

# N-NUFF ALREADY

## Straphangers demand shuttle during N station shutdowns

BY DENNIS LYNCH

Call it their subway platform.

Straphangers and pols are demanding the Metropolitan Transportation Authority provide shuttle busses as it closes seven Brooklyn N train stations for two years of upgrades.

Transit officials closed the stations' Manhattan-bound platforms for 14 months on Jan. 18 and plan on closing Coney Island-bound stations for 14 months in 2017.

Gravesend commuters who get to the city via the line's Kings Highway, Avenue U, or

86th Street stations will have to double-back to Stillwell Avenue to catch a Manhattan-bound train, adding as many as three stops to their morning commutes, and the transit authority should make up for the inconvenience by at least providing busses, one stranded straphanger said.

"Put in shuttle buses, or express buses, or something," said Gail Bartone, who catches an N to the city at Kings Highway every morning. "And make it free, because we're being inconvenienced."

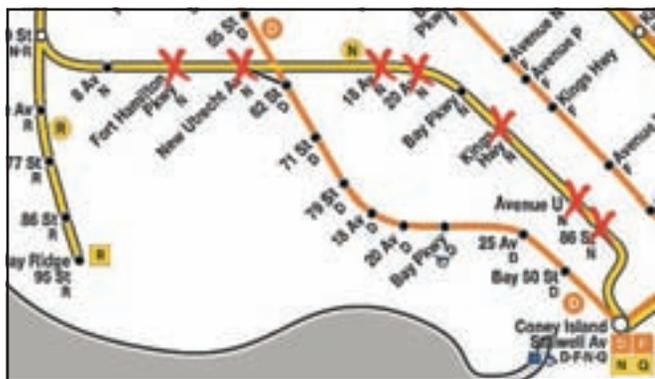
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## Nothin' to see here

Police say they have no record of this vehicle careening through a Brooklyn front yard – even though photos of the scene show police were certainly nearby when it happened. For more, see page 6.

Photo by Arthur De Gaeta



**THE 'NO' TRAIN:** The marked stations will all be closed on the Manhattan-bound side throughout 2016 – and on the Coney Island-bound side throughout 2017 – while the Metropolitan Transportation Authority renovates the dilapidated stations.

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## Pol: Traffic judges too partial to lining the city's coffers

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# Civil Ridgites movement

## Walk against Muslim-bashing on Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**BY DENNIS LYNCH**

They've preached an understanding!

Bay Ridgites marched in solidarity with their Muslim neighbors on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, responding to Islamophobic tension locals say grips the neighborhood.

A high-profile terror attack in California and borderline hate-speech certain right-wing presidential candidates espouse has whipped xenophobic Ridgites into a frenzy, one marcher said.

"People are stirred up," Jen Kruger said. "When we have people running for president on anti-Muslim platforms, then that is going to stir people up and make them feel free to lash out physically and vocally against things they are frightened of."

The 200-strong crowd stepped off from the corner of 86th Street and Fort Hamilton



**PEACE SIGN:** Bay Ridgites marched against a spate of anti-Muslim harassment they say is gripping the neighborhood. Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

Parkway, where a man allegedly kicked and spit at a Muslim woman while she waited for a bus about a month ago. Demonstrators started there to reclaim the site, an organizer said.

22 in California on Dec. 2, a community leader said. Seven Ridge Muslim women have reported harassment to the Arab-American Association of New York since the Dec. 2 tragedy, according to execu-

"We wanted to send a message that the people who hate can be loud, but they're not the majority, and they're definitely not us," Teri Brennan said.

But some Ridgites have been more aggressive toward neighbors that they perceive to be Muslim since a pair of terrorists pledging allegiance to the so-called "Islamic State"

executive director Linda Sarsour. Monday's march ended at Salaam Arabic Lutheran Church on 80th Street and Fourth Avenue, where a plurality of faiths and ethnicities took part in an age-old tradition — they broke bread, the church's pastor said.

"This is a wonderful community, yet there is hate rhetoric, and we try to address this by coming together, knowing our neighbor, breaking bread together, and bringing our children so they can see who is the other," the Rev. Khader El-Yateem said.

A complex debate over immigration and foreign policy is fueling Bay Ridge's fire, but something much simpler can quench it, Sarsour said.

"I think people don't do the basics," she said. "We don't need to do any political education — just say 'Good morning.'"



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### King for a day

District Attorney Ken Thompson speaks at the Brooklyn Academy of Music's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day tribute on Jan. 18. Thompson was amongst many elected officials — including Mayor DeBlasio, Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo (D-Fort Greene), and Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-Park Slope) — who paid their respects to the civil rights leader, before author and academic Michael Eric Dyson gave a keynote address.

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**TAKE IT TO THE STREETS!:** Knights of Columbus Vincent Gentile, left, and Antonio Limone want the city to lift a decade-old ban on new, multi-day street festivals so the Madonna di Montevergine can enjoy 13th Avenue during the club's annual fund-raiser.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

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Maisel introduced the bill in 2014, but council has yet to vote on it — though 18 of the city's 50 sitting council members support the legislation, he said.

One supportive pol hopes the law would open the entire ticketing and appeals process to greater reform. For instance, drivers wishing to appeal parking tickets have the option to pay fines ahead of going to court to avoid incurring additional penalties, and the city benefits from an interest-free loan even if it finds the driver was innocent and refunds the fine — something that rubs motorists the wrong way, the pol said.

"It really, it irks New Yorkers," said Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge). "It really is not what most people consider a fair way of dealing with New Yorkers."

The Department of Finance sees no problem with the current situation, and judges are beholden to the law — not the finance department that hires them, a spokeswoman said.

"Administrative law judges are independent contractors and not employees of the Department of Finance," said Sonia Alleyne. "Adjudication hearings are determined by law, and the judges are bound to uphold the law."

The city collected more than \$500 million in parking fines in 2013, according to the Independent Budget Office.



# A moveable feast?

## Anti-terror law a roadblock to Dyker fest

BY DENNIS LYNCH

They want to take back the street!

The city should ignore a decade-old ban on massive street festivals so a group of Dyker Heights do-gooders can throw a four-day bash to raise money for its operation, members said. The Knights of Columbus wants to move its weekend-long Feast of Madonna di Montevergine out of a parking lot and onto 13th Avenue between 84th and 86th streets. But a 2001 moratorium on new street festivals longer than one block or one day threatens to turn the feast to famine, one knight said.

"The issue with limiting it to one day on the street is if you put rides out there, they're open one day, and then we have to swing them back to the parking lot," said grand knight Vincent Gentile — not the Bay Ridge councilman, but *another* Vincent Gentile. "Can it happen? Yes. Is it easy for operations? I don't think so."

A smaller festival would generate less money for the organization, which uses the proceeds for charitable endeavors such as giving needy neighborhood families Thanksgiving turkeys, another knight said.

"It wouldn't really make that much, and we really want to do a lot for the community this time around," said club chairman George Di Grande. "That money goes all around the community."

The mayor's office will likely refuse, but Community Board 10's Traffic and Transportation Committee voted to support the five-day festival application on Jan. 11 with the hopes it will give the organization more sway with the city, a board honcho said.

"Ultimately, I think its final form is going to be adjusted by the city, because the moratorium is still in place," said district manager Josephine Beckmann. "I think a recommendation in the affirmative of support with the understanding of the moratorium would be helpful as then the city would move to work with the applicants."

Former mayor Rudy Giuliani introduced the moratorium on new festivals after the 9-11 terror attacks, citing the strain the festivals put on the police department and the massive cost of paying cops' overtime. Mayors Bloomberg and DeBlasio have renewed it each year since.

The city grandfathers in existing multi-day and multi-block festivals — such as Bay Ridge's the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church's Greek Cultural Festival — but it bars organizers from expanding their festivals' scope or length, and organizations that fail to re-apply for their existing festival one year lose their claim to one forever.

The mayor's office issues permits for 200 street fairs and 5,000 other existing events each year, according to an annual statement re-establishing the moratorium.

Mayor DeBlasio toyed with the idea of lifting the ban this year, but ultimately kept it. Borough President Adams is no fan of the ban and told the mayor so last year, claiming new street fests popped up around the borough while a 14-year festival in Flatbush lost its permit because it failed to renew paperwork one year, according to Capital New York.

The mayor's Office of City-wide Events Coordination and Management declines any application barred by the moratorium, but will work out an alternative event that fits guidelines if possible, a mayoral spokeswoman said.

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QUALITY CUPPA: Parkette barista John DeVilla serves up a latte at the new coffee spot.  
Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

## Where ya bean?

### S'Park finally gets a hipster coffee shop

BY DENNIS LYNCH

Cue the Whole Foods.

Sunset Park's first hipster coffee shop recently opened — a new high-water mark in the so-called “up-and-coming” ’hood, where locals fear an influx of newcomers attracted to low rent and nearby Industry City’s cachet of cool will push out working-class families. But the prospect of holier-than-thou dumpster divers and adult coloring-book enthusiasts sipping brew roasted by a Portland company that moved to Brooklyn in 2009 doesn’t concern one Sunset Park native — he’s just glad to have a decent cup of Joe!

“That doesn’t bother me at all,” said Danilo Medina inside the new cafe, Parkette Brooklyn. “It’s just really, really good coffee. I like the chill vibes of the place. It’s great if you’re trying to study or get work done. It’s way better than Starbucks or Dunkin’ Donuts.”

Parkette’s owners, who moved to the area last year, employ Sunset natives and see the business as an investment in the community rather than a force for displacement, one said.

“We all talked about gentrification a lot before we went ahead, but again, we’re living around the corner, and almost all the people that work here either live here or grew up here, so it feels really good to be integrated,” said Caitlin Hersey, who opened the store in November after moving to the neighborhood with her husband and two children last year. “We don’t feel like we’re stepping on anyone’s toes or displacing anybody.”

Parkette’s menu, which includes brews from artisanal coffee darlings Stumptown and gluten-free baked treats — and its decor of exposed brick walls, bare wood floors, and folksy music —



PERKS OF THE JOB!: Caitlin Hersey and Nadia Shen share a cup of Stumptown coffee at Parkette on Fifth Avenue in Sunset Park. The pair and their husbands moved in around the corner last year and opened the shop in November.  
Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

lends a hip vibe common in neighboring gentrified areas like Park Slope.

And the shop is full of something else prevalent in Brooklyn’s higher-income ’hoods — 30-something parents. It’s a demographic the shop aims to attract, another owner said.

“We want to do things like story time for the kids in the future,” said co-owner Nadia Shen. “We wanted a space that was kid-friendly, so parents don’t have to worry about their children when they came around to grab a coffee.”

The move is paying off, a regular said.

“It’s got a nice vibe to it,” said customer Amy Krawcyk. “They put a little area in the back for kids — sort of intentionally saying ‘Come hang out.’”

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# Brake in the case

Cops have no record of wall-smashing Ridge crash

BY LAUREN GILL

The investigation must have hit a wall.

A driver apparently fled the scene after plowing his ride through a Bay Ridge brick wall and residential

but police officials say they have no record of the crash — despite photos showing patrol cars on the scene.

The guy smashed a Mercedes sport utility vehicle through a brick wall and careened over a front yard near

the corner of Narrows Avenue and 78th Street around 4 am Sunday, startling locals, one neighbor said.

“I heard the crash, because it was right near my driveway,” said Theresa Filetto, who lives next door to the crash site and was jolted awake by the ruckus at 4:10 am. “I was a little frightened to go look, but when I did, I saw the car on the neighbor’s lawn and half of the tire was over on my side.”

The driver talked on the phone for nearly 20 minutes before ditching the car and disappearing from the scene, Filetto said. She thought he was contacting the police about the incident, but he was evidently gabbing to someone else — police did not respond to the scene until a half-hour after the accident when a neighbor across the street called 911, she said.

Police retrieved the car at 6 pm on Sunday, Filetto said.

But cops say they have no record of the accident.



REEL IT IN: Workers remove the waterlogged car from the canal.

Photo by Jason Speakman



DAMAGED: The sport utility vehicle plowed through the brick wall of the Bay Ridge lawn. Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

## Four-wheel dive

Police: Guy drove car into Gowanus Canal after alleged hit and run

BY COLIN MIXSON

Now he needs a bath — and a lawyer.

A man drove his car into the fetid waters of the Gowanus Canal on Monday morning — allegedly in a desperate bid to flee the scene of a crash, in which he hit a woman and possibly an infant girl, police said.

The driver was heading down Court Street when he allegedly smashed his car into a Camry parked near Degraw Street at around 11:10 am, injuring a woman’s foot as she attempted to place the 1-year-old girl in the car, according to an officer at the scene who only identified

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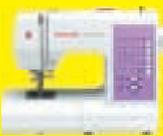
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## 68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

### Bling sting

A burglar stole a woman's trove of jewelry from her 84th street apartment on Jan. 16, police said.

The woman left her apartment between Fourth and Fifth avenues around 10 am and returned at 10 pm to find her bedroom window blinds were suspiciously pulled open.

Then she saw she was missing 26 pieces of jewelry from her dresser and a jewelry box on her nightstand, according to police.

### Big bucks

An invader broke into an Eighth Avenue restaurant on Jan. 11, but did not get away with a whole lot.

Surveillance footage from the joint near Bay Ridge Avenue just before 3 am shows the freebooter breaking open a locked door that led to the kitchen, police said. He ran behind the counter to make his big money grab, but he only found \$40. He took it anyway and fled.

### Masked marauder

Cops arrested a man who they said tried to rob a man walking on Fourth Avenue on Jan. 14.

The victim told police he was near 91st Street, on his way to the train, at 2:20 am when the suspect came up behind him.

The suspect was wearing a black coat and covered his face for his attack, officials reported. He tried to grab the man's bag, but failed and fled, police said.

Cops later found him in the area, and one officer said he saw the man drop a knife. — *Dennis Lynch*

## 62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

### Honey, I'm home

A sly thief looted a man's Cropsey Avenue apartment — while he was home — on Jan. 12.

The sneak crept into the man's rental between Bay 14th Street and 17th Avenue at 8 am through an unlocked kitchen window on the ground floor. Once inside, he snatched the man's jewelry collection before fleeing, said police.

The victim later told police he was home the whole time, but said he didn't hear or see anything suspicious during the home invasion, cops said.

### Bling and bogies

Cops are hunting a burglar wanted for ransacking a woman's W. Third Street apartment on Jan. 13, taking jewelry and cigarettes.

The victim told police that she left her home between Quentin Road and Kings Highway at 8 am, and



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returned at 10 pm to find her valuables had been snatched. The snake slithered in through a window and nabbed two pairs of earrings and a pack of cigarettes, cops said.

### Mystery cash

More than \$1,000 vanished mysteriously from a woman's Kings Place apartment on Jan. 12.

The victim told police that she left her home near Kings Highway at 7 am and returned later to find \$1,500 in cash had disappeared. All the apartment's windows and doors at the were locked throughout the day, and nothing was broken, according to police.

However, the victim said her landlord, who she's not on the best terms with, does have a key, cops said.

### Tool time

Some crooks ripped off a 21st Avenue construction site to the tune of more than \$8,000 in stolen equipment on Jan. 14.

A worker told police that the raider broke into the site between Benson Avenue and 86th Street at 10:50 pm through a wooden fence. The burglar made off with a pipe cutter, hammer drills, screwdrivers, and other materials, cops said.

### Robbery fail

Cops busted two would-be robbers who they say beat a man on Cropsey Avenue on Jan. 13.

The victim told police he was near Bay Parkway at 4:52 am when the suspects jumped him. One of the men allegedly slugged the victim in the face, while the other attempted to grab his phone and bag, albeit, without success, cops said.

The suspects did, however, manage to take the man's driver's license, according to police.

## 60TH PRECINCT

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-SEAGATE

### The People's Slay-ground

A gunman shot a 37-year-old man — execution style — on W. 33rd Street on Jan. 17.

The victim was between Neptune and Mermaid avenues at around 8:30 pm when his assassin put two bullets into the back of his head, cops said.

Paramedics pronounced him dead at 9:27 pm, according to police.

### Hard knocks

Some schoolyard bullies attempted to rob a 16-year-old boy as he was waiting for the bus home on West Avenue on Jan. 8.

The victim told police that he was near Ocean Parkway at 1 pm when another group of kids jumped him. One of his underage attackers hurled him against a parked car before yelping, "Give me what you have in your pockets!"

Fortunately, the kid's pockets were empty, and his would-be robbers fled empty-handed, cops said.

### Registry error

A thief looted a Harway Avenue store on Jan. 9, taking a register filled with cash.

The snake slithered into the shop between Bay 47th Street and 28th Avenue at 8 pm through an unlocked bathroom window in the building's rear, cops said. Once inside, the invader simply snatched the register, along with the \$3,000 it contained, and exited the store through a hallway leading outside, according to police.

Surveillance footage showed the crook pause for a moment on his way out as a neighbor came into view, but, lucky for him, the passerby took him for a worker and went about his business, cops said.

### Hubbard heist

A raider ransacked a man's Hubbard Avenue home on Jan. 17, taking cash and jewels.

The victim told police he walked into his home between Avenue Z and Shore Parkway at 5:45 pm, only to find he was short \$15,000 and a small fortune in jewels. He later discovered that the crook likely entered through a second-floor window above an awning, cops said.

### When tykes attack

Two teenage delinquents nabbed a phone from the hands of a 55-year-old woman on Brighton Sixth Court on Jan. 11.

The victim told police she was near Brighton Beach Avenue at 3:30 pm, when the pint-sized punks ran up and snatched her phone.

### Handsy man

Cops busted a 47-year-old man man who they say reached into a man's pocket and took his phone on Brighton Sixth Court on Jan. 12.

The victim, a 50-year-old man, told police he was near Brighton

Beach Avenue at 2 am when the suspect waltzed up and barked, "What's in your pocket?"

The man allegedly thrust his hands into the victim's pocket and came away with his phone before fleeing, cops said. — *Colin Mixson*

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### Knife-point robbery

A knife-wielding brute robbed a Sheepshead Bay Road department store on Jan. 14, according to a police report.

The lout walked into the store near E. 16th Street around 5:30 pm and shopped like any other customer. He picked out a pair of sneakers and took them to the register, but as the clerk ringed him, up he pulled out a 12-inch blade and told the clerk to empty the register, police reported.

The clerk complied and the fiend got away with \$85, police said.

### Shakedown

Two brigands robbed a man at gunpoint on E. 16th Street on Jan. 14, police said.

The victim was near Avenue X around 8:40 pm when the duo approached him. One brandished a handgun, stuck it in the victim's mug, and told him to turn around.

The other searched the man's pockets and took his cellphone and debit card. They fled on E. 16th Street towards Avenue Y.

### Rude awakening

An intruder tried to steal a bike from a Girard Street garage on Jan. 11, but got scared off when the homeowner spotted him.

The woman told police she was asleep in her home near Oriental Boulevard at 6 am when the security alarm woke her up.

She opened her front door and saw a hooded housebreaker coming from her garage with her bike, she told cops. He dropped it when he saw he'd been spotted, ran to a waiting car, and fled towards Hampton Avenue, police reported.

### Not in the nick of time

Two pilfering punks stole cash, electronics, and jewelry out of an elderly woman's E. 17th Street home on Jan. 12, authorities said.

The woman told cops she left her home near Avenue U around 11 am. She returned at 2 pm and heard a noise come from the back of her home. Upon investigation, police saw two men dressed all in black run down her driveway to a car and speed off.

She looked over the apartment and saw that \$12,000 in cash, jewelry, and an Apple MacBook were missing. — *Dennis Lynch*

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# Hunger pang

## Russell Titland, beloved chef at Wicked Monk, dead at 47

BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

Popular Wicked Monk executive chef Russell Titland, who whipped up elevated pub nosh like lobster mac-and-cheese and leapt on stage on a whim to croon with the bar's house bands, died of cancer on Jan. 14. He was 47 years old.

The country music buff was a Culinary Institute of America alum with an illustrious resume who picked up flavors at some of the city's top restaurants, but he spent the better part of his 30-year career in his beloved Bay Ridge, creating tastebud-tinglers and specialty menus at neighborhood institutions such as Griswold's Pub, Chadwick's, and the Monk on Third Avenue.

Titland came aboard the lounge and restaurant, designed to look like a cathedral with stained-glass and pew-type seating, three years ago when it moved to the old Bally Bunion

location between 95th and 96th streets. The haute hash slinger quickly put the Monk on the map with uniquely flavored comfort foods, such as Guinness-braised short ribs, reuben spring rolls stuffed with corned beef and cabbage, and Dublin crab cakes that made it onto a television cooking show.

Patrons appreciated the finger-licking fare.

"Russell's food was the best when you were looking for something different in Bay Ridge," said Laura Cangiano, an ad sales representative for Community News Group who often drops by the pub for mini shepherd's pies and Gaelic steak.

A dyed-in-the-wool Mets fan, Russell was also a smorgasbord of knowledge outside the kitchen with an encyclopedic memory for local lore, the Monk's general manager recalled.

"Whenever anybody



**BAY RIDGE MOURNS:** Late Wicked Monk executive chef, right, Russell Titland, who passed away on Jan. 14, enjoys happier times in the kitchen with general manager Billy DeLuca. File photo by Steve Solomonson

wanted to find out about a place in the neighborhood, they would ask Russell, and he would know exactly what block it was on," said Billy DeLuca. "He really touched everybody he worked or came into contact with."

Titland was inspired to attend the Culinary Institute of Arts — the alma mater of ce-

lebrity chef Bobby Flay — after landing his first gig at the now-defunct Grisworld's, impressing owner Bill Eisenhardt.

"Russell began his career working for us," Eisenhardt said. "He was a creative and talented chef who loved the food industry, and a good friend who will be missed very much."

Titland continued working

at the Monk until about three months ago, when he began hospice care, leaving co-workers with food for thought.

"Russell put up an amazing fight," said DeLuca. "He was a super-strong man who will live on through his incredible food."

Russell Titland is survived by his parents and a brother.

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# 2016's are in stock and ready to roll at Bay Ridge Chrysler Jeep Dodge

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Bay Ridge Chrysler Jeep Dodge is a company built upon trust.

"We want to provide you with an experience that will make you want to come back to us for future sales and service," says Ivan Cortes, Director of Pre-owned Cars and New Cars Sales Manager.

The company takes pride in its commitments, and is passionate about the cars it sells here and at its "sister shop", Bay Ridge Fiat.

There is an inventory of about 80 pre-owned cars at the lot of Bay Ridge Chrysler Jeep Dodge, and the company anticipates that inventory will expand as it buys cars from people who wish to sell, and as it accepts trade-ins. All cars are sold with warranties, and there is one year of free maintenance on every pre-owned vehicle, he says. Cars are carefully inspected by the expert technicians at the service department to make sure they are in good condition before they are sold.

Cortes notes that, "We are a Jeep headquarters. We have more jeeps than anybody in our area." Customers love Jeep because these are all-weather vehicles, he says.

"They have the best four-by-four system available on any car, and they offer comfortable rides."

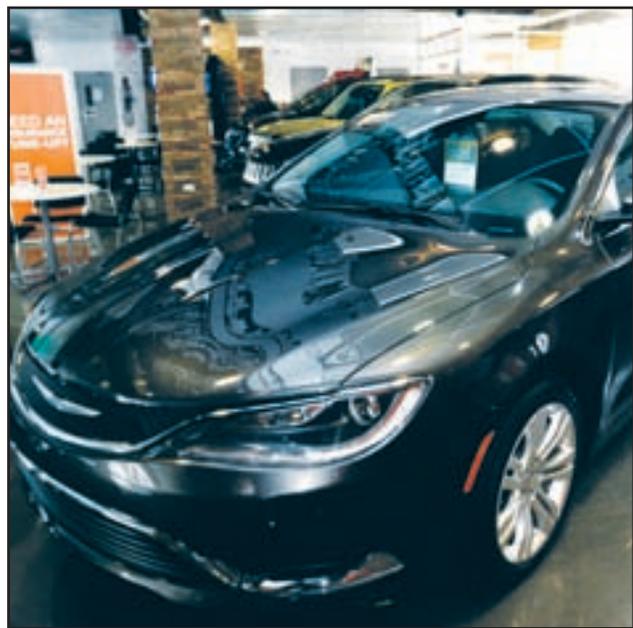
The employees are ready to take customers out on test drives so they can experience what it is like to ride a Jeep or any other car they may be interested in purchasing.

Chrysler has long been known for its luxury products, he says.

"It's the company that invented the minivan." One needs only to look around to see how popular these vehicles are.

As far as Dodge is concerned, "Challengers and Chargers are classic American cars," says Cortes. "They are the original muscle cars," known for their horsepower, as they carry Hemi high-performance engines. Their retro styles also conjure feelings of nostalgia for many of the clients who buy them.

And they're available at



(Clockwise from top) Bay Ridge Chrysler Jeep Dodge's Anthony Sunzor, James Gecco, Peter Bellina, and Chris Erato can help customers give the gift of a new ride. The company sells pre-used cars and brand-new 2016 models. In-house discounts are offered to Ridgites, teachers, military, police, and more.

Photos by Jordan Rathkopf

prices that won't break the bank.

"Instead of spending advertising money, we pass the savings along to customers," says Cortes. "Pre-owned cars are as low as \$6,000."

They are fully stocked with the 2016 models, and the company offers in-house discounts to teachers, military, sanitation workers, firefighters, police, and Bay

Ridge residents. By doing so, they want to reach out to their neighbors, and make them feel welcome. As many of the employees also live in the Bay Ridge area, they will continue to bump into their customers when they are out and about, and want to make sure they remain happy.

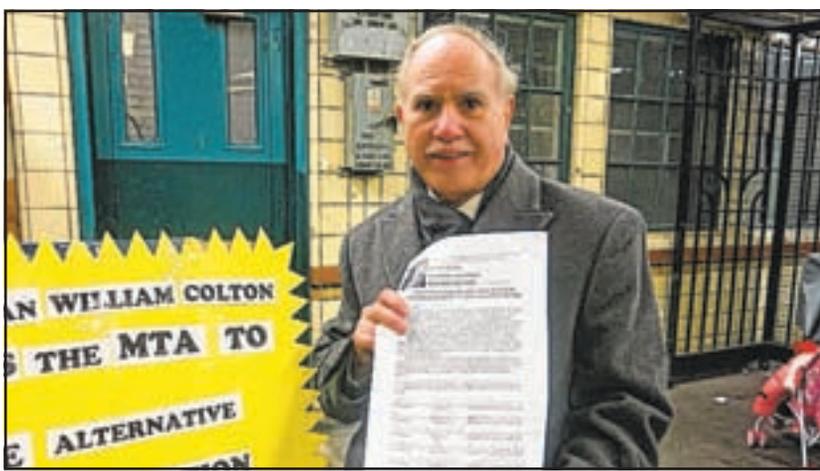
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**PUT AN N TO THE MADNESS:** Assemblyman Bill Colton is demanding shuttle bus service. Community News Group / Dennis Lynch

## N TRAIN

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Assemblyman Bill Colton (D-Bensonhurst) collected petition signatures outside the station demanding transit officials provide shuttle buses last week. Elderly folks who rely on Manhattan-bound service need a better option, he said.

"A senior citizen can't go all the way to Stillwell Avenue and back — or walk up to Bay Parkway from here," he said at the Kings Highway station. "It's a big, negative impact on their lives. If they are going to shut down a service they have a moral and legal obligation to provide an alternative."

Buses could run to neighboring F, Q, or D stations — or follow the N train's route, he said. The latter scheme would allow commuters at stations like King's Highway, which is just one stop closer to Coney Island than the still-open Bay Parkway station, to take a short ride there instead of a longer ride down to Stillwell Avenue and back, Colton said.

The buses could also ease potential bottlenecks at the open Manhattan-bound platforms, Colton said. N trains are already more crowded than the citywide average during rush hour, and commuters wait about a minute and a half longer for trains than the citywide average, according to the Straphangers Campaign.

The authority would not comment on the possibility of shuttle buses, and a spokesman said it would re-

spond to Colton directly. The agency was not receptive to Community Board 11's suggestion it provide shuttle buses when it presented the station-closure plan in September, according to the district manager, who said the authority was skimping at riders' expense.

"It's probably a cost issue — they're thinking of their bottom line and not taking into consideration the needs of the community," Marnee Elias-Paiva said.

The transit authority set aside \$395 million to overhaul seven of the eight stations between the Eighth Avenue and Stillwell Avenue. Workers will replace platforms, repair canopies and columns, rehab entranceways, install new public address systems, and restore historic decorative elements, plans show.

The work is inconvenient, but it is also necessary, Elias-Paiva said.

"We've received complaints of leaking walls, mold, stairs crumbling — it's all very much needed," she said. "We said it over and over — there's going to be a tremendous amount of disruption to people traveling, but they desperately need these upgrades."

Workers cannot complete repairs on active stations, so officials decided to suspend service in one direction at multiple stations simultaneously and finish them all in one swoop, an authority engineer said in September.

The authority will also add ramps for disabled riders at the Eighth Avenue station and elevators at the New Utrecht Avenue station.

## JUDGES

*Continued from cover*

tire ticketing and appeals process to greater reform. For instance, drivers wishing to appeal parking tickets have the option to pay fines ahead of going to court to avoid incurring additional penalties, and the city benefits from an interest-free loan even if it finds the driver was innocent and refunds the fine — something that rubs motorists the wrong way, the pol said.

"It really, it irks New Yorkers," said Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge). "It really is not what most peo-

ple consider a fair way of dealing with New Yorkers."

The Department of Finance sees no problem with the current situation, and judges are beholden to the law — not the finance department that hires them, a spokeswoman said.

"Administrative law judges are independent contractors and not employees of the Department of Finance," said Sonia Alleyne. "Adjudication hearings are determined by law, and the judges are bound to uphold the law."

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# They chugged along

## Wine bar toasts R train's Bay Ridge centennial

BY DENNIS LYNCH

They wined about the R train.

Straphangers toasted the 100th anniversary of Bay Ridge getting a subway at The Owl's Head wine bar on Jan. 13. Bay Ridge's only train may not get a whole lot of love these days, but Ridgites were so excited over its opening that they held a day-long celebration, according to a local history buff.

"They had feasts, pageants, music, it was monumental in 1916," said Henry Stewart, who hosted a "Crappy Birthday, R Train!" edition of the bar's Drunk History series. "At the time, it was cutting-edge. It represented progress and the future."

Stewart regaled drinkers with locals' decade-and-a-half-long campaign at the dawn of the 1900s to get a train down to the largely farming community. One long gone newspaper called the area a "potato patch," and many city dwellers laughed at the idea, he said.



**FINALLY MADE IT:** The R train came to Bay Ridge 100 years ago, and boy is it showing its age!

File photo

But advocates refused to give up, and on Jan. 15, 1916, new stations along the Fourth Avenue Line opened at Bay Ridge Avenue, 77th Street, and 86th Street, changing the neighborhood forever — thanks to campaigners, Bay Ridge was part of the metropolitan sphere, said Stewart.

The story of civic activism inspired one lifelong rider.

"I loved hearing the whole

history, the idea of a Brooklyn area getting up in arms and getting organized was really great," Amanda Nelson said.

Stewart could not pinpoint the moment when disdain for the train replaced esteem in Ridge straphangers' hearts. Like many other subway lines, the R's fall from grace was gradual — the product of decades of neglect and inadequate funding, Stewart said. The city took better care of the subway when the public was still enamored with it, but funding fell as novelty wore off, he said.

"Over 100 years, we don't look at subways like that at all anymore," he said. "We take them for granted both at a social and political level."

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority recently gave the line an early birthday present, announcing it would rehabilitate the Bay Ridge Avenue station and two other borough R stations — though the work will mean closures



**MAN OF THE HOU-R:** Bay Ridgite and R train historian Henry Stewart recalled the tumultuous history of Bay Ridge's beloved and (hated) train on Jan. 13 for its 100th anniversary. Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

for up to two months.

Not all riders take the so-called "Rarely" for granted, either. Bay Ridgites identify by it, said Stewart. And it's a marvel to people whose borough isn't connected to the subway system, said Nelson, who hails from bucolic Staten Island.

"I've always had a bit of

love for the R," she said. "My friends always made fun of it, but I grew up in Staten Island, so I took it when I came to Brooklyn. Pretty much everything about the infrastructure needs to be replaced, but I don't have any particular disdain for it, so yeah, absolutely a happy birthday to the R!"

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Marine Park middle-school concert features 'Bond' theme, glam metal

BY COLIN MIXSON

Band, school band.

IS 228 student-musicians blew crowds away with a thrilling selection of contemporary compositions including a "James Bond" theme and a Swedish glam-rock song during the school's winter concert on Jan. 14. Some of the tunes were challenging enough to give much older players a run for their money, according to the Gravesend school's leader.

"The level of rigor is very high when it comes to everything at IS 228 — all forms of instruction — but especially with the performing arts," said principal Dominick D'Angelo. "It's high-school level and beyond, and these are only middle-school students."

The school's symphony orchestra, symphony band, and jazz band really hit the proverbial woodshed hard in the months leading up to the concert — budding musicians came in an hour early every day to bone up on their chops, ac-

ording to the principal.

"We have something here called "zero period" where, each morning, they come in at 7 am — an hour before school starts," he said. "We have that every morning, where all the instrumental players come in throughout the whole school year."

The kids didn't play much in the way of classical fare during the show — instead they performed contemporary tunes such as Europe's "The Final Countdown," Paul McCartney's "James Bond" anthem "Live and Let Die," and a medley of film-music composer John Williams's themes from "Jurassic Park," "Star Wars," and "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial."

Students and teachers curated the modern set list, and letting players call their own tunes made it more engaging for the young maestros, according to D'Angelo.

"Everyone has input," he said. "It makes it a lot of fun."

Getting kids into school



**LETTING IT SLIDE:** (Clockwise from above) Trombonist Jeffery Chen wails on his horn during the IS 228's rocking concert on Jan. 14. Gabriel Feldman and Eric Li play a melodious tune. Kayla Phillips and Samantha Kava toot their classic French horns.

Photos by Arthur De Gaeta

early isn't always easy, but all the hard work really played off, and parents were thrilled — and a little surprised — to see their kids playing like professionals up on stage, according to one mom.

"It was very good," said Lodovica Lorenzi, who's daughter Kayla, 12, played



French horn with the symphony orchestra and band. "It feels like being in a theater. It

doesn't seem like it's children. It seems like professional players playing."

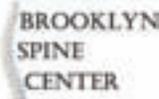
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# Nein-apple Walk!

## B'Heights co-op votes down lucrative land sale

BY LAUREN GILL

It is now forbidden fruit! Brooklyn Heights' 75 Henry St. co-op building will reject a developer's \$130-million offer to sell the land along Pineapple Walk so it can erect a 40-story tower there, after the majority of residents voted against the deal that stood to net them hundreds of thousands of dollars apiece.

Shareholders voted 191-112 against the sale, according to a report by a Brooklyn Daily Eagle journalist who lives in the building.

The "no" vote also means that denizens of the 33-story tower at 75 Henry St. are not interested in selling the thoroughfare to anyone else, and the building's board should reject all future offers for the prime slice of land, which runs between Cadman Plaza West and Henry Street and is home to the popular Park Plaza Restaurant and several stores.

The decision comes at the end of a month-long battle

over the sale and development, which threatened to divide residents of the close-knit Cadman Plaza co-op community.

Manhattan luxury builder Anbau Enterprises first dangled a \$75-million offer in front of residents in the beginning of December, then jacked up the price by another \$55 million last week.

Under the original offer, unit owners were told they would make between \$120,000 to \$260,000 from the sale, depending on the size of their digs — and those who owned townhouses on the property would make even more. The latest offer presumably would have netted residents anywhere from \$200,000 to \$450,000, based on the 73-percent increase.

The co-op, which currently reaps \$95,000 a month from the Pineapple Walk stores, would also have retained ownership of the new retail spaces and continued to collect rent.

But many residents — not

to mention their neighbors at the Cadman Towers co-op on the other side of Pineapple Walk — feared the new tower would block views from both buildings and bring an influx of new residents to an area that already has an overcrowded elementary school, recently lost its hospital, and is still smarting over the sale of the nearby library branch for a similar high-rise.

Some also felt they had an ethical obligation to keep the area free from luxury housing and retain the ample open space between buildings. In the '50s, planning czar Robert Moses originally intended to sell the land for one giant high-end apartment block. But locals fought back, and the city and state eventually used to land to build 75 Henry St. and its neighbors as part of the taxpayer-funded Mitchell-Lama program — below-market-rate housing aimed at middle-class families — which meant residents were able to purchase



LICENSE TO GRILL: The popular Park Plaza Restaurant is now safe from the wrecking ball. Photo by Louise Wateridge

their properties for a song. Shareholders at 75 Henry St. opted out of Mitchell-Lama years ago — so it now func-

tions as a standard co-op, with market-rate values — but other nearby buildings remain part of the scheme.



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# CANAL

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himself as a police chief.

The motorist did not stick around and own up to the havoc, the officer claimed — instead, he took a sharp left on Degraw, put his foot to the floor, and fled — directly into Brooklyn’s Nautical Purgatory.

The 36-year-old man sent his car barreling through the guardrail that separates Degraw Street from the Canal, and his vehicle plunged up to its windows in the canal’s gonorrhea-corrupted waters, the officer said.

The motorist was lucky on a few counts, according to the chief, who said if it wasn’t for the railing and the fact that the Gowanus was at low tide, there might not have been anyone left to arrest.

“If it wasn’t for the guardrails, he

probably would have went further and been completely submerged,” he said.

The 36-year-old man was able to pull himself out of the car through a window, and clamor up onto his vehicle’s roof, when a group of teamsters working on the television series “The Americans,” which was filming nearby, appeared to lend a hand and haul him out of the canal, according to a truck driver with the production.

The driver went on to say that the suspect was given a checkup inside an ambulance, before cops slapped him in cuffs and led him into a squad car.

It is unclear if the woman who was injured received medical care, but the police boss said the young girl was taken to Lutheran Hospital as a precautionary measure, even though, at a glance, the child didn’t appear to be suffering any injuries.

— with Jason Speakman



**MONDAY MORNING PLUNGE:** A motorist drove his car into the Gowanus Canal late Monday morning near Degraw Street.

Photo by Jason Speakman

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## Good shepherds

The Interfaith Peace Coalition-Peace Action Bay Ridge held a vigil against gun violence on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The group, which routinely holds peace rallies and demonstrations on inclusivity, lit a “blood candle” that represented blood shed by gun violence. King himself died as a result of gun violence — an assassin shot him in a Tennessee motel in April, 1968.

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# GOING UP!

## Renderings for Downtown's first super-tall skyscraper revealed

BY LAUREN GILL

Call it a tall order.

A pair of developers just filed plans outlining the Chrysler Building-sized tower they plan to erect next to Downtown's Dime Savings Bank, confirming reports last year that they aim to construct Brooklyn's first 1,000-foot "supertall" skyscraper on the site.

In fact, the new documents call for a 1,066-foot building at Flatbush Avenue Extension and Fleet Street — which is 475 feet higher than the tallest property in the borough right now.

Per the still-pending plans, builders JDS Development and the Cherit Group are shooting for a 73-story structure, with four floors of retail and office space at the base, and 417 units of

housing above that. The residential component will start on the seventh floor with 12 units, and go down to just two units apiece on the top two floors.

The duo laid down \$43.5 million for the site in 2014, and originally planned to build a 775-foot tower there. But they then purchased the land-marked Dime Savings Bank next door for \$90 million last year, and can now use the building's air rights to go sky high.

They can't build on top of the bank due to its historic protection, but could stick retail stores or restaurants inside.

Architecture firm Shop — the same outfit behind Barclays Center, and those zero-shaped buildings at the old Domino Sugar factory in Wil-



Shop Architects / New York Yimby

**SKY HIGH:** The Empire State Building-sized tower developer JDS Development plans for 340 Flatbush Ave Ext. Downtown, according to New York Yimby.

liamsburg — is designing the building, and its latest renderings show a skinny, Art Deco-inspired look.

The new permits were first spotted by real estate blog New York Yimby.

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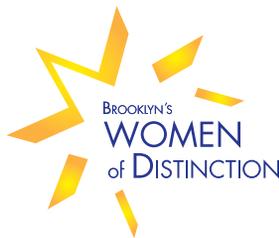
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**SILENT BITES:** Syndicated manager Tim Chung asked his chef to make a menu of theater-friendly snacks – such as popcorn fried oysters – that will not annoy moviegoers with excessive noise. Photo by Jason Speakman

## Silence is golden-fried

New Williamsburg dine-in cinema only serves quiet food without utensils

BY ALLEGRA HOBBS

Talk about making concessions!

A new movie theater and restaurant in industrial Williamsburg is combating the rampant problem of noisy chewing at dine-in cinemas by only serving dishes that don't make a loud crunch or require silverware.

"The last thing you want is more excuses to make sounds in the theater," said Tim Chung, manager of new 60-seat Bogart Street cinema and eatery Syndicated, which opened last Friday.

The dining and entertainment destination between Thames and Grattan streets features a theater-friendly menu made entirely of finger-foods — such as an Elvis-inspired peanut butter and banana sandwich and pork-stuffed tater-tots — to cut down on mess and irritating cutlery noises during the movie.

Diners can enjoy larger and louder dishes in the venue's dining room, which will serve up fried chicken and burgers alongside Hollywood-themed cocktails, Chung said.

The food-lover and former film industry worker says he dreamed up the cinema as a way to combine his love of food and flicks, and also to reintroduce the magic of movie-going for the jaded Netflix age.

"People are going to the movies less and less, and I felt puzzled and heartbroken by that," he said. "So I wanted to make the movie-going experience more special, and I wanted to jazz it up by adding booze and really good food."

Syndicated kicked off a month of old-school cinema on Jan. 22 with

Spielberg's classic alien thriller "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," but the theater will feature a wide variety of new and old in the coming months, said Chung. It will screen a festival of the year's Oscar-nominated shorts next month, and air the new season of "The X-Files" when it premieres on Jan. 24.

And if this is all starting to sound a bit familiar — between Williamsburg's Nitehawk Cinema and Videology, and the forthcoming Alamo Drafthouse Downtown — Chung says you are not the only one. But he hopes his specialty drinks, super-quiet menu, and wholehearted appreciation for silver-screen magic will set his joint apart from the rest.

"I am painfully conscious of their existence," he said of Nitehawk. "So obviously we're trying to zig a little bit where they're zagging."

*Syndicated [40 Bogart St. between Thames and Grattan streets in Williamsburg, (718) 386-3399, www.syndicatedbk.com].*



**SHHH:** This theater may have tables, but there will be no annoying cutlery noises during the movie — the menu only contains finger-food that can easily be eaten in a darkened theater. Photo by Jason Speakman

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Island) and Councilman Alan Maisel (D-Marine Park) were on hand to help Santa's helper accept his certificate from the Marines at Toys for Tots.

The gifts cheered up the family victims of Superstorm Sandy.

Michael now has a Standing O to put next to that certificate.

*Tamaqua by the Bay [84 Ebony Ct. at Bijou Avenue in Gerritsen Beach, (718) 646-9212].*

EAST NEW YORK

## Calendar Girl

The Police Athletic League is featuring budding, third-grade artist Deliah Montero's depiction of Stonehenge in its 2016 calendar.

Montero attends the league's summer program at IS 218 Beacon Center, and her art will grace the calendar's August entry.

Stonehenge is one of the most recognizable and famous sites in the world. The league's summer day-campers, who studied the world's most famous landmarks and monuments while exploring the history and culture of the countries where they are located, worked together on song and dance routines and created extraordinary artwork.

"I see first-hand the great work our staff does with inner-city kids in need," said league executive director Frederick Watts. "We offer a safe, nurturing environment where children can grow, play, learn, and be inspired to great success. The hard work and creativity of our staff was instrumental in producing our beautiful calendar."

Deliah can add a Standing O on her wall right next to the 2016 calendar!



**LEADERS OF TOMORROW:** The Model Congress Team members from St. Edmund Preparatory High School Shelby Lau, Amanda Mattioli, Joshua Beaton, John McCarthy, Antastasia McGrath, Marissa Moran, Gerald Rehill, and Jared Rios.

## Future Congress men and women

MARINE PARK

Three cheers to the Model Congress Team at St. Edmund Preparatory High School. The politicians to-be competed in the Princeton Model Congress in Washington D.C.

The team, which has doubled in size since its initial showing last February at Harvard, consisted of Shelby Lau, Amanda Mattioli, Joshua Beaton, John McCarthy, Antastasia McGrath, Marissa Moran, Gerald Rehill, and Jared Rios.

They showed up ready to rumble and up for the challenge — with the help of the team's non-traveling members.

There stood St. Edmund's delegation — proud in its purple and white — among the country's elite, private school students. The eight students assumed their roles as representatives and senators and fought for

the bills they drafted in the weeks before the competition.

Proposals included bills calling for a new type of nuclear energy, taming China's actions in the South China sea, amending Obamacare, and reenacting postal banking.

The future legislators were nothing but spectacular as they defended their bills and managed to get six of their eight bills passed in their individual committees.

All eight made their voices heard by giving passionate speeches and sound advice regarding the bills' constitutionality.

Seeing government in action was an experience these students will never forget and that will motivate them as they get ready for Harvard Model Congress in February.

Standing O wishes them lots of luck.

*St. Edmund Preparatory High School [2474 Ocean Ave. at Avenue T in Madison, (718) 743-6100].*

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Sister Lilly entered the Maryknoll in 1956 after working for eight years as a nurse. A 1945 graduate of St. Agnes Academy in College Point, NY, she received her RN from St. Catherine's Hospital School of Nursing in Brooklyn, in 1948. She made her First Vows as a Maryknoll Sister in 1959, receiving the religious name Sister Marius, and her Final Vows in 1965 in San Pedro Necta, Guatemala, where she worked at the clinic for Monte Maria Academy, from 1961 to 1968.

Sister Lilly went on to minister in El Salvador and Guatemala during her tenure until her retirement in 2007. She currently resides at the Maryknoll Center in Ossining where she still actively serves via a ministry of prayer for mission worldwide.

are starting soon!

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GRAVESEND

## Checkmate!

Two rooks and a queen to the members of the Chess team at IS 228 David A Boody Intermediate School. The team captured the first place in the New York City Chess Championship competition held at the Brooklyn Marriott Hotel. This is its sixth championship win over the past seven years. Coach Bruce Fuchs leads the team.

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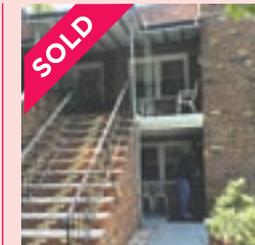
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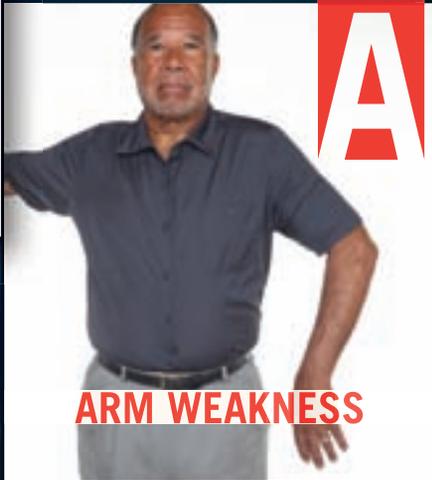
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## LOCKERS

### Organized locker can lead to an organized student

Students learn many important lessons while in middle school and high school. Assignments get progressively more difficult, and students grow accustomed to being independent thinkers and largely responsible for their educational accomplishments. In addition, students may learn other lessons, such as how organization can play a critical role in success and benefit them both in the classroom and out of it.

Students are typically introduced to lockers during high school or middle school. As elementary school students, kids use classroom desks to store books and supplies, and how desks are organized is often governed by teachers who have firm rules regarding the condition of desks. Lockers are an entirely different story. Students are solely responsible for organizing and maintaining their lockers and may be tasked with following a few rules set forth by the school.

Students may overlook the importance of organized lockers, and in such instances lockers can easily become disaster areas. But a messy locker can add unnecessary stress to a school day. Getting lockers organized requires some effort and upkeep:

**Color code the locker.** Grouping subjects by color can make it easier to find notebooks, textbooks, and folders in a locker. If materials necessary for math class are colored in red, students can quickly find these materials en route to class.

**Remove trash.** Remove anything that does not belong in the locker, including garbage and old projects. Students should not use their lockers to store items they don't need for school. That only takes away space for the stuff kids do need for class.

**Group according to schedule.** In addition to employing a color-coding system, students also can group books by daily schedule. Organize the locker based on which classes are held in the morning and afternoon. This makes it less likely that students will forget supplies they need for class.

**Think about extra accessories.** Lockers have the basics, which are usually a shelf and a hook for coats. All sorts of locker accessories exist to customize the interior. An extra shelf may be helpful for storing books or smaller supplies. Look into a message board or more hooks that can be hung on the inside of the door. Figure out what your child can use to keep items from piling up on the floor.

**Develop a maintenance plan.** Old assignments may begin to accumulate inside a locker. This can be remedied by maintaining a cleaning schedule for a locker. A few minutes each week can keep a locker clean and clear of clutter.



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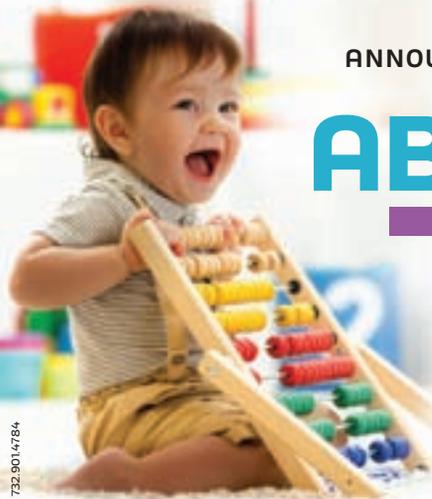
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# Mathnasium equals success for kids and adults

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

The math problem is solved, and the answer equals success when kids and adults learn math at the Mathnasium Learning Center in Bay Ridge.

The facility welcomes children in grades kindergarten and up, as well as grown-ups, to expand their mathematical knowledge.

It's for the adults who want to brush up on math skills to prepare for college and military entrance requirements; or for a job-related test.

It's for children who need help with homework, school work, and test preparation. Whatever the reason, whatever the math subject — be it elementary school, middle school, high school, algebra, and calculus — if you or someone you know needs mathematical assistance, Mathnasium Learning Center makes mathematical sense.

This center is one of more than 640 franchises, and was



Mathnasium owner Bob Bernstein helps Vita Di Bona solve a problem.

Photo by Georgine Benvenuto

the first to open its doors in Brooklyn about 10 years ago. Its director, Bob Bernstein — called “Mr. B” by students — previously worked for a Wall Street firm, supervising Ivy League analysts before opening the business. His wife, Desiree, multiplies the benefits of this family-owned and operated facility by devoting herself to public relations and advertising for the firm.

All instructors they hire have to pass background checks and a rigorous math

exam. Some of the instructors are licensed teachers with Master degrees; others attend college.

“All are extremely qualified,” says Bernstein, and have to meet his very high standards.

Students work in groups of two to four, with an instructor who provides a customized learning plan that addresses each student's needs. Private one-one-one tutoring is available for those who prefer it. The instruc-

tional approach is designed to develop an understanding of the subject because learning isn't about memorizing; it is about grasping ideas and concepts, and developing insight. Students grow more excited and confident about math, and their school grades reflect that. That confidence and comprehension keeps them from falling behind in future studies.

“Everybody improves,” says Bernstein. The key is coming often. “It's like going to the gym. The more often you go, the faster you see results.”

For students who already excel in math, expanding their skills can open doors to scholarships, entry into special school programs, and perhaps to careers in mathematics.

The Mathnasium program was developed by Larry Martinek, a math educator, who wanted to find a better way to teach children math. He noticed a disconnect between

the way students were taught and the curriculum they were expected to master, so he developed a program that would provide children with the skills they needed to better understand the subject. Rather than relying on rote memorization, he strived to get students to think like mathematicians.

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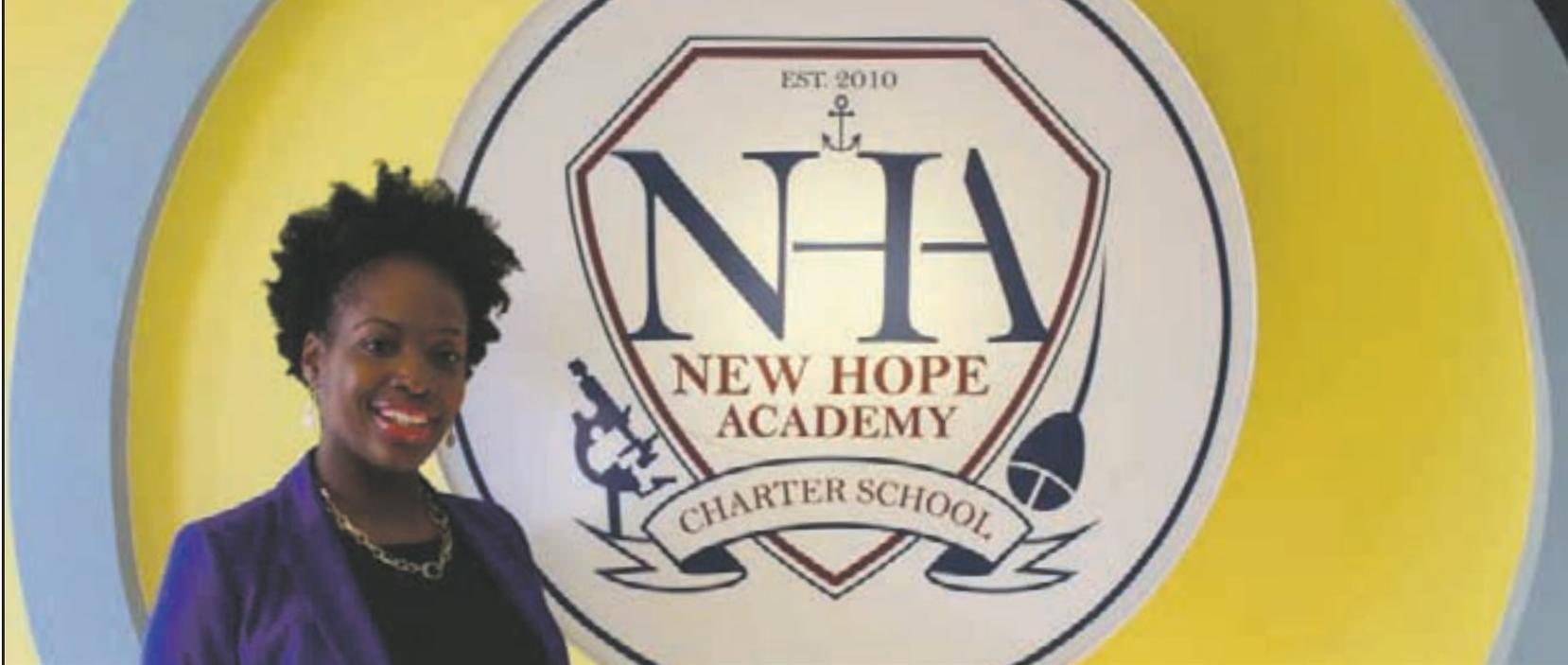
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# UNIFORMS

## How to save money on school outfits

Some of the goals of school uniforms is to unify students and reduce the distractions they face in the classroom. Uniforms also make it easier to identify students of a particular school or grade level, which can add to the sense of security parents feel when sending their youngsters off to school each morning.

Supporters of school uniforms also tout their cost savings. Rather than having to purchase numerous pieces of clothing for the school year, uniforms allow parents to pick up a few staples that stay constant throughout the school year. But school uniforms are not free, although there are ways for savvy moms and dads to save money when purchasing uniforms for their kids:

### Be an active parent

As with any other school-related decision, uniform brand selection may be governed by school officials and parent volunteers. Uniforms that are commissioned from a particular company may be more expensive than uniforms that are widely available in many retail chains.

Involved parents can help shape many important decisions at their kids' schools, including which uniforms students wear. Petition for lower-price uniform providers or uniforms that can be bought at area stores. The students still will look cohesive, and families can save money in the process.

### Shop sales

Keeping costs down on clothing means watching for sales. Uniforms may not go on sale as often as more popular clothing, but that doesn't mean sales are nonexistent.

Stores may discount uniforms during slow times, such as October, when school is already in session and items must be moved to make room for the following school year. They also may run specials on seasonal items, such as long-sleeved shirts at the end of the winter. Con-

sider buying in bulk when sales are announced to offset uniform costs for the rest of the year.

### Accept hand-me-downs

Become friendly with other parents and students who attend the same school. Older students who have outgrown their uniforms can pass them down to younger students. This can save parents significant amounts of money on new uniforms.

Sign up for school blogs or social media groups so that you can chat with other parents and arrange for clothing swaps. Other families may be looking to clear out supplies of older uniforms and will offer them at low or no cost. Area thrift and consignment shops also may have some of the local school uniforms in stock. Don't overlook these stores as you look to trim costs.

### Improve your sewing

You can extend the life of uniforms by making repairs and alterations yourself. You may be able to mend small tears or place a few darts to take in the waist of an oversized skirt or pair of slacks. A basic knowledge of hemming and minor alterations can provide some welcome relief to your uniform budget.

If sewing is not your strong point, it still may be cheaper to alter uniforms at a dry cleaner or tailor than to purchase brand-new items.

### Buy only what is needed

Resist the temptation to buy multiple uniforms so that kids can wear a fresh outfit every day. Many uniform pieces can be mixed and matched to extend the life of the tops and bottoms and reduce the need to purchase multiples of each item. Instead, buy only two to three shirts and slacks and wash as needed. While you may spend more time in the laundry room, your bottom line will be a little more robust.



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Third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students at the school use Chrome books in the classroom. Nursery, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten students use iPads. Every classroom has a Smart Board. These are the tools needed for education in the 21st century, and Midwood Catholic Academy is making sure all of its students, from nursery school through eighth grade, are ready for the challenge.

The Academy also believes there's a lot more to learn than technology and core subjects. Children are taught moral values, so they love, accept, and respect others. This is a Roman Catholic school, and religious instruction is evident throughout the day. Prayers are said every morning over the public address system, and students attend mass at nearby St. Thomas Aquinas Church every Wednesday morning.

"In a world where negative values seem to be reinforced, Midwood Catholic Academy clearly teaches its students the meaning of honesty, respect, and caring," says Principal Elena Heimbach.

Preparing children to be good Catholics is a large part of the school's identity.

"These morals and values will take them through adulthood," she says.

At the same time, "Promoting an atmosphere of true learning is one of Midwood Catholic Academy's deepest concerns."

Music is taught to everyone, and children in grades first through eighth are encouraged to join the school band. Here, they learn to play musical instruments such as the saxophone, violin, trumpet, xylophone, and drums.

Physical education is an integral part of the elementary school curriculum, contributing to each child's physical, mental, and spiritual well-being, says Heimbach.

Discipline is imperative to the learning process. The administration and faculty works together to develop and enforce rules and regulations.

The Midwood Catholic Academy is affiliated with four churches in the community: St. Columba, St. Vincent Ferrer, St. Thomas Aquinas Flatlands, and Our Lady Help of Christians.

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### Xaverian's 2016 College Acceptance Preview

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Senior Isaac Jean-Francois has earned acceptance to Columbia University, where he plans on majoring in Biology with a concentration in Women's and Gender Studies. Isaac is a member of Xaverian's Speech and Debate team, as well as the Young Democrats club and Music at Xaverian. He has also taken part in volunteer service at CHIPS soup kitchen. Isaac attributes the education he has received at Xaverian as the main reason for his impressive college acceptance, saying, "Speech and Debate has been an amazing asset for college prep. Also, the advanced courses under the teaching of AP and college professors have been unpar-



Isaac Jean-Francois

alleled. I think Xaverian has given me the chance to find myself in ways that no other school can. This is truly a family environment that pro-

pects, cares, and nurtures all of those involved in the community." Senior Francis Coen has earned acceptance to Georgetown University, Villanova University, Fordham University, Loyola College Maryland, Manhattan College, Iona College, and Long Island University. Francis has been involved with myriad extracurriculars during his time at Xaverian, including Swimming, Soccer, Lacrosse, Pipe and Drum Corps, and Mock Trial. While he is still weighing his options as to where to pursue his higher education, Francis is certain that his experiences at Xaverian have played a critical role in preparing him for college, saying, "Xaverian has allowed me to grow both academically and spiritually. It's given me very rigorous and challenging academic courses, while still allowing me to join sports and activities that have helped me de-



Francis Coen

velop into a well-rounded person. Xaverian has also played a huge role in the development of my faith through community service

and retreats."

Although the majority of the members of the class of 2016 are still eagerly awaiting their college acceptance news, it seems likely that they will live up to the precedent of impressive college placements set by recent graduates.

In Xaverian's class of 2015 alone, there were five students who earned acceptance to Cornell University.

The class of 2015 was awarded scholarships totaling \$25,012,637 and its members earned acceptance to a rich array of colleges and universities nationwide, including Brown University, Boston College, Boston University, CUNY-Macaulay Honors College, University College of Dublin, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology, and University of Richmond, to name a few.

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The Foreign Language Department offers Spanish and Italian, and will offer French in Fall 2016. Latin remains mandatory for sophomores.

"Fontbonne believes in educating the whole young woman," says Principal Mary Ann Spicijaric. "These new programs, especially in dance and music, truly complement our strong science and technology programs. Our goal is to allow every opportunity for our students to discover what they love to study during their high school years."

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Gianna Dario '17 with Mentor, filmmaker Rachel Rose, at Gianna's film premiere. (Kaufman Astoria Studio's Gallery)



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## Backpack safety about more than back pain

When it comes to backpack safety, most people tend to think about injuries caused by a heavy backpack or one worn improperly. However, there are other dangers associated with backpacks, and caution should be used.

Backpacks come in all shapes and sizes and can be a handy tool for students or adults. When worn correctly, with weight evenly distributed across the back and shoulders, backpacks can be safer and more effective than using a purse or briefcase. But many people wear overly-loaded backpacks slung over one shoulder, which can pose problems with posture and lead to back issues.

In addition to the physical strain backpacks can cause, they can be a danger in other ways. Many people fail to recognize how much space a backpack can take up. Entering the tight quarters of a school bus or commuting on a train or bus means a bulky backpack can knock into other people. If that backpack is full of heavy, cumbersome books — or even a laptop computer — an inadvertent bump by the pack can cause injuries. Also, backpacks taken off and placed in bus aisles can be a tripping hazard.

Students can also be injured if a heavy pack falls on them. Children tucking backpacks into lockers or classroom cubbies may find that they slide out and hit another classmate.

Backpacks change the way individuals walk. Because the person is carrying around extra weight, she may lose balance or trip and fall, especially when going down steps.

To avoid these secondary hazards from backpacks, consider these tips:

**Don't overload a backpack.** Carry only what is necessary. If too many books are the issue, parents should talk to the school administrators and teachers to reach a happy medium regarding textbook usage.

**Be aware of the weight.** To help avoid slips and falls, hold on to stair rails and do not run with a heavy backpack.

**Be considerate to others.** When on the subway or in the classroom, safely store the backpack under the seat. Be sure straps, or the pack itself, are not extending into the aisle.

**Avoid rolling backpacks.** Rolling backpacks may seem like a better option, but they can be difficult to roll. Some schools ban these styles because of tripping hazards.

**Recognize how much space the backpack takes up when worn.** Be conscious of others when turning around or entering a confined space.

**Be aware of the weight.** To help avoid slips and falls, hold on to stair rails and do not run with a heavy backpack.

**Choose a lightweight backpack.** Canvas backpacks are generally lighter in weight than leather backpacks. Do not add extra weight unnecessarily.

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# Thanks for saving the day on Gowanus-Belt merge

To the editor,

Thanks to your reporter, Dennis Lynch, for his follow up on my letter regarding the Gowanus-Belt merge ("Gowanus Distressway: Signs still wack after promised fix," online Dec. 14, 2015). It was a serious accident waiting to happen.

He contacted the state Department of Transportation, which I am sure was not easy, and got positive results. The signage is much better.

State officials also said in the article they will be back at a later time to enhance these changes. That makes me wonder, but will hope for the best. Thanks again, Dennis.

**Richie Hecht**  
Bay Ridge

## Abruzzo's avenger

To the editor,

I was taken aback at the obvious pro-Muslim stance of M. Muthana's letter ("Assault on Abruzzo," Sound Off to the Editor, Jan. 15), responding to Shavana Abruzzo's column "Christians make the world a better place" (A Britisher's View, Dec. 25, 2015). There are all too many inaccuracies, which cry for a response.

The most ignorant of statements were that during World War II Christians killed the six million Jews. My friend, when you truly learn history you'll see that during the Reich if one were a Christian, they and their families were ostracized from the Nazi Party. The ones who murdered the six million Jews along with millions of Christians (rarely reported) were also put to death by Der Furher's henchmen. Men who gave up their beliefs to pledge allegiance to a madman! I seriously doubt that Adolph Eichmann went to church after these events.

I visited the death camps in Dachau and saw two large mass graves. One single stone grave marker with the star of David hovers where the "countless number of bodies" of the Jews are buried. The other area contains a simple stone cross where "countless numbers of Christians" are buried.

The Reich couldn't care if people were Jews, gays, Christian; they were put to death as they were perceived a threat to the party. Stalin

# SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

## LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

and his atheist communist party carried out this same tradition of death. More than 54 million people, Christians and Jews alike, met their fate at the end of a gun.

I invite M. Muthana to venture into the 21st century where his or her brothers, practicing the "religion of peace," ply the barbaric beatings, shootings, torture, and maiming of non-believers. Maybe Muthana should take up residence there, amongst the rubble they love to live in, to see first hand how wonderfully accepting and loving these people truly are. No religion is perfect, though in our modern times, to do what is being done in the name of their god, is unforgivable.

The recent visit to the Americas by Pope Francis brought out tens of millions of people of every religion, in peace and brotherhood. A true change of your attitude that Christians are bloodthirsty warmongers is warranted.

**Robert W. Lobenstein**  
Marine Park

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To the editor,

In "Christians make the world a better place," Shavana Abruzzo says many things which aren't totally accurate. She says Christianity has set the "standard for ethics, morality, and freedom of worship."

During the Inquisition the Catholic Church tortured people, forcing them to convert to Christianity. During the Crusades Christians, sometimes with the pope himself, went to the Holy Land to kill Jews and Muslims, whom they considered infidels. In 1492 Jews were expelled from Spain or had to convert to Christianity. After the Holocaust thousands of survivors were returning to their homes in Poland. Christians had moved into their homes when they were taken away. They didn't want to give up these houses. When they saw Jewish men, women, and children approaching, they went out with a shovel and bashed in their heads, took off their clothes, and knocked out gold from their teeth. Then they threw the naked bodies into a stream. I learned about this from a documentary on Channel 13.

What about the Magdelene laundries? They were run by the Catholic Church in Ireland. Girls and young women were taken there to repent for sins, such as looking at a man. The church needed people to work in the laundries, so many trivial things were considered sins. They worked very hard with no pay, many worked

very hard and died there. They were buried on the grounds of the laundries. These laundries existed for many years. I saw a documentary about this on Channel 13. There was also a movie in theaters about this.

Then there are priests who were sexually molesting young boys for decades. The movie "Spotlight," which is in theaters now, deals with this. In 2011 the Catholic Church admitted priests in 23 countries have been sexually abusing nuns for years. In return the nuns could be sent to the diocese of their choice. Some after getting pregnant were urged by the priests to get an abortion.

Christians have done good things, but they aren't unblemished. Shav praises Christianity to the hilt, but she forgets Jesus was a Jew. There were no Christians then. Christianity began many years after his death.

**Jerome Frank**  
Coney Island

## Life 101

To the editor,

I am still shaking my head in disbelief after reading recent reports about what it takes to be suspended from a city high school.

I am a product of the parochial school system from kindergarten through high school in the 1960s and early 1970s. I grew up in Brooklyn and still reside here today. I was never arrested mainly because throughout my 12 years of Catholic school there were consequences for bad behavior. If you were caught breaking the rules while in school, you would be punished (detention, punish lesson, the paddle etc.). That was while you were in school, administered by the teacher, usually at that time a nun or a brother.

You would also get a letter home, but this letter was not to have you discuss the matter with your parents — there was nothing to discuss. Your teacher was never questioned, you were wrong and would get punished again, and it was never staying in your room for a couple of days with no television or no video games because we didn't even have them to begin with.

If you went home with that letter, first you would be afraid to show it to your parents, very afraid. After your mom read what you did, the look you got from her was like you just disgraced the whole family and family name, forever. Then you would hear, "Wait until your father gets home!" Yes, back then, almost everyone had a father living home with you unless

he was dead. That was enough punishment right there, the hours that seemed like days or forever before he finally walked in the door.

Of course the wait wasn't over yet. You would have to wait until after he ate his dinner before mom would tell him what you did to get this letter home from school. Then whatever you got in school from the teacher you would get again from you father. The point is there was accountability for your small infractions when you were a kid in school and out of school, which in most cases kept kids on the straight and narrow path to become law-abiding citizens, and also have respect for the rules and for the law.

What's going on these days in and out of the schools is a recipe for disaster. There is a lot of blame to go around from the parent who says "not my child." Of course not, it's never your child's fault, it was probably the teacher who always blames him or her for everything or the cop who always stops and harasses him or her all for no reason at all. Maybe your little Jane or Johnny is no angel (or no devil either at that young age while in school), but those little things that are constantly overlooked get bigger and bigger until they are too big for you to handle, so the law handles it for you, and your little angel is now behind bars if he or she is lucky, or in a gang or dead if he or she is not.

Nip it in the bud before it becomes out of control, and little Jane and Johnny wish they were punished while they were just kids in school for the little infractions that would have taught them right from wrong. Let them learn they are accountable for their actions throughout their lives and the letter you receive is from someone praising them and not from his parole officer.

**Ernesto Cavalier**  
Flatlands

## Cruz bruise

To the editor,

The disparaging comments about New York by Ted Cruz in last week's Republican presidential debate were disappointing. We must work to create a two-party town by demonstrating to voters the benefits of core Republican principles, like school choice, accountability in government, and policies that promote job growth.

This is the message Ted Cruz should have delivered. We cannot just give up New York to liberalism.

**Bob Capano**  
Bay Ridge

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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# The media needs to start ignoring Trump

Look up the definition of co-dependant in the dictionary and it indicates an unhealthy relationship between two people that is dysfunctional, leads to abusive behavior, and is just plain-old bad for both parties.

I can't think of a better word to describe Donald Trump's budding romance with the media. They really need each other, they make each other act more boorishly, and no matter how much they profess to try, they just can't quit each other.

I also realize that just by writing this column I am falling into the same trap as the rest of the media. But I believe that by looking at this honestly and exploring its destructive nature, we can come up with ways to stop giving Trump — and other demagogues like Ted Cruz — the attention they need to advance.

In fact, I believe that former CNN anchor Campbell Brown had a good idea recently when she implored her former colleagues to ignore Trump for at least one week. I am certain if that happened, the air would start leaking out



## POLITICAL SPIN CYCLE

Tom Allon

of his campaign balloon. But, of course, that seems incredibly unlikely, so we need to understand the problem and how it is wrecking our country.

Sure, there are some pundits on MSNBC or writing for the Daily Beast or the editorial pages of the New York Times who detest The Donald and all he stands for. But they still write about and broadcast him 24-7. This unhealthy

relationship is having a pernicious effect on our political discourse.

Chris Matthews, the MSNBC talk show host, loudly admonishes Trump on his show and puts down his supporters. He is so outraged! In fact, he is so mad that one night recently he pre-empted his own show and aired a one-hour documentary with warmed-over stories about the *most covered man in media history*.

That'll show him.

I'm just waiting for some cynical cable television mogul to introduce a 24-hour Trump television network. Kind of like what's happened to VH1 with the Kardashians.

In every dark cloud, though, there is a potential silver lining. As Mark Twain once said of himself, "Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated." And so, too, the death of media — one of those self-destructive solipsistic memes we have heard for more than a decade — has been greatly exaggerated because it has found a savior.

For now.

But like many false messiahs, the short-term ratings

gains made by the media in 2016 will come at far too great a cost: a degeneration into the crass, boorish, and sensationalistic. Readers and viewers — many of whom have already fled tabloid newspapers and broadcast media — may wake up in 2017 with such a hangover that they swear never to go near the cable dial again.

You can channel surf all you want on the Sunday morning talk shows, but I guarantee you won't have a Trump-free five-minute reprieve. He's catnip for the feline broadcasters who need him. They are preying on a mousy public that keeps on thinking: Will Trump crash and burn this time or will he continue to glide along like a large float in the Thanksgiving Parade that makes him appear larger than life?

I've been trying to puzzle over this phenomenon recently and I think I've partially figured it out. Politics and policy is generally very predictable stuff. The Dems want more government, more programs to help the needy, more help for the middle class, more equal rights for women, gays, transgenders, and all un-

derdog subgroups of our population.

The Republicans, well, they want the opposite of all the above. As Ted Cruz, Trump's main GOP rival and a modern-day Joe McCarthy, would say: We want people to have as many guns as they want and we want the government to leave us alone. Except when it come to abortion. Or gay marriage. On those, we want the government to invade your doctor's office or your bedroom.

I recently heard a great Cruz put-down by one of his former colleagues: "Why is Cruz so immediately disliked by those who meet him? It saves time."

Well, against Cruz at least, time is on Donald Trump's side. I think.

As is the media, it seems.

To those who make their living covering the news: don't fall for this circus trick. You may get a sugar high now, but the ultimate crash and burn will do long-lasting damage.

Tom Allon, the president of City & State, NY, was a candidate for Mayor in 2013. He can be reached at [tallon@cityandstateny.com](mailto:tallon@cityandstateny.com).

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# Wasser-name again?

Who is Debbie Wasserman Schultz? To those of you who do not know because you are busy watching reruns of "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit," Miss Schultz is the chairwoman of the Democrat National Committee. That makes her one of the most important people in American politics.

A few months ago, when she was being interviewed by motor mouth Chris Matthews on "Hardball," the questions included "What is the difference between a Democrat and a Socialist? I used to think there was a big difference? What do you think it is between a Democrat like Hillary Clinton and a socialist like Bernie Sanders?"

Miss Schultz answered the question by not answering the question.

"The more important question is what's the difference between being a Democrat and being a Republican," she responded.

Matthews pushed back. "You're the chairman of the Democratic Party," he said, again asking the question.

And again, her response was more gobbledegook and doubletalk.

I'm not sure if she purposely avoided the correct response — perhaps because today there is no difference — or if she really didn't know the answer. Either way, as a chief leader of the party, it is very likely that this important question would pop up again.

An experienced, intelligent leader would have introduced a proper response via the party's talking points so that when it does, her colleagues would be prepared.

Well she didn't and they were not. Last week, Chris Matthews was interviewing Hillary Clinton. He asked the presumptive Democrat candidate the same question several times, and each time, Mrs. Clinton did not answer it either. She responded with answers to questions that Matthews didn't ask.

I would like to think that this very intelligent woman did that on purpose, but as I read and reread the transcript several times, it became apparent that Hillary was also not prepared for this question. Debbie, you didn't do your job.

And speaking of being unprepared, what in the world



## IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

made Hillary Clinton tell the world that women who are sexually assaulted should be believed? Didn't she realize that by saying that, the names of the women who were assaulted by her husband will be resurrected and become household words again? How many of you recall these names from the past? Gennifer Flowers, Paula Jones, Juanita Broderick. How can these stories help her campaign?

A Philadelphia police officer was shot while he was on patrol in his squad car. Before the law enforcement officials began their investigation, the mayor of the City of Brotherly Love called a press conference to tell the world that "In no way shape or form does anyone in this room believe that Islam or the teaching of Islam has anything to do with what you've seen on the screen."

Really, Mr. Mayor. Perhaps you should keep your mouth shut and your ears open before you voice your thoughts and make a fool of yourself. It didn't take much to learn that the shooter is quoted as saying "I follow Allah, and I pledge allegiance to the Islamic State."

Upon further investigation his own mother admitted that her son became a devout follower of Islam. We are still waiting for mayor Jim Kenney to apologize for his stupidity.

I am [StanGershbein@Bellsouth.net](mailto:StanGershbein@Bellsouth.net) telling you that Philadelphia is now known as The City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection. How many of you knew that?

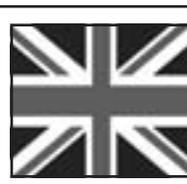
# Community gardens are the seeds of community growth

Cher famously said, "If grass can grow through cement, love can find you every time," but Brooklyn's community

gardens — potted with blood, sweat, and tears — are reaping thorns from Mayor DeBlasio, who plans to uproot some of them for below-market-rate homes he can plant on the thousands of zombie lots and Franken-buildings blistering the cityscape.

Hizzoner clearly values the humble community garden or else he would not have spared most of the 43 sanctuaries on city-owned land that grow food, germinate unity, and serve as outdoor classrooms. But his plan to raze four borough beauties and five more in Harlem to build 800 new low- and moderate-income units is the pits.

Manhattan alone has enough abandoned apartments and vacant lots to house all the homeless people in the



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Shavana Abruzzo

city, claims Picture the Homeless, which dug up 2,228 properties that could be turned into 24,000 residential units, if the mayor tilled the legislative and policy soil.

The long struggle for community garden legitimacy began in the early 1970s, when a fiscal crisis and a new top-down management style at City Hall heralded a new era of neighborhood input and outreach. Eco buffs called the Green Guerillas — their slogan remains "It's your city. Dig it" — began lobbing "seed bombs" packed with fertilizer, buds, and water over fences around abandoned lots on the Lower East Side to grow life on dead land. Neighbors responded heartily and the community garden revolution took

off. Today, all five boroughs bloom with more than 600 verdant oases nurtured by ordinary people on an extraordinary mission.

Mayor Ed Koch, who leased land to local green thumbs for a buck and helped expand the community garden movement, once remarked of the productive public plots, "some of them have become absolutely necessary and add back to the value of a whole neighborhood."

Their continued success is simple, says Yonnette Fleming, an urban food justice farmer behind the Hattie Carthan Community Food Project in Bedford-Stuyvesant, composed of a garden, two farmer's markets, and a farm which dodged a date with the wrecking ball.

"Communities gardens help communities grow," she says.

Enough said. Follow me on Twitter @BritShavana

# Jo wants Spike Lee's Oscars seat

Jada Pinkett Smith and Spike Lee are upset with the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences for not nominating enough black actors for the Oscars, and they are both swearing boycotting the awards show.

Boo-hoo! Hollyweird is scared — Lee and Smith won't be there.

Let me enlighten you, Jada and Spike. Hollywood cares about only one color — green. The gods of Hollywood and Vine don't give a fig or not if you come or don't — non-Hollywood-types are champing at the bit to fill their empty seats, anyhow. (Wink wink, Academy, I'm ready for my close-up).

And members don't care if you sport a purple stripe between brown and white polka dots, who you sleep with (or don't), what religion you practice (although the Church of Scientology does seem to have an edge), or what sociopolitical alliances you have — the only thing on the agendas of producers, agents, studios, and money men is how much dough they will make if they put you in a movie, and, if that movie wins, how much more they'll make



## NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

from distribution rights.

Unfortunately, Jada's hubby Will hasn't really been in any award-worthy movies lately. And Spike's latest racially charged epic, "Chi-Raq," wasn't released until December. Maybe it was a crappy movie, maybe Hollywood is tired of hearing about Chicago and its issues, or maybe it was just not trendy enough to hit the big parade of movie blockbusters.

I am amazed at the out-

cry. Hasn't Hollywood been very, very good to both Jada and Spike? Both live in luxury thanks to the money they made in movies, television, and music. Both are part of the very same Tinsel Town movie mill that they take offense at. Both have achieved stardom and success in many fields — thanks to those very same Academy members they want to boycott. So why bite the hands that have fed you and yours?

Sorry, Jada and Spike that you won't be there, but the show will go on and be the usual, same-old arduous three hours of self-appreciation. The stars will somehow muddle through, the speeches will be yucked at, and life in the land of make-believe will go on as before.

Not for Nuthin™, but to paraphrase Tina Turner: Those big Hollywood wheels will keep on turning, churning, and rolling down the river, even without you. Question? Shouldn't the stars that twinkle on the silver screen be in it for the artistic endeavor and not just the awards?

Follow me on Twitter @JDelBuono.

# Finally, your Starbucks drink tutorial!

**P**lease pay attention. There *will* be a quiz. Starbucks recently took out a two-page, fold-out, super-slick ad in the New Yorker to educate us benighted, Folgers-swilling plebes on “The Art of Espresso and Milk.”

Using a chart only slightly less complex than the Periodic Table of the Elements (for instance, it did not list Barium or Neptunium), it showed a sort of timeline of coffee concoctions, starting with:

**Doppio:** “Two shots of espresso. Straight.”

**LatteMacchiato:** “Foamed whole milk marked with shots of espresso.”

**Flat White:** “Sweet ristretto espresso shots finished with whole steamed milk.”

**Cappuccino:** “A shot of espresso topped with a deep layer of foamed milk”

And, but of course, **Caffe Latte:** “A shot of espresso in steamed milk lightly topped with foam.”

Got that? Okay, quick: Which drink dumps a shot of espresso into a cup of foamed



## RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

barium?

Ah, just yankin’ your chain. That’s at Dunkin’ Donuts. As for the Starbucks chart, I didn’t even give you all the concoctions on the list to prevent your head from exploding like an overheated doppio ristretto machine. (Didn’t Ristretto start out by making a boy out of wood? Or

am I confused?)

Anyway, after all this, the ad explained as if to a dim bulb: “Latte Macchiato: Foamed milk marked with espresso makes it intensely bold.” Okay. While, “Flat White,” which is — as you’ll immediately recall — sweet ristretto espresso finished with blah blah blah is “rich and velvety.”

Never mind that the pictures of these two ostensibly polar opposite drinks look about as unsimilar as those “Spot the difference!” puzzles you do while waiting for a Greyhound Bus.

Which perhaps explains why the ad is driving me to drink something stronger than a latte macchiato. (Or was it a caffe latte?) What I mean is: I’m drinking grain alcohol mixed with Yoo-hoo. You see, here’s a company that already asks us to fork over all our cash previously reserved for necessities like medicine and Home Box Office just to drink some scorched caffeine in a pseudo-chatty place where everyone is actually on their phone, staring at their

laptops, and hogging the seat across from them.

And now, for us not to sound like idiots there — “I’d like a coffee regular, please” — we have to study gradations between coffee drinks more subtle than the ones between flatworms and tapeworms. (Do *not* go look these up! Or at least, do not click on “images.”)

Starbucks has already amused itself by training us to say “tall,” when we mean “small” — tall being the littlest cup of coffee you can get without whittling yourself a mug on the spot. And some marketing exec earned her wings by convincing us that grande and venti are the two most sophisticated words in the world, even though these really mean, “I am a grand baboon,” and “Excuse me. My vent is open.”

Other Starbucks words that you might not realize have direct English translations are:

**Caffe Espresso Frappuccino:** Milkshake

**Vanilla Frappuccino:** Vanilla Milkshake

**Caramel Flan Frappuccino:** Gloppy Milkshake

**Caramel Ribbon Crunch Frappuccino:** Crunchy Milkshake

**Double Chocolate Chip Frappuccino:** Shameless Milkshake

**Hazelnut Frappuccino:** Milkshake for High-Income Squirrels

**Shaken Sweet Tea:** Tea with sugar. Duh. And someone who isn’t you got paid (and healthcare, too!) to shake it.

Caffe Americano, by the way, simply means coffee. Like the stuff you get at the donut cart, for \$1, without having to learn a new language, or inquire as to how artisinally the cart guy plans to dissolve your sugar.

And with the extra \$4 you save, you can buy several hand-twisted, cane-sugar dipped inzuppate ciambelline.

You know, glazed donuts. Lenore Skenazy is a keynote speaker and the editor and founder of the book and blog *Free-Range Kids*.



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you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. PLEASE BE AWARE: (1) that debt collectors, in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq., are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection efforts, including, but not limited to: (i) the use or threat of violence; (ii) the use of obscene or profane language; and (iii) repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass. 2) Debt collectors must also provide the following written notice: If a creditor or debt collector receives a money judgment against you in court, state and federal laws may prevent the following types of income from being taken to pay the debt: 1. Supplemental security income, (SSI); 2. Social security; 3. Public assistance (welfare); 4. Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support; 5. Unemployment benefits; 6. Disability benefits; 7. Workers compensation benefits; 8. Public or private pensions; 9. Veterans benefits; 10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and 11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days. TO THE DEFENDANTS: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action. TO THE DEFENDANTS: If you

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have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law suit is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises. Dated: June 25, 2015 Eric P. DeBarba, Esq. ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff Main Office 51 E Bethpage Road Plainview, NY 11803 516-741-2585 Help For Homeowners In Foreclosure New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Mortgage foreclosure is a complex process. Some people may approach you about saving your home. You should be extremely careful about any such promises. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. There are government agencies, legal aid entities and other non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about foreclosure while you are working with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1 - 8 7 7 - B A N K N Y S (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Departments website at www.banking.state.ny.us . The State does not guarantee the advice of these agencies.

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**29 JORALEMON, LLC.** Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/15. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 346 2nd Street, Apt 5-F, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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**SUPREME COURT** COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2005-HE3, Plaintiff -against- GEMMA J. HYPOLITE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated August 28, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on February 25, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 5191 Lot 38. Said premises known as 368 EAST 26TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY. Approximate amount of lien \$ 684,077.84 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 12233/2007. TIMOTHY PAUL VIOLETTE, ESQ., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, NY 11706 File# 01-050372-F00 { FLATBUSH L }

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**107 East 56 LLC** Arts of Org. filed SSNY 12/13/13. Office: Kings Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to 146-01 89th Ave Jamaica NY 11435 General purpose

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**14 Macon LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/10/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Dean Mcrobie, P.O. Box 380897, Brooklyn, NY 11238. General purpose.

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**179 Java LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/21/15. 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, 11 Rolling Hill Rd., Old Westbury, NY 11568. General purpose.

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**186 Infinite Solutions, LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 1/11/16. 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, 1122 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11221. General purpose.

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**23 First Place LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/9/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to W. Rudy Kamuf, 18 Tompkins Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11231. General purpose.

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**2882 BRIGHTON 3 STREET LLC** Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 9/15/2015. Off. Loc.:Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 2882 Brighton 3rd St, Brooklyn NY 11235. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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**324 Enterprises LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/10/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Christina Karahalios, 124 Bay 11th St., 2nd Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11228. General purpose.

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**375 LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/10/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may

be served. SSNY shall mail process to Nicholas Kallergis, 159 92nd St., Brooklyn, NY 11209. General purpose.

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**516 Henry St LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/2/15. 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, 516 Henry St., Brooklyn, NY 11231. General purpose.

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**531A WASHINGTON LLC** Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/7/2015. Office in Kings Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 223 11th St., Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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**545 Henry St LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/2/15. 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, 516 Henry St., Brooklyn, NY 11231. General purpose.

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**5703 New Utrecht LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 1/16/03. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Jacob Freund, 5703 New Utrecht Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11219. General purpose.

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**600 Ocean Ave. Realty LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/15/15. 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, 790 Washington Ave., Ste. 172, Brooklyn, NY 11238. General purpose.

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**Abaki Holdings LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/20/15. 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, 1525 E. 5th St., Brooklyn, NY 11223. General purpose.

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**Ajoa Holdings LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/31/15. 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, 1786 East 49th St., Brooklyn, NY 11234. General purpose.

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**AMNR, LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/12/15. 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, 1759 79th St., Brooklyn, NY 11214. General purpose.

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**A Notice of Formation** of Feng Hui Realty LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/25/2015. Office location: Kings County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 750 56th St., Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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**Arthur Street Kitchen, LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 9/15/15. 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, 173 Luquer St., #1, Brooklyn, NY 11231. General purpose.

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**Brooklyn Power LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/25/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process

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against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Leonard L. Finkel Esq., 6817 Fresh Meadow Ln., Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. General purpose.

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**C68 LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 1/12/16. 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, William Sik-Chuen Cheung, 211 41st St., Brooklyn, NY 11232. General purpose.

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**CCNAHUB, LLC**. Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 11/23/2015. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, c/o Imad Daou, 559 80TH Street - 3R, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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**CCW Union LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/9/15. 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, 748 67th St., Brooklyn, NY 11220. General purpose.

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**Chancery Lane Operating Company, LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/28/15. 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, 365 Bridge St., 13-PRO, Brooklyn, NY 11201. General purpose.

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**Cydean Special Situations III, LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/23/15. 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, 396 Clermont Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11238. General purpose.

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**EB Fifteenth Street Realty, LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 9/28/15. 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, 46 15th St., Brooklyn, NY 11215. General purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Fulton 26 LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/14/15. 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, 1009 Broadway, Ste. 207, Brooklyn, NY 11221. General purpose.

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**Garden Place Media LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/16/15. 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, 44 Garden Pl., #1B, Brooklyn, NY 11201. General purpose.

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**G & R Truck and Trailer Repair LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/17/15. 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, 590 Flatbush Ave., #14B, Brooklyn, NY 11225. General purpose.

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**Hackett Media, LLC** Arts of Org. filed SSNY 12/21/15. Office: Kings Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to 100 Congress St #502 Brooklyn NY 11201 General purpose

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**HI TECH AUTO REPAIR LLC**. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/27/15. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1304 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203. Registered

agent address is c/o Leslie Grant, 1304 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION** for Authority of BOLD ARTS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). Application for Authority filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/02/2015. LLC organized in NEW JERSEY on APRIL 11, 2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 4 PHILLIPS ST CRANFORD, NJ 07302. Copy of Articles of Organization on file with Dept. of Treasury of New Jersey, 50 Barrack St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose of LLC: any lawful act or activity.

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**KBD EVENTS LLC** Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/22/2015. Office in Kings Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1311 Mamaroneck Ave., Ste. 170, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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**Kuhnke, LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 1/7/16. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Sean Kuhnke, 355 Linden St., Apt. 3D, Brooklyn, NY 11237. General purpose.

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**Limnos General Contracting LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/19/15. 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, 264 92nd St., Ste. 2F, Brooklyn, NY 11209. General purpose.

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**House of Waris Tea and Spice Company, LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/21/15. Office location Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Waris Ahluwalia, 159 Bay Ridge Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11220. General purpose.

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**LIZA ZAPOL ORAL HISTORY LLC**. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/25/15. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Liza Zapol, 433 3rd Street, #2, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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**LL Explorer LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/9/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Zerline Goodman, 15 Clark St., Ste. 1E, Brooklyn, NY 11201. General purpose.

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**MARUF-ZAMAN MEDICAL CARE, PLLC**. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/06/15. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 79 Church Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Medicine.

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**MCAC LLC**. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/11/15. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 468 Crown Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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**MILLE NEXT DOOR LLC** Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 10/7/2015. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent

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upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, c/o Lounge, 301 Clifton Pl, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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**Modular Concepts LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/10/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Nicholas Lembo, 155 Third St., Brooklyn, NY 11231. General purpose.

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**Name of LLC:** Rebecca Henry LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 11/13/15. Office loc.: Kings Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Rebecca Henry, 345 Eldert St., Apt. 112, Brooklyn, NY 11237, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION** OF Authority of BODIES BY BROWNIE WELLNESS INSTITUTE LIMITED COMPANY, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). Application for Authority filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/28/2015. LLC organized in NEW JERSEY on 11/04/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 70 SOUTH MUNN AVE EAST ORANGE, NJ 07018. Office address in jurisdiction of organization: 70 SOUTH MUNN AVE EAST ORANGE, NJ 07018. Copy of Articles of Organization on file with Secy. Of State of NEW JERSEY, PO BOX 302, TRENTON, NY 08646. Purpose of LLC: any lawful act or activity.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION** for Authority of LDR BRANDS LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC). Application for Authority filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/06/2015. LLC organized in CALIFORNIA on MAY 1, 2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 225 SCHERMERHORN ST SUITE 3L BROOKLYN, NY 11201. Office address in jurisdiction of organization: 3668 MENTONE AVE, APT 16, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. Copy of Articles of Organization on file with Secy. Of State of California, 1500 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose of LLC: any lawful act or activity.

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**Notice of Formation** 599 Sutter Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/23/15. Off. Loc.: Kings Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 1816 Palmetto St, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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**Notice of Formation** Deer Baby Photography, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/5/15. Off. Loc.: Kings Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave., Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. The reg. agent is: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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**Notice of Formation** Deer Baby Photography, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/5/15. Off. Loc.: Kings Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave., Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. The reg.

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agent is: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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**Notice of formation of 1283 BERGEN LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/1/2015. Office location, County of Kings. The street address is: 1283 Bergen St., Brooklyn. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Sung and Hum, 305 Broadway, Ste. 302, NY NY 10007. Purpose: any lawful act.

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**Notice of Formation** of 32 Court St Associates LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 8/4/15. 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 32 Court St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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**Notice of formation of 3406 AVE. T LLC**. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/9/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 5 West End Ave., Spotswood, NJ 08884. Purpose: any lawful act.

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**Notice of formation** of 5811 Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/16/2015. Office location, County of Kings. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5811 Ave N, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: any lawful act.

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**Notice of Formation** of 75 Spencer Debt LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/1/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Bluestone Group, 225 Broadway, NY, NY 10007. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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**Notice of Formation** of Ames Industries LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 6/26/15. 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 Raich Ende Malter & Co., 1375 Broadway, 15th Fl., NY, NY 10018. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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**Notice of formation** of ANIVE, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Secty of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/01/15. Office in Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1153 Pacific Street #3 Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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**Notice of formation** of B1 COLORADOS, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/12/15. Office in Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 426 Jefferson St Brooklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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**Notice of Formation** of DECK ATLANTIC - 1993, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/06/15. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 1993 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11233. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Quick serve restaurant.

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**Notice of Formation** of DECK BEVERLY - 110, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/29/15. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 82 Flanders Rd., Westborough, MA 01581. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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**Notice of Formation** of DECK LAFAYETTE - 573, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/06/15. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 573 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11216. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Quick serve restaurant.

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**Notice of Formation** of DECK MYRTLE - 1443, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/06/15. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 1443 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11237. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Quick serve restaurant.

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**Notice of Formation** of DECK RALPH - 1547, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/06/15. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 1547 Ralph Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11236. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Quick serve restaurant.

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**Notice of formation** of DICARO PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Secty of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/23/15. Office in Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1820 East 2nd St Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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**Truss NYC LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/21/15. 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, 100 S. 4th St., Brooklyn, NY 11249. General purpose.

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**Notice of formation** of ELEMENTAL SUITES LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/08/15. Office in Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 750 Driggs Avenue Apt 8 Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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**Notice of Formation** of FC 8 SOUTH MERGER CO., LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/13/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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**Notice of Formation** of FCDT MERGER CO., LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/13/15. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Teasers: Shades of Burlesque performers (from left) the Incredible, Edible Akynos; Monroe Lilly, Sweet Lorraine, Ashley Brockington, and Genie Adagio will take the stage on Jan. 27. Photo by Jason Speakman

# Fifty Shades of play

## All-black burlesque troupe is shaking it up

By Colin Mixson

Burlesque is the new black.

The all-black strip-tease show Shades of Burlesque will shimmy its way into Clinton Hill music venue C'mon Everybody on Jan. 27. The risqué revue offers hilarity and sensuality of a different flavor than more typical, vanilla burlesque shows, according to the group's host.

"Whenever all black people sing a song versus all white people, it's like cooking with bacon versus cooking with vegetables," said Ashley Brockington. "There's a certain funky soulfulness and sexiness that you're not going to see with a room full of white girls. But I may be biased — I'm a black girl and I think black girls are delicious."

Shades of Burlesque started in 2012, when Bedford-Stuyvesant strip-tease artist Sweet Lorraine noticed a distinct lack of color in the burlesque acts she visited.

"I've been performing burlesque off and on since 2009 and, before that, I was going to every single burlesque show I could find and I didn't see any people or women of color at all on the stage," said Lorraine.

But when she put Shades of Burlesque together, she was overwhelmed by the support and interest the show got.

"When I decided to do Shades, there was this outpouring of performers, and everybody came out," said Lorraine.

Lorraine and her girls — and a few guys — found a new crowd excited to

witness performers they could relate to.

"The audience showed up, and they hadn't come before, because they wanted to see themselves on stage," she said.

Performers with Shades of Burlesque say they are drawn to the art for a number of reasons — first and foremost being the feathers and sequins in the outfits.

"Primarily the costumes, they're gorgeous," said strip-tease artist Brown Cocaine Love. "I'm a jazz dancer, Broadway-ish performer, so we were all about the big productions and the beautiful costumes, so that's what drew me to it."

The avant-garde burlesque scene also offers freedom of expression and a lovey-dovey kind of inclusiveness,

according to Love.

"There's a freedom to it, and the community is great," she said. "Everybody wants to be involved in something that they want to believe in."

And since everyone asks: her striking name was given to her by a roommate, and serves as a description of her high-speed, on-stage alter ego, she says

"Brown Cocaine was a name given to me by a roommate, and that's the name given to my sexuality," said Brown Cocaine Love. "It's my alter ego, and when I get on stage, that's who I am."

*Shades of Burlesque at C'mon Everybody (325 Franklin Ave. between Clinton Place and Greene Avenue in Clinton Hill, [www.cmoneverybody.com](http://www.cmoneverybody.com)). Jan. 27 at 8:30 pm. \$15 (\$25 VIP).*

# LOSE THE FORCE

*Space opera revue looks beyond 'Star Wars'*

By Bill Roundy

This space survey is skipping the galaxy far, far away!

A video variety show will explore the worlds of space opera films at Nitehawk Cinema on Jan. 28, but will blast right past the most famous example of the genre. "Star Wars" is just too big to include, says the host of "Kevin Geeks Out about Space Opera."

"I feel at this point, a month and a half after 'Star Wars' comes out, people are kind of oversaturated with Star Wars," says Carroll Garden comedian Kevin Maher. Instead, the show will cover "everything surrounding it — the movies that came before it and influenced Star Wars, the ones that ripped-off Star Wars, the ones that tried to be the next Star Wars."

The night will feature melodramatic tales of interplanetary conflict like the "Flash Gordon" serials, the "Battlestar Galactica" TV shows, and "Jupiter Ascending," the widely-panned 2015 film featuring Channing Tatum as a canine space-warrior.

"We always try to run the gamut of the best and the worst of the genre," said Maher.

The "Kevin Geeks Out" series addresses a different topic each month, examining cinematic tropes like attacking animals, super villains, or lady robots. No matter how silly the subject, Maher gives it a thorough analysis.

"There's a level of simultaneously



There's a starman waiting in the seats: Lightsaber-wielding "Kevin Geeks Out" host Kevin Maher will present a survey of space opera films on Jan. 28, focusing on the ancestors and successors of "Star Wars."

Photo by Jason Speakman

taking this way too seriously, but then not taking it very seriously at all," said Maher. "It's a little bit academic, but with a sense of humor — you can take stupid things seriously."

And Maher recruits guest speakers to provide new perspectives, with each showing film clips to support their arguments. Among the guests at the Space Opera show will be comedian Jen Northington, defending "Jupiter Ascending" as "the ultimate space opera," and Meg Sweeney Lawless, presenting a super-cut of one of the least operatic things imaginable — every bit of paperwork contained in the first season of "Star Trek."

"It's one of the nerdiest things

we've ever done on the show," said Maher.

And despite the official mandate to keep "Star Wars" out of the Jan. 28 line-up, Maher knows that the saga is going to come up.

"Even if we're never addressing the elephant in the room, Star Wars is the yardstick that space opera is measured by, so we will inevitably be talking about it by comparison," he said.

*Kevin Geeks Out about Space Operas at Nitehawk Cinema [136 Metropolitan Ave. between Wythe Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 384-3980, www.nitehawkcinema.com]. Jan. 28 at 9:30 pm. \$15.*



Well-suited for the job: Actor Eapen Leubner plays the title character in "The Astronaut's Tale," an opera about a boy who dreams of traveling to the stars.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

## Launching into a song

*Astronaut opera at BAM*

By Dennis Lynch

It is a literal space opera! A young man with stellar ambition reaches for the stars in an opera launching at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Jan. 28. And you can forget about fat ladies and viking helmets, because "The Astronaut's Tale" boldly goes where no opera has gone before, said its stage director.

"'The Astronaut's Tale' is a multimedia piece — we have an actor, three singers, a very exciting percussive orchestra, and gorgeous projections of outer space on three surfaces that create a multidimensional visual effect," said Nancy Rhodes.

Fort Greene's Encompass New Opera Theatre is the first company to perform the family-friendly production by the late librettist and actor Jack Larson in its entirety. The production clocks in at just over an hour — perfect for young space junkies — but "really packs a wallop," Rhodes said.

"There's a fantastic rock-et launch at the climax of the opera," she said. "The way we planned it, it should be an interesting and exciting moment."

The opera traces the life of a young man named Abel, from his days as a 13-year-old stargazer through journey as an adult sitting in a tin can, high above the world.

Larson worked closely with scientists at the

California Institute of Technology to make sure the science in "The Astronaut's Tale" was sound, but Abel's journey also has a mystical element. Abel's religious upbringing clashes with his scientific lessons, but the boy learns to reconcile the two on his journey to the heavens.

Larson planned to come to Brooklyn to see the production, but the 87-year-old died in December. Rhodes says that the play's examination of life, death, and the afterlife is all the more poignant now that its creator has passed on.

"In addition to being an actor, Jack was a poet and a philosopher, he always said he put everything he knew into this opera," she said. "He addresses biblical and philosophical ideas, but nobody's made to feel the fool. All of the aspects of the afterlife come out of his play. He really wrote a real, complete idea of our existence."

Real-life astronaut Michael Massimino will attend a pre-show reception on Jan. 28. Tickets for the reception and opening show cost \$125.

*"The Astronaut's Tale," at BAM's Fishman Space [321 Ashland Pl. between Lafayette and Hanson places in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100, www.bam.org]. Jan. 28-30 at 8 pm, and Jan. 30-31 at 3 pm. \$20-\$49 (half off for students).*

## The tragically hipster

By Sarah Iannone

What is a hipster, really?

A recently-arrived Bushwick writer questions whether he counts as a member of that reviled group in the new one-man show "Last Hipster in Brooklyn," opening on Jan. 28. The show comes out of the writer's confusion at the many different descriptions of the hipster set.

"There's a lot of talk of course about Brooklyn and hipsters but everyone kind of struggles to pin down what a hipster is," said Nick E. Finn, the show's writer and star.

Finn began interviewing people about how they defined hipsters, but the descriptions he got agreed on only one thing — hipsters are bad.

"Everyone seemed to agree on the idea that hipsters are bad and no one liked them," he said.

During the 70-minute show, which combines spoken word poetry,

hip-hop and multimedia elements, Finn plays 13 characters, including Brooklyn natives, recent transplants, a police officer, and "the leader of the hipster revolution." Together the stories reveal how different people view hipsters, and the evolution of Brooklyn neighborhoods.

"I'm trying to explore what is going on by getting different perspectives about the forces that have changed Brooklyn culture today," said Finn.

Finn came to Brooklyn from Seattle five years ago and fell in love with the borough, but he also saw that his arrival was part of the changes affecting the neighborhood.

"I had to bear witness to that and also take my responsibility for that change and own my experience," he said.

Finn got input on the changes in Brooklyn from his wife, a Brooklyn native (and a character in



Here and there: Bushwick-raised director Modesto Flako Jimenez produced "Last Hipster in Brooklyn," written by actor Nick E. Finn.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

the play), and from the show's director, Modesto Flako Jimenez, who is Dominican-born but Bushwick-raised. Jimenez signed on to produce and direct the show once he realized that Finn was willing to confront his own role in gentrifying the area.

"This is how we can help each other," he said.

*"Last Hipster in Brooklyn" at Jack (505 Waverly Ave. between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue in Clinton Hill, www.jackny.org). Jan. 28 at 8:30 pm, Jan. 29 at 7 pm, and Jan. 30 at 10 pm. \$15.*

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# LAND OF MILK AND HUMMUS

*New movie looks at Israel's food culture*

By Allegra Hobbs

This food film looks at a melting pot.

A documentary premiering at Cobble Hill's Brooklyn Israel Film Festival on Jan. 24 explores the people and culture of Israel through food and flavor, providing a new look at a country often viewed in light of political strife.

"We wanted to give people another type of insight into Israel," said festival chair Naomi Berger, who selected "In Search of Israeli Cuisine" alongside a pair of darker political films to showcase the full complexity of the country.

The film trails award-winning, Israeli-born chef Michael Solomonov as he explores the unique combinations of cultures and traditions that inform the culinary hodgepodge that is Israeli cuisine — ultimately, exploring the question of whether a distinct Israeli cuisine even exists, given the country's relative youth and the diversity of culinary styles that go into the cooking.

"There are over a hundred cultures that have come to Israel from around the world, and many that have been there for hundreds of years, and they each have their own distinct heritage, and with that heritage comes food



Salad days: Director Roger Sherman will discuss his film "In Search of Israeli Cuisine" after its premiere at the Brooklyn Israel Film Festival on Jan. 24.

traditions," said Roger Sherman, the film's director.

Sherman, who will speak after the film's premiere on Sunday, says that he was blown away by Israel's rich food culture.

"I went and was completely knocked out by the food scene there," he said. "It is like New York or San Francisco or Paris. You can't get into the restaurants."

The country's approach to food may ring true to urban viewers who make their way to the Kane Street Synagogue for the premiere — Israeli chefs have a strong penchant for all-

natural, freshly-picked ingredients, just like trendy chefs in Brooklyn. But a chef in Israel would never identify as a locavore, said Sherman.

"The idea of locavore is completely foreign to them because everything is local," said Sherman. "You can drive most of the country within two hours."

"In Search of Israeli Cuisine" premieres at the Brooklyn Israel Film Festival at the Kane Street Synagogue [236 Kane St. at Tompkins Place in Cobble Hill, (718) 875-1550, [www.kanestreet.org/biff2016](http://www.kanestreet.org/biff2016)]. Jan. 24 at 7 pm. \$15.

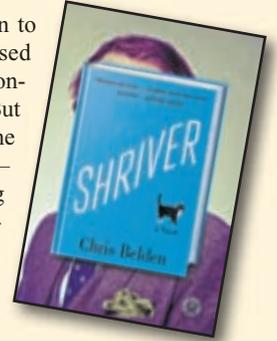


The best reads — handpicked by some of the best Bklyn bookstores

**Word's pick: "Shriver" by Chris Belden**

Shriver gets an invitation to a writer's conference, based on his notorious one-hit-wonder novel "Goat Time." But Shriver is not the man the organizers assume he is — he's never written anything in his life. Can he pass himself off a literary genius, while at a conference surrounded by offbeat characters, including a detective eyeing him as the prime suspect in a missing persons case? Part thriller and all dark satirical comedy, Belden kept me laughing and questioning — who is the real Shriver?

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

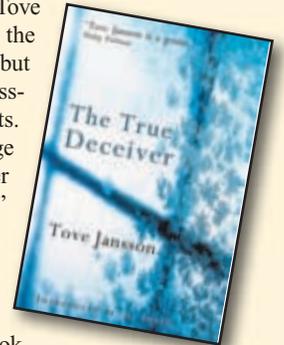


**Greenlight Bookstore's pick: "The True Deceiver" by Tove Jansson**

Writer and illustrator Tove Jansson is best known as the creator of the Moomins, but she also wrote several less-widely-read books for adults. Set in a small Finnish village in the depths of winter, her novel "The True Deceiver" tells the story of loner Katri, who worms her way into the life of Anna, an isolated children's book author.

It is a quiet, cold, pretty book about the lies we tell to protect us from other people, and from ourselves.

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

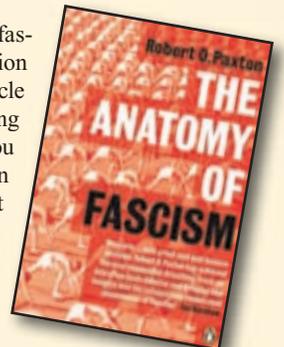


**Community Bookstore's pick: "The Anatomy of Fascism" by Robert Paxton**

Why read a book on fascism in 2016? Pay attention to our current election cycle and the growing right-wing unrest in Europe and you might know why. Historian Robert Paxton's brilliant book offers a lucid analysis of the roots, rise, and radicalization of Mussolini's *razza* and Hitler's *volk*.

By the book's end, Paxton reasons out a clear, workable definition of the 20th Century's most reviled and destructive invention, noting ominously that an American-born fascism will be accompanied not by the fasces or swastika, but the stars and stripes.

— Hal Hlavinka, Community Bookstore [43 Seventh Ave. between Carroll Street and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 783-3075, [www.communitybookstore.net](http://www.communitybookstore.net)].



# Bay Ridge braces for show-storm

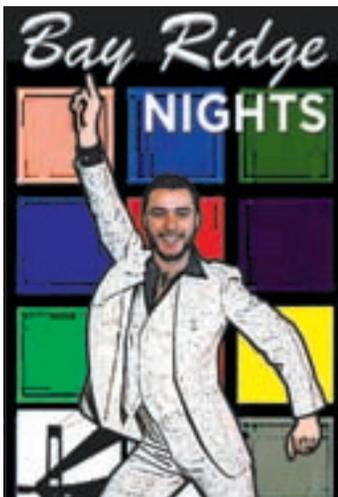
By Dennis Lynch

No blizzard will keep Bay Ridge from rocking out!

Even if the streets are packed with snow, the Bay Ridge bar circuit is packed with shows. So once you dig out your sidewalk, you should have no trouble finding something worth walking to.

You can start this weekend off slow or with a bang. For the former, head to the **Greenhouse Cafe** (7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th streets) at 9 pm for a few pints and some acoustic rock covers from the Neighborhood Skells. For the latter, hit up Kelly's Tavern (9255 Fourth Ave., between 93rd and 94th streets) at 9:30 pm, where the local cover band Love Button is reuniting for one night only.

The festivities start early on Saturday at **Red, White, and Brew** (8910 Fifth Ave. between 89th and 90th streets) where Identity Theft will



play classic tunes by Jimi Hendrix, the Temptations, Bruce Springsteen, and more starting at 4 pm. Bring a guitar and tune up your voice — the band welcomes aspiring rockers who dare to hop on stage for a tune or two.

Identity Theft will pack it in at 8 pm, but your night is just starting! You have a few choices:

Head up Fifth Avenue to **The Hideout** (8415 Fifth Avenue between 84th and 85th streets) if you are in the mood for eclectic indie and punk tunes from a Candy Hearts-headed lineup. The show starts at 8 pm, the event's Facebook page promises "no cover" and "no rules."

If tasty licks and riffs are more your cup of whiskey, head over to **Leif Bar** (6725 Fifth Ave. between 67th and Senator streets) at 9 pm for blues standards and more from Tomcat and the Whiskey Rats.

Or you can catch Garden State cover rockers Johnny Drama at 11 pm at the **Wicked Monk** (9510 Third Ave. between 95th and 96th streets). And while you are there, raise a glass in honor of the Monk's chef Russell Titland, who lost his battle with cancer on Jan. 14.

WHERE TO GO WHAT TO DO SEVEN 24 EVENTS

**MUSIC, "UNDER THE TANGLE":** An original dance-play about an adolescent girl who becomes ensnarled in a labyrinth after the sudden loss of her parents. \$35 (\$20 in advance). 11 am. BAM Fisher (321 Ashland Pl. between Hansen Place and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene), www.bam.org.

**ART, "CONEY ISLAND":** Painter Frank Morrison exhibits his works inspired by the historic Brooklyn neighborhood. Free. 2-7 pm. House of Art Gallery [408 Marcus Garvey Blvd between Halsey and Macon streets in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (347) 663-8195], www.hoagallery.com.

**ART, "ANAMORPHOSIS":** A psychogeographic video and photo installation that seeks to make visible the physical and social lines that divide and connect a community. Free. 2-6 pm. Open Source Gallery [306 17th St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (646) 279-3969], www.open-source-gallery.org.

**MUSICAL SHABBAT:** A musical Shabbat service with guitar, violin and accordion. All ages are encouraged. Free. 6:30 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103], www.brjc.org.

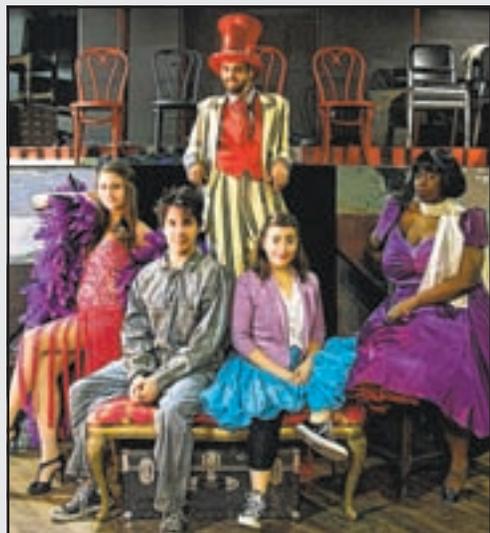
**DANCE, FLIC FEST:** Each night of this dance festival features two full-length dance performances from different companies, followed by a short performance cabaret. \$25 (\$20 students). 7 pm. Iroindale Center [85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 488-9233], www.irondale.org.

**THEATER, "THE GLORY OF THE WORLD":** This play by Charles Mee observes as 17 male friends gather to celebrate the 100th birthday of Catholic monk Thomas Merton. Chaos ensues. \$30. 7:30 pm. BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

**MOBY DICK DINNER:** A meal and drinks inspired by the foods eaten by Ishmael and the crew, with some readings from Melville's novel. \$60. 7:30 pm. Court Tree Collective [371 Court St. between Carroll Street and First Place in Carroll Gardens], www.tableof-contentssupperclub.com.

**COMEDY, CATHOUSE VARIETY SHOW:** Matt J. Weir and Madonna Refugia host a free night of comedian. Free. 7:30 pm. Industry City Distillery [33 35th St. between Second and Third avenues; Sixth Floor in Sunset Park, (718) 305-6951], www.drinkicd.com.

**THEATER, "LONGYARN":** A folktale about a woman raised by cows who becomes a riverboat pirate, a professional wrestler, and a crack addict. \$18. 8 pm. Bushwick Starr [207 Starr St. between Irving and Wykoff avenues in Bushwick], www.thebushwicks-



**Letting Suss:** The Gallery Players give the "Seussical" musical a self-referential twist, with a boy stumbling on a group of actors portraying Dr. Seuss's fantastical characters. The show opens on Jan. 30.

Scott Andrew Cally

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**MUSIC, COLLABORATIVE DUETS WITH GELSEY BELL:** Bell performs with her sister, choreographer and dancer Biba Bell, and with John King. \$25 (\$20 in advance). 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org.

**MUSIC, MARIAMI:** Free. 10 pm. BAM Cafe [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene], www.bam.org/programs/bamcafe-live.

SAT, JAN. 23

**DANCE, STEP AFRIKA!** The dancers of Step Afrika! use their bodies as instruments, combining traditional step choreography with other styles including tap, modern, and hip-hop to create a high-energy performance. \$20. 2 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd. between Amersfort and Kenilworth places in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyncenteronline.org.

**MUSIC, THE AMERICANS:** \$10. 8 pm. Union Pool [484 Union Ave. at Meeker Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 609-0484], www.union-pool.com.

**MUSIC, "ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN":** In a tribute to Elvis Costello, a number of artists and bands come together to bring the artists' songs to the stage. Free. 8 pm-midnight. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768-0131], www.freddysbar.com.

**MUSIC, DINA REGINE:** Free. 9 pm. BAM Cafe [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland

Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene), www.bam.org.

**ART, "AMERICAN HOME" COCKTAIL HOUR:** Sip a drink with Nadine Boughton, whose collage pieces combine 1950s pulp adventure images with immaculate images of suburban homes. Free. 2-5 pm. United Photo Industries [16 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo], www.unitedphotoindustries.com.

**FREE SOCCER COACHING WITH NEW YORK COSMOS:** The New York Cosmos will run free soccer hour-long coaching sessions for kids. Ages 5-6 at 9 am, ages 7-9 at 10 am, and ages 10-12 at 11 am. Book a space at the team's website: www.nycosmos.tdp.com and select "The Pitch" from the Register drop-down menu. Free. 9 am-noon. The Pitch Brooklyn [196 N. 14th St. between Wythe and Berry streets in Williamsburg, (718) 388-3159], www.thepitchbrooklyn.com.

**2016 INVENTGENUITY FESTIVAL:** At this festival of hands-on creativity, kids will construct real and imagined mechanical birds that will appear to take flight in a large-scale kinetic sculpture-scape. Free. 11 am-5 pm. PS 32-MS442 [317 Hoyt St. at Union Street, (718) 855-7600], www.beamcenter.org/festival.

**TALK, INTRODUCTION TO COMICS:** Cartoonist Jennifer Camper leads a free introduction to cartooning techniques, using fun games to teach writing, drawing, and layout design. Beginners and non-cartoonists, ages 15-adult are welcome. Free. 2 pm. Windsor Terrace Branch Library [160 E. Fifth St. at Ft. Hamilton Parkway in Windsor Terrace, (718)

686-9707], www.dklibrary.org/locations/windsor-terrace.

**TALK, HOW DO WE SAFEGUARD WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS?:** The Brooklyn Queens National Organization for Women commemorates the 43rd anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision with speakers and a discussion. Free. 4:30 pm. The Church of the Gethsemene [1012 Eighth Ave. between 10th and 11th streets in Park Slope, (718) 769-8901], brooklynqueensnow.org.

**CARDBOARD ROBOT BATTLE:** Robots clash in this evening of cardboard battle! Nine card-bots slug it out in four matches, with puppet shows between each bout. \$18. 8 pm. Standard Toykraft [722 Metropolitan Ave. between Manhattan and Graham avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 388-3163], www.standardtoykraft.org.

SUN, JAN. 24

**TU BISHVAT FESTIVAL:** Tu Bishvat is Israel's Birthday of the Trees, and a special time to celebrate the environment. This unique event will feature interactive storytelling, crafts, and art workshops run by local artists and community organizations. For kids 5-10 years old. \$5. 9 am-noon. Hannah Senesh Community Day School [342 Smith St. between First and Second Place in Carroll Gardens, (718) 858-8663], www.hannahsenesh.org.

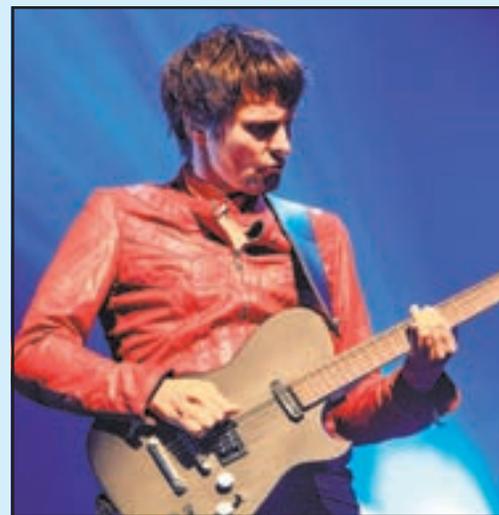
**TALK, "WE ARE THE NEW ABOLITIONISTS":** Plymouth Church sponsors a free education and action event on the issue of human trafficking. Free. 12:15 pm. Plymouth Church [75 Hicks St. at Orange Street in Cobble Hill, (718) 624-9385], plymouthchurch.org.

**READING, "NOBODY'S BIZNESS IF I DO":** A discussion of Henrietta Bingham, the jazz hound, Bloomsbury muse, and queer culture vixen who lived large during the Jazz Age. Free with Museum admission. 2 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

**READING, WATER CONSERVATION AND ISRAEL:** A talk with Seth M. Siegel, author of "Let There Be Water: Israel's Solution for a Water-Starved World." Free. 4 pm. Brooklyn Heights Synagogue [131 Renssen St. between Henry and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 522-2070 ex.160].

**TALK, "PERSON PLACE THING":** Experience a live taping of the interview show hosted by Randy Cohen, with featured guest director Trevor Nunn, formerly of the Royal Shakespeare Company. \$15. 7 pm. Theatre for a New Audience, Polonsky Shakespeare Center [262 Ashland Pl. between Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (212) 229-2819], www.

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**A-muse-ing show:** British band Muse will inspire its legion of fans when it rocks Barclays Center on Jan. 27.

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SUN, JAN 24

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER: \$45-\$4,000. 3:30 pm.

MON, JAN 25

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. DETROIT RED WINGS: \$55-\$1,500. 7 pm.

TUE, JAN 26

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MUSIC, MUSE: \$45-\$75. 7:30 pm.

MON, FEB 1

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SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. MINNESOTA WILD: \$55-\$1,500. 7 pm.

WED, FEB 3

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. INDIANA PACERS: \$25-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

FRI, FEB 5

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. SACRAMENTO KINGS: \$20-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

SUN, FEB 7

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. EDMONTON OILERS: \$15-\$1,050. 2:30 pm.

MON, FEB 8

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. DENVER NUGGETS: \$20-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

WED, FEB 10

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

THU, FEB 11

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. LOS ANGELES KINGS: \$20-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

FRI, FEB 12

MUSIC, LADIES NIGHT R&B SUPER JAM: With Jodeci, Faith Evans, Jagged Edge, Blackstreet, and more. \$65-\$145. 8 pm.

SUN, FEB 14

MUSIC, MAXWELL AND NAS: \$50-\$300. 8 pm.

MON, FEB 15

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. DETROIT RED WINGS: \$15-\$1,050. 1 pm.

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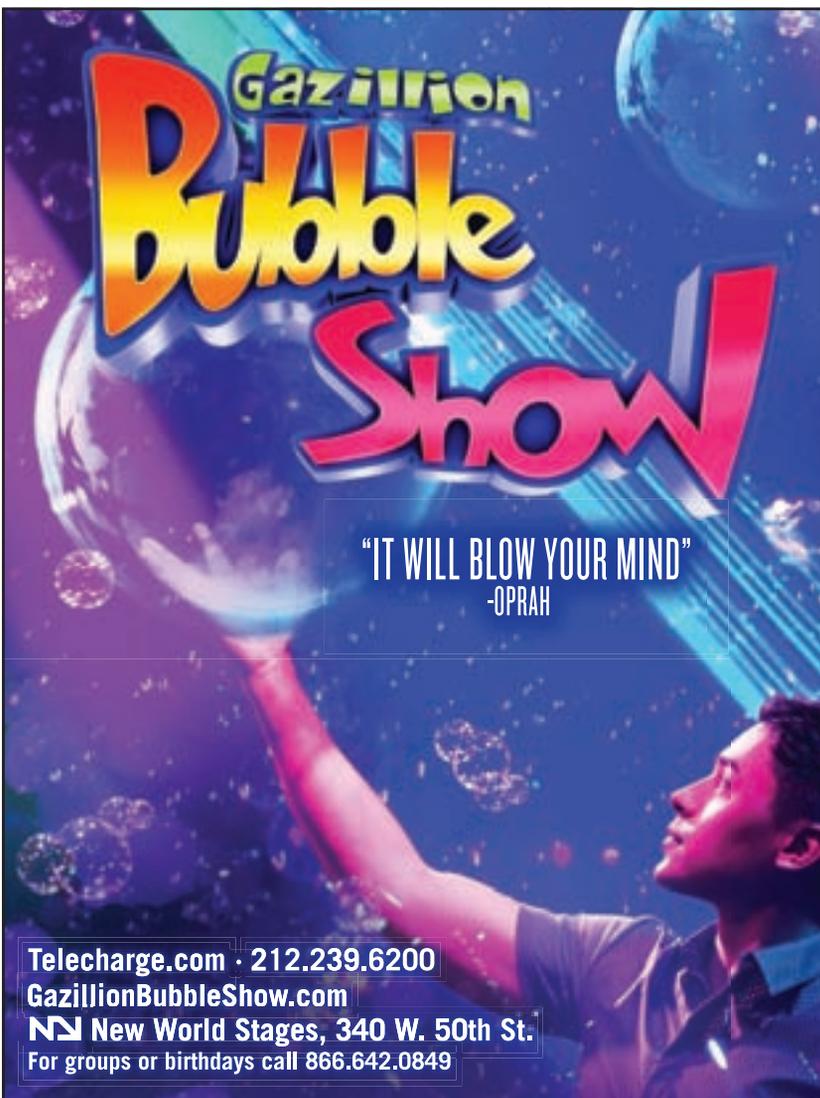
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**MON, JAN. 25**

**JEWISH EARTH DAY!**: Learn about the symbolism of fruits and trees while fulfilling the Kabbalist goal of bringing the world closer to spiritual perfection. Includes a dinner with fruit wine. RSVP required. \$15 (\$10 members). 7 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103], [www.brjc.org](http://www.brjc.org).

**COMEDY, "NIGHT TRAIN WITH WYATT CENAC"**: Hosted by Brooklyn-based comedian Wyatt Cenac, "Night Train" is a weekly show that features comedy from the best local and international stand up comedians. \$5. 8 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], [www.littlefieldnyc.com](http://www.littlefieldnyc.com).

**TALK, "SECRET SCIENCE CLUB"**: The monthly Secret Science Club features mind-bending lectures, volatile experiments, chemical libations, stargazing sounds, and more. Free. 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

**TUES, JAN. 26**

**TALK, SLATE'S "MOM AND DAD ARE FIGHTING" LIVE**: Slate's parenting podcast comes to Brooklyn. Hosts Allison Benedikt and Dan Kois welcome Chirlane McCray, First Lady of New York City, along with Oliver Jeffers, illustrator of "The Day the Crayons Quit," children's musician Laurie Berkner, and more. \$20 (\$40 VIP). 6:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

**READING, CHARLIE JANE ANDERS**: Author Anders reads from her new sci-fi novel "All the Birds in the Sky." Free. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], [www.powerhousearena.com](http://www.powerhousearena.com).

**READING, "MEMORIALS TO SHATTERED MYTHS — VIETNAM TO 9/11"**: Art historian Harriet F. Senie will give a lecture on her new book about modern memorial design, which she argues direct attention away from actual events and reframe tragedy as secular or religious triumph. Free. 7 pm. St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church [157 Montague St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 875-6960], [www.stannholyltrinity.org/author-lecture-and-book-launch](http://www.stannholyltrinity.org/author-lecture-and-book-launch).

**WED, JAN. 27**

**TALK, THE ASIAN COMMUNITIES IN BENSONHURST**: A discussion of the rapidly-growing Asian community in Bensonhurst with local activists and poets. \$5 (free for members). 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierreport St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], [www.brooklyn-history.org](http://www.brooklyn-history.org).

**COMEDY, "RISK!"**: A live show and podcast created and hosted by Kevin Allison, where people tell true stories they never thought they would dare to share. With Kevin Allison, A.D. Miles, Kurt Braunohler, Lauren Cook, and Julie Halston. \$15. 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

**MUSIC, BLOODMIST ALBUM RELEASE EVENT**: The metal-influenced experimental band celebrates the release of its debut album "Sheen." Event admission includes one copy of the album. \$20 (\$15 in advance). 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267-0363], [www.roulette.org](http://www.roulette.org).

**THURS, JAN. 28**

**ART, THURSDAY NIGHTS AT THE BROOKLYN MUSEUM**: Free admission to the museum's many exhibits and galleries every Thursday evening, sponsored by Squarespace. Free. 6-10 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org).

**ART, ART HISTORY HAPPY HOUR**: An un-serious art history lecture accompanied by Coney Island games, wine, and beer. Presented with the exhibit "Coney Island: Visions of an American Dreamland, 1861-2008." Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org).

**TALK, AN EVENING WITH THE NEW YORK RIVETERS AND THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE**: Spend an evening with the league's commissioner and founder Dani Rylan, New York Riveters head coach and former New York Ranger Chad Wiseman, and a few Riveters to talk about their groundbreaking new team. \$5 (free for members). 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierreport St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], [www.brooklynhistory.org](http://www.brooklynhistory.org).

**DANCE, "SEPARATI"**: Vim Vigor Dance Company

Shannon Gillen, about five characters traveling along a highway and experiencing their past, present, and future. \$25. 7:30 pm. Gelsey Kirkland Arts Center [29 Jay St. between John and Plymouth streets in Dumbo], [www.vimvigor-dance.com](http://www.vimvigor-dance.com).

**NIGHTLIFE, "TAINTED LOVE '80S DANCE PARTY"**: Free. 10 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

**FRI, JAN. 29**

**DANCE, LAVI MIYŌ DANCE PERFORMANCE**: Haiti Cultural Exchange presents a work in progress that focuses on the emotional, physical, and spiritual stability of individuals affected by trauma. \$10 suggested Donation. 6 pm. Haiti Cultural Exchange [558 St. John's Pl. between Classon and Franklin avenues in Crown Heights, (347) 565-4429], [haiticulturalx.org/revolisyon](http://haiticulturalx.org/revolisyon).

**SPOKE THE HUB'S 15TH ANNUAL WINTER FOLLIES**: More than 30 performing artists present five minutes of whatever they do best at in this showcase. The audience vote for which artist or group should get a full production at a Gowanus space. \$20 (\$15 in advance). 7:30pm. Old First Reformed Church [729 Carroll St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope].

**COMEDY, "POINT BREAK LIVE!"**: FBI agent Johnny Utah gets bro-manced by one truly radical criminal in this live show, which recruits an audience member for the lead role. \$30 (\$26 in advance). 8:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

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

**SAT, JAN. 30**

**MUSIC, PARK SLOPE SINGERS WINTER CONCERT**: The choral group presents Brahms' German Requiem, sung in German. \$15 \$10 (students and seniors). 3 PM. Church of the Good Shepherd [7420 Fourth Ave. at 75th Street in Bay Ridge, (440) 320-8669], [parkslopesingers.org](http://parkslopesingers.org).

**MUSIC, ANTIETAM, SPEED THE PLOUGH, HEROES OF TOOLIK**: \$8. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], [www.unionhallnyc.com](http://www.unionhallnyc.com).

**THEATER, SUCESSICAL**: The Gallery Players present the family musical based on the fantastical books of Dr. Seuss. Before each matinee, children are welcome to a behind-the-scenes "Theatre Thinks" talk. \$18 (\$15 seniors and children). 8 pm. Gallery Players [199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352-3101], [www.galleryplayers.com](http://www.galleryplayers.com).



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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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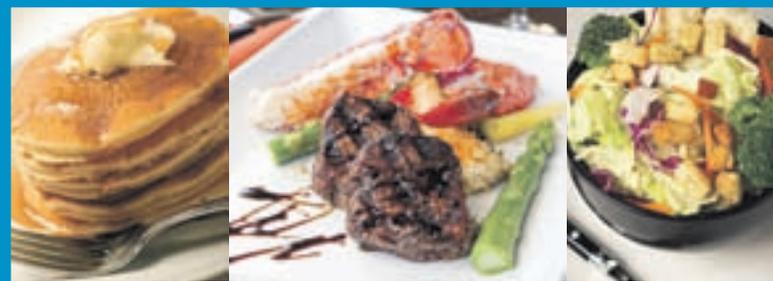
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● 'Everyone is screaming out his name, jumping on him, hugging him.'

— Canarsie basketball hero Rawle Alkins's mother Derline Zephir on her son's short homecoming.

● 'I realized they needed me. It just pushed me.'

— South Shore's Keyanna Glover on her effort in the team's victory.

## Robeson back on track after losses

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

Basketball hasn't been at the forefront of Paul Robeson players' minds since teammate Rikky Degale's shocking stroke.

But the team fended off a potential losing streak after rallying a 67-53 victory over South Shore on Jan. 15 — and it was all for Degale, one player said.

"Our prayers are with him — he is always in our heart," said junior guard Keith Swinton. "We are playing for him. As soon as our friend gets better, we would like to bring the championship trophy to him."

Degale played in the team's loss at Benjamin Cardozo on Jan. 10 before the stroke. The group played with heavy hearts after visiting their teammate in the hospital on Jan. 12, only to lose to last-place Bedford Academy. And Robeson players, determined not to lose three straight, still had reserve junior guard De-



FLYING HIGH: Robeson's Jonathan Murray gets air.

Photo by Jason Speakman

gale on their minds when they hosted South Shore on Jan. 15.

Robeson is a team that can compose itself and finish off a sloppy game strong.

"In the fourth quarter, they played their behinds off," Myles said. "For three quarters they were in mud."

The Eagles' offense was unstoppable in the final eight minutes of play. Robeson (7-3) outscored the Vikings 20-9 in the quarter, which included a 17-0 run.

And the squad put the defensive pressure on South Shore, staving off any Vikings field goals until there was 2:20 left and the game was already sealed.

"This is a very important win for us, because now we are tied for second with Westinghouse," forward Issac Konte said. "We got to beat Lincoln, Jefferson, and Brooklyn Collegiate."

Swinton led Robeson with

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QUITE A GEM: Tyreek Jewell scored 23 points for St. Francis in a win over Sacred Heart on Saturday.

Photo by William Thomas

## Jewell sparkles as Terriers continue winning streak

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

St. Francis College got the bounce-back win it needed thanks a stellar effort from Tyreek Jewell.

The senior dropped in a career-best 23 points and dished out five assists to power the surging Terriers men's basketball team to an 85-67 win over Sacred Heart at the Pope Center on Jan. 16. St. Francis, which shot a season-high 55.1 percent from the floor, got strong contributions around Jewell also.

"The ball moved, and I thought Tyreek and Yunus [Hopkinson] were outstanding," Terriers coach Glenn Bratica told reporters. "I thought Chris [Hooper] was very good. I thought Amdy [Fall] was fantastic. I thought Keon [Wil-

liams] did a good job. I like Jon [Doss] in his role of coming off the bench. I thought they were all good today."

St. Francis has won three of its last four Northeast Conference games after dropping its first two during a four-game losing streak. A 61-59 loss at Bryant on Jan. 14 was the lone blemish during the recent surge. Bryant guard Shane McLaughlin connected on a tough game-winning jumper with just 1.3 seconds remaining in the second half.

Jewell followed up 20 points against Bryant with an even bigger night versus Sacred Heart (3-14, 2-4). He was all the Terriers needed to move past the tough defeat. Jewell scored in double figures for the

10th time in the last 11 games. He shot seven of 10 from the field and went four-for-six from three-point range. Jewell, who is averaging a team-leading 13.3 points per game this season, has shown an uptick because his shot selection has improved.

"I've always been a scorer, but I've just gained more confidence," Jewell said. "Coach always preaches to us to be patient on offense — and about not jacking up shots. He tells us to move the ball and get good shots. I think everyone on the team is realizing that we have to put defense as our No. 1 priority."

St. Francis (7-12, 3-3) used an 11-1 run to grab a 33-12 lead

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# Syncing feeling

Stars align in South Shore's impressive win

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Their connection transcends words.

South Shore point guard Keyanna Glover only needed to see the look on teammate Destiny Philoxy's face late in a game against Truman earlier this month to know she needed to step up during a city final rematch against Grand Street on Jan. 13. The players' ability to communicate without words — the synchrony required — made them a force to reckon with during the South Shore girls' 51-35 victory last Wednesday.

The sophomore Glover was not playing up to her potential, discouraged with her previous play and reduced minutes. That placed added strain on Philoxy, who had to score more and defend harder — and Glover saw it taking a toll during the team's match-up with Truman earlier this month.

"Sometimes she gets tired and looks at me like, 'Key we need you,'" Glover said.

The look reminded Glover how much her teammates need her and Philoxy to click.

"I realized they needed me, so does my point guard," Glover said. "It just pushed me to play harder."

Then the pair gave everyone a glimpse of what South



**IN SYNC:** Destiny Philoxy's combined effort with (not pictured) Keyanna Glover put the Vikings ahead of Grand Street. Photo by Jason Speakman

Shore can do when it's in sync. The duo combined for 15 of South Shore's 20 points during a decisive third quarter that set the tone for the Vikings' win.

Glover scored a game-high 15 points and had a personal 7-0 run during a Vikings 16-0 spurt ending the third quarter. Philoxy chipped in 13 points. The effort is exactly what Gladden hoped to see.

"That's a hard backcourt to stop," he said. "They both can create shots. They both can create shots for other teammates. If Glover picks it up and gets going, that is a tough backcourt to deal with it."

The pair cut short a Wolves rally and gave defending champion South Shore (13-1, 10-0) control for good. Grand Street (8-6, 6-2) trailed 23-  
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# Nets cannot afford any more missteps

The Nets are at a self-made crossroads. Its lack of draft picks leaves the club little margin for error when choosing the path it hopes leads out of the National Basketball Association's basement.

Manager Billy King, who owner Mikhail Prokhorov reassigned last week, left the organization and his successor very few options for fixing the franchise with just one first-round draft pick over the next three years and \$56.7 million in salary commitments in 2016-17.

The team's best hope for a turnaround is a smart general manager, a player-friendly coach, and Prokhorov's deep pockets.

Pundits expect the league's salary cap and luxury tax thresholds to soar from \$67.1 million to \$89 million — with the luxury tax threshold climbing from \$81.6 million to \$108 million — thanks to a new multi-billion-dollar television deal, according to a USA Today article. It could go up again drastically in 2017-18 — possibly capping salaries at \$108 million and the luxury tax at \$127 million.

That leaves the Nets plenty of money to throw at free agents over the next two summers. And the franchise has all the motivation — Prokhorov said he deserves a championship even more now than he did when he first bought the team six years ago.

Way back when, Prokhorov and then-part-owner Jay Z offered a "Blueprint to Success" and promised a championship, but that never happened, despite his best — and sometimes risky — efforts.

"I think we have been really bold, and we did our best in order to reach a championship," Prokhorov said. "And I still believe, with some luck, our results might have been more promising. But I'll do my best to make us a championship team."

That is still the goal, and



**JOE KNOWS**

by Joe Staszewski

it always will be, but the team is a lot further away than it was six years ago.

I applaud the team's reported interest in former Raptors and Suns general manager Bryan Colangelo as King's replacement. The two-time National Basketball Association "Executive of the Year" has a proven track record and would bring a clear vision to Brooklyn.

Multiple reports have suggested former Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau may take over for interim Nets coach Tony Brown. His record is stellar. Thibodeau's Bulls squad won 64.7 percent of its games and made the playoffs all five years. But Brooklyn should still proceed with caution — his strong will and hard-headedness contributed to his demise in Chicago.

If the Nets aren't into this for a long-haul rebuild, then Brooklyn's own Mark Jackson makes more sense. His Golden State players loved him, and he helped mold the group into a championship team.

Jackson's charisma and confidence would be an asset when trying to lure free agents to build around Brook Lopez and Rondae Hollis-Jefferson. He would also handle the New York market and media better, something that appeared important to Prokhorov.

# Alkins's recruitment phase continues

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Hometown hero Rawle Alkins made a stop home in New York on his journey to greatness.

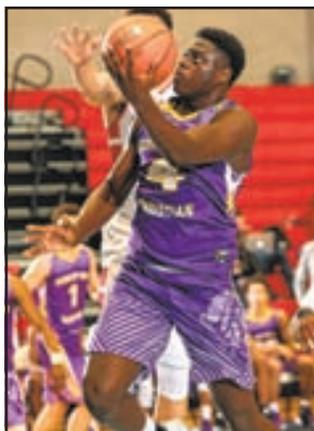
The Brooklyn native and former Christ the King star, who currently plays for North Carolina's Word of God Academy, is entering the last leg of the college-recruitment process, and he was back in New York City for two games at the Big Apple Basketball Invitational at Baruch College over Martin Luther King weekend. The Canarsie native received his Scholastic Aptitude Test scores and will begin scheduling official visits to his numerous college suitors, he announced after an 86-78 loss to Genesis Prep

on Saturday night.

Alkins, Rivals.com's No. 9-ranked senior in the country, has narrowed the list down to North Carolina, St. John's, North Carolina State, Arizona, Kansas, Kentucky, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Louisville, and Indiana — now he just has to whittle that down to one, he said.

"From there, it is picking a school," Alkins said. He will have to miss some of Word of God's games to visit the schools and hasn't set his itinerary yet, he said. Alkins texted every school on his list, and they want him on their campus as soon as possible, he said.

But one thing is certain



**HOMECOMING:** Canarsie native Rawle Alkins, playing for Word of God (N.C.), drives to the hoop at the Big Apple Basketball Invitational at Baruch College. Photo by Robert Cole

after he spent a year away at school: Distance will not be a factor in his decision.

"I know the life that I want to choose — I'm going to be away from home regardless,"  
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# Spellman foils Medgar Evers

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Medgar Evers girls' basketball team started the season strong — and then lost its steam.

Slow beginnings have kept the Cougars from building any momentum since a lopsided loss to Public School Athletic League favorite South Shore earlier this month. The problem reared its ugly head again in a 61–45 loss to Cardinal Spellman at the Rose Classic Super Jam on Jan. 18 at Nazareth.

"It's frustrating because you go so far and then you take two steps back," Medgar Evers coach Mike Toro said.

Poor shooting mixed with lackluster defense put Medgar Evers behind 22–4 after the first quarter and 28–15 at the half. Spellman ripped off a 13–0 run to begin the third and push its lead to 35–15 with five minutes left in the quarter. Getting out of the gate slow cost them two non-league losses by a combined 10 points.

"We need to learn how to start both halves stronger," Toro said.

Senior guard Mikala Casimir (8 points) had seen enough. Spellman went to its bench early, so she began attacking the basket and picked up her defensive intensity. It is the type of leadership Toro expects from her and needs more of.

"I'm trying to be a leader," Casimir said. "Mike has been telling me somebody has to step up, and I am trying to be that person."

The team's effort level grew, and it ripped off a 15–3 run to help pull within 13 points in the game's final three minutes, but it could not get closer. Brianna Rudolph, Alisia Machado, and Gabriela Moore each scored 10 points for the Cougars. Leah Pinilli paced Spellman with 18 points and Diamond Christian added 14.

The Cougars, who are 4–5 in league play, still have time to get things together with five division games left. Medgar Evers has to face Francis



**STEADY SHOOTING:** Gabriela Moore scored 10 points, but it was not enough to propel her team past Cardinal Spellman on Jan. 18. Photo by Jason Speakman

Lewis and will get a second chance at Grand Street, which beat it by just four points.

"We have had a rocky road lately," Casimir said. "We just have to keep our heads up."

## Molloy beats Boys & Girls

The Kangaroos squad turned up its full-court pressure to cut a 15-point to six deficit in the third quarter, but it couldn't complete the rally in a 67–61 loss at the Rose Classic Super Jam.

A Kalima Daniels three-pointer made it 56–52 at the 5:28 mark and a Fatoumata Konare put-back cut the Molloy lead to 59–53 with 4:07 to go. Molloy's Jenna Mastellone answered with a three and an Emily Johnson put-back kept the Kangaroos at bay.

Daniels (19 points) led four Boys & Girls players in double figures, including Kania Pollock, who chipped in 14. Kathryn Kanhoje scored 11 points and Konare added 10. Mastellone led Molloy, scoring 12 of her 22 points in the second half, and Kathryn Gibson had 18.

ness Center on Jan. 16.

It was the Blackbirds' second-straight victory in conference, following a rally from 17 points down to beat Wagner 71–70 on Jan. 14. Long Island University (9–8, 3–3) used a 25–6 run to take a 44–25 lead late in the first half.

Aakim Saintil had 16 points and four assists, and Joel Hernandez added 15 points for Long Island University, which had five players in double figures. Jerome Frink tallied 12 points and seven rebounds. Sophomore Martin Hermansson chipped 11 points with a career-high eight assists. Marcel Pettway paced Bryant (7–12, 4–2) with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

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a game-high 22 points and 16 rebounds. Konte scored 14 points and grabbed a game-high 17 boards. Senior Ziare Ma-teen and junior Shevon Anisca, who scored 15 points apiece, led South Shore (4–6).

It looked like South Shore was the better team early on in the contest, because its offense started the game on fire. The Vikings went on a 13–0 run in the opening quarter. Five different players scored in the frame, and South Shore took its largest lead of the game at 19–8 with 3:42 left in the first.

Robeson took away some of the South Shore momentum and lowered the deficit to 24–19 going into the second quarter.

Neither team scored much, though, because of turnovers, and South Shore went into the half leading 33–28.

Eagles players were able to shake off their first-half struggles by locking down on defense.

Swinton scored seven points in the frame where the Eagles outscored the Vikings 19–11 and taking a 47–44 lead into the fourth quarter.

"We weren't prepared on defense [in the first half]," he said. "Once we got the feel of their offense than we were able to put our defense into full effect."

## ALKINS

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Alkins said. "College — I am going to travel everywhere. I'm not going to be home even if I go to a local school."

The 6-foot-4 Alkins, who is playing in the five boroughs for the second time this year, rebounded from a slow start and foul trouble against Genesis. He scored 19 of his 24 points in the second half and grabbed 10 rebounds. His best sequence came midway through the fourth quarter, when he buried a three from the right side and converted a beautiful spin move for a layup, pulling his team within 72–66 with 4:17 to play. But his best efforts weren't enough.

"I would have liked to have won the game, but unfortunately it didn't happen," Alkins said.

He did not return to Christ the King, because he was not eligible to play his fifth high-school season in the CHSAA after playing varsity games in Florida before returning home.

Alkins helped Christ the King produce an unprecedented era of winning. He is the only player in school history to win three Catholic High School Athletic Association Intersectional titles and also win two state-level, Federation Class AA crowns. Last season, Alkins became the first boys player at Christ the King to record a triple-double.

In some ways, he misses playing with Christ the King — and in front of packed gyms. Word of God enrolled just 230 students compared to Christ the King's 900.

"I miss the people, some of my friends," Alkins said.

He is enjoying the simple things during the short stay in New York City — a night in his family's Brooklyn home, pizza, and a chat with local reporters.

Alkins's return has been a homecoming, mother Derline Zephir said.

"Everyone is screaming out his name, jumping on him, hugging him, kissing him," she said.

Alkins has adjusted to life in North Carolina in more isolation than he is used to, but he is still a city kid at heart. His family has made the trip down a few times to watch him play and check in. But there are times that there really is nothing to do down there, and Alkins gets bored, he said. His mother believes the time away will ease his college transition, she said.

"It's a start of being responsible," Zephir said. "As much as it is hard not having him around, it's showing him how to focus."

Alkins's attention, when he is not on the court, can now fully focus on finding his next destination — his recruitment's final phase is a go.

## SOUTH SHORE

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11 at the half but brought the deficit to 27–18 after a three-point play from Shanice Graves with 3:04 in the third. It took South Shore a little more than a minute and a half to score 16 points — mostly off Grand Street turnovers — and take 43–18 lead into the fourth.

"They opened it up," Gladden said.

The loss marks Grand Street's second-straight in league play — both without Syracuse-bound forward Shanique Edwards. The junior forward is ineligible to play. She hasn't met minimum school-attendance requirements, because her mother has been in and out of the hospital over the last two weeks, according to Wolves coach Corey McFarlane. In his eyes, her ab-

sence wasn't the reason for the losses. "Shanique not being there is not an excuse to lose to South Shore," McFarlane said.

Senior guard Kasiah Lucky scored 14 points for Grand Street. South Shore held the Wolves's top forward, Star Fitzgerald-Greer, to five fourth-quarter points.

The defensive effort pulled South Shore through a difficult — but undefeated — four-game stretch away from home. It looks more and more like a team capable of defending its crown, but it knows Grand Street will try to usurp that position.

"We are just as good as last year, because we have the same chemistry," Philoxy said. "We know each other more, and we got heart. It means a lot, but it doesn't mean we are not going to see them again."

## TERRIERS

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with 5:07 left to play in the first half. It forced 12 turnovers and led 41–18 at the break. Hooper had 19 points and seven rebounds for the Terriers, and Hopkinson chipped in 18 points. Cane Broome led the way for Sacred Heart with 18 points and five boards.

## Blackbirds fly past Bryant

Sophomore Trevin Woods scored a career-high 20 points, including six three-pointers, to push the Long Island University men's basketball team to a 79–61 win over Bryant at the Well-

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