542 Atlantic Ave. between Third and Fourth avenues is moving because its lease has expired, according to a spokeswoman for the U.S. Postal Service. The move-out date was supposed to be at the end of 2014, but the landlord gave the agency an extension in order to have time to find a new location and make a smooth transition, the representative said.



PO SNAFU: Plans to move the Boerum Hill post office to Dean Street have been scratched - because the new location was in the wrong zip code.

The agency announced in August that it would set up shop at 594 Dean St. in Prospect Heights, about a 10-minute walk from the current spot. But the office now appears to be moving to Park Slope, according to a letter sent to Borough President Adams in De-

ember which said the agency had chosen a building at 288-290 Flatbush Ave. between Park and Prospect places.

An agency representative said that building, which once housed a Chase Bank branch, is the likely choice, but the lease hasn't been signed.

"This is still an active review of options that will serve the community in a smart, cost-effective way," said Connie Chirichello.

The foul-up is the latest mishap for a location that has long received complaints from customers for its abysmal customer service. Perris said he hopes the move to a new building will be a change for the better.

"The new building is contemporary, with lots of windows, so it looks like it could be at least physically a better location than the one on Atlantic Avenue," he said.



WILD WEST: Police seized three guns, including this revolver, in a big drug bust that nabbed 14 suspects at the Farragut Houses. NYPD

Gun, drug bust in V'Hill

BY MATTHEW PERLMAN

Call them the Vinegar Hill gang.

Police arrested 14 suspected drug traffickers in a bust at the Farragut Houses last Thursday, after a 10-month investigation and more than 100 undercover purchases of crack cocaine and heroin, authorities said. Cops also say they recovered three guns along with crack, heroin, and marijuana in the shakedown, which a prosecutor said will help make the public

housing complex safer for residents.

"The arrests we announce today shut down a major supplier of cocaine to gangs that traffic narcotics in Farragut Houses, and removed guns readily available to spawn violence and chaos in this community," said prosecutor Bridget Brennan. "Guns and drugs threaten the safety and security of too many of our city's public housing residents."

Police started their in-

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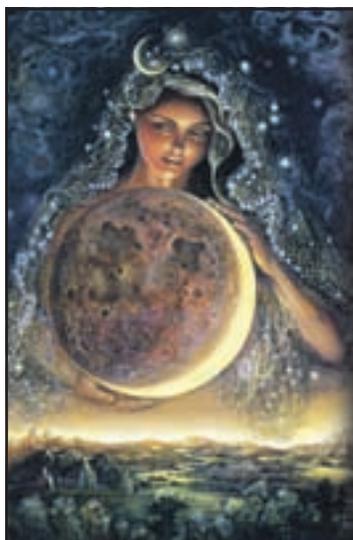
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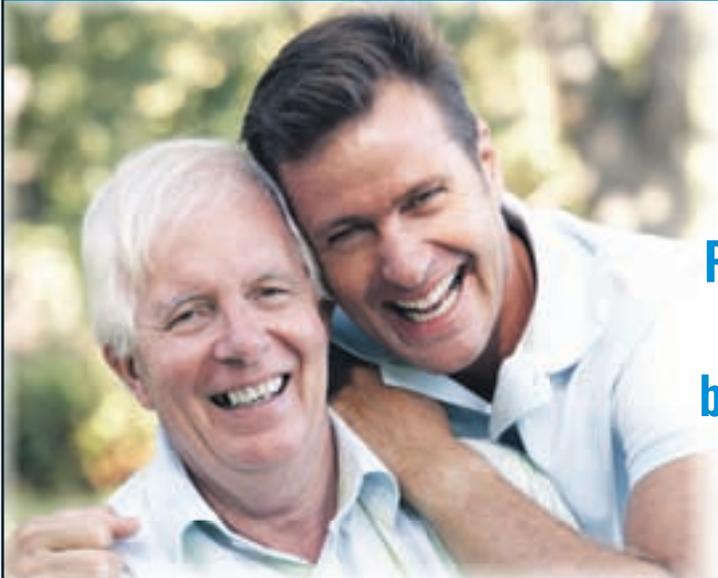
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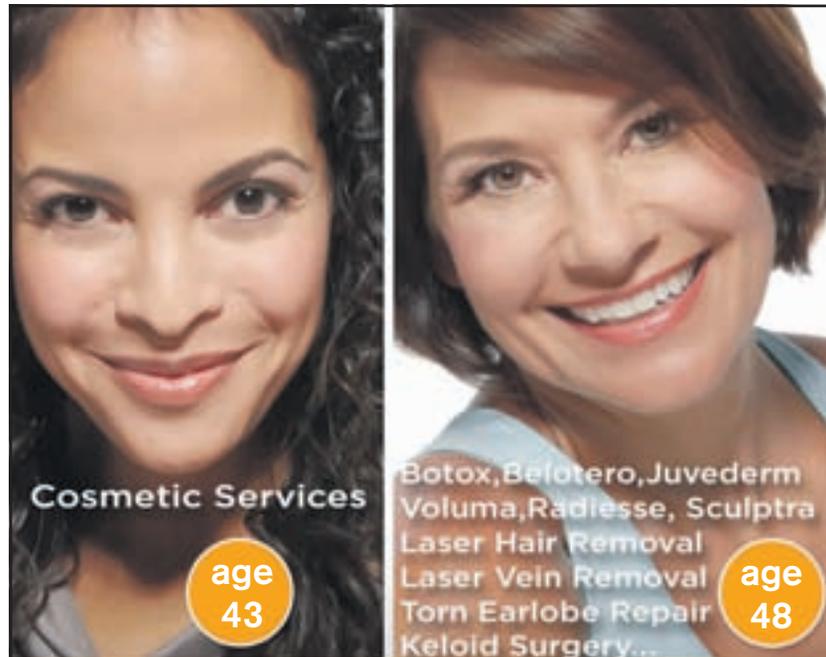
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'Brooklyn' beer company hails first ale

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

Brooklyn has a new brewery, only, like Brooklyn Brewery in its early days, it is not making beer anywhere near Kings County.

The new beer company Braven has released its first flavor, an India pale ale, after two years of planning, marketing, and fund-raising. The company says it wants to help return Bushwick to its heyday as a brewing capital — and advertises itself as “located in the historic Bushwick neighborhood of Brooklyn” — but for the foreseeable future the product is being brewed in rented vats upstate in Saratoga Springs. The trailblazing Brooklyn Brewery started brewing in Utica, New York in 1983 and didn't open its Williamsburg outpost until 1996.

Despite Braven's credibility gap, one of its founders said the first sips of the first kegs of beer are oh-so sweet.

“It has taken us a long time,



ALL BOTTLED UP: After a two-year slog, Braven Brewing Company released its first beer, Braven White, this month. The stuff is brewed upstate. *Braven Brewing Co.*

but it is so worth it to us,” Marshall Thompson said. “When you have a passion, you have to go for it.”

The first variety is called Braven White, and by the end of the year the brewers hope to roll out a black pale ale and a

pilsner. To come up with the recipes, Thompson and his partner Eric Feldman pored over articles and recipes about how beers were made back in the early 20th century in Bushwick, Thompson said.

“We have got enough technical information, so we want to try to bring that back,” he explained.

But finding space to open the first brewery in Bushwick in a half century has, predictably in today's overheated real estate market, been tough.

“We are looking at a place tomorrow, but it is not the first place we have looked at and it probably will not be the last,” said Thompson. “The thing we love the most when we tour breweries is when the brewers show you the process and lead you through the whole system, and we want to be able to do that.”

Thompson and Feldman, from Pennsylvania and Long Island, respectively, became



CHEERS: Marshall Thompson, left, and Eric Feldman, co-founders of Braven Brewing Company, enjoy their newly released beer at a mid-January launch party. *Photo by Jason Speakman*

friends when they were college-aged and moved to Brooklyn in 2008. Here they worked on home-brewing projects

together and, within a few months of starting, beer expert Josh Bernstein included

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Hops to it!

Courier staffers try newest suds

It took Braven Brewing Company two years and some serious fund-raising to bottle its first beer, a light India pale ale called Braven White. So how does it taste? The thirsty staff of The Brooklyn Courier took a break from reporting the day's news to swirl the beer around on our sophisticated palates and brew up some hard-hitting hops criticism.



VANESSA OGLE, REPORTER: "It is better than the coffee-pumpkin beer we tried back in October." (Vanessa is not a big beer fan.)
Community News Group / Nathan Tempey



NOAH HUROWITZ, REPORTER: "It is a bit like your uncle's home-brew. You can feel pretty good for making it in your house, but it falls flat."
CNG / Nathan Tempey



DANIELLE FURFARO, REPORTER: "It is drinkable. It is nothing too unique, which is probably what they are going for if they want to sell a lot of beer."
Community News Group / Nathan Tempey



RUTH BROWN, ARTS EDITOR: "It has a lingering bitter finish. It is decent for a white beer. It would be good for sitting on a porch and it would be good with spicy food."
Photo by Stefano Giovannini

NEW BEER

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them on his home-brew tour, touting their skills as professional-level.

Buoyed by the praised, they decided in 2013 to turn their love of suds into a Bushwick-branded business. The process proved to not be nearly as straightforward as they had hoped.

"Our business plan changed so many times and we spent so many hours poring over government regulations and licensing," said Thompson. "But people do not care about that. They just want to know if your beer is good."

If Brooklyn's flagship brand is any indication, turning a passion for home-brew into a major company can be done — and without brewing all or even most of one's product in the borough. Brooklyn Brewery has now established a global presence as an instantly recognizable piece of Kings County cool, but just less than two thirds of its beer is still made upstate.

Braven is currently selling its beer in kegs at bars in Williamsburg and Bushwick. Bars with Braven on tap include George and Jack's and Arrogant Swine in Williamsburg, and the Rookery and Heavy Woods in Bushwick.

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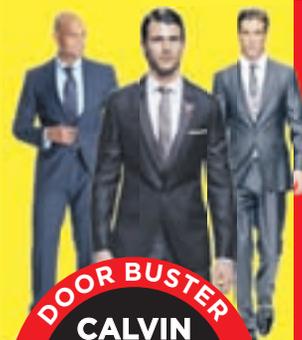
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High crimes

Police arrested a 13-year-old boy who they say robbed two women in separate elevator incidents on Jan. 12, the authorities said.

The first victim said she entered a building on Bridge Street, between York and Prospect streets at 7:55 am, and got into the elevator. The suspect followed her in and when she tried to exit at the seventh floor, he blocked her way, according to a police report. When the elevator reached the 14th floor, the suspect grabbed the woman's purse, which contained \$20 in cash and a credit card, and ran, the report says.

The second victim said she got into the elevator of a building on Sands Street between Gold and Navy streets at 8:30 am, along with the suspect. When the elevator reached the 12th floor, the suspect allegedly pushed her to the ground and took her purse, according to officers. Her purse contained \$850 in cash and credit cards, police said.

Police arrested the teen two days later and charge him with both robberies.

Comfy criminals

A crew of miscreants stole a bunch of bedding from a Front Street store on Jan. 16, cops said.

A worker at the store between Main and Washington streets said the treacherous trio entered at 6:45 pm and started stuffing things in to tote bags.

"Ain't nobody stealing up in here — mind your business," said one of the louts when a worker told them to stop, according to police.

Then the goons took off without paying, the report says. Their haul included 10 linen duvet covers, eight linen shams, 10 organic duvet covers, 16 organic shams, and five sets of sheets, police said. The store reported that the items sell for \$5,300 altogether.

Inmate uprising

Officers arrested three men who they say attacked jailers in Central Booking on Schermerhorn Street on Jan. 13.

An officer said he told one of the prisoners to move to a different cell in the building between Smith Street and Boerum Place at 3 pm, and that the prisoner refused. As the officer tried to cuff the suspect, two other prisoners jumped on him and pulled him away, the report says.

Three other officers heard the commotion and came into the cell to help, police said. Two officers were injured in the fracas, one in the leg, the other in the face, neck, and shoulder, cops said.



POLICE BLOTTER

Jailhouse rocked pt. 2

Police charged another man with allegedly assaulting two officers, also inside Central Booking, on Jan. 16.

The defendant had just seen a judge and had his bail set at 12:50 pm and was brought back to a cell to be searched, according to cops. The suspect was talking on his cellphone and when an officer told him to hang it up so they could search him, he refused, officers said.

The pair of jailers approached him and the suspect became belligerent, kicking and flailing his arms to avoid being cuffed, police said. Both officers were injured, according to a police report.

Locker room larceny

Someone swiped a ton of belongings from a woman's locker in an Atlantic Avenue gym on Jan. 14, cops said.

The victim said she got to the gym between Court Street and Boerum Place at 7 pm and locked up her things before going for a workout.

She returned a half hour later to find that the items were gone, law enforcement officials said. The culprits made off with two pairs of boots, two jackets, a sweater, a pair of jeans, a hat, a pair of gloves, earrings, sunglasses, a watch, and a wallet, a report says.

Laptops looted

An antisocial lowlife swiped a pair of laptops from a Schermerhorn Street school on Jan. 15, per police.

A teacher in the school between Boerum Place and Smith Street said he had a cart with 15 laptops in a classroom at 1 pm, and that by the end of the period two of the devices were gone.

Group grab

Three toughs stole a man's cellphone as he walked down Fulton Street on Jan. 15, officers said.

The victim said he was between Pearl Street and Boerum Place at 5:30 pm when the threatening threesome approached him. One of them tapped him on the shoulder and asked if he was in a gang, but he did not respond and kept walking, according to a police report.

At that point one of the goons grabbed the victim, punched him in the face, and took his phone, then

the fiends fled, the official account says. — *Matthew Perlman*

78TH PRECINCT

PARK SLOPE

Snatch and grab

Thieves struck a Fifth Avenue luxury consignment shop in two separate incidents on Jan. 13 and Jan. 16, cops said.

In the first incident, a scoundrel sauntered into the boutique at Saint Marks Place, tore a \$2,800 Chanel bag from a display case, and dashed out of the store, according to a report.

Three days later, two ne'er-dowells strolled into the shop and grabbed three bags, including a Louis Vuitton duffel bag worth \$1,100, a Stella McCartney purse valued at \$1,500, and another purse worth \$1,100, officers recounted.

More shoplift mayhem

In a third snatch-and-grab theft, a pair of punks swiped electronics from a cellphone store on Flatbush Avenue on Jan. 16, the same day as the second boutique robbery, police said.

The two thieves rushed into the store between Park Place and Seventh Avenue at 6:30 pm and grabbed two Samsung Galaxy tablets and one Samsung Galaxy phone, worth \$1,905 together, a report says.

The bandits damaged a display case in the process of stealing the loot, and promptly fled on foot, according to the NYPD.

Tire mire

A sneak broke into a parked box truck on Sixth Street, stole a metal bar, and left an unusual surprise for the truck's driver sometime between Jan. 14 and Jan. 15, police said.

The intruder broke the lock on the back of the truck, which was parked between Second and Third avenues, sometime between 4:30 pm on Jan. 14 and 4 am the next morning, and proceeded to load the vehicle with 50 to 60 used tires.

The victim found the heavy loot upon returning to the truck the next morning, according to the authorities.

Big wheels

A thief stole a pricey motorcycle from its parking space on Sterling Place sometime between Jan. 14

and Jan. 15, per law enforcement officials.

The victim parked his Bavarian Motor Works bike in front of his home between Flatbush and Vanderbilt avenues at 11 am, but when he returned the next day at 12:45 pm, the motorcycle, which he valued at \$23,000, had vanished, according to a report.

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Pizza pirates

A trio of toughs robbed a delivery guy of food on Jan. 25 in an apartment building on Hoyt Street, according to police.

The worker said he was bringing an order of pizza and calzones to a seventh-floor apartment between Douglass and Baltic streets, when he noticed a no-goodnik hanging out by the elevator. Then he saw an unsavory character walk out the door at his destination and walk into a nearby stairwell, cops said.

And finally a third goon, wearing a mask, ran out of the stairwell, grabbed the insulated bag carrying the food, and dashed back into the stairwell with the other two, the authorities said.

The desperados made off with \$37 in food and the bag, which was worth \$150, a report says.

Roaming fee

A burglar swiped a pair of cellphones from a Carroll Street apartment on Jan. 21, officers said.

The prowler climbed into the apartment between Clinton and Court streets in Carroll Gardens through a rear fire-escape window sometime between 8:45 am and 9:45 pm, according to the authorities.

The victim returned home to find the window's screen removed, the front door unlocked, and an iPhone 4 and a Nokia 928 taken, according to a report.

Tools out

A crook made off with thousands of dollars in tools and supplies after breaking into a construction site in the Columbia Waterfront District between Jan. 24 and Jan. 26, police said.

The owner left the construction site locked up at 9:30 pm on Jan. 24, and when she returned at 7:30 am on Jan. 26, the break-in artist had forced the door open and removed hardware, furniture, plumbing, and building materials worth an estimated \$12,800, according to a report. — *Noah Hurowitz*



PEEKABOO: A still from the video purporting to show Bigfoot (circled) taking a stroll in Prospect Park. YouTube / Russell Strark

BIGFOOT

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The bipedal beast walks with a distinct hunch, and Strark said the way it scoops up the snow reminds him of an animal digging for nuts, or a rodent digging a hole. It is unclear if the humanoid-or-simian creature is wearing clothes, but Strark said he takes the dark material covering its body to be hair. He rejected the notion that the being might be a homeless person, or his buddy dressed up in a Bigfoot costume.

"I think it's his posture, and the way he doesn't have on anything that looks like a mask or a jacket," he said. "He's covered in hair and looks like he's scavenging around. I don't think it's just some bum."

Strark said he is far from a conspiracy theorist, but has no other explanation for the figure his camera recorded.

"I don't believe in the horoscope let alone a f----- bigfoot," he said.

Strark is a bit of a mystery himself. The video is the first on his YouTube account, and profile photos accompanying that account and his e-mail address picture NBC News investigative reporter Jeff Rossen. Searches for "Russell Strark" on Facebook, Twitter, and whitepages.com did not yield any results, and Strark declined to provide further proof of his identity.

Upon publication of this story online, Strark changed his Gmail profile photo to a mugshot of Martin Scorsese's nephew Frank.

The supposed Bigfoot sighting comes on the heels of two coyote incursions into the distant island of Manhattan.

Sightings of large, hair-covered, humanoid animals have occurred in the wilderness areas of North America for more than 400 years, according to the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization.

A spokesman for the Prospect Park Alliance, which manages the park, declined to comment. The Prospect Park Zoo and the Field Researchers did not respond to requests for comment.

Bigfoot isn't the only animal — living or dead — that can be found in Prospect Park. Brooklyn's backyard is also home to squirrels (both gray and white), goats, turtles, ducks, possums, swans, red-tailed hawks, raccoons, and most famously, Canadian geese — which are frowned upon by the government.

It is unclear how the illusive Sasquatch — which is believed to be about eight-feet tall — could have made it to Brooklyn undetected, but there were 101 supposed sightings of the beast in New York state in 2011, and it is plausible that it took a taxi from Manhattan on Halloween, provided it had the cab fare, of course.



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a Prospect Heights resident and member of the Barclays Center Impact Zone Alliance. "People in the neighborhood have always been the ones at risk, and then we have to scramble and try to do something after the fact. We don't want to do that this time."

Mayor DeBlasio and other Brooklyn boosters have been pushing to bring the convention to the borough, and it is now a finalist alongside the deeply inferior cities of Philadelphia and Columbus, Ohio. Bailey says his group is not against hosting the shindig, but that members want it to be carefully controlled, which if the city's handling of Atlantic Yards is any indication, it won't be.

"The group has great concern about the ability of New York City to host the DNC smoothly given the long history of poor coordination of city and state agencies providing oversight over the operation of the arena and the construction of the project," the organization wrote in a statement.

In addition to clogging area streets, the residents



POLITICALLY ACTIVE: Members of the group of Prospect Heights residents that is demanding that Mayor DeBlasio limit the impact of bringing the Democratic National Convention to Brooklyn. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

worry the convention will actually hurt area businesses by restricting access to people who would regularly frequent them. That prediction runs counter to the city's claim that the convention will bring in millions.

"It's a relative fantasy to think people are just going to be meandering around the area during the convention," Bailey said. "It's just not going to happen."

The group wants DeBlasio to appoint a convention coordinator immediately in consultation with Atlantic Yards

co-developer Forest City Ratner, as well as local pols and community boards. City Hall has agreed to do so, but wants to wait until Kings County clinches the hosting honors.

"We will name a community liaison when selected as the host city," DeBlasio spokeswoman Marti Adams said. "We'll continue to engage with community members as we work together to build a convention that will bring maximum benefit to the city as well as the Democratic Party."

Among the fixes the neigh-

bors want to see are re-routing traffic away from the arena, and compensating businesses for losses. And while they're asking for things, they want the city to place a moratorium on film shoots in the neighborhood.

The bottom line is that the people pushing for the event don't have to deal with the hassle of waking up to it.

"It's easy for any organization to say they want it. But not all of these people live here," Bailey said. "The impacted community wants to speak for itself."

Not all locals are so skeptical.

About six dozen businesses, from the neighborhood and beyond, signed onto a letter of support last Friday, telling Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Democratic committee chairwoman, that they want to bring the convention here.

Francine Stephens, who owns Franny's and Bklyn Larder, both on Flatbush Avenue, said she does see an uptick in business during big events, such as during the Video Music Awards.

"That night was very good for us," Stephens said. "The people who would normally be attracted to my businesses, there were just more of them."

She does acknowledge that during many events at Barclays people tend to go straight to the arena and then straight home. She said the mayor's office will have to come up with a plan to encourage convention-goers to explore the area around the arena if local businesses are going to benefit.

"If there's no specific effort made, people will stay in Manhattan, take cars to the convention, and leave," Stephens said. "That's what will happen if there's no plan in place to steer people to the neighborhoods."

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FIGHTING CITY HALL: Police arrested musician Andrew Kalleen last fall for playing his guitar on the G platform in the Metropolitan stop. Kalleen claims that cops pick on buskers to meet their quotas. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

BUSKER PLANS TO SUE CITY

Says he and others were wrongly arrested

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

The subway musician who police arrested for singing on a Williamsburg subway platform — just after an officer read him a law saying what he was doing was legal — is suing the city, claiming wrongful arrest.

In a confrontation caught on video last October, Officer Michael Franco arrested busker Andrew Kalleen while he was playing Pink Floyd and Neil Young songs on the Church-Avenue-bound platform of the G train at the Metropolitan Avenue station, even though Kalleen explained how what he was doing was perfectly legal according to the rules of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

He even had the officer read the law stating that his strumming was allowed, but was eventually taken away by Franco and two other officers, to the jeers of subway riders awaiting the next train. He spent five hours in jail.

“The officer did not take care to

handle this properly,” Kalleen said. “When he was faced with reading the law aloud, he should have changed his stance, but he chose not to.”

Kalleen has been to court four times so far. Twice he said he was told that the court did not have his paperwork. The other two times, he attempted to get a disposition, but was told he would have to get another court date first, he said. The process has left him frustrated with the court system as well.

“I have been pretty disappointed to see that a lack of integrity extends beyond the street,” he said.

Now, Kalleen and lawyer Paul Hale say they will file the wrongful arrest lawsuit by the end of the month.

Hale said is gathering a group of at least six musicians who have come to him with similar stories of arrest to add as plaintiffs to the suit.

The city wouldn’t comment on the suit, saying that it would review it after it is filed.

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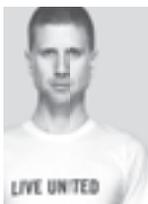
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Jonathan comes to the position with nine years of experience in retail banking and lending. Prior to joining TD Bank he served as a branch manager at Investors Bank in Midwood. The newest member of the team lives on Staten Island — okay, so it's not Brooklyn, but close enough — and is a member of the **Young Jewish Professionals**. He also serves on the board of the **Midwood Development Corporation**.

Standing O says, "Welcome, glad you are on board."

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Eats Cares campaign this year.

"The holidays should be a joyful time for everyone, and the Brooklyn Chamber is proud to do its part to brighten the lives of Brooklynites most in need," he said. "We are thrilled to be able to donate even more this year."

The chamber will top itself again in 2015, added Scissura, who thanked the New York Business Development Corporation, the participating food banks, and all those who generously donated to this wonderful cause. Standing O has no doubt either that the Chamber will best itself in fund-raising.

The donations will be split evenly among six local food pantries and soup kitchens, including: **Bedford Stuyvesant Campaign Against Hunger** on Fulton Street; **New Hope Family Worship Center** on Livonia Avenue; **the Coney Island Lighthouse Mission** on Mermaid Avenue; **Reaching Out Services** and **Masbia** in Bensonhurst; and the **Greenpoint Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen**.

Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce [335 Adams St. in Downtown, (718) 875-1000].

Playwright writes the right act!

BOROUGH WIDE

Borough son **Ethan Sirotko** has been chosen as a semi-finalist in the first-ever International Yiddish playwriting contest. Such an honor! This contest is in conjunction with **National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene's** highly-anticipated Centennial Celebrations Festival where the finalists will have their plays professionally performed and produced.



"The Last Act," written by our pal Ethan, is about a feisty, successful Yiddish actress who fiercely guards her secrets and chronicles her work in the once-thriving Yiddish theater of pre-World War II Poland and the dying Yiddish theater of post-war America. When she meets the passionate director who is documenting her life, their clash of wills unravels the harshness of memory and the frailty of reality.

Ethan has written several plays, screenplays, books of poetry, and a book of short stories. He has acted in Off-Broadway productions and created a new definition of the micro-second when he appeared in the TV soap opera, "Search For Tomorrow." In addition, Ethan is also an undercover trial attorney and photographer, and founded the photo-card company ES-Photos.

Standing O says, "Good luck and mazel tov, can't wait to see the play hit the bright lights of Broadway. Front row seats would be nice."

BAY RIDGE

Old friends indeed

Three cheers to friends **Jacqueline Fitzgerald, Nora Naughton, Frances "Frannie" Gori, Lorraine Smith, Dorothy "Dee" Peterson, and Carol Fontana** who celebrated 67 years of friendship with a reunion at Colandrea New Corner Restaurant on Jan. 4 that fellow pal **Kay Kelly** was unable to attend.

These women have been friends longer than most marriages last, and although they have married and scattered to the four corners, they still find time to keep in touch, span the miles, and reconnect for a reunion whenever schedules permit.

The group clinked glasses and paid tribute to late charter members **Pat Tone, Peggy Barrett and Barbara Murphy**, all of whom passed away recently.

Linda Pritz, Joyce Rank, Edward Chavez, and Vincent Maita joined the loyal ladies, and all had a



PROUD OF OUR FINEST: Members of the Be Proud Foundation enjoy an appreciation luncheon with our men in blue, seated from left, **Ida Smolynanitshay, Anastasia Braverman, Gleyzer Kira, Polina Kharaz, team leader Fira Stukelman, and Olga Stukelman.**

Photo by Steve Schnibbe

Many thanks, Be Proud Foundation

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The Russian-American **Be Proud Foundation** thanked and honored New York's Finest at its Ninth Annual Appreciation Luncheon before the holidays at Signature Restaurant in Sheepshead Bay.

So Standing O is giving a great, big shout-out to **Ida Smolynanitshay, Anastasia Braverman, Gleyzer Kira, Polina Kharaz, team leader Fira Stukelman, Olga Stukelman**, and all the other members of the Foundation a well-deserved pat on the back for remembering to thank the NYPD.

The community group treated dozens of the city's men in blue to a fab luncheon to show gratitude for their dedication and sacrifices on behalf of New Yorkers.

great time.

Standing O says, "Congratulations on your continued friendships and health, and wishing you all another 67 years and more of fond friendship."

BAY RIDGE

IRS help

Need help in figuring out the twists and turns of the income tax form? Well help is here. State **Sen. Marty Golden** (R-Bay Ridge) will host the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program at his Bay Ridge district office from Feb. 15 through April 13 on Sundays and Mondays.

The senator has hosted the program for 17 years and describes it as invaluable

"They are such good people, the police put themselves into incredibly dangerous situations," states a message on the Be Proud Foundation poster.

Group founder **Raisa Chernina** started the lunches as a way of remembering the kind police officer who comforted her in the hours following her mother's death 10 years ago.

"At least once a year, we have to tell them 'thank you,'" she said.

Standing O agrees and joins with the Foundation to say, "Thanks a bunch for all you do, Finest, and thanks Be Proud Foundation for your own dedication to the community."

Be Proud Foundation [2805 E. 26th St. between Emmons Avenue and Shore Parkway in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 788-7773].

able for qualifying constituents.

"It saves them hundreds of dollars they would otherwise spend in tax preparation services," he said.

Standing O says, "Thanks a bunch."

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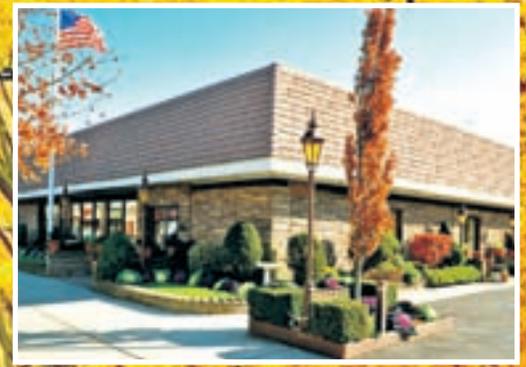
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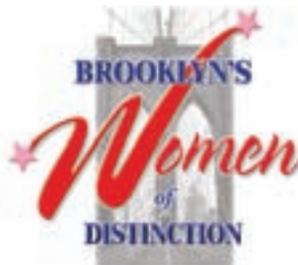
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'Heart disease' describes many conditions

Few people are unaware of heart disease and its potentially devastating effects. But many people may not know that the term "heart disease" is a blanket term used to describe several health problems related to the heart.

According to the World Health Organization, ischaemic heart disease, which is characterized by a reduced blood supply to the heart, is the leading cause of death across the globe. Though many conditions are characterized as ischaemic heart disease, many others are not, and the World Health Organization notes that other heart conditions, including stroke, are also among the top 10 most deadly diseases in the world. The following is a run-down of some of the more common heart conditions, many of which can be prevented if men and women make the right lifestyle choices.

Angina

Angina occurs when a person has chest pain or discomfort around his heart because the muscle is not getting enough oxygen-rich blood. Angina can be a byproduct of elevated levels of stress or overexertion and may even be caused by clogged arteries. All cases of angina are not the same. Stable angina is the most common form, and usually follows a pattern that is common among patients. Unstable angina is less predictable, while variant angina,

the rarest form of the condition, occurs while a person is at rest. Rest and medicine are at the root of treating angina, which is more easily treated once its cause has been determined.

Atherosclerosis

Atherosclerosis is characterized by the buildup of fatty materials in the arterial walls. This fatty material can harden over time, restricting blood flow and resulting in calcium deposits. Daily exercise and a healthy diet void of high-fat, high-cholesterol foods are two ways to prevent or treat atherosclerosis.

Cardiac arrest

Cardiac arrest is a culmination of several heart conditions, including angina and atherosclerosis. Also known as a heart attack, cardiac arrest occurs when blood and oxygen are unable to reach the heart. Chest discomfort; discomfort in other areas of the upper body, including the arms, back, neck or jaw; shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort; and nausea or lightheadedness may all be indicators that a person is going into cardiac arrest.

Hypertension

Also known as high blood pressure, hypertension is a relatively common heart condition. Nearly every adult has likely received a blood pressure reading at one point in his life. That reading mea-

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Live healthier

Easy ways to get on the right track

Contrary to popular belief, adopting a healthy lifestyle is not a difficult undertaking. In certain instances, convenience may need to be sacrificed in favor of nutrition, but many people find that living healthy is not nearly as difficult as they assumed it would be when they initially decided to make a change.

When people decide they want to start living healthier, many mistakenly assume they must abandon their existing habits entirely and start from scratch. But the following are some easy ways to start living healthier every day.

Add more fruits and veggies

One of the best and easiest ways to live healthier is to begin eating more fruits and vegetables. Instead of unhealthy snacks like potato chips and cookies, snack on a piece of fruit, and never sit down to a meal unless you include some vegetables to go along with the main course. Studies have shown that men and women whose diets are high in fruits and vegetables are less likely to develop certain types of cancers, including cancers of the digestive tract.

In addition, the United States Department of Agriculture notes that people whose diets are rich in fruits and vegetables have a lower risk for heart disease, including heart attack and stroke.

Eat slowly

Some people may already be eating the right foods, but they may just be eating too much of them. It takes time for your body to let you know it's had too much to eat, so eating too fast can increase your risk of overeating. While eating, try to limit distractions that can take your attention away from how much you're eating.

If you're always watching television or checking emails on your phone while eating, try a few days of distraction-free, careful eating, and you may find yourself eating less and feeling more energized after a meal.



Including more fruits and vegetables in your diet is an easy and effective way to improve your overall health.

Skip the second glass of wine

The much-publicized medical benefits of wine are somewhat misleading. According to the Mayo Clinic, when consumed in moderation, red wine can help prevent heart disease. That's because alcohol and antioxidants found in red wine have been shown to increase levels of high-density lipoprotein, often referred to as "good" cholesterol, and protect against artery damage.

But wine also contains sugars that can fatten the liver, and a fatty liver can contribute to a host of serious health problems.

If you already drink wine, limit yourself to one glass per day. If you are not a wine drinker, then it's important to note that many doctors believe the potential benefits of drinking wine do not outweigh the potentially negative consequences associated with alcohol consumption, which include neurological problems and an increased risk for heart disease.

Get more sleep

Inadequate sleep affects the body in a variety of ways. Many people are aware that one poor night's sleep is certain to affect their energy levels the following day, but fewer may know of the link between sleep duration and chronic disease. For example, the Harvard Medical School notes that studies have linked insufficient sleep to type 2 diabetes, as the body's ability to process glucose can be compromised by poor sleeping habits.

Other medical conditions that have been linked to insufficient sleep include obesity, heart disease and mood disorders. While you might be proud of your ability to function on minimal sleep, the long-term effects of insufficient sleep can be dire, so be sure to get at least seven hours of sleep each night.

Choosing to live healthier does not mean you need to completely overhaul your existing lifestyle. In fact, you can make several easy everyday changes to dramatically improve your overall health.

Side effects of obesity



Being overweight or obese can contribute to a host of potentially debilitating ailments.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 40 percent of the United States population is now considered obese, while an additional 34 percent are considered overweight. These figures illustrate a potentially grave future for Americans, as the consequences of being overweight or obese include diabetes, heart disease, and even death.

Obesity can have a very real and lasting impact on individuals and future generations. Here are some health effects that can be the result of carrying around too much weight:

Cancer

The National Cancer Institute says each year thousands of new cases of cancer in men and

women can be linked to obesity. Some researchers feel that excess fat cells increase hormonal activity, which can lead to tumor growth.

High blood pressure

Overweight or obese people have a greater chance of developing high blood pressure. Blood pressure is the force of blood pushing against the walls of the arteries while the heart pumps blood. High blood pressure can weaken the heart over time, causing it to work less efficiently, and may lead to aneurysm, heart failure or stroke.

Infertility

As with cancer, the potential correlation between obesity and infertility requires further

study. But there is some evidence that points to obesity as a contributing factor to infertility.

Overweight women tend to have a harder time getting pregnant, and some researchers feel that is because fatty tissue may cause hormonal changes that impact conception.

Type 2 diabetes

When a person has type 2 diabetes, his body cannot use insulin properly. Over time, the body cannot make enough insulin to regulate blood sugar level. About 80 to 90 percent of people who are obese also have type 2 diabetes, and it's believed that being overweight places extra stress on the body's ability to maintain proper glucose levels in the blood, creating a greater

need for insulin. This can create a vicious cycle, as insulin use itself can lead to weight gain.

Osteoarthritis

Overweight individuals frequently develop pain in the joints of their knees, hips, and lower backs. The condition occurs as tissue that protects the joints wears away. Extra weight also can wreak havoc on the feet that are forced to bear those extra pounds.

Premature birth

A study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* found that overweight women are at a greater risk of having a preterm delivery. Too much fat can weaken uterine and cervical membranes.

Trouble sleeping

Obese and overweight people can have problems sleeping, says the American Sleep Foundation. Obesity can be linked to sleep apnea, a condition in which a person gasps for air or momentarily stops breathing while asleep. This

condition can result in frequent interruptions in sleep and an overall poor quality of sleep.

Obesity and overweight can contribute to many health problems, some of which may come as a surprise to men and women who are carrying extra weight.

Spotlight on New York Methodist's Heart Team for American Heart Month

More than half a century ago, on Dec. 30, 1963 President Lyndon Johnson signed the proclamation declaring February to be American Heart Month. The annual tradition was established to raise awareness of the devastating impact of cardiovascular disease in the United States, at a time when nearly 700,000 men and women were lost to heart disease each year.

Though the population of the United States has almost doubled since then, the number of annual deaths due to heart disease has significantly decreased — and advances in technology and in collaborative surgical techniques for heart repair have been a key factor.

"The first open-heart procedure was performed at the close of the nineteenth century, and over the course of 120 years, open-heart surgery techniques have been refined so thoroughly that they are still the preferred course of action in many cases," said Dr. Terrence Sacchi, chief of the Division of Cardiology at New York Methodist Hospital. "However, open heart surgery is



Dr. Terrence Sacchi, chief of cardiology at New York Methodist Hospital, with a patient.

very invasive, and that can rule out what would otherwise be a life-saving procedure because the patient is too sick, too elderly, or has any other contraindications. That used to mean that many patients with plenty of life left to live had run out of options for heart disease treatment. And those healthy enough to undergo open heart procedures still require a long hospital stay and a

lengthy period of recovery."

"However, in the past few years, treatments for heart disease have truly catapulted forward," continued Dr. Sacchi. "Instead of a large incision and retraction of bone and muscle, we can visualize the whole heart during a procedure by using sophisticated 3-D imaging equipment and software. Instead of dissecting heart muscle

to reach the site of the problem, a multidisciplinary 'heart team' of cardiologists and cardiac surgeons can work together to thread catheters—tiny, flexible tubes—from nickel-sized incisions in the thigh through the blood vessels and into the heart. Repairing a heart with minimal disruption to the rest of the body means that patients with heart disease don't simply live longer; they also live better, and they enjoy a much higher quality of life."

Dr. Sacchi helped to establish the New York Methodist-Cornell Heart Center in 2004 — one of only three in the borough. The Center has been performing noninvasive procedures for heart disease since its opening, beginning with percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) procedures for blocked arteries — also known as angioplasty and stenting. The lineup has expanded rapidly since then, and now includes transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) for aortic stenosis, laser lead extraction for implanted cardiac devices, and hybrid ablation for

severe atrial fibrillation. New York Methodist is now one of the top-ranking hospitals in New York State in the number of PCI procedures performed over a three year span, and the trend is continuing upward.

"Heart attacks, faulty heart valves, cardiac defects, arrhythmias — there are now noninvasive catheter-based treatments for all of these conditions," said Dr. Sacchi. "And as the options continue to expand, deaths due to heart disease will hopefully continue to decline. The U.S. has come a long way since the first American Heart Month, and it's very satisfying to be a part of that success story."

Patients with heart conditions who want more information about these procedures, or who would like to schedule an appointment, are advised to call 866.84.HEART (866.844.3278) for the Institute for Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery at New York Methodist Hospital, which includes the New York Methodist-Cornell Heart Center.

Know heart attack symptoms

Women's heart attack indicators can differ from men's

Research indicates women may experience symptoms quite different from men when it comes to heart attacks. Dismissing the symptoms of a heart attack can delay life-saving actions. It is critical for women to recognize warning signs. Even when signs are subtle, the results can be deadly.

The American Heart Association notes that a heart attack occurs when blood flow that brings oxygen-rich blood to the heart is slowed down or cut off. Arteries that supply blood flow to the heart may gradually become blocked by cholesterol, fat and plaque. The National Institutes of Health indicate women often experience new or unusual physical symptoms as early as a month before experiencing a heart attack.

Women's symptoms may not be as predictable as men's, but there are still some signs to consider:

- Sweating
- Pressure in the chest

and back that may feel like a rope being tightened around the body

- Nausea
- Pain in the back, neck, jaw, or stomach
- Shortness of breath without having exerted yourself

- Lightheadedness
- Chest pain may be present, but fewer than 30 percent of women actually experience any pain in their chest

- Unusual fatigue
- Indigestion
- Sleep disturbances

If a woman experiences any of the above symptoms and suspects a heart attack, it is better to be safe than sorry. First, call 9-1-1 and make sure to follow the operator's instructions. Chew and swallow an aspirin (325 mg) if you have one available. Aspirin will prevent platelets in the blood from clotting and further blocking up an affected artery. This prevents any other heart muscle cells from dying from a clot obstruction.

If you suspect you are having a heart at-

tack, do not drive yourself to the hospital. Wait for paramedics or have someone else drive if you have no other choice. Lie down and try to remain as calm as possible until

emergency responders arrive. Be somewhere safe in case you lose consciousness and have the door unlocked so that EMTs can get inside your home should you

lose consciousness.

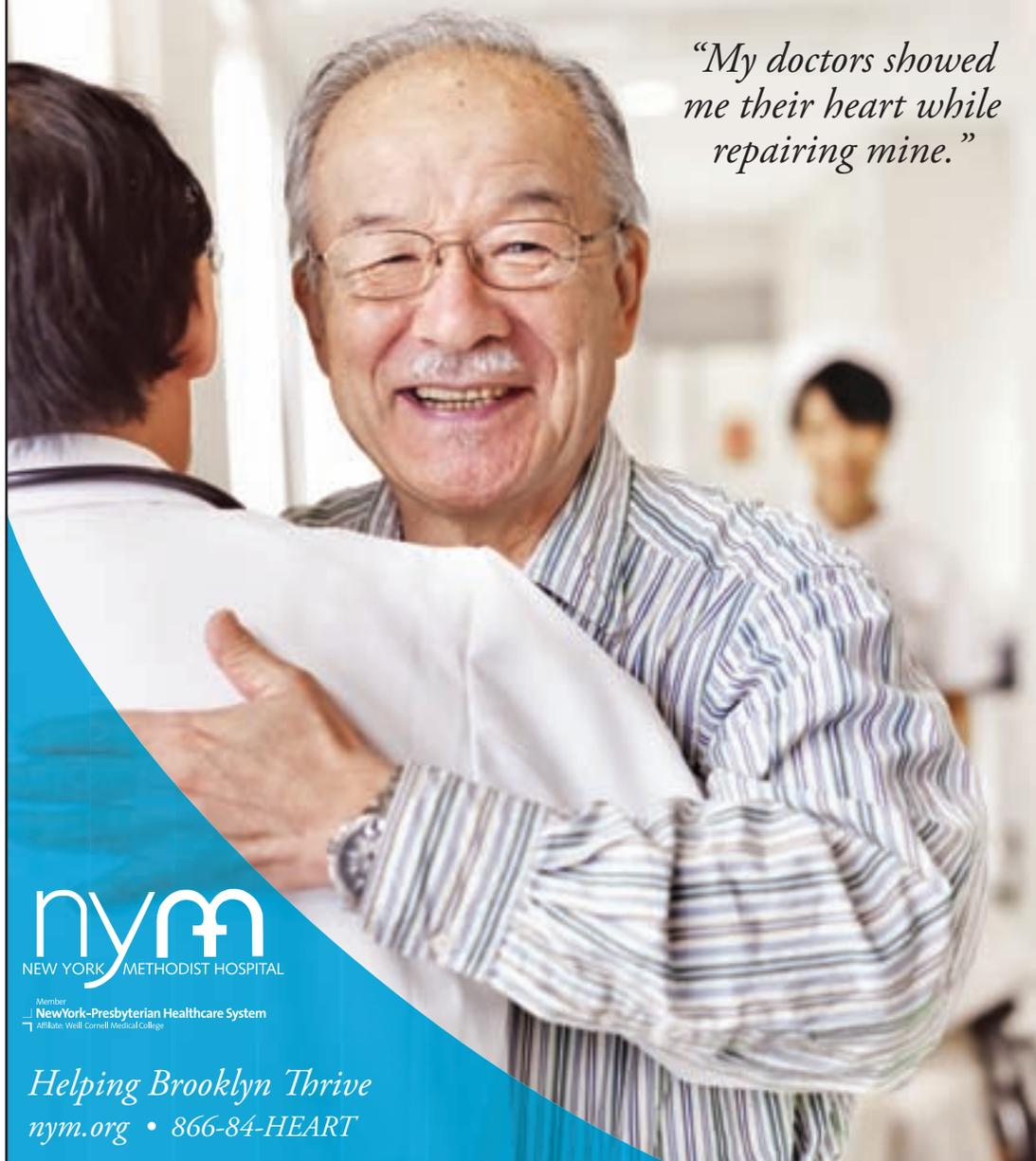
One of the best ways to remain healthy with regard to heart attack is to take certain preventative measures to reduce your risk of heart at-

tack. Quitting smoking, walking 30 minutes per day, and choosing foods that are lower in fat and dietary cholesterol can help prevent heart attacks.

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“My doctors showed me their heart while repairing mine.”



DISEASE

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sure the systolic pressure, which is the pressure created when the heart beats, and the diastolic pressure, which is the pressure in the heart when it is at rest. A blood pressure above 120 over 80 is considered high, and that high figure might be caused by salt and water levels in the body and the condition of the body's kidneys, nervous system, and blood vessels, as well as the body's hormone levels. Treating hypertension is relatively simple, as a doctor will typically recommend some dietary changes and may even prescribe medication for

those patients with especially high blood pressure.

Stroke

Stroke occurs when the blood supply to any part of the brain is interrupted. Potentially deadly, stroke can cause paralysis as well. Trouble speaking, loss of coordination, and trouble moving limbs may be indicative of stroke, which is considered a medical emergency that requires immediate medical help. The longer a person goes between the onset of a stroke and seeking treatment often determines the severity of the consequences.

More information on heart disease is available at www.heart.org.

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SNOW JOB: In a press conference on Tuesday, Gov. Cuomo stood by his decision to close roads and public transit on Monday night as a snowstorm bore down on Brooklyn.

Associated Press / Seth Wenig

TRAINS

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exclusive Brooklyn Courier report in which Metropolitan Transportation Authority insiders slammed the governor for catching emergency transit managers off guard with his announcement of the closure late Monday afternoon, saying that the stoppage stranded New Yorkers unnecessarily because the trains had to run all night to help keep the tracks clear.

Mayor DeBlasio, too, learned of the closure plan at the last minute.

"We found out just as it was being announced," he told reporters on Tuesday.

Our Monday night report of trains traveling empty citywide was borne out by data and witness accounts. Around midnight, the NYC Subway Time app for Android showed train activity in both directions on all lines that normally run at night. Through the early morning, Twitter users and others reported seeing passenger trains plying city tracks, including several F trains on the Culver Viaduct, running between Park Slope and Carroll Gardens.

The transit agency's head acknowledged the ghost trains, but said they don't mean the system could have been operational for public use during the storm.

"There's a difference between running what we call an equipment train and ones with passenger service," said Authority chairman Tom Prendergast, who joined Cuomo at the Tuesday

morning briefing. "We run them irregularly to keep the lines clear."

Cuomo said the problem of whether to bar passengers from the system is less cut-and-dry than critics claim.

"What is underground and what is exposed to the elements is a very precise science," he said.

Prendergast added that preparing a special schedule to restrict service on outdoor tracks while running underground trains is "tough." He also cited the December 2010 snowstorm that stranded dozens of trains and hundreds of buses around the city as proof the stoppage was the right thing to do.

The statement was an about-face from the afternoon prior, when Prendergast said that a stoppage of underground service wouldn't make sense because snowstorms don't affect tunnel-bound trains.

"I don't believe so, because there'd be no reason — because we'll be able to run trains," Prendergast said. "It's an essential service for people who must get around, including our own employees."

The transit agency's snow response plan outlines service reductions and emergency train-car positioning to continue operating through heavy storms, according to WNYC.

Cuomo has halted train service for major storms before, including during hurricanes Irene and Sandy, when track flooding was a risk.

Cuomo added that he does not blame meteorologists for the dire predictions that did not materialize.

"I do not criticize weather forecasters," he said. "I learn."

DRUG BUST

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investigation last March after complaints from residents about drug activity, and following incidents of gang-related violence in the area. The suspects allegedly conducted their sales in building lobbies, near the playground, and out of nearby businesses, including a Chinese Restaurant and deli on York Street, investigators said. They also frequently rotated the locations where they stored the narcotics in order to evade law enforcement, cops said.

One of the suspects, known as

"Shottie," even stole \$1,000 from an undercover officer who was trying to buy drugs from him, officials said.

Police searched four Farragut Houses apartments on Thursday looking for suspects. One of the main alleged traffickers, called "Slubs," was in a different apartment and heard the commotion. He tried to escape by jumping from a second floor window, but landed at the feet of a waiting housing authority police officer who dutifully cuffed him, police said. Prosecutors then obtained a search warrant from the apartment he leapt from and claimed to have found more crack cocaine as well as a scale and other paraphernalia used to package the drugs.

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Cuomo's subway shuttering rankles readers

Gov. Andrew Cuomo caught the Metropolitan Transportation Authority by surprise on Monday afternoon by announcing the overnight closure of the subway system ahead of what was supposed to be the worst of this week's snowstorm, but the trains had to run all night anyway to keep the tracks clear, this paper exclusively reported ("EXCLUSIVE: Subways will run empty overnight during snowstorm, source says," online Jan. 26). An agency insider said that the governor's move, the first ever halting of subway service for a snowstorm, blindsided emergency transit planners and ran against common sense, given that the system's underground tunnels are protected from the elements and protocols are in place to run trains outside in heavy snow. Subsequently, real-time subway data, witness reports, media accounts, and the head of the transit agency confirmed our report, and Mayor DeBlasio admitted even he hadn't been kept in the loop about Cuomo's drastic move.

Readers accelerated the discussion online.

Dump Cuomo, for he is a moron.
Michael from Carroll Gardens

It's official! New York is a military state! Stay off the streets or face arrest. At some point they won't give the excuse of a storm to have the power-hungry governor or the goofy mayor (the House speaker apparently is absent) to arrest anyone on the street against their orders.

But maybe the cops will just turn their backs on the storm!

P.S. Will sledding or skiing send you to Rikers?

Epiphany from Ex-Brooklyn

Can't use cabs or Uber either. Roads closed at 11 pm.

D. Litner from Midtown East

I heard the L running underneath Metropolitan at 1am.

Olen from Williamsburg

Clearly there's a reason this "in-

SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

sider" is not authorized to talk to the press about internal matters.

"I think it's horrible, purely political decision, not based on anything that's needed," the insider said. "It seemed like cutting out a necessary lifeline unnecessarily."

Hey, you know what sounds purely political? Criticizing the governor for taking steps to ensure that people will do the smart thing and get home and stay there, so emergency and first response professionals won't have extra work on their hands during a big storm dealing with morons who have no common sense. If someone had a need for a "necessary lifeline" during the storm, I'm pretty sure they would have called 911, genius. Hey, [deputy editor] Nathan [Tempey], try vetting your sources a little better next time.

The real story here isn't that Cuomo screwed up, but that the decision to run the trains all night was a smart move to reduce the recovery time of the system, and that closing the system to passengers was just part of a general order to keep people from leaving their homes unnecessarily, just like the driving ban-fines. Duh. You owe the governor and your readers an apology.

Bias blind-spot from Washington Heights

Politicians have a tough time in New York with the hyper-critical populace. Damned if they do, damned if they don't. **Me from Bay Ridge**

Why in the world do people need to stay home? People were walking around my neighborhood all night, and everyone seemed just fine. The only thing they couldn't do was get to a different neighborhood! My friend's wife was sick, and needed over-the-counter medicine.

He should have called 911 for that?

Nick Danger from Carroll Gardens

The governor just spoke on this and other manners. This insider is just stirring up a false controversy. Subways were back up by noon.

PGL from progrolib@yahoo.com

Cuomo's decision to shut down the subways was dumb and ill-advised.

Allison from Williamsburg

I did not know Cuomo lived in Washington Heights!

The trains were running all

night anyway.

Lincoln from Upper West Side

The source was correct. No reason to shut down the subways, just like there wasn't in 2010, or 2006, or 2003. They were much worse storms than this. And since that time plans have been put in place to address trouble spots.

For those of us who have to travel, it's the safest way to go during the snow. Suspending it left a lot of folks stranded. **Yohan from Bed-Stuy**

Could this idiot of a governor make more of an effort to looking into the management of state projects and the fools he's hired to manage them than giving us storm warnings?

Seems Cuomo spends more time watching the weather and closing roads than looking into how the state agency he runs, Empire State Development Corporation, has screwed up the oversight, management of the construction process and neighborhood agreements promised in the neighborhood.

Then again, look at this agency and the Port Authority — all run by Cuomo. **Atlantic Yards neighbor from Atlantic Yards**

The governor is all about public relations. He wanted to look strong. Never thought about the poor workers making a buck in restaurants, cleaning offices, etc. who could not get off in time to use the subway by 11 pm. The trains were running anyway! What a fool! He stranded thousands. What an idiot.

Can't wait for Preet to bring that arrogant guy down because you know he is next, after Shelly Silver, for closing the Moreland Commission! Can't wait!

Park Slope woman from Park Slope

When you are surrounded by a bunch of allegedly corrupt legislators and former legislators, many under federal probes like Sheldon Silver, Velmanette Montgomery, and Eric Adams (and also under fire for dismantling a commission to investigate alleged crimes), a snowstorm is a wonderful gift — that is, if it can dump enough snow.

It didn't, but Cuomo will certainly figure out a way to continue to deceive and con the people of New York.

Epiphany from Ex-Brooklyn

I believe that if a subway car full

of nightly passengers had become stranded due to the storm everyone would be singing a different tune.

You aren't in a police state, you are just bored. **Patrick McDougal from Anywhere, USA**

I don't think anyone would want to admit it, but I'm suspecting the real reason Cuomo did a complete shutdown of the city subways, as he ordered for this snowstorm-that-wasn't-as-big-as-forecast, was because he almost certainly in my opinion was protecting a potential presidential bid in 2016 or more likely 2020 or 2024.

This was the first time anyone could remember the entire subway system being shut down due to snow. While parts (especially the open cuts and some elevated sections) have been closed in the past in big snowstorms, there was no reason for the underground portion to be closed and it never had previously been in a snowstorm, which to those of us who lived through the blizzards of 1983, 1996, 2003 and 2006, for instance, never saw the Metropolitan Transportation Authority have problems.

What happened in 2010 had to do more with the agency being ill-prepared due to when that hit — right after Christmas.

In the cutthroat world that is politics today, something like the above scenario is certainly not off the table.

Cuomo now may be dealing with some serious blowback from this that includes potentially key donors, especially those on Wall Street, making it clear that he is never to shut the underground portion of the subway again. And if he did — other than a Sandy-like situation where flooding is a genuine concern — he would face having donations withdrawn from a 2020 or 2024 presidential campaign.

Walt Gekko from Outside NYC

Credit woes at pump

To the editor,

I went to a gas station expecting to use my Visa card to fill up my tank.

Imagine my horror when I was told that by my using Visa to pay for the gasoline, the price would be 13 cents more per gallon!

Yes, \$3.45 cash per gallon versus \$3.57 Visa per gallon.

Outrageous.

I always knew Visa to be 10 cents more per gallon, but now it's 13 cents more per gallon. Argh. **A. Smith Mill Basin**

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380-382 Ralph Avenue LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/21/14. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 199 Lee Ave., Ste. 769, Brooklyn, NY 11211. General Purposes.

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380 EAST LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/13/2015. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 943 President St., Ste. 3R, Brooklyn, NY 11215, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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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 AYD Strategies LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/17/14. 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 9201 Shore Rd., Apt. B203, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of DOS 31 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/19/14. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: 231 S. 4th St., Brooklyn, NY 11211. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Mark Rosenblum, CPA, 37 Brighton 11th St., Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GT JR, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/14/2013. NY office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is GT JR, LLC 677 East 2nd St, Brooklyn, NY, 11218. Purpose/character of LLC: Any Lawful Purpose.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 677 East 2nd St, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/7/2008. NY office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 677 East 2nd St, LLC 677 East 2nd St, Brooklyn, NY, 11218. Purpose/character of LLC: Any Lawful Purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: STATIC JOBS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on

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12/08/2014. 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: YEVGENY MALINSKIY 1429 SHORE PKWY APT 7J BROOKLYN, NY 11214. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ALCALA ADVISORS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/08/2014. 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: ALCALA ADVISORS LLC, 150 MYRTLE AVENUE, APT 801, BROOKLYN, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GLOBAL FAMILY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/05/2014. 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: PAUL ANDREW 26 THIRD STREET APT 1R BROOKLYN, NY 11231. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ADAM'S LIMO & TRANSPORTATION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/21/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY

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Notice of formation of limited liability partnership (LLP). Name: Chan & Grant, LLP. Certificate filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/26/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The Partnership 505 Court St Ste 3A Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 531 PW, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/2/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. The P.O. address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process is 531 PW, LLC 199 Lee Ave. PMB 654, Bklyn, NY, 11211. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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Notice of Qualification of AV Hancock Owner LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/24/14. Office location: Kings County. Princ. bus. addr.: One Post Office Square, Ste. 3150, Boston, MA 02109. LLC formed in DE on 12/16/14. NY Sec. of State designated

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Notice of Qualification of Remote Control Touring LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 1/13/15. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in DE on 9/16/14. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 19 Delevan St., Apt. 10, Brooklyn, NY 11231, principal business address. DE address 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.

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Prospect Park Love LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/14. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 62 E. 5th St., Brooklyn, NY 11218. General Purposes.

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WAT-KINS HOLDINGS, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/8/14. 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, 376 Macon St., Brooklyn, NY 11233. General Purposes.

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Film features walk through P'Slope

By Noah Hurowitz

Hey, he's walkin' here!

A new short film about an old man's shuffle to the grocery store, written and shot entirely in Brooklyn, will debut at Videology in Williamsburg on Jan. 30. The filmmaker said she was inspired to make the flick when she witnessed an elderly gent taking his sweet time to cross an intersection in Manhattan.

"This guy was walking slowly, cars were backing up, and the man just had such a look of contentment," said Alexandria Collins, who wrote and directed the short film, dubbed "Milk Run." "I just wanted to look at a normal morning in the life of this older man."

Shot almost exclusively in Park Slope, "Milk Run" follows the brief journey of an elderly man whose wife, frustrated while he works on a piece of classical music that has vexed him for decades, sends him out on a mission to buy ingredients to make pancakes. The film only runs for about 10 minutes, but in that time, the man, Petey, has a series of interactions with people along his route that turn the trip to the store into a much more significant morning.

Collins said she saw the inspiring oldster last summer, and the project moved swiftly from there. The gears started turning, with the outline of the film soon unspooling in her imagination, and within two weeks, she had written a draft of the script, she said.

After talking the script over with friends and members of her writing group, she hooked up with producers and a crew, hired actors, and barely half a year later, the film

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Give and take: Petey, the protagonist of "Milk Run" gets into a shoving match with a homeless man on the way to the store in Park Slope. Alexandria Collins

WRITING IN THE MARGINS

S'Park author is inspired off the beaten path

By Tyler J. Kelley

Sometimes to get the story, you have to sacrifice some soles.

A Sunset Park author has become the toast of the literary scene for his debut novel, which was inspired in part by his travels around some out-of-the-way parts of Brooklyn. Atticus Lish's book "Preparation for the Next Life" takes place mostly in Queens, but the writer drew on many experiences close to home. In the five years it took him to write the book, he said he did a lot of walking and biking on an old Huffy with a peeling seat.

"I was fascinated by the parts of the city one wouldn't normally walk in, by the highways and train tracks," said Lish. "I wore out a lot of shoes."

Lish said his fluency in Mandarin, thanks to a year living in China followed by a stint doing technical translations, also helped him to penetrate the outskirts of New York City, past the reach of gentrification.

"There was a feeling of menace and freedom to the city," said Lish, who grew up in Manhattan as the son of famed literary editor Gordon Lish. "And that may be gone now."

Menace and freedom are the two essential tones of Lish's novel.

The book — which was released in November 2014 and received rave reviews from the New York Times and Wall Street Journal among many, many others — tells the story of Zou Lei, an ethnic Uighur from western China who migrates without documentation to the United States looking for work, and her lover, Skinner, an Iraq



Religious study: Atticus Lish at a Sunset Park mosque, where he did research for his book "Preparation for the Next Life."

Tyler J. Kelley

war veteran suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Lish's characters are familiar types traditionally defined by otherness — a woman sorting through a stranger's recycling at the curb, and a man in unwashed camouflage pants eating at McDonald's.

Lish writes in a style that is intimate and sympathetic, narrowing the reader's world to the size of Zou Lei's barren room, the strangeness of America, her poverty, and her lack of control over her life as she struggles to repay the smugglers who brought her here.

She finds the freedom she lacks in bodily exertion. After a long run, she comes across a mosque where she prays and is invited to eat. This respite, one the book's most uplifting moments, was based on the author's visit to a mosque on Coney Island Avenue

in Midwood. Lish said he found the words "preparation for the next life" written on a sign at an Islamic school in Sunset Park.

The book's most potent menace is an ex-con named Jimmy, who lives above Skinner. In one extremely disturbing passage, Jimmy brutally assaults a prostitute. This violent scene, written with horrendous detail and care, leaves a lasting impression. But Lish said this was not him being indulgent — just being a reporter.

"Say you saw something awful," he said. "You might feel the need to talk about it."

Atticus Lish will read from "Preparation for the Next Life" at Franklin Park (618 Saint John's Pl. between Franklin and Classon in Crown Heights, www.franklin-parkbrooklyn.com). Feb. 9 at 8 pm. Free.

a story about elderly people, but without the dramatic and dark trappings that people often associate with aging.

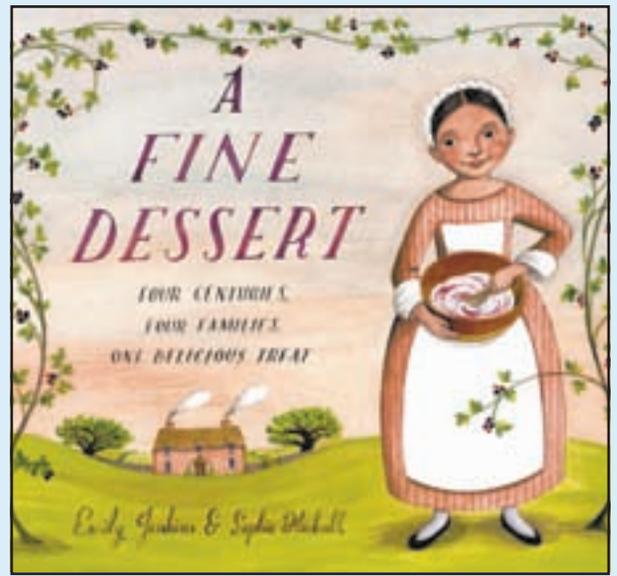
"I think as part of society's obsession with youth people look at aging as depressing, like arthritis and forgetting things," she said. "Those things are very real, but it can be fun, too. Older people have their own rhythm and pattern."

Collins lives in Bushwick, where she moved last winter after finishing school in Florida. The film takes place in Park Slope near

the Seventh Avenue F and G stop, which Collins said she and her producers picked for its instantly recognizable brownstones and also as an homage to the filmmaker's adopted borough.

"I thought it would be best to set it in Brooklyn because I wanted to showcase the best borough," she said.

"Milk Run" at Videology [308 Bedford Ave. at South First Street in Williamsburg, (718) 782-3468, milkrunpremiere.eventbrite.com.] Jan. 30 at 7 pm. Free.



Treat yourself: "A Fine Dessert," a new children's book by Park Slopers Emily Jenkins and Sophie Blackall, will launch at PowerHouse on 8th on Feb. 1.

Fool me twice

Duo pen children's book on a storied dessert

By Vanessa Ogle

Talk about a sweet story!

A Park Slope writing and illustrating duo have teamed up to treat readers to a new children's book. Author Emily Jenkins and illustrator Sophie Blackall's four-century tale "A Fine Dessert" — which follows families from the 18th to the 21st centuries — centers around the one of the oldest desserts in Western culture: a fruit fool.

The sweet staple, a mix of blackberries and whipped cream, remains the same throughout the centuries, but the author said kids will see how food preparation, technology, and decor have changed throughout the 400-year timespan.

"You see the different sources of the cream, you see the different technology that they use, you see different refrigeration methods, you also see changes in what it's served in," said Jenkins.

The tale begins with a mother and daughter duo in England in 1710 then segues to South Carolina, where an enslaved mother and daughter prepare the same dessert for their master and his family. The story then moves to Massachusetts, where a mother and daughter whip up the dish, and the spiel finally ends on a sweet note with a San Diego father and son preparing the fool in 2010.

The twosome will launch



Picture this: Artist Sophie Blackall illustrated "A Fine Dessert."

the book at PowerHouse on 8th bookstore in Park Slope on Feb. 1. Jenkins said they haven't yet decided if they will serve the storied dessert at the event, but she said attendees will definitely be satisfied, because Blackall is going to be live-drawing scenes from the book during the festivities. Jenkins also said she is happy that Park Slope will be the first to get a taste of "A Fine Dessert."

"I'm excited to be launching it there," she said.

Emily Jenkins and Sophie Blackall launch "A Fine Dessert" at PowerHouse on 8th [1111 Eighth Ave. between 11th and 12th streets in Park Slope, (718) 801-8375, www.powerhouseon8th.com]. Feb. 1 at 11:30 am. Free.

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ready is ready to premiere. Collins said once she got the idea, she had no choice but to act fast.

"I'm one of those people who when I have an idea I have to push it forward and do it," she said. "One problem people have in this industry is they doubt themselves and their idea, they take time, and then the passion is gone."

Collins said she wanted to tell

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HARPER'S BIZARRE!

Magazine fan turns entire edition into a play

By Sarah Iannone

This play focuses on the real issues.

A Park Slope arts collective is taking the February 2014 issue of Harper's Magazine off the shelf and putting it on the stage — articles, ads, and all — at Jack arts center in Clinton Hill from Feb. 5–14.

The writer of "The Harper's Play" said he penned the production as an examination of how he obsessively reads the magazine, and selected last year's February edition to highlight because it was filled with great snippets of writing that would translate from page to stage.

"I read the magazine initially and thought it had some interesting theatrical ideas going on, but then had to read it dozens of more times to make sure I got a little bit of everything into the script," said writer Paul Ketchum, one half of the Chooptown collective, along with Marty Brown, the play's director.

Ketchum said he structured the adaptation like a variety show, but still tried to find common threads among the magazine's articles — no small feat given the topics are as disparate as the incarceration of Pussy Riot in a Siberian prison, a romance novel convention in Las Vegas, and the last guillotine execution in France. But the shared



Harp-ing on: Playwright Paul Ketchum reads Harper's Magazine obsessively.

Alaina Ferris

themes make for some of the best on-stage moments, he said.

"Getting to weave those themes together was pretty great, especially when it led to humor, which it often did," said the writer.

But "The Harper's Play" isn't a total laugh-fest, added Brown.

"There are parts I find incredibly unnerving, like a series of posts from a message board where parents are trying to place their adoptive children into new homes via the internet," he said. "But then a lot of Harper's can read as deeply satirical, so we're also trying to figure out where the humor lives."

Even the fundamentals of the magazine are coming to life in this play — so expect scenes that include the advertisements, the masthead, and the Harper's Index translated to the stage, with a lot of sudden shifts throughout the play, Brown said.

"One moment you're in a relationship councilor's office and then all of a sudden you're in an advertisement for a senior living facility or whatever," he said.

"The Harper's Play" at Jack (505 Waverly Ave. between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue in Clinton Hill, www.jackny.org). Feb. 5–14 at 8 pm and Feb. 13 at 10:30 pm. \$15.

Watch the Super Bowl in Bay Ridge

By Max Jaeger

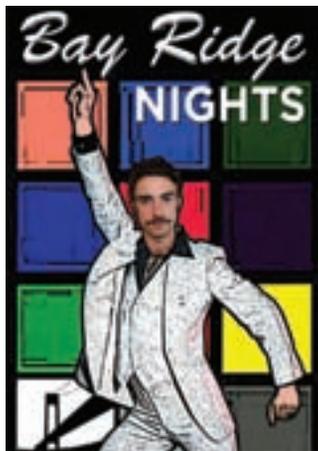
It is game day in the Ridge. Here is your step-by-step guide to the weekend and the best places to go to catch the Super Bowl.

On Friday, reconcile yourself and your loved ones for your impending absence — pre-apologize to your spouse for the horse blinders you'll be wearing on game day, visit that ailing relative in the hospital in case they take a turn for the worse but the score is too close to visit them, and buy adult diapers.

Saturday is for fasting. Ready your body (and mind) for the prodigious intake of wings and beer. Steel yourself against the coming tide of inane announcer chatter. Consume nothing but Gatorade.

Then Sunday is the big day.

If you couldn't unshackle yourself from your spouse and brood, make the Super Bowl a family affair at **Vesuvio** (7305 Third Ave. between 73rd and 74th streets). It is breaking out the big screen and will have food and drink specials to



match — a large pie and 12 wings is just \$20.

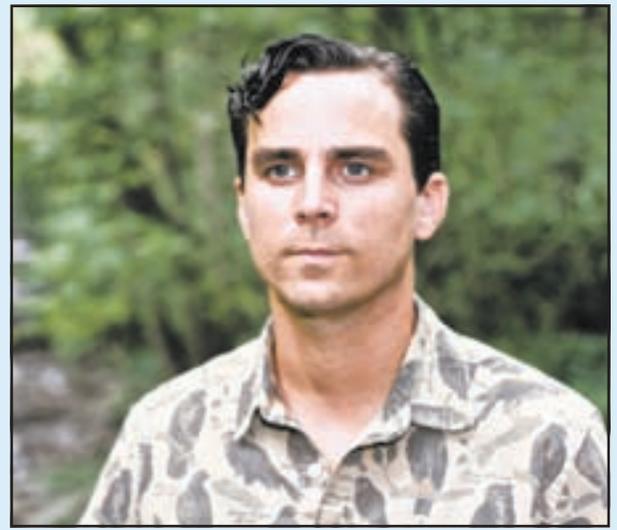
The fan-on-a-budget can head to **Three Jolly Pigeons** (6802 Third Ave. at 68th Street) for a no-frills Super Bowl — the televisions will pump out all the gridiron action and the halftime buffet is gratis.

Beer snobs should touch down at the **Lockyard** (9221 Fifth Ave. between 92nd and 94th streets),

which is slingin' brews from Super Bowl teams' hometowns — Seattle beer-makers Elysian's Space Dust India Pale Ale and Rich & Dan's Rye India Pale Ale from New England brewers Harpoon. If you get hungry, \$49 gets you 18 wings or a sampler platter, as well as unlimited canned beer.

It is East Coast meets West Coast meets Rhein coast at German restaurant **Schnitzel Haus** (7319 Fifth Ave. between 73rd and 74th streets), where you can watch the game on a 10-foot television with a really legit bratwurst. The all-you-can-eat-and-drink package is \$40.

And if you're bitter your team didn't make it to the Big Game, head to the **Salty Dog** (7509 Third Ave. between Bay Ridge Parkway and 76th Street). There is literally nothing out-of-the-ordinary happening at this bar on Feb. 1, which means you can wile away the afternoon talking to regulars about how Seattle is a liberal cesspool and Bostonians have ridiculous accents.



Muse on the trail: Park Sloper John McGrew said walks through Prospect and Fort Greene parks inspired him to write an original fairy tale. Zan McQuade

Myth boosters

Slope artist stages fairy tale

By Max Jaeger

There is a whole universe being built inside a Boerum Hill arts venue.

A Park Slope artist and his creative team will tell an original, immersive fairy tale five ways — through prose, performance, song, illustration, and scenery — at the Invisible Dog Art Center from Feb. 5–8. And don't let the word "fairy" put you off — the tale ditches the Disney-esque "Once upon a time ... happily ever after" dress for something much darker, the creator said.

"We're trying to go back into the old world of fairy tales — not so light, like 'Frozen,' but more like 'Grimm's Fairy Tales,'" said John McGrew. "Creating this whole world that we're placing inside the Invisible Dog."

The story, framed as vignettes, centers on a town that is shaken from extreme stasis when a traveling merchant appears, peddling wares that change townsfolk's lives for better or worse.

Four actors will tell the tale, accompanied by three string players, a piano, drums, and guitar — a la the multimedia children's story "Peter and the Wolf," McGrew said.

One guest artist illustrated the tale, and another made a replica of a holy tome that figures into the story. And the production's creative team is turning the venue into a set for audience members to explore before the show proper.

"We're encouraging people to download the album beforehand and listen to it while walking through the space," he said.

The Brooklyn-by-way-



Art of storytelling: Austin artist Katy Horan illustrated McGrew's tale in a stark and whimsical style. Katy Horan

of-Ohio fabulist said he was inspired by surroundings past and present.

"I grew up in woods, so being in the city, I have to get out and go for a walk every day," said McGrew. "All these ideas came from walks throughout Prospect Park and Fort Greene Park."

McGrew outlined the plot and composed most of the music — a mix of moody ambient music and lush choral arrangements — over the last two-and-a-half years. Filmmaker Joe Varka fleshed the tales out and is directing, and Brooklyn musician Graham Fisk helped McGrew polish the soundtrack.

McGrew and crew crowd-funded the project online — exceeding their goal of \$10,000 by \$1,600 at press time. One-quarter of the excess raised is going to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, McGrew said.

"Village of Vale" at the Invisible Dog Art Center [51 Bergen St. between Boerum Place and Smith Street in Boerum Hill, (347) 560-3641, www.theinvisibledog.org]. Feb. 5–7 at 8 pm. Feb. 8 at 3 pm. \$10.

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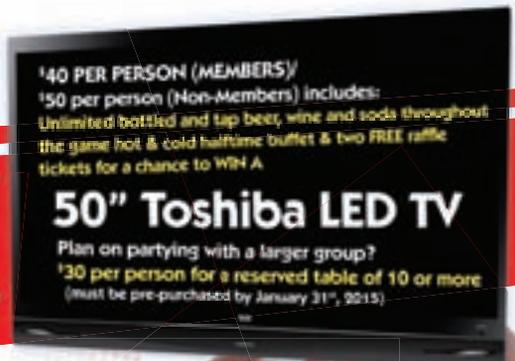
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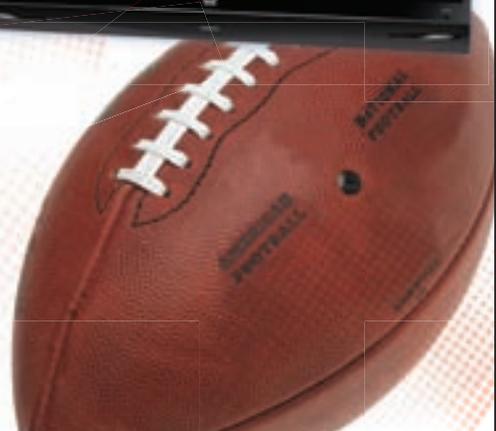
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Oh, Canada: The Nets looks to make artifacts out of the Raptors at Barclays Center on Jan. 30.

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FRI, JAN. 30

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. TORONTO RAPTORS: \$20-\$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.

MON, FEB. 2

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS: \$35-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

FRI, FEB. 6

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. NEW YORK KNICKS: \$95-\$4,000. 7 pm.

FRI, FEB. 13

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THUR, FEB. 19

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FRI, FEB. 20

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY PRESENTS CIRCUS XTREME: 11 am, 3 pm, 7 pm. See Friday, Feb. 19.

SAT, FEB. 21

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY PRESENTS CIRCUS XTREME: 11 am, 3 pm, 7 pm. See Friday, Feb. 19.

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

SUN, FEB. 22

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY PRESENTS CIRCUS XTREME: 11 am, 3 pm, 7 pm. See Friday, Feb. 19.

TUE, FEB. 24

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY PRESENTS CIRCUS XTREME: 7 pm. See Friday, Feb. 19.

WED, FEB. 25

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY PRESENTS CIRCUS XTREME: 7 pm. See Friday, Feb. 19.

THUR, FEB. 26

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY PRESENTS CIRCUS XTREME: 10:30 am and 7 pm. See Friday, Feb. 19.

FRI, FEB. 27

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY PRESENTS CIRCUS XTREME: 7 pm. See Friday, Feb. 19.

SAT, FEB. 28

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY PRESENTS CIRCUS XTREME: 11 am, 3 pm, 7 pm. See Friday, Feb. 19.

SUN, MARCH 1

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY PRESENTS CIRCUS XTREME: 11 am, 3 pm, 7 pm. See Friday, Feb. 19.

MON, MARCH 2

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS: \$40-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

FRI, JAN. 30

PERFORMANCE

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

THEATER, "RUN FOR YOUR WIFE": The Gallery Players present Ray Cooney's classic farce, following the antics of an English taxi driver trying to balance two wives under scrutiny of not one, but two private detectives. 8 pm. Gallery Players [199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352-3101], www.galleryplayers.com.

THEATER, "LET THE RIGHT ONE IN": The National Theatre of Scotland presents a bloody romance about the love affairs of the undead. \$35. 8 pm. St. Ann's Warehouse [29 Jay St. between John and Plymouth streets in Dumbo, (718) 254-8779], www.stannswarehouse.org.

OTHER

ART, "TONGUE STONES": An exhibition featuring artists David Horvitz, Soda_Jerk, Joachim Koester, Elise Rasmussen, and Julia Weist Free. Noon-6 pm. Pioneer Works [159 Pioneer St. between Imlay and Conover streets in Red Hook, (718) 596-3001], pioneerworks.org.

THEATER, "THE AFRICAN DRUM": African fables woven into an interactive shadow puppet adventure. Presented by the Shadow Box Theatre. \$10 in advance (\$15 at the door; \$8 group rates). 10:30 am. PS 3 The Bedford Village School [50 Jefferson Ave. at Franklin Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (212) 724-0677], www.shadowboxtheatre.org.

BINGO: Presented by Lutheran Family Health Centers' Services for Older Adults. Free. 1:30-4 pm. Shore Hill Community Center (9000 Shore Rd. at 91st Street in Bay Ridge).

SAT, JAN. 31

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

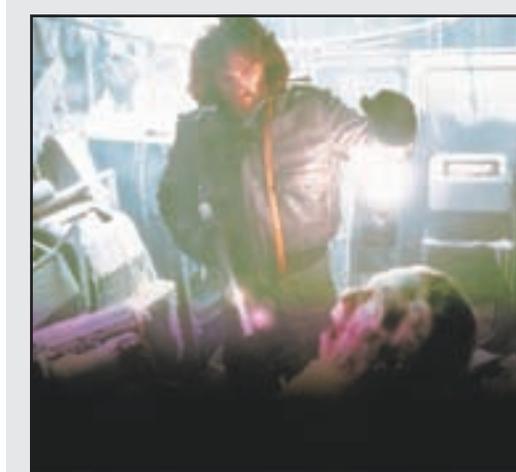
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: Urban rangers lead a discussion on the history of New York from the Revolutionary War to the post-colonial period. Free. 1 pm. Fort Greene Park Visitor Center [Enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene, (718) 722-3218].

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, JAZZ 4 KIDS: Vocalist and educator Lauren Hooker introduces kids to Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Mongo Santa Maria, and Sonny Rollins. Free. 1 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

MUSIC, LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO: \$30-\$40. 8 pm. Brooklyn Center for

WHAT TO DO SEVEN EVENTS



"The Thing" is: The Brooklyn Academy of Music celebrates the work of legendary horror filmmaker John Carpenter with screenings Feb. 5-22.

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the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd., between Amersfort Place and Kenilworth Place in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyncenteronline.org.

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

DANCE, CUMBE MOVING PARTY: Cumbe celebrates its move with music, samba dance classes, and a community bazaar of jewelry and crafts. \$10-\$20. 9 pm. Cumbe Center for African and Diaspora Dance [558 Fulton St. at Flatbush Avenue Extension, (718) 935-9700], www.cumbe-dance.com.

THEATER, "SLEEPING BEAUTY": The classic fairy tale is brought to life through the puppetry of marionette artist Nicolas Coppola. \$9 (\$10 adults). 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-3391], www.puppetworks.org.

SALES AND MARKETS

SIP AND SHOP: Browse vintage jewelry from Estate Jewels by George & Raf, with baubles from 1850 to 1995. Deals up to 50% off, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting PACC. Free. 11 am-5 pm. Pratt Area Community Council [201 DeKalb Ave. between Adelphi Street and Carlton Avenue in Fort Greene].

OTHER

QUILTING KIDS: Kids discover the art of quilts, share stories, and decorate a quilt square to take home. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

READING, OUR CRIMEA:

Gennady Katsov, Mikhail Ayzenberg, Igor Sid, and other read from poetry almanac "Our Crimea." Free. 4 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 623-7220], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

TALK, RON LIEBER: New York Times columnist discusses his new book, "The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart About Money." \$10. 7:30-9:30 pm. Congregation Beth Elohim Early Childhood Center [Eighth Avenue and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 768-3814 X210], www.congregationbethelohim.org.

SUN, FEB. 1

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

WINTER BIRD STROLL: Spot birds around the park. Free with Garden admission. 10 am. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], www.bbg.org.

CITY SQUIRRELS:

Learn all about the urban variety. Free. 1 pm. Fort Greene Park Visitor Center [Enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene, (718) 722-3218].

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, "SALUTE TO BROADWAY": The Regina Opera Company presents "Salute to Broadway," featuring the Opera's soloists performing Broadway songs and popular tunes. \$12. 3 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help School [5902 Sixth Ave. at 60th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 259-2772], www.reginaopera.org.

MUSIC, KELLY HALL-TOMPKINS: Chamber violinist performs. Free. 4 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

OTHER

HAWAIIAN DANCE CLASS: Teens learn traditional hula and Tahitian ori dances with Spoke the Hub instructor and Polynesian cultural ambassador Kaina Quenga. Free with Garden admission. 3:30-4:30 pm.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], www.bbg.org.

ART, BLACK ARTSTORY MONTH ARTWALK: View artwork by more than 25 Brooklyn artists businesses along Myrtle Avenue between Carlton and Classon avenues. Free. 4-6 pm. Various locations on Myrtle Avenue, (718) 230-1689, www.myrtleavenue.org/blackartstory.

MON, FEB. 2

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, LES NUBIANS: \$12. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklyn-bowl.com.

OTHER

FILM, "SYMBIOPSY-CHOTAXIPLASM TAKE ONE": Screening of the 1968 film by William Greaves, which blends fiction and documentary in an experimental film. Actor Steve Buscemi introduces the film, followed by a discussion with experts. Free. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierreport St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.

TALK, RON LIEBER: New York Times columnist discusses his new book, "The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart About Money." \$10. 7:30-9:30 pm. Congregation Beth Elohim Early Childhood Center [Eighth Avenue and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 768-3814 X210], www.congregationbethelohim.org.

TUES, FEB. 3

OTHER

TALK, REBECCA SCHERM: Discussing her new book "Unbecoming," her debut detailing a tale about obsessive love and an art heist gone horribly wrong. Anne Helen Petersen joins her in conversation. Free. 7-9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

COMEDY, DUMBO COMEDY: Live music followed by comedy. Presented by Aaron Kominos-Smith and Meghan Hanley. Free. 7 pm. Dumbo Kitchen [108 Jay St. at York Street in Dumbo, (718) 797-1695], www.facebook.com/dumbocomedy.

TALK, STORY TELLING WITH ADAM WADE: StorySlam winner hosts an evening of story telling. Free. 8 pm. Sycamore [1118 Cortelyou Rd. between Stratford and Westminster roads in Ditmars Park, (347) 240-5850], www.sycamorebrooklyn.com.

WED, FEB. 4

PERFORMANCE

DANCE, "RHYTHM STORIES": Pureelements

Dance presents a colorful montage of dance, song, and poetry about African American heritage and history. \$25 (\$20 in advance). 10 am and 12:30 pm. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488-1624], www.brooklyn.liu.edu/kumbletheater.

OTHER

FILM, "A MAN CALLED ADAM": Part of the library's African Americans in '60s Hollywood series. Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklyn-publiclibrary.org.

TALK, SELL IT LIKE IT IS:

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FRI, FEB. 6

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, VICEROY: \$15. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

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The State Ballet Theatre of Russia presents the full four-act Tchaikovsky ballet. \$35 (\$30 in advance). 8 pm. On Stage at Kingsborough [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], www.onstageatkingsborough.org.

SAT, FEB. 7

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, "LIFE'S A REAL DREAM": Human Lard Dog and the Band of Shy present an interactive performance for all ages. Free. 1:30 pm. Jalopy Theatre [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Red Hook, (718) 395-3214], www.jalopy.biz.

MUSIC, GRETCHEN KOEHLER & DANIEL KELLY, ROB GARCIA QUARTET: \$10. 8 pm. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music [58 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln Place and Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 622-3300], www.bqcm.org.

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— Midwood coach Mike Moore on his team's narrow loss to defending champion Francis Lewis

● 'It was a great college basketball game.'

— St. Francis coach Glenn Braica on his team's loss to Robert Morris

Late jumper sinks St. Francis College

Bright spot: Terriers' Brent Jones breaks assist record

BY MICHAEL RANDAZZO

The St. Francis College men's basketball team was far from lucky on a record-breaking night for point guard Brent Jones.

Robert Morris forward Lucky Jones hit a three-pointer from the corner with 17 seconds left to hand the Terriers a tough 67-65 Northeast Conference loss at the Pope Center last Saturday night.

The victory pulled Robert Morris into a tie with St. Francis at the top of the conference standings. St. Francis won the first meeting on Jan. 16.

"It was a great college basketball game," said St. Francis coach Glenn Braica. "Two good teams fighting it out for the second time in a week. We got one last week at their place, and they got us here today."

Senior Jalen Cannon totaled 21 points and 16 rebounds for his 11th double-double of the season. Brent Jones claimed the St. Francis College all-time assist mark by handing out nine helpers to give him 535 over his career. He added 11 points and Tyreek Jewel chipped in 15 for the Terriers.

But Jones wants more than personal milestones.

"My goal is to make history for myself and this program by winning the NEC championship," Jones said. "After that, whatever individual or career goals I have, I can look back and say 'I did it.'"

St. Francis had multiple chances to capture its fourth-straight conference win, but shot 16 of 28 from the free throw line and just 36 percent from the field. Still the Terriers were leading 65-63 with 50 seconds remaining when St. Francis junior Amdy Fall missed a layup on the break,



TEAMWORK: (Above) Jalen Cannon of St. Francis takes the ball to the net during St. Francis's two-point loss to Robert Morris on Jan. 24 at the Brooklyn Heights school. (Right) Glenn Sanabria takes the ball down the court.

Photos by Elizabeth Graham

giving the Colonials new life.

Robert Morris's David Apolon came up with the game's biggest offensive rebound and found Lucky Jones (15 points), who then hit a high-arching three-pointer with 17 seconds to play to give the Colonials a 66-65 lead before collapsing to the floor with a sprained ankle. St. Francis had one last chance to tie, but Brent Jones



missed a drive with two seconds left. Robert Morris (10-10, 6-2) held on for the win.

"St. Francis is tough because of their physicality

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KICK START: The New York Cosmos professional soccer team will play a regular season game at MCU Park this May.

New York Cosmos / Mike Stobe

Cosmos coming to Coney Island for spring soccer

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Professional soccer is coming to Brooklyn — at least for one night.

The New York Cosmos announced last week that it will play a regular season game at MCU Park in Coney Island on Saturday, May 2, at 7 pm. The Cosmos will take on the Ottawa Fury in a North American Soccer League contest.

"MCU Park is excited to host the New York Cosmos, a club that has been instrumental in the development and popularity of soccer in the United States," said Steve Cohen, Vice President of the Brooklyn Cyclones. "Bringing professional soccer to Coney Island is another step in proving that the borough of Brooklyn is one of the best and most diverse sports markets in the country."

The Cosmos, which began play in 1971, is in its second season since being resurrected in August of 2013. The club closed out its inaugural season by winning the 2013 Soccer Bowl with a 1-0 victory against the Atlanta Silverbacks. The championship

was the sixth North American Soccer League title in the club's history.

For now the Cosmos' visit to Brooklyn is the only one planned. There have been no discussions as of yet for a return to MCU Park, according to team spokesperson Jen Chang.

The team comes into the year after making a splash by signing legendary Spanish player Raúl to a multi-year contract. He will play and serve as technical director to the Cosmos' new soccer academy opening later this year.

The 37-year-old striker scored 323 goals in 741 matches for Real Madrid. He also found the back of the net 40 times in two years at Schalke and nine times in two seasons at Al-Sadd Sports Club before signing with Cosmos. He could give Brooklyn fans a star attraction to look forward to when the team visits Coney Island.

"This year marks Raúl's debut season with our club," said Cosmos Chief Operating Officer Mike Stobe. *Continued on page 36*

Hard-fought loss

Big effort from Moore not enough for Midwood

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Jai Moore has all the skills to be one of the city's best girls' basketball guards, and she put that fully on display in Midwood's hard-fought 54-48 home loss to defending Public School Athletic League Class AA city champion Francis Lewis last Friday night.

Moore was arguably the best player on the floor for most of the contest. She scored a game-high 24 points, including 11 in the third quarter, and helped the Hornets break Lewis pressure for three quarters.

"Jai is unbelievable," said Midwood coach Mike Moore, no relation. "Once she realizes this is her team and everything has to go through her, we will be a better team."

She capped a 10-0 run with a basket that put the Hornets up 21-19 in the first quarter. Midwood (9-4) played its best basketball when Moore sizzled shooting in the third. She connected on five of six jumpers. Her three-pointer from the left side put the Hornets up 40-38 with 37 seconds remaining in the frame, even with fellow guard Kayla Formey in foul trouble.

"I just know my team needed it," Jai Moore said. "It



GOING UP: Midwood's Jai Moore takes the shot during the game against Francis Lewis on Jan. 23.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

felt really fast. My coach told me I have the ability."

She and her teammates weren't able to keep it up in the fourth quarter. Midwood

had just one field goal and was outscored 14-8 in the final frame. A young bench led to fatigue amongst the starters. Having junior forward Lydia Burns foul out with 2:57 to go in the game removed a key component to Midwood's press break, and took its best interior player off the floor.

"Once she got that fifth foul and I had to go to my bench — my bench is honestly young and inexperienced. That's a tough situation to put any kid in," Coach Moore said. "That hurt us a lot."

Robyn Francis paced Lewis (12-1) with 12 points, including two key baskets late in the fourth quarter. Cassidy Khan scored 10 points for the Patriots and Tayliah Brisco and Chi La Bady added nine each. Sharpshooter Alexandra Moggan chipped in 14 points, including four three-pointers for Midwood.

That game was a missed opportunity to knock off one of the league's best teams. Midwood, which reached the city semifinals a year ago, has lost to both Murry Bergtraum and Francis Lewis now, and twice to division rival South Shore.

Coach Moore is hoping to use the narrow loss to the Pa-

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Freshmen duo big reason for Lincoln's success

There were concerns about Abraham Lincoln when the season started. How would a new coach and the first roster in nearly a decade without a highly ranked college recruit fare after losing so much star power?

The answer has been "far better than expected" as we get ready to hit the home stretch of the regular season. One of the key reasons is that the Railsplitters' youth has actually served them well.

Sure, seniors Ezekiel Charles and Greg Poleon have been the steadying forces you expected, and junior Jahlil Tripp is blossoming into the star people believed he could be. But even with all of that, the thing that has put Lincoln over the top and sitting at 17-2 is the play of freshmen Tyler Bourne and Paul "P.J." Person.

Bourne is averaging 11 points per game and Person 10.3 points to go along with 5.5 assists. The duo played together with the Juice All-Stars travel organization prior to coming to Lincoln, so there is a natural chemistry already.

"P.J. and I have been playing together before we came to the school, so we play very well together," Bourne said.

They have perfectly complemented this cast of Lincoln players and the type of team basketball coach Kenny Pretlow is asking of his squad. Their impact has been on full display throughout the season, with each one giving Lincoln something different.

The one thing neither of them do is play like freshmen.

"Everyone thinks just because Tyler and I are freshmen we are going to come out and play freshmen level," Person said. "Every time we come out on the floor we just do what we have to do."

For Bourne, that means being a calm, clutch, and dead-eye shooter. The kid may already be one of the



JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

best big shot makers in the city. He brought Lincoln back against Jefferson and hit buzzer-beating shots at the end of the first three quarters in a win over Cardinal Hayes in the Big Apple Invitational. It is the ease and the unassuming nature with which Bourne does it that is impressive.

"He looked at the clock. He said I got enough time to get to half court and that's my range," Pretlow said of Bourne's shot to end the half against Hayes. "He buried it ... Tyler is a little wise beyond his years."

Bourne is the outside threat and Person is tough to keep out of the paint. His strength and speed make him a tough cover off the dribble and in transition. Person took over for a short stretch in the fourth quarter against Hayes. Pretlow would like to see him be even more aggressive.

"I think sometimes P.J. hesitates instead of just going," he said. "He's tough to stay in front of."

It's tough to imagine Lincoln enjoying the level of success it's having without the contribution of its freshmen. Tripp said he and the veterans told both of them when the season started that they had their backs, to expect bumps in the road, but to play with confidence.

The youngsters have listened and produced.

Bedford falls to Springfield

BY PATRICK MCCORMACK

Bedford Academy missed an opportunity to show it was the top Class A team in the Public School Athletic League.

The Panthers fell short against a motivated Springfield Gardens team, losing 80-69 in the main event of the league's Class A showcase at Benjamin Cardozo last Sunday.

Bedford coach Robert Phelps gave credit to the Golden Eagles squad, which wanted to give its coach his first-ever win over Bedford.

"That team wanted that game and they played like it," Phelps said. "I was really impressed with what they did."

The Panthers' downfall started at the tail end of the first half. Springfield Gardens (18-2) put together a 9-1 run, led by seven points from Dan-



LEADING THE WAY: Bedford Academy coach Robert Phelps felt his team never had the right mindset to score a win during a game against Springfield Gardens.

Photo by Amy Rio

iel Kisson, to cut the Bedford Academy lead to 32-31. Phelps felt his players' heads weren't in the game from the start.

"It didn't deflate us, but

I don't think we were there mentally to play," Phelps said.

The Panthers ended the run with a three from Anthony Munson, but Joel Boyce made a layup to end the half to make it 35-33 Springfield Gardens at the break.

Bedford Academy (17-3) went right back ahead in the beginning of the third quarter on a pair of free throws by Munson before the Golden Eagles scored five straight to take its first lead of the contest at 38-37 late in the frame.

Munson responded with a three-point play to put the Panthers back up. Munson had 14 of his team's 17 points in the third quarter. Phelps said Munson, who had a game-high 29 points, was just doing his job.

"Munson played hard," he

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Greenpoint's Atson making most of South Kent move

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Travis Atson's got what he wanted from his move to South Kent.

The Greenpoint native and former Christ the King guard transferred to the Connecticut boarding school in hopes of improved opportunities and time to advance his game and raise his college recruiting stock. Both are happening less than a year into his time there. He's displaying better perimeter skills, and high-major college coaches are beginning to take notice.

"He's really learning how to make the move from an interior player to a perimeter player," said South Kent coach Kelvin Jefferson. "He's improving his ball handling. He's improving his shooting. He is doing this year things he hasn't done in previous years."

Aston got a chance to put his new skills on display for his hometown fans over the weekend during the Big Apple Basketball Invitational at Baruch College. The 6-foot-5 junior, who reclassified to the class of 2016, scored 21 points and grabbed five rebounds in a 69-61 win over Genesis Academy (Va.) Atson made two three-pointers and displayed a lightening-quick first step.

He admitted to being a little nervous to play in New York City again.

"I think I played pretty well," Atson said. "I could have made more shots, but we got the W. That's all that matters."

He has had better performances in the past — including 34 points, seven rebounds and six assists in a recent win over Believe Prep. Atson began catching the attention of college coaches in November by playing well at the National Prep Showcase. Atson, who already has more than a dozen offers, now has interest from the likes of Xavier, Clemson, Florida, and Boston College.

"I got a lot of high majors contacting me," he said. "I



AT HOME: Former Christ the King guard and Greenpoint-native Travis Atson has made a smooth transition to South Kent. Photo by Robert Cole

didn't have that last year."

Atson said Iona is pursuing him the hardest, along with Boston University, Clemson, Duquesne, and DePaul. He hopes to make a decision by October where he will spend his college years.

Atson feels he made the right choice going to South Kent, saying he was never comfortable at Christ the King even after helping the Royals win a second-straight Catholic High School Athletic Association title and state Federation Class AA crown. Being at South Kent has forced him to raise his level of play.

"The competition is a lot better," Atson said. "Practices are a lot harder against greater guys."

South Kent isn't exactly Brooklyn, though. There was an adjustment for sure — to rural life, to an all-boys schools, and to a new team — but so far, Atson has gotten everything he'd hope for out of the switch.

And with little else to do in the area, and the gym right near his room, Atson has had a chance to focus on honing his skills — and it shows.

"For a guard his size, he is one of the best rebounders in the country," Jefferson said. "He's improved his jump shot, which was always a question. They didn't know if he can shoot the ball. He is doing that now. All his guard skills were in question at one point. He's really silencing those critics."

On the other end, the Panthers, which defended well early, was able to keep the game close, but struggled on the defensive end in the fourth quarter. Bedford allowed Springfield to get to the foul

line, where it shot 23 of 27 in the final frame to put the game away.

"We stopped defending," Phelps said. "If we want to win, we have to defend better."



HOLDING ON: Jai Moore tries to keep the ball from Cassidy Kahn. Photo by Steve Solomonson

MOORE

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tricts as a way to show his players what they are capable of once the playoffs come.

"I'm happy with their progress," he said. "That's the defending champions and the game wasn't decided until the fourth quarter. If there is anything called a moral victory, that was it."

TERRIERS

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and rebounding," said Robert Morris coach Andrew Toole. "Lucky's been a very good player in this league for a long time. We needed him to make a play and he did."

From most of the stat sheet, it appeared St. Francis (12-9, 6-2) shouldn't have had to fight for a win at game's end. The Terriers out-rebounded the Colonials 45-33 and had three fewer turnovers.

Things went Robert Morris' way for much of the first half as the Colonials — behind Rodney Pryor's 12

points — led 32-24 until the Terriers went on a 7-3 run to trail 35-31 at intermission. St. Francis is no stranger to playing from behind, having come back for four of its six conference wins. The Terriers scored 10-straight points, capped by Cannon's layup, to take a 54-52 lead with 9:40 to play in the game.

The Terriers had ample opportunities to put the Colonials away prior to Lucky Jones' three. The loss left Brent Jones feeling this was a game St. Francis let get away.

"Every stat we kind of won it all," Jones said. "But it's a lesson learned and we just gotta bounce back and focus on the next one."

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said. "He battled and he did what he was supposed to do." Springfield scored back-to-

back baskets and took a 53-52 lead at the end of three quarters. Bedford jumped ahead to begin the fourth on a pair of foul shots from Anthony Gibbs, but the Golden Eagles responded again with a three-

point play from Joel Boyce to go back ahead 56-54, and didn't look back.

Then Springfield switched to a zone defense and held Munson to two points in the fourth quarter.

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