

LOW-WATER MARK

Trendy bottled-water brand advertises on filthy Gowanus Canal

BY LAUREN GILL

So refreshing!

Coca-Cola is advertising its trendy Smartwater brand of bottled H₂O with a giant billboard above the notoriously filthy Gowanus Canal, and the juxtaposition has neighbors cracking up.

"It's a stupid place for it," said Michael Greisch, who lives in Carroll Gardens and burst out laughing upon noticing the curiously placed ad.

The advertisement for the brand's new sparkling water — featuring an image of a giant bottle and the slogans "up up up" and "bring the bubbly" — went up over the sludgy span across from the Whole Foods Market on Third Avenue and Third Street in

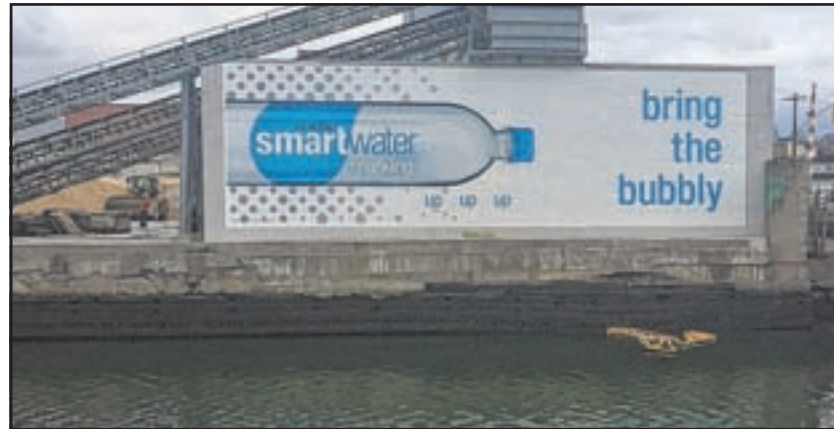
November last year.

The location isn't any sort of comment on Brooklyn's Nautical Purgatory — which is riddled with gonorrhea and the carcasses of the dolphins, whales, and goslings who met their untimely demise in its murky depths — according to the beverage company. It selected the spot simply because its target 18-34 demographic resides in Carroll Gardens and nearby Whole Foods is one of its partners, a flack said.

"There isn't a connection between the placement and the 'condition of the canal,'" said a spokeswoman for the soft-drink company.

Still, the brand that boasts its wa-

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YUM!: Locals are giggling about this new ad for bottled water next to the filthy waters of the Gowanus Canal.
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Beauty on the inside

Julie McMahon of Gotham Greens shows off the "ugly greens" the company grows on the roof of the Gowanus Whole Foods — then sells at a discount downstairs. For more, **see page 6.**

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

Police pull dead teen's body from P'Park Lake

BY RUTH BROWN

Police pulled the body of a dead teenager from Prospect Park Lake on the evening of Jan. 3.

Authorities found the 19-year-old man in the lake at around 6:50 pm, a police spokesman said.

Emergency responders pronounced him dead at the scene, and there were no apparent signs of trauma to the body, according to a report.

A department spokesman said he didn't know where exactly in the large lake the body was found, but it was near "a gazebo."

Police had not released the identity of the teen as of publishing.

Cops found another dead 19-year-old in the lake in November.



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New year, new baby

Little Jacob Colmar-Espinosa came into the world at 2:51 am at Methodist Hospital in Park Slope on Jan. 1 – one of the first babies born in Brooklyn in 2017. The bundle of joy tipped the scales at 5 pounds, 7.5 ounces, according to the hospital. Jacob is Queens couple Diana Espinosa and Phillip Colmar's first child, and they couldn't be happier.

"We are so thrilled to welcome Jacob into the world," said Espinosa.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

All the promises we make

The 2017 New Year's Resolution Accountability Project

Last year, some of Brooklyn's movers and shakers made promises to better themselves. Sure, some were just thinly veiled humble-brags, and most were ill-conceived at best, but here at Courier Life, we believe in a little thing called accountability. So, 366 days later (2016 was a leap year) we "circled back" to these local titans to find out if they delivered on the pledges they made before god and Mother Brooklyn herself. (And as always, we added a few new folks that we will hold accountable in 12 months' time). — Colin Mixson

Alan Maisel

Councilman (D-Marine Park)

Last year's resolution: To resolve numerous long-standing quality-of-life issues affecting southern Brooklynites before dying.

The follow through: There's still work to do, but he's not dead yet.

"I accomplished a lot, but not everything," Maisel said. "I want to solve the problem of dollar vans. I would like to resolve the issue of homelessness."

This year's resolution: To stop making New Year's resolutions.

"My resolution is not to make any resolutions," said Maisel. "That's the one resolution I know I can keep."

Theresa Scavo

Chairwoman, CB15

Last year's resolution: The same as the year before — to watch her diet.

The follow through: Scavo reported that she's been doing "excellent."

This year's resolution: Surprise, surprise, it's an extension of last year's resolution — but more specifically to walk more.

"I'm walking, trying to



CONEY'S HIZZONER: Dick Zigun.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

walk 10,000 steps a day," she said.

Dick Zigun

Self-proclaimed Mayor, Coney Island

Last year's resolution: To bring the long-abandoned, landmarked Shore Theater

back from the brink.

The follow through: This one's 50-50. New owners Pye Properties shelled out \$20 million to purchase the derelict playhouse and plan to return it to its former glory, but they haven't made any moves, and the iconic theater remains in a sorry state.

"I hope they will take it upon themselves to bring it back," Zigun said.

Coney Island's unofficial mayor separately reported, however, that he is keeping slim.

"I did keep off the 25 pounds I lost the previous year, though," the sideshow impresario said.

This year's resolution: To raise awareness for the landmarked Coney Island USA building, which Zigun owns and operates, in an effort to raise support and funding for further renovations there.

"The outside is still a bit of a wreck," Zigun said. "If we bring attention to it, I think

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Our crack team of Brooklynologists calculate all the big stories you'll be reading about over the next 12 months.

17. Woody in Coney

The controversial director made his first return to Coney Island since 1977's "Annie Hall" for filming last year, and his new movie set in 1950s Sodom By the Sea — starring Kate Winslet and national treasure Justin Timberlake — is set to debut in 2017. Expect an operational — albeit computer-generated — Parachute Jump, lots of replica signs, and a few cameos by local businesses. But don't expect bike lanes or the old Thunderbolt roller-coaster to reprise its role from "Annie Hall."

16. CBs online

No more cramming into poorly-lit community centers and school halls with crappy acoustics to catch the thrill-a-minute action of your local community board meeting — several panels around the city, including Williamsburg's Community Board 1, will begin livestreaming their general meetings online this month. It is sure to be a boon for frazzled community reporters trying to cover several meetings in one night, but will it result in more people staying home and watching from their couch, and will residents freeze up at the microphone when faced with video cameras? You'll have to tune in!

15. 'Angel' rises

We're still waiting for the Sisters of Mercy to slap a "for sale" sign on the Angel Guardian Home, the sprawling block-sized former orphanage in Dyker Heights, and when they do, we're betting it will turn into towers.

The land is zoned for row houses, but developers will want an upzoning to cram in more apartments and rake in more rent. And that will probably be fine by the DeBlasio administration — builders are now required to include below-market-rate housing when they rezone, and the gain from redeveloping the massive campus would probably go a long way to helping Hizzoner reach his goal of building 80,000 so-

called "affordable" units over 10 years.

14. Hook racetrack

International electric-car racing series the Formula E Championship will zoom into Red Hook on July 29 and 30, bringing tens of thousands of spectators to the sleepy waterfront burg. The cars are supposed to be far quieter than their gas-guzzling Formula 1 counterparts and the race will take place off public streets at the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal, but we're curious how the onslaught of onlookers will get to the subway-starved location. The B61?

13. L-pocalypse prep

The dreaded 18-month closure of the L-train tunnel to Manhattan is still two years away, but North Brooklyn residents, businesses, and pols are already preparing for the worst — and their advocacy will only ramp up this year. Local activists want the city to close Grand Street to vehicles so it is easier for buses and cyclists to reach the Williamsburg Bridge, elected officials are urging the city to consider a fantastical aerial gondola across the East River, and developers are planning private shuttle buses from their residential and office buildings to alternative subway lines. That's if there's anyone left to use them — many denizens are already plotting their escape, and real-estate website StreetEasy predicts they will flock to Fort Greene in 2017.

12. Landmark lost

The city is considering building a 300-seat school on the site of the landmarked old 68th Precinct station House in Sunset Park — the only question on our minds is whether it will demolish the crumbling-but-protected structure or try to fix it up. Our money is on the former — officials came to Sunset Park in the spring to float the school-conversion plan and said the building would "probably have to come down."



VISIONS OF THE FUTURE: (Above) Pols will keep pushing to build this fantastical aerial gondola over the East River to replace the L train when it closes in 2019. (Right) Carroll Gardens resident Erin Lippincott is leading a campaign against the F express.

11. Infill housing

The New York City Housing Authority will this year seek community approval for its controversial plan to lease land at Wyckoff Gardens in Boerum Hill to developers for high-end housing — but everyone should be watching how this plays out, as the cash-strapped agency intends to replicate the project at other public housing complexes across the city.

The authority says it needs to build the 500-unit development — half of which will be below-market-rate — to pull itself back from the brink of bankruptcy and to pay for much-needed repairs to the run-down structures that have occupied the site since the 1960s. But many tenants are worried they'll lose parking to the new tower and that nearby affordable retail will give way to upscale stores when more moneyed residents arrive, amongst a host of other fears — and they've claimed the agency isn't listening to their concerns. They'll have a chance to make their voices heard when the plan comes before Community Board 6.



10. Build It Back

Who would have thought back in 2012 that we'd still be waiting for the city to rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Sandy? And yet, here we are. 2016 was a bad year for the program. Mayor DeBlasio belly-flopped on his promise to fix all homes by year's end and had to give the program a \$500-million taxpayer infusion. Meantime, a house in Gerritsen Beach collapsed because hasty contractors cut safety corners, and Hizzoner threatened to give some applicants the boot for slowing down the program's progress. We're hoping the program gets above water in 2017, but we aren't holding our breath — the Daily News reported on Jan. 2 that only 60 percent of homes in the program are done.

9. Trolley wars

But Main Street's still all cracked and broken! The city is supposed to release a route for Mayor DeBlasio's \$2.5-billion Brooklyn-Queens Connector streetcar this year, and then embark on a tour of community boards along the Sunset Park-to-Queens trolley line, where local residents and merchants will almost certainly fight over every scrap of street space. Some residents do like the idea — several public housing tenant leaders recently announced their support — but others are worried that it will fast-track gentrification nearby, that they'll lose parking, or simply that the whole scheme is a boondoggle for the developers who came up with the plan in the first place.

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8. The F Express

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority divided the borough last year with a proposal to bring the express F train back to Brooklyn in fall 2017 — and that chasm will only grow wider if they agency decides to push ahead with the plan and begins meeting with locals about it. Southern Brooklynites have been demanding the service's return for years, as it will shave around seven minutes off their commutes to Downtown and Manhattan. But Brownstone Brooklynites were aghast to learn the change would halve orange-bullet service at six of their stops during rush hour, and have since organized to "rail" against it unless the transit body promises to add more regular F trains.

7. Ridge Republicans

It's no secret conservative Bay Ridge is getting bluer by the day, but in the 2017 race to replace term-limited Democratic Councilman Vincent Gentile, we just can't help but wonder if a Republican could take the seat. Right-leaning heavy hitters Bob Capano, Liam McCabe, and John Quaglione have either formally announced or have indicated strongly that they'll run.

Still, Gentile beat Capano, a super-market manager and adjunct professor, in 2009 and Quaglione, a staffer to token Brooklyn Republican state Sen. Marty Golden, in 2013 by wide margins.

6. Ferry tales

All aboard! Retro transportation will be all the rage in 2017 (see item No. 9), and nowhere will feel the fever more than Brooklyn's waterfront when the city rolls out its new \$55-million ferry system this summer. Downtown and North Brooklyn already has a few floating people movers, but officials are extending service to Red Hook, Sunset Park, and Bay Ridge — and promising to peg the price to that of a subway ride (sorry, no free transfers, though).

5. J'Ouvert

Come summertime, expect a heated public debate over what Mayor DeBlasio should do about this year's J'Ouvert celebration — the pre-dawn party throughout Crown Heights and Prospect-Lefferts Gardens that precedes the West Indian American Day Carnival on Labor Day and has been plagued by violence in recent years. The city gave organizers their first parade permit last year and doubled the police presence, and Hizzoner promised the event would be "safer than ever." Instead, it was the bloodiest ever — gunmen killed two people and injured four. Critics have called on the mayor to cancel the 30-year-old event, but DeBlasio insists it will continue.

4. Tebow to Cyclones

College football phenom-turned-failed New York Jet Tim Tebow signed with the Mets organization last September. He played in the Arizona Fall League, and if he does well enough in spring

training, the powers that be are likely to bump him up to the Cyclones for grooming toward full-fledged Met-hood. Legendary Clones skipper Tom Gamboa said the heartthrob and outspoken Christian doesn't have a prayer of making it to the big leagues, but we're rooting for Timmy anyway, because it would be the hottest story in Brooklyn sports since pro baseball returned to the borough in 2001.

3. Gowanus

Brooklyn's stinkiest neighborhood is in for a big year. The city will unveil its plan to rezone the neighborhood for more residential development, and it remains to be seen how much of it will be based on the "Bridging Gowanus" blueprint local Councilman Brad Lander spent years developing with residents — which calls for more below-market housing and incentives to keep manufacturing space.

The already-booming nabe was named the 14th most-expensive neighborhood in New York last year by real-estate site Property Shark, with a median home-sale price of \$1.2 million.

Meanwhile, the city will begin dredging the coal-tar infested Gowanus Canal, unearthing god-knows-what from its murky depths.

2. District Attorney race

Kings County will choose a new top prosecutor this year after Ken Thompson's untimely death from cancer in October. He anointed Chief Assistant District Attorney Eric Gonzalez as acting district attorney while he was sick, but the position is up for grabs again this fall. Thompson's widow has already endorsed Gonzalez, although he hasn't officially announced anything yet, and other contenders for the powerful position are now emerging.

The city's former human rights commissioner Patricia Gatling and civil rights attorney Marc Fliedner, who worked as an assistant district attorney for 15 years, have already thrown their hats into the ring, and several others are eyeing a run — including Democratic District Leader Ann Swern, who was former District Attorney Charles Hynes's first deputy; Fox News correspondent and former Brooklyn Bar Association president Arthur Aidala; state Supreme Court judge Shawndya Simpson; and outgoing Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge).

1. Going for bronze

Breed, Brooklyn, breed! The Borough of Kings is *this* close to overtaking Chicago as the country's third-largest city, and could snatch the title sometime next year if Brooklynites really commit to popping out new residents. The Windy City still ranks bronze in the population category with 2.72 million in 2015, compared to Brooklyn's near-fourth at 2.64 million. But Brooklyn's growth surely has those Midwesterners looking over their shoulders — the borough has enjoyed an average population gain of 27,984 per year since 2010, compared to Chicago's measly 4,896. So throw away those free New York City condoms and get to work!



P'Park fireworks a blast

BY COLIN MIXSON

It was a big bang!

Thousands of Kings County revelers rang in the new year by watching the dazzling fireworks display over Prospect Park, which was bigger than ever in honor of the park's 150th anniversary, according to an organizer.

"There were many more fireworks to celebrate the kickoff to the park's 150th anniversary," said the appropriately named Lucy Gardner,

spokeswoman for park steward group the Prospect Park Alliance. "It was definitely bigger this year."

The birthday pyrotechnic extravaganza used a grand total of 930 shells over 10 minutes—eclipsing last year's 809 shells, according to Gardner.

Around 17,000 people showed up to witness the razzle and dazzle of the New Year's Eve show, according to police, she said.

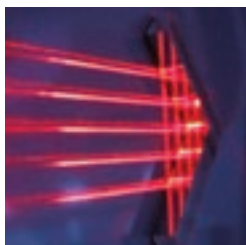
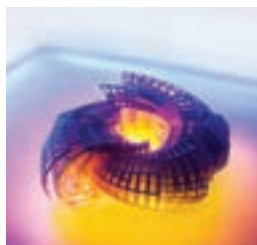
Also on hand for the show

were a number of city garbage trucks, which authorities used as a barricade against truck terror attacks at New Year's Eve gatherings across the city.

Prospect Park's official anniversary isn't until Oct. 19, which is when the park opened to the public for the first time in 1867. Work on Brooklyn's Backyard didn't actually finish until 1873, when construction costs topped a whopping \$5 million.

BABY YOU'RE A FIREWORK DISPLAY: (Above) Firecrackers of all colors lit up the sky over Brooklyn's Backyard for New Year's Eve. (Center) The city stationed garbage trucks around Grand Army Plaza to guard against terror attacks. (Left) Some 17,000 onlookers gathered in the park to watch the show.

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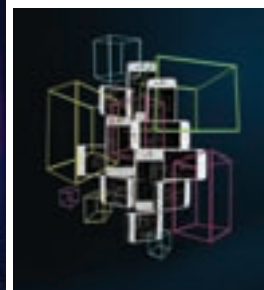


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REARING ITS UGLY HEAD OF LETTUCE: Gotham Greens' Julie McMahon shows off the company's proudly unattractive produce. Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

It's grow-tesque!

Gowanus greenhouse rebrands damaged lettuce as 'ugly greens'

BY LAUREN GILL

Gnarly.

A company that grows lettuce on the roof of the Gowanus Whole Foods is selling its bruised and hole-ridden produce at a discount downstairs under the name Ugly Greens. The leaves may not be pretty, but they taste just as good as the picture-perfect stuff, a company rep claims.

"They are perfectly fresh, perfectly nutritious local greens with some slight cosmetic imperfections," said Julie McMahon, the digital marketing coordinator for urban greenhouse farmers Gotham Greens. "It's the same taste and it's delicious."

The cosmetically challenged crops are also available at the Park Slope Food Co-op and a few other markets around the borough, as first reported by Edible Brooklyn. Each retailer prices the blighted veggies itself, but typically charge 40 percent less than regular lettuce, McMahon said.

At Whole Foods, a large bag of Ugly Greens costs \$2.99, while a smaller container of the company's standard stuff costs \$3.99.

Gotham Greens — which also has greenhouses in Greenpoint and Queens — used to compost produce marred by pests or harvesting and packaging, but started turning the cast-offs into a brand of their own in summer in a bid to cut down on waste, McMahon said.

"We decided to package them up and sell them at discount to tackle issues of food waste while reducing our own waste," she said.

The company isn't alone in pushing produce that was once considered too unsightly for supermarket shelves, McMahon said — markets around the country have added misfit vegetables to their stock in recent years to cash in on the colossal amount of perfectly-edible produce that ends up in landfill, and even Wal-Mart is now getting in on the action, introducing not-so-rosy apples at some stores in Florida in July.

"This is part of a movement that already exists and we see it as us joining this space where there are all these great people raising awareness of bringing ugly greens into the spotlight," McMahon said.

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ter is so clean that it is "pure and crisp, like from a cloud" probably could have thought things through a little better before promoting their product over the most polluted waterway in the country, said one local.

"It's kind of ironic, it makes you question the vision" said George Bixby, a Gowanus resident.

Perhaps the multinational company should

consider splashing some cash to help clean the environment instead of polluting it with more advertising, suggested one civic-minded citizen.

"We should spend more money on cleaning up the canal than ads for Smartwater," said Cobble Hillian Vicky Vinton.

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More than 100 injured in train derailment at Atlantic Terminal

BY COLIN MIXSON

A train derailed at Atlantic Terminal on the morning of Jan. 4, sending straphangers flying and injuring 104, according to authorities.

The Long Island Rail Road train was pulling into the Prospect Heights stop at around 8:15 am carrying some 430 passengers but overshot the platform and crashed into the safety bumper — flinging commuters about as the two lead cars careened off the tracks, according to Office of Emergency Management spokesman Justin Bennett.

None of the injuries were life-threatening — a woman's broken leg is the most serious malady, Gov. Cuomo said at a press conference after the crash.

"They were standing getting ready to get off the train, the train has a sudden stop, they're not prepared for a sudden stop," Cuomo said. "They get knocked around, banged



RESCUED: Emergency responders care for some of the dozens of straphangers injured when a Long Island Rail Road train derailed while pulling into Atlantic Terminal.



Photos by Paul Martinka

around, they hurt an arm, they hurt a leg, etcetera."

Emergency responders evacuated 11 people by stretcher, while the other wounded commuters were treated at the scene and were able to walk out of their own

volition, according to Bennett.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is still investigating exactly what went wrong, and is interviewing the train's conductor, engineer, and brakeman, according to agency honcho Tom Prender-

gast, but he said it is generally the engineer's responsibility.

"It's primarily the locomotive engineer's responsibility to control the train," he said. "There's a signal system that controls it coming in at limited speeds. But when you're

getting to the end, it's the locomotive engineer's responsibility."

Sleuths from the National Transportation Safety Board are also expected to conduct their own investigation, Bennett said.

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78TH PRECINCT

PARK SLOPE

Smashed

Cops busted an allegedly wasted driver after she managed to collide with not one, not two, but *nine* parked cars on Eighth Avenue on Dec. 24.

The arresting officer was responding to a complaint of a reckless driver when he allegedly spotted the suspect hopelessly trying to parallel park her 2005 Toyota Corolla near 10th Street at 8:15 pm. The officer ordered the suspect to kill the engine, before looking around to find a small fleet of busted, dented cars in her wake, according to police.

The suspect told the patrolman she'd had three drinks earlier that night, but a test allegedly revealed the woman had a blood-alcohol content of .227 — nearly three times the legal limit, cops said.

Out for a stroll

A bad guy stole a mom's stroller after she left it unattended outside of a 13th Street daycare on Dec. 20.

The victim told police that she left the pricey carriage unsupervised as she dipped into the baby depot between Sixth and Seventh avenues at 8:05 am, only to emerge later to find the stroller had vanished, along with a pair of gloves and a home pedicure foot buff.

Shaken up

Police have given up the hunt for a kook who went ballistic and started shaking a 62-year-old woman before damaging her car on Prospect Park West on Dec. 21.

The victim told officials that she pulled her vehicle to the side of the road near Garfield Place at 9:15 am when a wacko driving a black Jeep Wrangler shouted at her to move.

The lady told the jerk that she couldn't move just yet, and he suddenly snapped and reached into her car to shake her, before punching her driver-side door, leaving a dent, according to a report.

The victim was able to supply investigators with the villain's New York license plate number, but no arrests have been made in relation to the attack, and the case has been closed.

A bad turn

Officers collared a man after they say he was driving drunk and made an illegal turn off of Flatbush Avenue on Dec. 19.

The arresting officer reported spotting the suspect take an illegal right turn onto Atlantic Avenue at 2:55 am, before pulling him over for the infraction.

When confronting the motorist, the patrolman allegedly noticed the guy smelled strongly of booze and couldn't stand straight when the



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officer ordered him out of the car, cops said.

Back at the precinct, the suspect was allegedly found to have a blood-alcohol content of .112 — well over the state's .08 limit — according to police.

Sock it to 'em

Cops cuffed a 20-year-old man who they say served another gentleman a knuckle sandwich on Second Street on Dec. 4.

The victim told police he was arguing with the suspect near Fourth Avenue at 5:57 pm, when their heated exchange came to a head and the fellow socked him once in the face.

Digital dine 'n' dash

Cops are hunting for a thief who nabbed a digital tablet from behind the counter of a Fifth Avenue diner on Dec. 20.

Surveillance footage shows the crook inside the eatery between Prospect and Park places at 11:30 pm, then sauntering back into the employees-only section of the restaurant and nabbing a \$200 Galaxy Tab 4 he found there, according to a police report.

— *Colin Mixson*

76TH PRECINCT

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL-
RED HOOK

Hairy situation

Cops cuffed two women who they say punched another lady and pulled her hair in a Columbia Street building on Dec. 30.

The 43-year-old victim told cops she and the two suspects were having an argument in the lobby of the building near Dwight Street at about 5 pm, when the spat escalated. The pair allegedly pulled the victim down to the ground and pulled her hair, then punched her, bruising on her face and arms and leaving a small cut on her back, police said.

Loaded

Police arrested an 18-year-old guy for possession of a loaded gun inside a building on Hoyt Street on Dec. 28.

Officers say they responded to the building between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Street at about 10:50 pm and heard two gunshots, then saw three men run down from the roof. A 9mm pistol then allegedly fell out of one of the suspect's sweatshirt pockets and cops cuffed him.

Bad karma

A reprobate choked a woman and swiped her phone on Richard Street on Jan. 2.

The 32-year-old victim was trying to stop an argument between the good-for-nothing and another woman near Visitation Place at about 9:30 am, but instead the lout choked her and then grabbed her Samsung Galaxy 6, officials said.

Swiped from stoop

A crook swiped a package of household goods from outside a building on Fourth Place on Dec. 27, police said.

The jerk picked up the Amazon pantry box from in front of the building between Clinton and Henry streets at about 1:55 pm and left, according to authorities.

Big break-in

A burglar made off with a woman's laptop and ring from her Clinton Street home on Dec. 22, police said.

The 45-year-old victim told police she believes the intruder entered her home between State Street and Atlantic Avenue while she was at work in the afternoon, and stole her Apple laptop, Bose sound track and docking device, an expensive family ring, and a phone charger. There was no signs of forced entry, police said.

— *Julianne Cuba*

84TH PRECINCT

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DUMBO-
BOERUM HILL-DOWNTOWN

A bad time

Two time bandits stole a pricey watch from a Fulton Street department store after asking to view it on Dec. 26.

A worker in the shop near Bridge Street said the two louts asked to view the \$1,995 Movado timepiece around 7:10 pm, but then one of the fiends then passed off the watch to the second one, who exited the store without paying, cops said.

Selfie snatch

Some snake grabbed a woman's selfie stick out of her hand as she was snapping a photo on Water Street on Jan. 1.

The victim told cops she was using the device to take a picture with her phone in Brooklyn Bridge Park around 5:45 pm when a jerk came up

from behind and took it out of her hand. Her phone fell off the gadget, but the crook was able to make off with her \$15 stick, cops said.

Cell off

A sneak stole a woman's cell-phone from her hands as she was standing on a York Street sidewalk on Dec. 26.

The lady was on the pavement near Jay Street at 8:25 am when the thief ran by, snatched the phone, and scurried off, police said.

Bagged

A rogue swiped a woman's bag as she was getting ready to leave a Fulton Street restaurant on Dec. 29.

The victim was gathering her belongings in the eatery by Boerum Place at 4 pm when the thief took her bag and fled, police said.

Double trouble

A burglar hit two apartments in the same Willow Street building on Dec. 29.

First, the baddie broke into an 89-year-old woman's unit in a building near Clark Street around 11:32 am and took a Samsung tablet, pearl earrings, and \$400 in gold bracelets, rings, and earrings, according to a report.

Then, the knave broke into another apartment and took an Apple television, speakers, Coach handbags, binoculars, and camera equipment, cops said.

The building's doorman tried to catch the lawbreaker on his way out, but wasn't quick enough, authorities said.

— *Lauren Gill*

68TH PRECINCT

BAY RIDGE-DYKER HEIGHTS

Ride and run

A skunk sprayed a cabbie in the eyes with an unknown liquid and fled a taxi without paying his fare on 86th Street on Dec. 31.

The cabbie told authorities he picked up the punk at 96th Street and Second Avenue at 12:45 am and drove him to 86th Street between Fort Hamilton Parkway and Gatling Place. But when they reached the destination, the nogoodnik sprayed the cabbie in the eyes with an unknown liquid and ran out of the cab without paying for the ride, cops said.

Sliced

Two goons struck a man with a glass bottle on Fort Hamilton Parkway on Dec. 27, said police.

The man told officials he was near 62nd Street at 11:40 am when he got into a verbal dispute with the louts, and the argument escalated when one of the brutes smashed a glass bottle into the man's face, slicing open his upper lip.

— *Caroline Spivack*

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people would be surprised if we restored it just how beautiful and worthy it is of the designation.”

Craig Hammerman

District Manager, CB 6

Last year's resolution: To update what was already undeniably one of the best community board websites in Brooklyn, if not the universe.

The follow through: Community Board 6's website has been updated, although the district manager said there is undoubtedly room to improve what remains the finest community board website known to civil servants and local news reporters everywhere.

“Yes, we did achieve changing over our website, though we are still in the process of making further refinements and improvements to it,” Hammerman said.

This year's resolution: To livestream Community Board 6 meetings.

“This year we will be looking to push further on the notion that CB meetings ought to be taped and broadcast live, the way all other government bodies' meetings are, and to see whether we can attract the support and resources to make our meetings accessible to a broader swath of the public,” said Hammerman.

Eric McClure

Co-chairman,
CB6 Transportation Committee

Last year's resolution: To clear the more-than 19,000 unread e-mails languishing in his inbox.

The follow through: Abject failure. McClure's inbox as of Tuesday contained 25,625 unread e-mails.

This year's resolution: To engage in a more active lifestyle in response to a recent medical scare he blamed on long bouts of sedentary web browsing. So you're not worried, McClure's currently taking medication for the condition, and he expects to make a full recovery.

“My resolution this year is to put the active back in community activist.”



THIRSTY FOR CHANGE: Park Slope comedian Ophira Eisenberg wants to drink smarter, not harder, this year.

File photo by Jason Speakman

Justin Brannan

Founder, Bay Ridge Democrats

Last year's resolution: To lose weight by bribing locals to prevent him from eating bagels with the promise of free coffee.

The follow through: Brannan lost a whopping 30 pounds, but he wasn't caught eating any bagels, so nobody got coffee.

This year's resolution: To restore New Yorkers' shattered faith in government.

“My resolution for 2017 is to work as hard as I can to restore people's faith in what government can do for them and their families,” said Brannan, who is running for his old boss Vincent Gentile's council seat this year.

Eric Adams

Borough President

Last year's resolution: To ensure a Brooklyn sports franchise wins a championship — even if it means becoming a professional athlete himself.

The follow through: Failure on both counts.

This year's resolution: To leverage his own experience overcoming diabetes to keep Brooklyn fit.

“I hope to use the story of how I reversed my Type 2 diabetes as an inspirational force for motivating fellow Brooklynites to make lifestyle choices that lead to healthier futures,” the Beep said.

Gersh Kuntzman

Co-host, Brooklyn Paper Radio

This year's resolution: To make men and women everywhere extremely uncomfortable.

“I, Gersh Kuntzman, vow to fight societal inhibition and small-minded guilt as I encourage my fellow humans to pursue all the earthly pleasures due to them as life forms at the zenith of evolution. And, yes, I am talking about what we do in the bedroom. You're welcome, world,” the Windsor Terrace resident said.

Jumaane Williams

Councilman (D-Flatbush)

This year's resolution: To overcome his fear of flying.

“I used to fly a lot, but as I got older, I stopped — I don't know what happened, and a lot of people ask me why I don't take planes,” Williams said. “I want to fly somewhere — it doesn't matter where.”

Regina Myer

President, Downtown Brooklyn Partnership

This year's resolution: To kick off renovations at BAM Park in Fort Greene.

“Break ground on a revitalized BAM Park” Myer said.

Ophira Eisenberg

Park Slope comedian

This year's resolution: To avoid the many pitfalls of alcohol consumption through clever strategy.

“To drink less,” said Eisenberg. “Actually scratch that — to drink smarter, not harder.”



LOOKING FORWARD: (Above) Scribe Gersh Kuntzman, seen here interviewing Ayvek the masturbating walrus, wants to strip people of their sexual inhibitions. (Right) Ironing enthusiast James Hook aims to help the country become more optimistic about politics in 2017.

Jamie Hook

Greenpoint ironing enthusiast,
zany events organizer

This year's resolution: To utilize eastern martial arts principals to turn the country's bitter political sentiments into optimism.

“I will use a hopeful form of Jiu-Jitsu to turn the negative energy of our nation's current political climate against itself,” Hook said.

Josue Pierre

Flatbush politico

This year's resolution: To stop



bothering people on the internet with political posts during holidays.

“My resolution is to stop posting about politics on holidays, because the vast majority of my posts are about civics and politics,” Pierre said.

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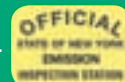
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the **2017 Police Athletic League Calendar**. Last summer, student-campers studied the indigenous peoples of the world and explored the history, culture, sports, food, holidays, festivals, customs, and languages of each native group.

Brooklyn camper **Nasir**, who hails from the **Wynn Center** on Gates Avenue, depicted the Pygmies of Central Africa. His painting will be featured in the calendar the month of April. **IS 218 Beacon** camper **Lisbeth De Los Santos**, 13, chose the Ifugao of the Philippines, which will grace the September.

PAL Executive Director **Frederick Watts** said, "I see first-hand the great work our inner-city kids produce. Their hard work and creativity was instrumental in producing our beautiful calendar."

PAL provides recreational, educational, cultural, and social activities to 35,000 boys and girls annually. It is also the city's largest, independent, youth organization.

Wynn Center [495 Gates Ave. in Clinton Hill, (718) 230-8477; IS 218 Beacon at 370 Fountain Ave. in East New York, (718) 277-1928; www.palnyc.org].

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Winning art

Brooklyn's **Anthony Moravian** is a winner in the **Illustrators of the Future Contest**. The contest — one of the most prestigious illustration competitions — is in its 28th year and is judged by some of the biggest names in speculative fiction.

His winning submissions have



HO, HO, HO: Pediatric hospice workers dressed as Santa's helpers delivered gifts and cheer to 16-year-old **Arnaldo**, center, who recently underwent a lung transplant.

'Elves' bring on the healing cheer

BOROUGH WIDE

Put those antlers together for the do-gooding pediatric hospice workers at **Metropolitan Jewish Health System**, who loaded up the sleigh and delivered Christmas cheer, gifts, and caroling to children and their families in all of our five boroughs.

Dressed as reindeer, elves, and wearing other festive costumes, the hospice workers visited 16-year-old

boroughite **Arnoldo**, who recently underwent a lung transplant. The elves spread a bit of holiday magic to the recovering teen and his family, providing happy memories to last the whole year through.

Santa and Standing O say thank you.

Metropolitan Jewish Health System Hospice and Palliative Care [39 Broadway in Manhattan, (212) 649-5555].

earned him a cash prize, a trip to Hollywood for a week-long intensive workshop, a ticket to a gala awards ceremony that draws in excess of one thousand attendees, a shot at winning the **Golden Brush Award**, and a \$5,000 cash prize. His art will be published in the annual bestseller "**L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of the Future Volume 33**."

His classic techniques create realistic fantasy themes. He specializes in charcoal drawings and oil paintings.

The award is the genre's most prestigious of its kind and has now become the largest, most successful, and demonstrably most influential vehicle for budding creative talent in the world of contemporary fiction. Since inception, the Writers and Illustrators of the Future contests have produced 32 anthology volumes and awarded a nearly \$1,000,000 in cash prizes and royalties.

Standing O wishes **Anthony** congratulations and good luck.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Lace the trainers

Hats off to the 18 members of the

St. Edmund Prep Track team that participated in a 2.5-mile run sponsored by the **New York Roadrunners Club** at Marine Park last year. Yes, Standing O is a bit behind, but better late than never.

The sponsorship money raised by the runners was enough to cover the cost of five pairs of **Timberland Boots**, which were donated to the **Bread and Life Christmas Drive at Resurrection Church** in Geritsen Beach. The boots were distributed to homeless children during the holidays.

Standing O says, "Thank you runners, someone's tootsies will be warm as toast this cold, wintry season."

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

CROWN HEIGHTS

Doing great work

Congrats to **Dr. Allen Norin**, professor of medicine and cell biology and director of transplant immunology and immunogenetics at **State University New York Downstate**



FORT GREENE

A great big welcome

The **Brooklyn Academy of Music** has announced the appointment of **Coco Killingsworth** as the new vice president of Education and Community Engagement. She takes the reigns from **Stephanie Hughley**, who retired earlier last year.

In this position, **Coco** will guide community and education programming in alignment with the institution's overall mission; oversee the broad initiatives for children, families, and students; develop collaborations with other organizations; and serve as an advocate for the community.

Katy Clark, president at **BAM**, said, "I am excited to have her play a key role at **BAM**."

Coco shared her enthusiasm and said, "I am thrilled to join the **BAM** community in this exciting role."

Coco served as the deputy director and director of programs for **Global Kids, Inc.**, was associate director of programs for the **High School for Global Citizenship & Global Kids**, designed seminars for the **Sadie Nash Leadership Project** for girls, and was a **Charles H. Revson Fellow** at **Columbia University** in 2010-11. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in History and African Studies from **UCLA**, and a Master's in Education from **Harvard University**.

Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4129].

Medical Center. He was elected to represent the **New York State Transplant Laboratories on the Histocompatibility Committee of the United Network for Organ Sharing**, which oversees the organ-transplant waiting list in the United States.

Dr. Norin has served for many years on the medical board of the greater New York metropolitan area organ procurement organization **LiveOnNY**, as the representative of the six histocompatibility laboratories in New York City.

SUNY Downstate Medical Center [450 Clarkson Ave. in Crown Heights, (718) 270-2696].

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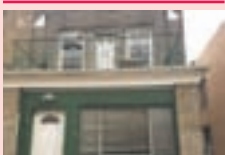
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Big and beautiful, our home of the week sits on a double-lot in Gerritsen Beach, with plenty of space for the cars.

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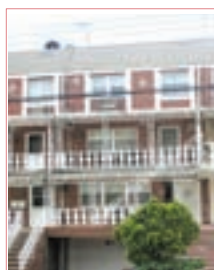
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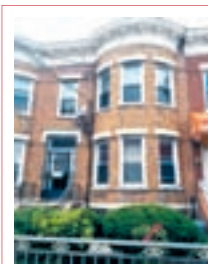
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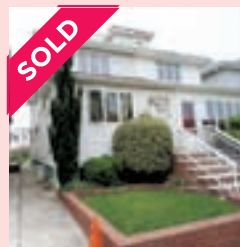
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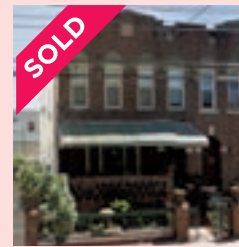
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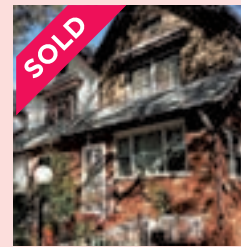
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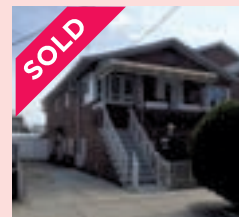
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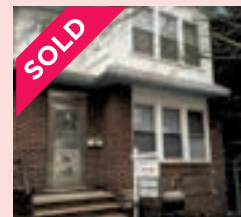
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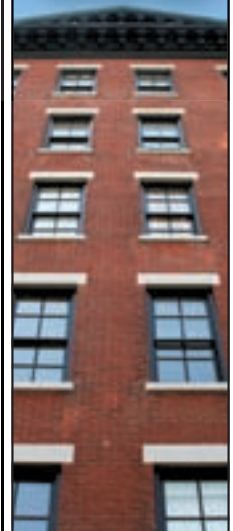
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Cops vs. cyclists in 88th precinct parking spat

Police officers from Clinton Hill's 88th Precinct are grinding cyclists' gears by parking their cars across the DeKalb Avenue bike lane in front of the station house ("Cyclists sick of 88th Precinct cars in bike lane, CO claims he can't do anything about it" by Lauren Gill, online Dec. 28).

The precinct's commanding officer says his staffers don't have a choice, because the ageing cop shop doesn't have a parking lot and Clinton Hill's Finest need their vehicles close at hand so they can spring into action, but bikers say the boys and gals in blue need to come up with a better solution than blocking their path — like becoming cyclists themselves.

Online, readers put their own spin on the debate.

It's outrageous how many police in Brooklyn regularly park on the sidewalk. Cops should lead by example and follow the law.

Every time I see NYPD parked on the sidewalk like this I think to myself: this is the sign of a rotten, corrupt institution that does not care about the law or anyone's safety but their own.

Alan from PLG

"You back the car up too much, it blocks pedestrians, move it forward and now I'm blocking bikes."

They currently block both.

Huge double standard here. That intersection is a nightmare. Classon needs a bike lane and NYPD needs to legally park like the rest of us.

Alex Shamy from Clinton Hill

Shocking that police needs are more important than having the full bike lane available. DOT keeps removing parking spaces making it more difficult for everyone to park.

88th is my precinct and my priority is for them to be able to respond quickly to problems.

LK from Fort Greene

Police can take the train to work like everyone else. These are private cars, not emergency vehicles.

Dave from Boerum Hill

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

I've noticed that problem with the bike lane, and I'm tired of being forced to walk on the bumpy cobblestone path because they are parked on top of the sidewalk.

If the cops think they have to drive to work they should deal with the inconvenience of parking legally just like everyone else.

Joe from Bed-Stuy

There are two separate issues here: the private vehicles and the squad cars. Even if all the private vehicles belonging to 88th employees use the Pratt parking lot as offered, there are still 27 squad cars that need parking places in close proximity to the station house.

Rather than park on the sidewalk for lack of a parking lot, why not have the city reserve 27 nearby curbside spaces for the cruisers? That way, they wouldn't interfere with either pedestrians OR the bike lane.

And yes, as far as the private vehicles are concerned, those employees should either accept Pratt's offer of parking elsewhere or find another way to get to work. Their owners aren't entitled to park illegally just because they happen to work at the 88th.

This illegal sidewalk-hogging parking for both types of vehicles has existed at the 88th for decades — it's nothing new. BTW, the 88th precinct station house was recently landmarked, and it's my understanding that eventually the precinct will have to move elsewhere for more space anyway.

Joe from Clinton Hill

What a great idea, put the NYPD on bikes! When a 911 call comes in, gun attack underway, someone being stabbed, let the cops hop their trusty bikes and ride to the rescue! I think hospitals also should junk their ambulances for bikes. So much safer, saving the world from carbon dioxide.

Lucas from Clinton Hill

Many years ago, before the high-income folks moved to Clinton Hill, the police gave up part of the raise they were due to receive in order to get the parking permits to park close to the station house.

At contract time, they get percentage raises based on their current salary. Over the years that amount they gave way back then would have increased their salary every time they got a raise. So you see, at this time, they are paying thousands of dollars

a year to park there.

How much does it cost you to ride your bike?

Anthony Caputo from Red Hook

Why not angle park across the street and repaint the traffic lane to accommodate? Would seem to solve the problem for cyclists and preserve the parking requirements of the 88.

Tim from Carroll Gardens

A bike lane should not be in front of any police station in the first place.

Ken from Greenpoint

I understand having the cruisers parked close by, but why can't the cops take public transportation to work like the majority of us do to eliminate their personal cars being parked there?

Bob from Brooklyn

Because the cops would just park their private cars at any curbside reserved parking.

BTW, this is called combat parking so that the RMP cars (radio motor patrol) are ready for a quick take-off. Almost every precinct parks that way. Most don't have a bike lane.

Frank from Furter

Combat parking is not legal, and not guaranteed by any contract.

S from Greenpoint

The 88th needs to contact the 78th. The 78th has solved these parking issues and blocking bike lanes.

InTheSlope from Park Slope

No snowflake

To the editor,

I am infuriated by Robert Lobenstein's callous letter "Weak Snowflakes." Mr. Lobenstein, I love dogs and was upset by Donald Trump's victory, but I do not consider myself a "snowflake." I assume that, from the way you look down upon people who have seen psychotherapists, that you have never been to one. Does this make you a superior human being?

Don't you realize that therapy dogs have a calming effect on harried passengers in airports and equally harried shoppers in crowded malls and could prevent needless violence? You say that people in other countries laugh at us. Don't Russians have psychotherapists and therapy dogs?

I have found that when I have to stand on a long line at my neighborhood bagel shop and someone brings a pet dog into the shop I can stand

there and happily pet the dog and forget the line ahead of me. Does this make me a "snowflake"?

Dogs and other animals bring a lot of happiness and comfort to patients in hospitals and nursing homes.

I shall never forget a little old lady who was sitting on a bench outside an assisted living facility, holding the leash of the residence's King Charles spaniel, Charlie. She very proudly announced to me, "I walked Charlie!" Incidentally, Britain's Queen Elizabeth owns and loves King Charles spaniels and is comforted by them. I don't think either the lady who was so proud to have walked Charlie nor Queen Elizabeth are "snowflakes."

Elaine Kirsch Gravesend

Real policing

To the editor,

In response to "Oh shoot!" in the paper of Dec. 23, 2016, by Julianne Cuba, it was many years ago when I got involved with the community council at my local precinct. I was asked, would I like to go to the civilian police academy. Since I had no idea what I would learn, I accepted. What I found out is it's nothing like what you see on all those TV cop shows.

Each week we had a different instructor giving his or her expertise on what each rookie must go through. One week we did the simulated shooting. We went in pairs and we made the same mistake of shooting everyone. What I learned: the cop has one second to determine whether to use his gun.

I and the president of the community council were invited to go up to the Bronx to the shooting range. One of the demonstrations had to do with the shooting range. There we were given goggles and ear muffs to make sure no bullets would hit us in our eyes and the ear muffs to keep the loud sounds of the guns being used.

Jerry Sattler Brighton Beach

Weighty issues

To the editor,

According to the New York Times, our borough president, Eric Adams, was able to reverse his diabetes and lose 30 pounds in eight months strictly by changing to a vegan diet. Marty Markowitz, his predecessor, talked a good game for years but left office looking about the same as when he started.

Harvey Karten Concord Village

Here's President Obama's final report card

In high school I excelled in humanities subjects such as English and history, but found math and science much more difficult.

I suspect President Obama was generally one of those humanities people, too. In the same vein, he has been a president with relative strengths and weaknesses — strong on domestic social and economic issues but lackluster in the foreign policy department.

After eight years of no scandal or major screw ups (“No drama Obama” was a campaign mantra), he passes the torch soon to his antithesis — the 24-7 drama queen who is likely to undo much of Obama’s legacy.

Nonetheless, herewith is the final report card of President Barack Obama, a good man who indisputably restored intelligence and integrity to the White House:

The Economy: A-

Let’s rewind the tape to September 2008, just two months before Obama was elected: the U.S. economy was on the precipice of an epic meltdown.



POLITICAL SPIN CYCLE

Tom Allon

Obama stepped into a tornado and calmly and confidently brought order. Through bailouts, stimulus spending, and a rescue of the failing auto industry, Obama set the economy back on the right course. Since then, a steadily improving job market with little inflation and historic low gas prices has allowed the U.S. to be the only developed economy to buffet the tempestuous global headwinds.

Civil Rights: A-

Once again, the stellar student turned in an incredibly impressive performance. He was a little late to the party on gay marriage, but thanks to his VP buddy Joe Biden, the President finally did the right thing. He pursued progressive policies on family leave, overtime rules, the minimum wage, and other socially responsible items and was largely successful. His signature social policy, Obamacare, was a good idea that wasn’t executed flawlessly and is now exposed to GOP repeal.

Foreign Policy: C-

This was the President’s toughest subject and his record is mixed, at best. On the positive side of the ledger, he did not plunge our country into reckless adventures overseas like his witless predecessor, and he largely wound down the interminable wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. And he impressively took down Osama bin Laden. But... during his tenure, Russia once again became ascendant and is now punching way above its weight category. Obama did little to check Putin’s rise

and his last-minute sanctions are a case of *way* too little, *way* too late. The President took a firm position with Iran, perhaps the most evil country on the planet, and snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. In his zeal to negotiate a treaty before his tenure ended, Obama prematurely lifted economic sanctions that had just begun to cripple it and allowed leaders there to use that money to sow more chaos in Syria. Like so many presidents before him, the Middle East proved bedeviling to Obama, and in his final days he took a bold step and attempted to apply pressure on Israel to stop allowing new settlements in the West Bank. This was another misguided last-ditch effort that reeked of desperation. One wishes the President would have shown as much foreign policy backbone in his whole tenure that he tried to show in his last month in office.

Party Building: F

The President leaves behind a decimated Democratic Party and as the leader of the donkeys for eight years,

all blame stops at his doorstep. Entrusting his legacy to a flawed candidate like Hillary Clinton was a huge mistake in hindsight. Letting Rahm Emanuel go to Chicago to ruin his political career proved calamitous on other fronts: Since Emanuel left Washington, the Democratic Party has had a very poor record winning or holding Congressional seats. And don’t look now, but less than one-third of the country’s state houses are led by Democrats. A political bloodbath of epic proportions.

In conclusion, President Obama’s report card, while a mixed one, does not give the President and his family their due in improving America’s standing both domestically and internationally — after eight years of civility and ethical behavior, we are going to miss their class and dignity.

Buckle your seat belts, here comes a new leader who will surely need to be graded very frequently.

Let’s hope he is a fast learner.

Reach Tom Allon at Talon@cityandstateny.com



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'Research' studies just grabbing headlines

Oh, to be a scientist 50 or 60 years ago, warning people about the stuff they really needed to know: Stop smoking! Don't take thalidomide if you're pregnant! For God's sake, ditch the Corvair unless you *want* to get impaled on your gear shift!

Your findings would make headlines and the people reading about them would end up safer and healthier. Score.

But today, the safest time in human history, a time in which Americans are living a full six years longer than even in 1990, you can't turn on your media device without hearing about another new thing you supposedly must stop doing, eating, touching, breathing *immediately* — or else. Coffee! Lack of coffee! Plastic bottles, cellphones, genetically modified organisms. Non-organic cantaloupe! My gosh, the Environmental Working Group can't *stop* warning us about lipstick: "Millions of women get a little bit of toxic lead on their lips each day with every swipe of their lipstick," reads a press release.

Okay, that sounds scary, but are they dropping dead? See earlier paragraph: We are



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

living longer than ever today, and that doesn't seem to be because women have stopped wearing lipstick.

It is precisely that disconnect that drove Dr. Geoffrey Kabat to write his new book, "Getting Risk Right: Understanding the Science of Elusive Health Risks." Kabat is a cancer epidemiologist at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx. He has published 140 scientific papers on the factors that play a role in causing cancer and other diseases. And

he is sick of watching the rest of us wake up and get warned that if we do X (it's always changing), we will regret it till the day we die.

"You need to make distinctions," the doctor told me in a phone interview. There's a difference between large-scale, long term, replicated studies, and the fly-by-night "break-throughs" that the media loves to report on.

Kabat is quick to remind us of the big, proven health risks we can actually get a handle on: Don't overdrink. Quit smoking. Lose weight and get some exercise. Go for effective screenings, have your kids vaccinated, and if somehow you can avoid poverty and depression, more power to you: those are real risks, too.

And yet, that "boring" list takes a back seat to the danger du jour: Drinking hot tea, or using nail polish. What gives?

"There is a crisis in the field of biomedicine," he writes, the crisis of "hyper-competitiveness."

We civilians tend to think of researchers sitting in their labs, conducting experiments with only humanity's welfare

in mind. But the truth is, scientists also have to make a living. That means, "they may feel the need to overstate the importance of their work in order to attract attention and obtain funding," Kabat writes. And increasingly, they are publishing results that cannot be replicated, either because the studies they did were too small to really measure a phenomenon, or were simply shoddy.

What's more, there is a herd mentality in science as in any field. So if some research area becomes a hot topic, many scientists will pile on, in part because that is where the money is, and in part because if your findings go against the grain, you will be on the outs. Remember all the research in the '90s showing that a low-fat diet is good for you?

But it's not, if you substitute sugar for fat, as many food companies proceeded to do.

"The large-scale and dramatic change — sometimes referred to as the 'SnackWell phenomenon' — has been credited with making a substantial contribution to increasing rates of obesity," says Kabat.

Another problem plaguing

modern science — or those of us trying to make sense of it — is the fact that with ever more sensitive instruments, scientists can measure ever smaller stuff. So when, for instance, we hear that there are trace elements of a toxin in our blood, we tend to think, "Yikes!" Not, "I wonder how important one drop in a trillion is?" (Answer: It isn't. It's like one drop of poison in 20 Olympic pools).

The result of a flood of studies, shoddy research, scientific groupthink and the media's mania for scaring us means that "a high percentage of [Americans] worry about risks for which there is little persuasive support," writes Kabat. "The latter include pesticide residues on produce, food additives, genetically modified foods, stress, and hormones in beef."

So how can we know what headlines to trust and which to ignore? Here is Kabat's rule of thumb, one that I am going to adopt: "The more dramatic the result, the less likely it is to be true."

Lenore Skenazy is author of the book and blog *Free-Range Kids*.

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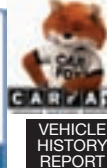
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Caregivers can make a resolution to understand every aspect of their loved one's legal and financial situation. iStock

An easier 2017 for caregivers

At a time when family, friends, and colleagues are making well-meaning, but often unrealistic New Year's resolutions, the temptation is for caregivers who are already balancing work, family, and caregiving responsibilities, to do the same. You don't need to add to your burdens by making promises to yourself that may be impossible to keep, but there are some resolutions that make sense:

Resolve to NOT go it alone

There is help available, so take advantage of it!

For example, CaringKind's Helpline is a good place to start. A knowledgeable profes-

sional can provide a free, confidential consultation and access to free services including education and training programs that help you better understand how to choose a doctor, how to evaluate residential care options, and how to handle the financial and legal decisions that must be made following a dementia diagnosis.

CaringKind's early stage programs are a lifeline for those with a diagnosis and the connect2culture program will get you of the house and into NYC's wonderful museums and cultural institutions.

Resolve to grow your circle of care

Too often, caregiving re-

sponsibilities fall disproportionately on the shoulders of one member of the family.

As the New Year begins, try to bring multiple family members into the circle of care. Ask for help and teach them how to better communicate with each other and the individual with dementia. Demonstrate how, despite the disease, a relative with dementia can actively participate in their lives in a loving and meaningful way.

Resolve to be better prepared

As a caregiver, I learned the hard way about the importance



Care Chronicle

by Lou-Ellen Barkan

of understanding every aspect of my parents' financial situation and should have dealt more quickly with legal and financial matters that needed attention. My inability to be more pro-active delayed military benefits and insurance claims for much longer than necessary.

You can resolve to be vigilant about getting financial and legal items in order. You can make sure you have three

critical documents appropriately signed and accessible: Durable Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy, and Living Will. All should be prepared at the time either before someone is ill, or early on in the disease when he or she still has capacity. It will save you years of aggravation and heartache and — worst case scenario — the expensive alternative of a custodial proceeding.

Resolve to take care of yourself

Make sure you schedule your medical appointments. And then make sure you keep them! All too often, stressed caregivers feel they are too

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Another step in aging in place

Law allows home aides to administer meds

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

A New York State bill signed into law in November will come as a welcome relief for many family caregivers.

The bill, signed by Gov. Cuomo on Nov. 28, creates a new classification of home health attendant who can administer medications to clients. The new classification called Advanced Home Health Aide will permit many infirmed and disabled people to remain in their homes rather than be confined to a nursing home.

Currently New York law does not permit home health aides to administer medications. The main duties of a home health attendant are to help infirmed individuals with activities of daily living, including dressing, bathing, mobility, toileting, eating, and transferring. Aides can also remind a patient to take her medicine. The aide can bring the medicines to her, but cannot put them in her mouth. Home health attendants are also not permitted to give injections or draw blood. Only a licensed nurse can perform these tasks. Unfortunately, there are not an adequate number of visiting nurses who can make multiple daily home visits to patients. The only alternative home care patients have is to request a neighbor or family member come by to administer medicines.

Another alternative is to apply for the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, a Medicaid program that permits an infirm person to hire and train someone to care for him and have Medicaid pay for the care.

Under the program, the appointed "aide" can perform tasks that are not traditionally assigned to a home health aide. They include giving medications, operating medical equipment, and administering injections. But there is a down side to this program: the patient who appoints a personal assistant must be able to train and self-direct his own care. This excludes people with memory problems or persons with an inability to communicate their needs.

This new legislation will offer a solution for families with frail relatives who cannot self-direct care. This includes Alzheimer's patients and other individuals with dementia. Many patients with memory disorders are placed in nursing homes because they cannot remember when to take their meds and cannot direct others. Patients with severe diabetes will also



A new bill creates a new classification of home health attendants who can administer medications to seniors, allowing them to live the remainder of their days in a surrounding they love.

benefit. Many diabetics are unable to monitor their sugar level or give themselves insulin injections. The Advanced Home Health Aide will allow them to stay at home rather than enter a nursing home.

To become an Advanced Home Health Aide, an aide must have at least one-year home care experience and must complete a training program. The program will teach the aide advanced health tasks such as dispensing pre-packaged medication, giving insulin injections, and administering emergency injections of epinephrine to avoid anaphylactic shock. Once the courses are completed the aide is permitted to perform advanced tasks as long as she is under the direct supervision of a registered nurse.

The new law is scheduled to go into effect in mid-2018. In the time before implementation New York's Departments of Education and Health must determine the types of advanced tasks the aide can perform, develop a training curriculum, and create a graduation criteria. Finally, the department must initiate quality standards, estimate the cost of program development, and create budget guidelines.

New York is not the first state to develop an advanced home health aide category. Nebraska, Idaho, and Connecticut have passed similar laws. All three states require attendants to complete advanced courses and pass a written test before they can administer medications. Many other states are considering similar bills.

The trend to increase the responsibilities of home health aides will help

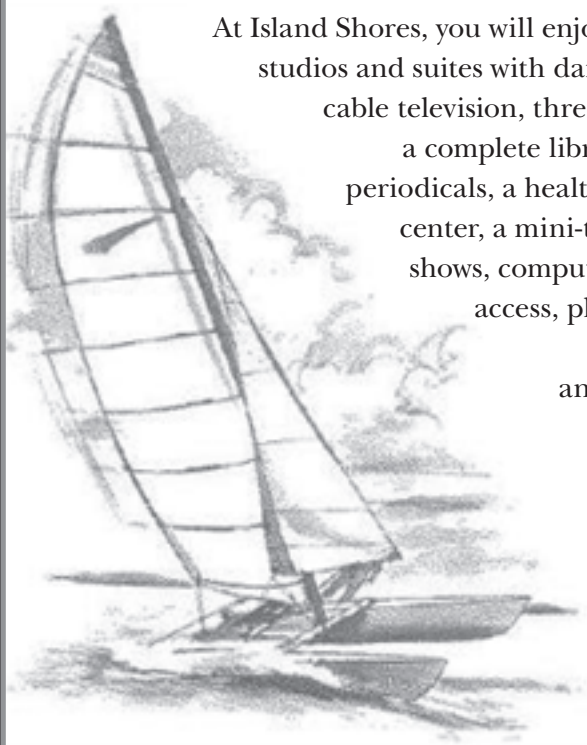
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Better with age

Nursing home celebrates 40 years

Rutland Nursing Home celebrated its 40th anniversary on Oct. 31. The event was well attended by members of the community, nursing home residents, staff, and local elected officials. Michelle Edwards, Administrator of Rutland Nursing Home, recognized the facilities commitment to providing compassionate elder care and the long-standing commitment of staff who have been with Rutland for numerous years.

Rutland Nursing Home, located on the Brooklyn campus of Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, is a 466-bed, long- and short-term care facility. It offers skilled nursing, physical rehabilitation, comprehensive wound care, a specialty unit for ventilator-dependent residents, and an array of other sub-acute services. All the resources of Kingsbrook, including general medical and sub-specialties, dialysis, sur-



Temporah Williams, one of the first registrants of the Adult Day Health Care program and the eldest registrant, with Dr. Berhane Wubshet, RNH Medical Director.

Rutland Nursing Home

gical, orthopedic, psychiatric and dental services, and the emergency room, are immediately available to the residents.

Nursing home residents are easily transferred to the acute services of the hospital if medical necessity requires, and are subsequently returned to the nursing home.

Rutland Nursing Home has a dedicated 32-bed pediatric long-term care unit for children with severe developmental and metabolic disorders. The unit is staffed with nurses and pediatricians 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Medical care in Rutland Nursing Home is coordinated by physicians experienced and dedicated to pediatrics and geriatrics. Encouraging the residents to maximize their ability to lead active and fulfilling lives, licensed nurses provide optimal nursing care and therapists deliver state-of-the-art physical, occupational, recreational, and speech therapies. To ensure comprehensive care, dietitians and social workers augment the treatment team.

RESOLUTIONS

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busy to go for an annual doctor's visit or mammogram, sometimes resulting in serious medical conditions. And pay attention to your emotional well-being as well. You can't take care of someone unless you take care of yourself. Remember, on a plane, they always remind us to put on our own oxygen mask first!

Lastly, and probably most importantly, resolve to give yourself a break — literally and figuratively. Dementia care is complicated

and exhausting. Forgive yourself if you become angry or frustrated. Don't feel guilty. It is natural to feel a range of emotions from tender love and profound sadness to anxiety and anger. And, don't forget to remind yourself that you're doing the best you can in a difficult situation.

I can promise you an easier new year if you make and keep these simple resolutions.

For information about free caregiving resources and programs, call Caring-Kind at (646) 744-2900 or visit www.caringkindnyc.org.

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the frail elderly and the disabled to stay in their own homes rather than entering institutional care. This is one of several steps that shift the emphasis of long-term care from impersonal institution care to the comfort of home care. This new movement recognizes that

older adults wish to live the remainder of their lives with dignity and in a surrounding that they love.

Joanna R. Leefer is a senior care advisor, advocate, and founder of ElderCare-Giving, a service that helps families make difficult care decision for aging loved ones when family care is no longer enough. For more information, visit www.joan-naleefer.com.

Barrett's Esophagus: Prevention and Treatment

Acid reflux is a common condition in which acid from the stomach comes into contact with the lower esophagus, the tube that connects the throat to the stomach. The most well-known symptom of acid reflux is heartburn, and other symptoms include difficulty swallowing food, hiccups and bloody stool. If acid reflux is allowed to progress, it can become gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). In addition to the more usual acid reflux symptoms, signs of GERD may include hoarseness, chronic dry cough and upper abdominal/chest pain. Approximately 10 percent of people who experience GERD symptoms develop Barrett's esophagus, a precancerous condition that originates in the esophagus and affects the cells of the stomach lining. Over time, these cells can become cancerous and spread.

Barrett's primarily affects Caucasian males over age 50, people who are significantly overweight, and those who smoke. Because there are no



Mukul Arya, M.D., performs an endoscopic procedure at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital.

symptoms specific to Barrett's beyond those experienced with GERD, it is recommended that people who have experienced GERD for more than five years be tested for the disease. Barrett's can only be diagnosed by an upper endoscopy and biopsy performed by a physician. An endoscopy is performed by inserting a long, flexible tube with a camera attached to it down the throat of the patient, who is given a sedative prior to the procedure. The physician can then look for visual signs of Barrett's and extract a tissue sample to be studied

to confirm a diagnosis.

"With nearly one-third of Americans experiencing acid reflux symptoms at some point in their lives, the number of cases of esophageal cancer is likely to increase in the years ahead," said Mukul Arya, M.D., director of advanced endoscopy at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. "Patients diagnosed with Barrett's esophagus are 30 times more likely to develop esophageal cancer than those without the condition, so it is important to diagnose and treat Barrett's immedi-

ately, before it has a chance to develop into cancer."

The best way to reduce the risk posed by Barrett's esophagus is to manage acid reflux when it is still mild. Through nutritional awareness, maintaining a healthy weight, and limiting alcohol intake, symptoms of acid reflux can be minimized, and the lining of the esophagus will experience less damage over time.

Barrett's esophagus can be treated through medication and lifestyle management. Proton pump inhibitors that reduce the production of stomach acid, antacids to neutralize stomach acid and H2 blockers that lessen the release of stomach acid can all help prevent damage to the esophagus. People with Barrett's should also avoid lying down within three hours of eating, avoid caffeine, spicy foods and fatty foods, lose weight if overweight or obese and sleep with the head elevated.

Dr. Arya performs one of the latest treatments for Barrett's esophagus, a minimally invasive procedure called ra-

diofrequency ablation (RFA). RFA uses radio waves to kill the metaplastic cells caused by Barrett's, considerably reducing the chances that a patient will develop esophageal cancer. RFA can also eliminate low-grade cancer cells, if a patient already has an early stage cancerous tumor and it is successful in eliminating Barrett's esophagus and cancerous cells during the first treatment 90 percent of the time. Patients receiving RFA are often able to remain awake during the procedure, and an overnight hospital stay is not required.

"We strive to offer the highest quality treatment options for our patients," said Dr. Arya. "When we see patients with Barrett's esophagus or esophageal cancer return to their daily lives without missing a beat after receiving treatment, we consider our job well done."

To find a physician affiliated with the Institute for Digestive and Liver Disorders, call 866-DIGEST1 or visit nyp.org/Brooklyn and search "digestive and liver." —New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

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See what's on the slab: The bloody opera "Anatomy Theater," opening in Fort Greene on Jan. 7, is staged as an 18th-century autopsy. **James Daniel**

Singing bloody murder

'Anatomy Theater' opera looks for evil's heart

By Laura Meltzer

They'll be singing over her dead body!

A gruesome opera inspired by 17th and 18th-century medical textbooks will make its bloody Brooklyn debut this weekend. The show "Anatomy Theater," opening at Bric Arts Media on Jan. 7 as part of the city-wide Prototype Festival, follows murderess Sarah Osborn, who killed her husband and two children, from her trial to her public dissection, giving a voice to Osborn, her executioner, and to the man who literally took her apart.

The creators of the opera, Pulitzer-winning composer David Lang and conceptual artist Mark Dion, drew on a variety

of historic texts, including the confessions of prisoners on death row, biographies of anatomists, and old biology studies.

"Once we got all the texts for the viewpoints together it felt very natural to make these competing viewpoints come out of the mouths of characters," explained Lang.

While researching, the pair discovered that the dissections performed during the Age of Enlightenment were not necessarily done for scientific research. Instead, the examinations were done in public, where a lecturer could make an example of these deceased criminals — pointing out any physical irregularity as proof of their moral depravity.

"These criminals were poor, they were outcast, they were uneducated, they were powerless," said Lang. "It was comforting to think that evil was innate in them, that you could prove their inferiority physically, and that their inferiority was immutable."

Staging a show derived from medical texts came with a set of challenges as complicated as the human circulatory system. Lang is no stranger to unusual staging — his last Brooklyn production "The Loser," featured a singer suspended in an empty theater — but he and Dion struggled with how much gore to feature in the production. Should the blood be shown literally, or symbolically? Ultimately, said Lang,

they decided to do both.

"It is both pretty bloody and pretty metaphoric, all at the same time," said Lang.

Though the show is based off of archaic texts, the opera's theme of fear is still relevant, said Lang, because the emotion motivates so many current troubles.

"Fear can make people believe many strange things: stop-and-frisk, internment camps, religious registries, loyalty oaths, mass incarceration. These are all ideas that our 18th-century audience would have recognized," he said.

"Anatomy Theater" at Bric Arts Media [647 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 683-5600, www.bricartsmedia.org]. Jan. 7-14 at 8 pm. \$30.

WINTER HEATS UP

Brooklyn's best arts events before spring

By the Brooklyn
Cold Comfort Bureau

The weather outside is still frightful, but there is a lot to look forward to spring! So don't just huddle by the fire — buy your tickets now for some of the best events happening this winter in Brooklyn:

"The Beauty Queen of Leenane"

Start the year with this blistering black comedy about a bickering mother and daughter in a tiny Irish town. The production stars Marie Mullen, who won a Tony for originating the role of daughter Maureen 20 years ago, now taking on the role of mother Mags.

BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100, www.bam.org]. Jan. 11-Feb. 5 at various times. \$25-\$95.

"The Tempest"

The Donmar Warehouse returns to St. Ann's Warehouse with the third and final installment of its all-female Shakespeare productions set inside a women's prison. In "The Tempest," captivating actress Harriet Walter will take on the role of Prospero, a wizard exiled to a magical island.

St. Ann's Warehouse [45 Water St. at Old Dock Street in Dumbo, (718) 254-8779, www.stannswarehouse.org]. Jan. 13-Feb 19 at 7:30 pm. \$26-\$66.

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The Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510, www.donutfest.com/nyc]. Jan. 21 at 8 am, 10 am, and noon. \$35-\$50

Lunar New Year Celebration

Ring in the Year of the Rooster with the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company's beloved annual Lunar New Year show



Orange you glad it's not 2016?: Dragon dancers will welcome the Lunar New Year at Brooklyn Center on Jan. 22. Carol Rosegg



A shore thing: "946: The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips," coming to St. Ann's Warehouse on March 16, is a musical about African-American soldiers sent to rehearse the Normandy invasion on the beaches of a small English town.

Steve Tanner

at Brooklyn College, featuring dancers, acrobats, and traditional music.

Walt Whitman Theater at Brooklyn College [2925 Avenue H at Campus Road in Midwood, (718) 951-4500, www.brooklyncenter.com]. Jan. 22 at 3 pm. \$25.

"Contact!" concert

Musicians from the New York Philharmonic celebrate the works of composers who have lived in the Big Apple, including Elliot Carter, David Lang, and Zosha di Castri.

National Sawdust [80 N. Sixth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (646) 779-8455, www.nationalsawdust.org]. Jan. 23 at 7:30 pm. \$29-\$34.

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A stellar lineup of artists celebrate the music of the recently departed folk icon Leonard Cohen, with performances from Sonic Youth's Lee Ranaldo, Okkervil River's Will Sheff, Deer Tick's Ian O'Neil, and Lucy Wainwright Roche, among others.

The Music Hall of Williamsburg [66 N. Sixth St. between Wythe and Kent avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 486-5400, www.musichallofwilliamsburg.com]. Jan. 24 at 8 pm. \$25 (\$22 in advance).

BAM Kids Film Festival

The Brooklyn Academy of Music's annual festival of short films for short humans with short attention spans. The movies are grouped by type, which this year includes individuality, friendship, and family.

BAM Rose Cinemas [30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100, www.bam.org]. Jan. 28-29 at various times. \$14 adults (\$10 kids 13 and under).

Radio Love Fest

Every year, the Brooklyn Academy of Music and WNYC celebrate the art of radio by... putting on live stage shows. This year's festival includes Ira Glass hosting a contemporary dance performance, the former Obama staffers who host the podcast "Keepin' it 1600," and the storytelling shows "Snap Judgement" and "The Moth."

Various Brooklyn Academy of Music locations (www.bam.org), Feb. 8-11 at various times. \$35 per show.

Ladies Night R&B Jam

Set phasers to "swoon" — rhythm & blues icons from the '80s through the aughts bring their smooth sounds to Barclays Center, with a lineup including Brian McKnight, Eric Benet, Dru Hill, and Big Daddy Kane.

Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100, www.barclayscenter.com]. Feb. 9 at 8 pm. \$65-\$265.

Patti LaBelle

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Kings Theatre [1027 Flatbush Ave. between Tilden Avenue and Duryea Place in Flatbush, (718) 856-5464, www.kingstheatre.com]. Feb. 11 at 8 pm. \$105-\$131.

"The Skin of Our Teeth"

Theater for a New Audience is doing the famous Thornton Wilder play that isn't "Our Town" — yes, it's "The Skin of Our Teeth," the Pulitzer-winning comedy that tells the history of mankind through the lives of one modern family.

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The story in brief: It's a no-pants dance party at the House of Yes on Jan. 7!

Associated Press / Ringo Chiu

Panty rave!

Strip down for bottomless dance party in Bushwick

By Julianne Cuba

Dance your pants off! Don't let those skinny jeans restrict your booty-shaking! Rip them off and dance the night away free all of inhibitions — and pants — at the "Bottomless! Pants Off Dance Off" party at the House of Yes on Jan. 7. Whatever garments you are underwearing will do for the party, but everyone must have something covering their nether regions, said one of the co-owners of the Bushwick venue.

"I think it will be really silly. People can feel inspired and liberated," said Kae Burke. "Underwear is not specifically required, but you have to wear something over your naughty bits. People are welcome to get as creative as they want with whatever they consider to be underwear."

The pantsless dance party was inspired by three things: Tom Cruise's iconic tighty-whitey dance scene in "Risky Business," the annual "No Pants Subway Ride," and House of Yes co-owner Anya Sapozhnikova's wild birthday party over the summer.

"It was a casual kind of day, brunching, chilling, and I just thought it would be hilarious to have everyone come in their underwear because it was the middle of August, and it turned out to be really successful," said Sapozhnikova. "It was more than a joke, and we wanted to do something more intentional this time around."

Because this pantsless party happens in the middle of winter, the venue will provide a coat and pants check, heaters, and special shots to help people warm up and

drop their inhibitions along with their trousers, while the disc jockey collective Risky Business spins its tunes, said Burke.

"There will be shot specials for people to work up their courage because sometimes it's intimidating to prance around in your panties," she said. "House of Yes is all about people pushing their own personal boundaries and going outside of their comfort zone."

There will be extra options for those in basic boxers, including a crafts table for spicing up their boring undies with glitter and glam, said Burke.

"We will have underwear for sale and people can even decorate their own underwear — an underwear crafting station where people can bedazzle their own panties," she said.

The pantsless party falls during House of Yes's birthday weekend. A free dance party on Jan. 6 will celebrate the venue's first year in its new space, and the underwear extravaganza simply shows how comfortable they are in their new home, said Burke.

"It's that whole looking back and realizing 'Wow, we really knew nothing when we opened this place,' and now we feel comfortable, and operating also gives us that perspective of how much we have left to learn and left to grow," she said. "It's really incredible."

"Bottomless! Pants Off Dance Off" at House of Yes (2 Wyckoff Ave. at Jefferson Street in Bushwick, www.houseofyes.org). Jan. 7, 10 pm-4 am. \$25 (free before 11 pm).



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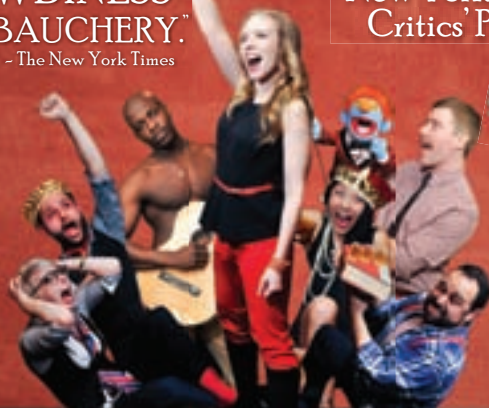
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LEFT TO LAUGH

Comedy fest distracts from Trump takeover

By Lauren Gill

Don't let Trump get you down in the dumps, grumps!

A pair of Brooklyn comedians will try to lift liberal spirits during the weekend of the presidential inauguration with a nationwide comedy festival. Two Williamsburg venues will host local installments of the "What a Joke" festival on Jan. 20–21, with the goal of giving guests a good giggle when they need it most, said one of the event's co-founders.

"On a night like that when a lot of people really aren't happy with what's happening with our country right now, they need to let go and laugh and to feel somewhat empowered — and that's what we want to achieve," said Park Slope comedian Jenn Welch.

Humorists will take the stage at the Annoyance Theater on Inauguration Day, Jan. 20, and at Rough Trade the following night. But participants are not limited to election-themed material — distracting people from current events may be better than dwelling on the flaws of the incoming president.

"Anyone who is going to these shows probably has similar politics to the performers — we don't need to beat a dead horse," said Red Hooker Emily Winter, the other co-founder.

The key to an effective Trump joke is originality, said Welch, rather than rehashing tired gags about the incoming president's improbable hair or Oompa-Loompa-like complexion.

"Everybody's got a Trump joke and some of them hit and some of them don't," she said. "If you can put your finger on something that every-



Funny girls: Comedians Emily Winter and Jenn Welch have organized the "What a Joke" festival to pull people out of the abyss of hopelessness that is Inauguration Weekend.

Phil Provencio

body has been thinking but hasn't verbalized yet, that's an important piece of an interesting joke that people will respond to. The same old stuff isn't going to work."

The Brooklyn line-up will feature Josh Gondelman, Jo Firestone, and Brett Davis at the Annoyance show, and Dave Hill, Laurie Kilmartin, and Rae Sanni at Rough Trade, along with the organizers and other comedians. Venues at 28 other cities across the country will also take part in the festival.

Proceeds from the weekend will go to American Civil Liberties Union, which the organizers feel could use the help during the Trump administration.

The title of the festival comes from the idea that Trump himself is a joke. Welch could not choose any particular action that earned Trump that title, saying that everything about him is ridiculous.

"It's just all absurd," said Welch. "I feel like we're in a dark and serious comedy right now."

What a Joke Festival at The Annoyance Theater (367 Bedford Ave. at S. Fifth Street in Williamsburg, www.theannoyancenewyork.com). Jan. 20 at 8 pm. \$15.

Rough Trade (64 N. Ninth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, www.roughtradenyc.com). Jan. 21 at 8:30 pm. \$20.



Look to the King: Organizers of the "Civic Responsibility" panel at the Brooklyn Historical Society of Jan. 11 say they were inspired by the legacy of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. Associated Press

Talk tactics

Brooklyn activists look to history to guide the path

By Alexandra Simon

You've got to know how to fight for your rights!

The Brooklyn Historical Society will help activists brace for the incoming Trump administration by looking at the organizing tactics of civil rights leaders of the past. One organizer of "Civic Responsibility Then and Now: A View from the Archives," on Jan. 11, says that the discussion was prompted both by the upcoming presidential inauguration and by Martin Luther King Day, just four days after the talk.

"This was kind of in the works before, but once the election happened we felt there was no way we could not do this before Martin Luther King Day to address the implication for Dr. King's legacy and the inauguration," said Zaheer Ali, an oral historian at the Brooklyn Historical Society.

The conversations and concerns of activists have vastly changed since the election of Donald Trump, said Ali.

"There are many reasons to be concerned, especially when you look at the issue of immigration," he said. "We know that the language about immigration has been toxic this year, and how we talked about immigration in October 2016 is different from how we're going to talk about it in January 2017 — the stakes

are different."

Ali and the Society's director of public history, Julie Golia, will lead a discussion about how past activists in Brooklyn have prepared and organized protests, and will show off archival photographs and videos to give people a model.

"We will be looking at documents we think help people put it into perspective," he said. "We need a greater understanding of being engaged as Brooklynites because we have long history of people who have always stood up, and it's important to understand organizing."

The discussion will be one of many addressing activism and civic engagement in 2017. Ali hopes the conversations will help mobilize people to find others interested in activism.

"This just the beginning," he said. "And it help us think as an institution about what our community wants to hear from us, and helps us engage with the community. It's important for people to express what concerns they have and find other like-minded people."

"Civic Responsibility Then and Now" at the Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111, www.brooklyn-history.org]. Jan. 11 at 6 pm. \$5.

Bay Ridge resolves to rock on!

By Caroline Spivack

Happy New Year, Bay Ridge!

You made it through another year! And although 2016 was a bumpy ride, here's hoping the best is yet to come in 2017! And if your New Year's resolution is to tap into your inner party animal and enjoy the finer things in life — such as wetting your whistle at local watering holes — Bay Ridge Nights has got you covered!

On Friday, hustle over to the **Greenhouse Cafe** (7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th streets) for a musical time warp with disco duo Generation Gap. It's a great stop if you resolved to shed some pounds this year, because this vocalist-keyboard team will have you groovin' on the dance floor like it's 1979. The disco fever will



take you over at 10 pm.

Then trek over to **Red, White, and Brew** (8910 Fifth Ave. between

89th and 90th streets) on Saturday for seven-piece Brit-rock band London Fogg at 4 pm. Sip on a gin and tonic in proper British fashion as you twist to hits from the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and the Animals, among others. Or hit the sauce hard with the bar's \$40 all-you-can-drink beer, wine, and well drinks special.

Wind the weekend down on Sunday at **Hunter's Steak and Ale House** (9404 Fourth Ave. between 94th and 95th streets) with local songster Tommy Andersen. Sit back and enjoy a hearty meal at the bistro while being you are transported to simpler times with soulful oldies by the likes of Frank Sinatra, and from the Brothers both Righteous and Everly. The classic crooner will take the stage at 5 pm.

FRI, JAN. 6

ICE SKATING: Lace up those skates and get sliding across the ice. \$6 (\$9 weekends: Skate rentals extra). 10 am to 9 pm. Le-Frak Center at Lakeside [171 East Dr. at Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 462-0010], www.lakeside-brooklyn.com.

ART, "IGGY POP LIFE CLASS": Artist Jeremy Deller used the traditional life-model drawing class to stage a performative event with musician and personality Iggy Pop as model and subject. Come see the results! \$16. 11 am–6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

ART, "PHOTO II" OPENING RECEPTION: An exhibit of four contemporary photographers. Free. 6–9 pm. Transmitter (1329 Wiloughby Ave. between St. Nicholas and Wychkoff avenues in Bushwick), www.transmitter.nyc.

SUPERHERO SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER:

Welcome Shabbat with singing, storytelling and dancing, followed by a delicious themed dinner. \$25 (\$40 family). 6:30 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [8025 Fourth Ave. between 80th and 81st streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103], www.brjc.org.

TALK, "THE SOUL OF DISCIPLINE": Author Kim John Payne discusses about social inclusion and simplicity parenting. \$10 suggested donation. 7 pm. Brooklyn Waldorf School [11 Jefferson Ave. at Claver Place in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 783-3270], www.brooklyn-waldorf.org.

NIGHTLIFE, "NUTCRACKER ROUGE!": A sexy take on the classical ballet, featuring opera, circus, vaudeville, burlesque and naughty fun. \$35–\$200. 8 pm. Irondale Center [85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 488-9233], www.irondale.org.

MUSIC, CHRISTINE BONANSEA: A solo inspired by Nietzsche's aphoristic volume "Human, All Too Human." \$15. 8 pm. Jack (505 Waverly Ave. between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue in Clinton Hill), www.jackny.org.

COMEDY, 50 FIRST JOKES: A mixture of established NYC comedians along with the best and brightest up-and-comers share the stage to present the first new joke they've written since The Ball has dropped. \$15. 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

TALK, THE UNTITLED KONDABOLU BROTHERS PROJECT: The Kondabolu Brothers (Hari and Ashok) return for their first live show in years; watch them share family stories, debate gentrification, whip out PowerPoints, and more! \$15 (\$12 in advance). 8:30 pm. Littlefield

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The soul solution: Brooklyn duo Soul Science Lab will take listeners on a funky musical tour to the Afro-future during two nights at BAMCafe on Jan. 13–14. *Kamau Ware*

[622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

SAT, JAN. 7

MUSIC, SYLVAIN LEROUX:

The flautist performs a solo for fula flute as part of the series of solo concerts. \$10 suggested donation. 4:40 pm. 440 Gallery [440 Sixth Ave. between Ninth and 10th streets in Park Slope, (718) 499-3844], www.440gallery.com.

MUSIC, STILLAMASS: With Alethea, MC Mixson, Dani Felt, Yify, and Innocent Persona. Free. 7 pm. Salzy Bar [506 Fifth Ave. between 12th and 13th streets in Park Slope, (718) 788-1635], salzybar.com.

MUSIC, CHRISTINE BONANSEA: 8 pm. See Friday, Jan. 6.

MUSIC, BARGEMUSIC: A family music performance, followed by a discussion with the musicians. Free. 4 pm. BargeMusic (Fulton Ferry Landing and Brooklyn Bridge in Brooklyn Heights), www.bargemusic.org.

READING, GREENLIGHT BOOKSTORE GRAND OPENING: Greenlight celebrates the opening of its second store, this one in Prospect Lefferts Garden, with music, wine, and appearances by local literary celebrities. Free. 7:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore PLG (632 Flatbush Ave. between Fenimore and Hawthorne streets in Prospect Lefferts Garden), www.greenlightbookstore.com.

COMEDY, TINDER LIVE WITH LANE MOORE:

An anything-can-happen interactive comedy show-stopper with helpful and oftentimes ridiculous tips, tricks, and real-time swiping and messaging. \$15. 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

SUN, JAN. 8

MUSIC, THELONIOUS MONK 100TH BIRTHDAY IMPROV SHOW: A combination of solo, duo, trio, and other performances of the complete 1965 album, "Solo Monk." \$25 (\$20 in advance). 8 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

FIRST SUNDAYS: A series of pop-up programs inspired by water, in honor of the opening of the Shelby White and Leon Levy Water Garden. Children have fun with arts and crafts, listening to a story and taking a nature walk. Free with Garden admission. 10 am–2 pm. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], www.bbg.org.

MON, JAN. 9

FILM, "MURDER BY DEATH": In his first and only credited on-screen role, Truman Capote finds himself at the center of a murder mystery in this delightfully satirical ode to the detective film genre. Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

COMEDY, SIDE PONYTAIL COMEDY: The comedy show is back at a new home! With Anthony DeVito, Joel Kim Booster, Saurin Choksi, and Kerry Codett. Free. 7 pm. Friends and Lovers (641 Classon Ave. between Dean and Pacific streets in Crown Heights), www.fnlbk.com.

TALK, "ASK ME ANOTHER": A rambunctious hour that blends brainteasers and local pub trivia night with comedy and music. Hosted by Ophira Eisenberg. \$25

(\$20 in advance). 7:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

TUES, JAN. 10

TALK, THE HOOK: A new one-on-one talk show hosted by Jamie Hook. This first edition features a discussion with city councilman Stephen Levin. Free. 7 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandystore.com.

DRUM WORKSHOP WITH BROOKLYN UNITED MARCHING BAND: Come and visit after school for a drumming workshop with the Brooklyn United Marching Band and let the music flow. Free with museum admission. 4 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

TALK, SECRET SCIENCE CLUB: Scientists and comedians present a night of discussion on canine cognition. Free. 8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

WED, JAN. 11

READING, CATHERINE LACEY AND FORSYTH HARMON: The vibrantly illustrated "The Art of the Affair" traces the chain of entanglements (romantic and otherwise) between some of our best-loved writers and artists of the 20th century. Free. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [28 Adams St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhouse-arena.com.

THEATER, "PORTO": The world premiere of Kate Benson's play about a neighborhood bar in a gentrifying outpost of a major American City. \$20. 8 pm. Bushwick Starr (207 Starr St. between Irving and Wykoff avenues in Bushwick), www.thebushwickstarr.org.

TALK, DRUNK TED TALKS: This week's topic: putting the past away. \$5. 8 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

MUSIC, FACELESSNESS PLAYS "UNLIKELY-HOODS": \$20 (\$15 in advance). 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org.

COMEDY, DEVOUR HOUR COMEDY!: A free monthly comedy show in Brooklyn featuring Brantley Brice, Sam Taggart, Kerry Codett, and free dumplings! Free. 8 pm. Hank's Saloon [46 Third Ave. at Atlantic Avenue in Boerum Hill, (718) 625-8003], www.exit-five.com/hankssaloon.

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You cannot be furious! Legendary tennis player and hot-head John McEnroe will play against Jim Courier during the Powershares QQQ Cup on Jan. 7, the first tennis match held at Barclays Center. *Associated Press / Fred Beckham*

COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

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SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS CLEVELAND CAVALIERS: \$75–\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

THU, JAN 19

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS DALLAS STARS: \$15–\$160. 7 pm.

SAT, JAN 7

SPORTS, POWERSHARES QQQ CUP: Tennis champions John McEnroe, Andy Roddick, Jim Courier, and James Blake compete. \$42–\$324. 7 pm.

FRI, JAN 20

MUSIC, TWENTY ONE PILLOTS: With Jon Bellion and Judan and the Lion. \$40–\$60. 7 pm.

SAT, JAN 21

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS LOS ANGELES KINGS: Sparky the Dragon bobblehead giveaway. \$15–\$750. 7 pm.

SUN, JAN 22

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS PHILADELPHIA FLYERS: \$15–\$700. 6 pm.

MON, JAN 23

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS SAN ANTONIO SPURS: \$25–\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

TUE, JAN 24

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS: \$15–\$700. 7 pm.

WED, JAN 25

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS MIAMI HEAT: \$25–\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

THURS, JAN 26

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS MONTREAL CANADIENS: \$15–\$70. 7 pm.

FRI, JAN 27

MUSIC, ERIC CHURCH: \$36.50–\$95. 8 pm.

MON, JAN 30

SPORTS, LONG ISLAND NETS VS GREENSBORO SWARM: \$15–\$50. 7:30 pm.

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THURS, JAN. 12

ICE SKATING: 10 am to 6:30 pm. See Friday, Jan. 6.

READING, JAMES HAMB-LIN: The senior health editor for The Atlantic reads from "If Our Bodies Could Talk." Free. 7-9 pm. Power-House Arena [28 Adams St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

FILM, "BREAKFAST AT TIF-FANY'S": In conjunction with the exhibition "Truman Capote's Brooklyn: The Lost Photographs of David Attie," we explore Truman Capote's many in-roads to the silver screen, starting with this iconic Hollywood adaptation. Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pier-report St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.

TALK, MORTIFIED: Mortified is a comic excavation of teen angst artifacts (journals, letters, poems, lyrics, home movies, stories and more) as shared by their original authors before total strangers. \$10. 8 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth

avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

COMEDY, STANDARD TIME COMEDY SHOW: A comedy talk show hosted by Gideon Hambricht and Nasser Khan, with guests Anders Lee, Hannah Cowger, Jim Search, and Luke Mones. Free. 8 pm. Pacific Standard [82 Fourth Ave. between Bergen Street and Wyckoff Place in Boerum Hill, (718) 858-1951].

FRI, JAN. 13

32ND ANNUAL GOLDEN FESTIVAL: A two-day festival of Balkan music and dance, with four simultaneous music stages. \$30-\$80. 7:30 pm. Grand Prospect Hall [263 Prospect Ave. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope], www.goldenfest.org.

DANCE, "DANCIFY THAT!": Dancers compete to create new moves inspired by viral videos in the fun live game show. \$18. 7:45 pm. Brooklyn Arts Exchange [421 Fifth Ave. at Eighth Street in Park Slope, (917) 873-3333], dancifythat.com.

THEATER, "PORTO": 8 pm.

See Wednesday, Jan. 11.
MUSIC, HEALING SONGS FROM THE TONE WORLD: A night of vocal music by bassist, improviser, and composer William Parker. \$20. 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org.

MUSIC, SOUL SCIENCE LAB: The Brooklyn hip-hop and funk duo launch their album "Plan for Paradise" with a two-night performance. Free. 9 pm. BAM Cafe [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene], www.bam.org.

SAT, JAN. 14

MUSIC, THE YALE SPIZZ-WINKS: America's oldest underclassman a cappella group sings original arrangements of pop songs and jazz standards. \$15 (\$10 students). 7 pm. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church [55 Cranberry St. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (517) 775-8155], www.spizz-winks.com.

MUSIC, CONCERTS ON THE SLOPE: A classical concert for oboes, bassoons, and piano. \$20 suggested donation. 7:30 pm. St. John's Episcopal Church [139 St. John's Pl. between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope, (718) 783-3928], www.saintjohns-brooklyn.com.

MUSIC, SOUL SCIENCE LAB: 9 pm. See Friday, Jan. 13.

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Polonsky Shakespeare Center [262 Ashland Pl. between Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (212) 229-2819, www.tfana.org]. Feb. 12-March 9. Various times.

"Out of this World" circus

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus has retired its elephants to a nice farm upstate — but don't worry, this year's space-themed show still has lions, tigers, donkeys, alpacas, llamas, pigs, dogs, and kangaroos.

Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100, www.barclayscenter.com]. Feb. 23-March 2 at various times. \$15-\$80.

Lonnie Smith

The Doctor is coming for an organ operation! Legendary Hammond B3 player Lonnie Smith is bringing his soulful brand of jazz and funk to Long Island University.

Kumble Theater for the Performing Arts at Long Island University [1 University Pl. between DeKalb Avenue and Willoughby Street Downtown, www.kumbletheater.org]. Feb. 25 at 8 pm. \$35.

Georgia O'Keeffe

The Brooklyn Museum salutes the mother of American modernism — whose first-ever exhibit was at the museum in 1927 — with an exhibit of not only her paintings, but also items of her clothing and photos of her homes by artists including Alfred Stieglitz, Ansel Adams,

Annie Leibovitz, and Andy Warhol.

Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000, www.brooklynmuseum.org]. March 3-July 23. \$16 suggested admission.

Green Day, Against Me!

Middle-aged punk band Green Day sings songs about teen angst, supported by the edgier, younger Against Me!

Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100, www.barclayscenter.com]. March 15 at 8 pm. \$45-\$65.

Kneehigh Theatre

British theater company Kneehigh Theatre uses music, puppetry, and dance to tell the true story of the rehearsal of the Normandy invasion that the Allies staged on the shores of a sleepy English seaside town. The real event ended badly, to say the least, but "946: The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips" will be a rollicking kid-friendly show.

St. Ann's Warehouse [45 Water St. at Old Dock Street in Dumbo, (718) 834-8794, www.stannswarehouse.org]. March 16-April 9 at various times. \$36-\$71.

Coffee and Tea Festival

Get buzzed on coffee and tea from more than 60 vendors at this annual carnival of caffeinated beverages. Don't miss the Latte Art Throwdown, where baristas compete to pour the best fancy milk foam.

Brooklyn Expo Center (72 Noble St. at Franklin Street in Greenpoint, www.coffee-andteafestival.com/nyc). March 18, 10 am-5 pm and March 19, 10 am-4 pm. \$15-\$35.

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● 'It builds character ... they're learning.'

— Terriers coach Glen Braica on the men's basketball team's early losses

BUZZER-BEATER BUZZKILL

BY GREGORY ALCALA

These Blackbirds were struck by a final-second shot.

Long Island University dropped its Northeast Conference opener on Dec. 29, falling 67-65 to Mount St. Mary's as forward Chris Wray drained a layup for The Mount with just 4.2 seconds left on the clock.

The late-game play didn't shape up the way the Blackbirds planned, as Wray weaved his way through a handful of defenders to work into the lane and net the game-winner. Long Island University coach Jack Perri said he expected Junior Robinson, not Wray, to get the ball.

"I wanted whoever was guarding the in-bounder and whoever was guarding Robinson to slow him down and get him going back that way (toward the Blackbirds' basket)," Perri said. "Everybody else was supposed to be much further back than they were."

It was the fourth-straight



FRINK-STATION: Blackbirds redshirt senior forward Jerome Frink faced double teams throughout the night on Dec. 29 as Long Island University fell 67-65 to Mount St. Mary's.

Long Island University Athletics

loss for the Blackbirds (7-7, 0-1) and the second-straight year the squad came up short against The Mount in the conference opener.

Long Island University squandered an 11-point cushion in the second half as The Mount (3-11, 1-0) started to hit its stride from behind the arc. Elijah Long led the charge with three shots from distance to knot the game at 59-all with a little more than three minutes left.

The Blackbirds — playing without starting point guard Jashaun Agosto, who suffered a knee injury in practice — rallied in the final minute, however, and Nura Zanna tied the game with just a few ticks left on the clock.

Long Island University's defense couldn't hold on the final possession, and the loss is a big-time blow to a squad that has struggled to find its rhythm in the last few weeks,

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TOP DOG: St. Francis sophomore guard Glenn Sanabria racked up a team-best 26 points as the Terriers notched an 86-77 victory over Central Connecticut State on Dec. 31.

St. Francis Brooklyn

Terriers tough it out

BY JOHNNY KUNEN

They finished 2016 on a high note.

The St. Francis College men's basketball team took down Central Connecticut State 86-77 in overtime on Dec. 31, wrapping up the year with a second-straight victory to improve to 2-0 in Northeast Conference play.

The Terriers backcourt trio of Glenn Sanabria, Yunus Hopkinson, and Rasheem Dunn combined for 62 points in the victory.

"It's nice to learn through wins," Terriers coach Glenn Braica said. "We had to learn through a lot of losses early, now we've learned through two wins. Now we have to keep moving forward and try to get better everyday."

The game got off to a slow start as the two squads each

struggled to find an early rhythm — hampered by 14 foul calls in the first nine minutes of play — but St. Francis hit its stride midway through the half.

Sanabria led the offensive charge, notching 15 points from behind the arc to spark the Terriers to a 35-31 lead at halftime.

St. Francis (4-11, 2-0) came out rolling once the second half began, jumping out to a 10-point lead just four minutes into the period. Sanabria was once again the sparkplug, scoring six points in the Terriers' early run.

Central Connecticut State, however, would not go down without a fight, and the Blue Devils responded with a 13-3 spurt of their own to make it a 48-46 game at the 11:14 mark.

Sanabria played offensive

hero early for St. Francis — but in the second half, it was Dunn. The freshman guard scored 15 of his 19 points after halftime and kept the Terriers in the game down the stretch.

"In the first half I didn't have a really good half," Dunn said. "I just wanted to go out there and play defense. Then as the game started flowing, I started scoring."

The teams battled back and forth throughout the second half, but Sanabria was whistled for a foul with 22 seconds left, and Central Connecticut's Austin Nehls sank all three from the line to make it a one-point game. Eric Bowles tied up the game on a long three-pointer just before the buzzer as the Blue Devils (2-11, 0-2) wrapped up the comeback and forced the

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Former pros serving up tennis at Barclays

BY LAURA AMATO

They're hoping to put on an ace of a performance.

Former pro tennis player James Blake is set to take to the Barclays Center court on Jan. 7 — joined by fellow stars Andy Roddick, John McEnroe, and Jim Courier — for the PowerShares QQQ Cup, the first-ever tennis event at the arena. Blake grew up watching the sport in New York and, now he's anxious to bring the sport to Brooklyn.

"When the opportunity came to do it in a sort of unique environment at Barclays Center, where none of us have ever played tennis before, I jumped at it," Blake said. "It's definitely special for us to get there."

The one-night event will pit Blake against Roddick in one semifinal and McEnroe against Courier in the other. The winners of each match will go head to head later that night. None of the stars may be able to turn off their competitive gene completely, but events like this allow them to showcase a bit more of their personality.

"It's a different feeling because the crowd can see a bit more of your personality," Blake said. "Everything in



FAN FOCUSED: Former tennis pro James Blake will compete in the PowerShares QQQ Cup at Barclays Center on Jan. 7, a chance for big-name stars to put on a show in front of fans.

Bruce Ely

our life isn't really tailored towards our tennis career, so people can see we're going to have fun. We can talk to the crowd, we can interact, we can make fun of each other — and that's something we'd never do on the main tour."

The last competitive tennis match in Brooklyn was in 1935 — when the Terrace Club hosted the U.S. Pro Tennis Championships — and prior to that, the second-ever Davis Cup was played at the Crescent Athletic Club in August of

1902. Blake hopes that events like these can help spread interest in tennis across the city — not just for two weeks during the US Open.

"I've been on this tour for a couple of years and I've seen it grow and I've seen its impact," he said. "I loved that feeling, and I hope we can gain that sort of excitement and enthusiasm when we bring it to Brooklyn. We can get another fun event in New York."

Blake doesn't plan on
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HOOP HERO: Jefferson guard Shamorie Ponds wrapped up high school picture perfect, leading the Orange Wave to a city title, state title, and cementing his college future at St. John's.

Photo by Robert Cole

Best of Brooklyn's school sports in 2016

BY LAURA AMATO

Team of the Year

Midwood baseball

It was a headline-making year in Brooklyn high-school sports. There were championships and crushing defeats, a mixture of highs and lows that made the last 366 days (it was a leap year!) nothing short of memorable. Courier Life is taking a look back at the year in sports across Kings County — here's the best of the best from 2016:

Athletes of the Year

Shamorie Ponds, Jefferson basketball

The Orange Wave star wrapped up his high-school career in sensational fashion, leading Jefferson to its first Public Schools Athletic League championship in 62 years. Ponds averaged 28 points, eight rebounds, and six assists per game and was the unquestioned emotional leader of his squad. He hasn't missed a step in transitioning to the college game either — earning preseason Big East Rookie of the Year honors and averaging just over 17 points a game at St. John's.

Isabella Gerone, Madison softball

The Golden Knights pitcher has long been the leader of her team, and she once again led the charge in her final softball season, jam-packing her stat line. Gerone was top of the league in batting average, hitting a whopping .718 with just two strikeouts in 16 games. And she was even better in the circle. Gerone wrapped up her career with a 15-1 record and a 0.40 earned run average, racking up 193 strikeouts and just 26 hits in 88 innings pitched.

Coaches of the Year

Thomasina Lenzi, Midwood girls' volleyball

The Hornets team finally wrapped up the season with a victory, defeating Cardozo in the Public Schools Athletic League A final and clinching the program's first championship at that level. Lenzi has made Midwood one of the city's top volleyball program — the team appeared in three of the last four championships — but the Hornets consistently came up short. That changed this year, and Lenzi was at the center of that.

Anwar Gladden, South Shore girls' basketball

The South Shore girls' basketball coach is building a hoops dynasty in Canarsie. The Lady Vikings clinched their second-straight Public Schools Athletic League championship in March, defeating Francis Lewis at Madison Square Garden. The squad came up short of its state championship aspirations, but that just fueled the fire for this year.

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Loughlin starts new year with a new confidence

BY LAURA AMATO

New Year, new Loughlin.

The Bishop Loughlin girls' basketball team struggled early in the season, but the Lady Lions are hoping to turn a page after the calendar flipped to 2017. The squad got off to a solid start on Jan. 2, taking down St. Joseph Hill 79-70 in a non-league matchup.

"Hopefully it can make us play this way all the time," Loughlin coach Chez Williams said of the win. "We can't afford to take off plays — everything we do has to be consistent, and it has to be team-oriented."

The squad (2-5) came out firing on all cylinders, jumping out to a 23-16 lead after the first quarter, but St. Joseph



SENIOR STAR: Bishop Loughlin standout Lynette Taitt led the Lady Lions down the stretch, scoring 23 of her 29 points in the second half against St. Joseph Hill on Jan. 2.

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Hill answered in the next period.

The Hilltoppers got a burst

of offense from guard Trish Conroy, who opened up the second period with seven straight points. St. Joseph Hill notched a 13-2 run in the first four minutes of the second and left the Lady Lions looking for answers on the defensive side of the ball.

Loughlin found that answer rather quickly — in the form of a tough, full-court press. The attack brought a stifling pressure from every angle — the Lady Lions forced a handful of late-half turnovers and the rivals went into the break knotted at 34.

"My hat goes off to St. Joseph Hill," Williams said. "They played us tough, but we

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game into extra time.

The score remained close for the first few minutes of overtime, but, with the Terriers up by three and 1:16 left to play, Central Connecticut's Tidell Pierre was whistled for his fifth foul after pushing Keon Williams. The small forward connected on both ensuing free throws, and Yunus Hopkinson followed up with a three-point shot, pushing the St. Francis lead to eight with

just 48 seconds left.

The Terriers would have liked to wrap up the victory during regulation, but Braica credited his team for never giving up down the stretch. St. Francis struggled to find success during its non-conference schedule, but after a handful of tough games, starting off Northeast Conference play with a pair of victories is more than enough to spark a bit of confidence.

"It builds character," Braica said. "We had a very tough schedule with a lot of young guys and they're learning."

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changing his approach at all during the event. He's still a tennis player at heart and he wants to win whenever he has a racquet in his hand — particularly when his family is in the crowd.

"My family is going to come with me for this one," Blake said. "We live out on the west coast, but they're going to come with me and my kids will get an opportunity to watch their dad play."

Blake has competed across the world, but he's excited to play at Barclays Center, anxious to get onto the court, and most importantly, make a lit-

tle bit of history. There have been plenty of big names who have left their mark on the arena and Blake is hoping to add to that list. It's not the US Open, but he still wants to compete.

"I went to a Jay Z concert there and you think of some of the people who played there and you don't want to embarrass yourself," Blake said. "You want to put on a good show at a big arena and make sure that the fans get that. I'm definitely looking forward to it."

PowerShares QQQ Cup at Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Ave. in Prospect Heights, www.barclayscenter.com]. Jan. 7 at 7 pm. \$35-\$130.

LOUGHLIN

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were able to get through it, and we've got to continue to play like that."

It wasn't perfect down the stretch — St. Joseph Hill opened up the second half on a nine-point run — but Loughlin found a bit of confidence in its defensive attack, and its on-court leaders' late-game performance.

Lynette Taitt led the charge in the third quarter, racking up 12 of the Lady Lions' 16 points that period, while Laysha de la Santos chipped in the other four. The two pushed the ball out in transition — even setting each other up for shots — and, unlike the first half, they didn't settle for quick jumpers. It was a change that Williams felt turned the course of the game.

"The decision making has to keep improving," he said. "They have to be better shots and good shots. We can't just shoot the ball whenever. We're not a good rebounding team,

so the shots we take have to be better shots."

Taitt and de la Santos both kept up the scoring effort in the fourth quarter — combining for 23 points — but Loughlin also spread the ball out, a team-effort the Lady Lions squad knows it will need heading back into league play.

"I think we were looking more for each other as opposed to trying to do it by ourselves," Williams said. "And I think when that happens and you start working together, it all works."

It hasn't been a picture-perfect season for the Lady Lions, but a victory like this is enough to give Loughlin a bit of extra confidence. This team knows what it has to do to win — now it's just a matter of making sure they stay on track.

"We're trying to establish an identity," Williams said. "We're young and people are learning how to be leaders. The more they'll play, the more they'll get a better understanding of what they have to do."

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Best Newcomer

Gregory Dorfman, Midwood baseball

The freshman pitcher threw five scoreless innings in the city championship game, capping off a postseason performance that will go down as one of the best in Midwood history. Dorfman got out of a bases-loaded jam in the fourth inning with three straight fly balls, keeping the shutout intact and giving the Hornets a chance to rally. He went 3-0 in the playoffs with a 1.75 earned run average, giving up just 12 hits in 20 innings pitched.

Best Upset

Xaverian boys basketball defeats Bishop Loughlin 59-56 for the Catholic championship

Zack Bruno drew a game-sealing charge with .9 seconds left as the Clippers wrapped up its improbable postseason run with a championship. It was the program's first city title since 2005. Xaverian finished fourth in league play during the regular season, but the squad never lost its confidence or, more importantly, its focus in the postseason.

Game of the Year

Erasmus Hall holds on for 27-26 victory over Lincoln in the semis

Offense wins games, but defense wins championship appearances. The Dutchmen's offense led the team all season,



HISTORIC HORNETS: Midwood first baseman Peter Grabowski helped the Hornets make history this spring, clinching the program's first-ever city title with a 3-0 win over Tottenville at Yankee Stadium. Photo by Steven Schnibbe

but when it came down to the wire, the team's defense held on and secured a third-straight championship appearance.

CJ Pauyo made the first big-time defensive play, forcing a fourth-quarter fumble with just over three minutes left on the clock to set up Aron Cruickshank's game-winning touchdown just seconds later. The Railsplitters did its best to rally, marching down the field on the ensuing drive, but Erasmus Hall's defense held once again, forcing a fumble on the final play of the game and recovering the ball in the end zone. It was emotional, it was dramatic, and it was a defensive performance that helped define the Dutchmen's season.

Story of the Year

Bruce Eugene fired from Grand Street Campus

Eugene — who led the Wolves to the program's first-

ever football championship in 2015 — was suspended from coaching just a few days before the season began, amid rumors that he'd allowed a Long Island player to use his Brooklyn address in order to enroll at the Williamsburg school.

Eugene was ultimately fired from his position, and he took his case to court, determined to get back onto the sidelines. Meantime, team security escorted him out of a game against John F. Kennedy.

The Wolves did its best not to let the headlines get to them, but the team struggled to maintain its rhythm and came up short of a return title appearance, falling to Curtis in the semifinals.

Quote of the Year

A mom comes to Eugene's defense, saying the program was the only thing preparing her son for the college admissions process.

"There are a lot parents of inner-city youth that don't know the process of college," said Chandira Holman-Bey during a protest in front of the Department of Education's headquarters. "[The Grand Street coaches] make sure that [players] move on to be positive, progressive men in society. My son is travelling two hours from the Whitestone Bridge area to attend Grand Street — not because of Grand Street's academics, it's because I've seen over the years being a youth-football parent in an inner-city program in East New York, what coach Bruce has done for these kids."

LIU

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winning just one game in December.

"Obviously, it's disappointing," Perri said. "[It was] a great play by Wray. But obviously disappointed."

The Blackbirds were frustrated with the loss — and Wray's final shot — but the squad was especially disappointed with its up-and-down offense, unable to settle into any sort of consistent groove, particularly down low.

Jerome Frink racked up 14 points on the block, but none of them came easy, as the Mount consistently brought pressure and double-teams.

"They weren't even guarding him," Perri said. "They just sandwiched him from the get-go, so it was hard to get him touches."

While Frink dealt with Mount's defensive pressure,

Zanna did his best to pick up the scoring slack, racking up a game-high 21 points and 17 rebounds. Iverson Fleming chipped in 12 points of his own and notched several stops on the defensive side of the ball.

The Blackbirds struggled without Agosto leading the offensive charge, but Perri was happy with his team's collective effort.

"We were able to make plays," he said. "[Zanna] makes the great offensive rebound put-back to give us a chance to get us into overtime. Obviously, it was just disappointing not to get into overtime."

Long Island University has gone through its fair share of ups and downs this season — it got off to one of the best starts in program history before falling into this four-game skid. Now Perri is interested in seeing how his team responds — it's all about the league, and there's still plenty of basketball left to play.

"You got to keep your poise," Perri said. "Don't say anything to the referees, just keep playing your game and do the best you can."

LIU 74, Bryant 63

Long Island University bounced back after the disappointing league-opener with a solid win at home on Dec. 31. The victory snapped the team's four-game losing skid.

Jerome Frink led the charge, packing his stat line with a team-best 23 points, 15 rebounds, four blocks, and two steals. Freshman Jashaun Agosto chipped in 17 points of his own and dished out nine assists.

It was a back-and-forth affair early, but Long Island University hit its shooting stride and answered each one of the Bulldogs' runs with an offensive burst of its own. Bryant notched a late 9-2 run, but couldn't claw out of the double-digit hole down the stretch.

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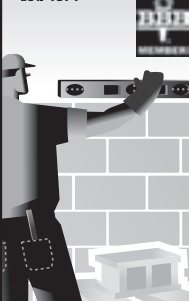
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TOP DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

Using mobile phones

Leading the list of the top distractions behind the wheel are mobile phones. Phones now do more than just place calls, and drivers often cannot pull away from their phones, even when driving. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, studies have shown that driving performance is lowered and the level of distraction is higher for drivers who are heavily engaged in cell

phone conversations. The use of a hands-free device does not lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to dialing is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

Daydreaming

Many people will admit to daydreaming behind the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Per-

haps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

chewing gum at the same time may want to avoid eating while driving. The majority of foods require a person's hands to be taken off of the wheel and their eyes to be diverted from the road. Reaching in the back seat to share some French fries with the kids is also distracting.

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at

a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

Reading

Glancing at an advertisement, updating a Facebook status or reading a book are all activities that should be avoided when driving. Even pouring over a traffic map or consulting the digital display of a GPS system can be distracting.

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