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Trump ban strands Lefferts gal in Iran

BY RUTH BROWN

An Iranian Prospect-Lefferts Gardens resident is stranded overseas by President Trump's travel ban.

Saira Rafiee, a doctoral student at the City University of New York living here on a student visa, was returning from visiting her family in Iran last Friday when Trump signed his executive order banning Iranians and citizens of six other Muslim-majority countries from entering the U.S., she wrote on Facebook.

She says she wasn't allowed to board a plane back to the States in Abu Dhabi, and had to stay there for almost 18 hours with 11 others before flying back to Tehran, and is now

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PUTTING THEIR BACKS INTO IT: Protesters rally outside Schumer's bearing replica spines.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

THEY'RE 'BACK'

Protesters bring literal spines to Chuck Schumer's house

BY COLIN MIXSON

You've got to give him props!

Protesters continue to besiege the streets outside Sen. Chuck Schumer's posh Park Slope pad almost nightly, as they jeer the senate minority leader for approving President Trump's cabinet nominees and urge him to reject those still under consideration — and now the rabble-

rousers are bringing pun-y accessories to keep things fresh.

On Saturday, they waved replica backbones and chanted, "get a spine, Chuck!" On Tuesday, they brought barbells and boxing gloves to encourage him to be tough — and the malcontents say

they'll keep coming back to make sure their message is heard.

"Officials need to hear from their constituents that if they're not up for the job we'll kick them out of office," said Hae-lin Choi, a member of Resist Trump New York, which organized Tuesday's rally ti-

tled "What the f---, Chuck?!"

Even Schumer's neighbors have been getting in on the action, the activists say.

"His apartment is right there at the heart of Park Slope — it's Slope-ier than the Slope — and a lot of people join in as they go by," said spine-waving protestor Tim Murphy.

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Video of artsy hijabs plays at Barclays Center

THE video of artsy hijabs was a hit at the Barclays Center on Saturday night, with the public invited to watch the show. The event was organized by the Brooklyn Arts Council, which presented the show as part of its annual "Arts in the Parks" series.

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Party after Brooklyn judge blocks Trump's deportations

BY RUTH BROWN

Hundreds partied outside the Brooklyn Federal Court on Saturday night after a judge blocked President Trump from deporting refugees and other valid visa holders trapped at airports around the country.

Residents high-tailed it to the Downtown courthouse as news of the emergency hearing spread through social media at 7 pm, and by the time the court's decision came down at 9 pm, a packed Cadman Plaza East erupted with people singing, chanting, and cheering alongside a live brass band.

"It was a party feeling," said Clinton Hill resident Marika Plater. "It's really nice to see this response to all the anger that's out there right now."

Inside, Judge Ann Donnelly had to shush whoops as she granted a temporary stay on the orders Trump signed last Friday that bans citizens of Syria and six other Muslim countries from entering the U.S. — declaring that those turned back could face "irreparable harm," while their threat to this country is low given authorities had considered them perfectly safe enough for visas, green cards, or refugee status just days earlier.

"If they had come in two days ago, we wouldn't be here," said Donnelly.

Somewhere between 100 and 200 people (even the Feds' lawyers claimed they didn't know exactly) were being held at airports around America on Saturday — including around a dozen at John F. Kennedy Airport in Queens, where hundreds of protestors also gathered throughout the day to demand they be let in.

Ultimately, two were released in New York that day, although Donnelly's decision doesn't necessarily mean the



POP-UP PROTEST: Hundreds swarmed Downtown's federal courthouse for the hearing on Trump's travel ban.

Photos by Paul Martinka

rest will all be freed, lawyers warned — some could be held in detention until the case is actually heard on Feb. 21.

"That's a lot of time to be sitting in a detention center," said Anthony Romero, head of the American Civil Liberties Union, which filed the lawsuit.

Still, the returning legal eagles received a hero's welcome from locals, who said they were sickened by the thought of residents being denied entry to the land of the free.

"I'm just horrified that people are being detained at JFK, we are a country of immigrants," said Prospect-Lefkerts Gardens resident Carolyn Bost while fighting back

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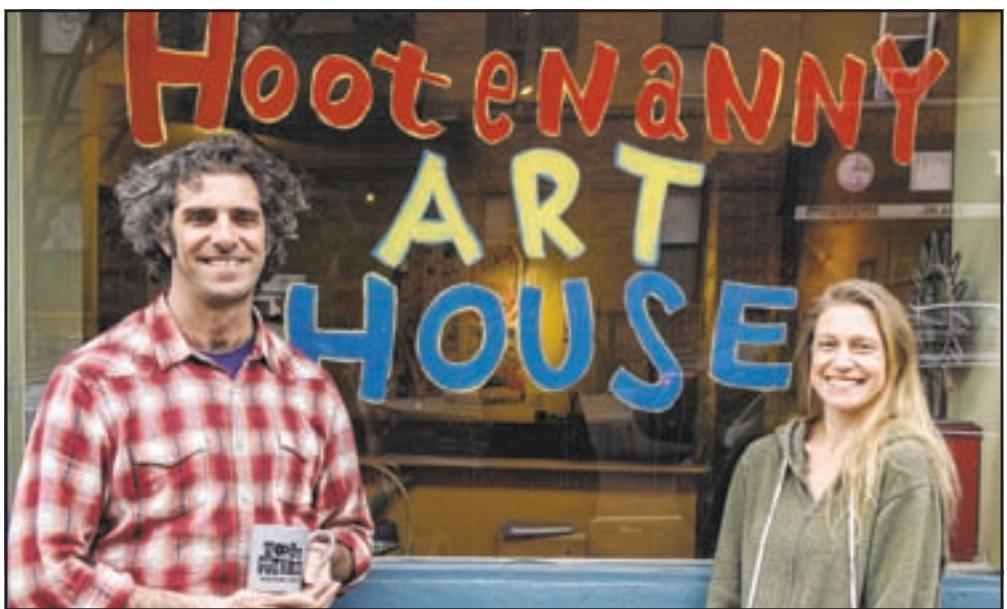
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BREWING A REVOLUTION: Pete Sinjin and Kira Smith of Hootenanny Art House are hosting one-hour activism get-togethers every Monday.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

The lobby hobby

Park Slope's 'activist happy hour' offers drop-in advocacy for part-time protesters

BY COLIN MIXSON

In Park Slope, change doesn't happen overnight — it happens over coffee.

A local art center is starting an "activist happy hour" where amateur agitators can drop in, lobby a little, and be out in time for yoga class.

"If you have 10 minutes you can come and do your thing," said Hootenanny Art House owner and teacher Kira Smith.

The 15th Street music and craft hub is running one-hour sessions every Monday afternoon and evening where time-poor rabble-rousers will find petitions and postcards to sign, scripts to read off to lawmakers, and other resources for sticking it to The Man in under 60 minutes.

The weekly workshops are largely a reaction to Donald Trump's presidency, but more specifically the many sad faces on parents who pass through Hootenanny's doors to pick their kids up from classes, Smith said.

"We've seen everybody from sad to angry to really scared," she said.

The first edition on Jan. 30 featured postcards related to women's issues as a follow-up to the Women's Marches that swept the country after Trump's inauguration, which pussy-hatted participants filled out and fired off to senators.

But each hour of people power will likely be geared towards a different cause based on current affairs and the

materials they have at hand, Smith said — refugee advocates from the International Rescue Committee are supposed to drop by sometime in the near future, for instance.

Still, those supporting causes that don't revolve around "peace, justice, and love" need not apply, Smith said.

"Yeah, no," was all she would say when asked whether advocates for mass deportations of immigrants, oil pipelines, and pro-lifers would be welcomed at Hootenanny.

Activist Mondays at Hootenanny Art House [428 15th St. between Eighth Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (718) 369-0528, hootenannyarthouse.com. Mondays at 3:30 pm and 6 pm. Free.

Jeffries: Trump is 'reality-show host masquerading as president'

BY LAUREN GILL

President Trump is nothing more than a celebrity playing dress-up as the leader of the free world, said Rep. Hakeem Jeffries in his annual State of the District Address on Jan. 26.

"We have a reality-show host in the White House masquerading as president of the United States of America," said Jeffries (D-Marine Park) to the packed-out crowd at Downtown's Paramount Theater.

This was despite the congressman's controversial decision to attend the inauguration on Jan. 20, while many other Brooklyn pols called Trump "illegitimate" and boycotted the event after the commander in chief insulted civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis (D-Georgia).

The Prospect Heights resident, a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, stood by his decision on Thursday, arguing that the ceremony was also the final chance to say goodbye to President Obama.

"I decided this inauguration is bigger than one individual, even though Donald Trump would like us to believe his presence is the be all, end all — it's not," he said after the speech.

Trump was, however, the be all and end all of Jeffries' speech — which focused entirely on firing up constituents to fight back against the policies of the new administration and Republican-controlled Congress on issues such as the Affordable Care Act.

"Barack Obama has left the building, and there's some folks down in Washington who are going to try and take advantage of the situation," said Jeffries, who stumped for Hillary Clinton during the presidential primaries and election. "They go to church and they pray on Sunday, and they go to Washington and prey on the American people the rest of the week."

He also laid into some of



ON THE ATTACK: Rep. Hakeem Jeffries railed against President Trump in his annual State of the District address on Jan. 26.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

their supporters.

"I'm not here to say that every American who voted for Donald Trump is a racist, but I do know that every racist in America voted for Donald Trump," he said.

The Crown Heights native's spiel did not mention any local issues or plans for his district, but attendees didn't seem to mind, cheering throughout the address and heeding the pol's call to action.

"I thought it was amazing, it definitely gave us more validation of what's to come and what we need to do," said East New Yorker Ashley Marrero. "We can do this all together. We've been through hard times before it's just another round and we've gotta do what we gotta do."

Jeffries has criticized Mayor DeBlasio's policies

C'Heights doctor in Trump ban jam

BY LAUREN GILL

A Crown Heights doctor is stuck in his native Sudan thanks to President Trump's travel ban, and can't return to the U.S. to continue doing God's work: saving Brooklynites' lives.

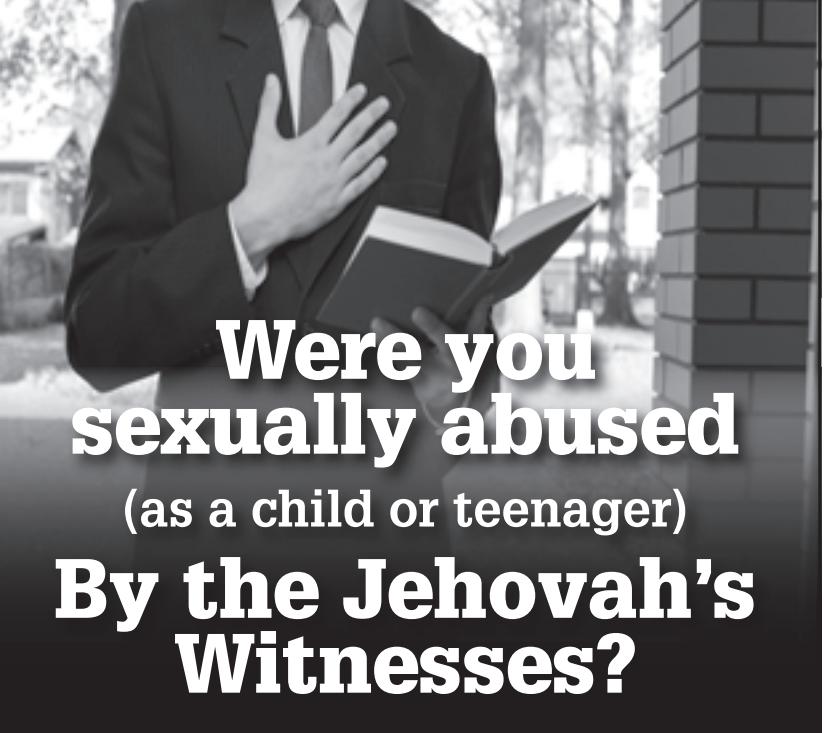
"My colleagues are going to be affected. My hospital is going to be affected. And for sure, my patients are going to be affected," said the stranded Dr. Kamal Fadlalla, a second-year resident in in-

ternal medicine at Interfaith Medical Center, via a statement.

Fadlalla was away visiting his family when Trump banned citizens of Sudan and six other majority-Muslim countries from entering the States last week. He rushed to the airport on Saturday after getting wind of the news — only to be turned away from his flight back to New York.

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OH BABY: Parents Alex Turkenich and Shweta Advani were left scrambling for childcare after Ilene's Sunflower day-care center closed suddenly on Jan. 20.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Baby brush-off

State no help to families stranded by day-care closure, parents say

BY COLIN MIXSON

Baby, it's cold outside for these babies.

State officials are refusing to allow a group of beloved Windsor Terrace childcarers to continue providing babysitting services to more than 30 families stranded by the sudden closure of their local daycare last month, despite the pleas of parents and local pols.

"For families left out in the cold, this is now an emergency situation," said Kensington resident Scott MacMillan, whose 1-year-old daughter Isabella attended the now shuttered Ilene's Sunflower.

The company lost its license on Jan. 20 after its owner passed away, and the state gave the carers until Jan. 27 to shut up shop at the two centers — located on Prospect Avenue between Reeve Place and Greenwood Avenue and Greenwood Avenue between E. Third and E. Fourth streets — after which time any unsanctioned child-caring would result in \$500 fines from the city, according to MacMillan.

Assemblyman Robert Carroll (D-Kensington) hosted an emergency meeting on Jan. 26, where parents say state Office of Children and Family Services honcho Patricia Lewis told them she would do everything in her power to extend the grace period, MacMillan says.

But when parents called Lewis the following evening to see how things were progressing, MacMillan says they were informed that state lawyers had rejected their appeal.

The state agency claims Lewis's comments must have been misconstrued, as the attorneys had already told her it wouldn't be possible.

Either way, the moms and dads are now scrambling, missing days of work desperately seeking new situations for their young ones, MacMillan says.

"We're scattered to the winds," said MacMillan, who has now written a letter to Gov. Cuomo asking him to intervene.

Three former Sunflower staffers are still trying care for the tots, with par-

ents paying them in cash, but they're only legally able to look after two children at a time without additional licenses, according to MacMillan.

The carers, meanwhile, have been forced to deal with a crisis of their own. Last Friday, the landlord at the Prospect Avenue location — where two of the caregivers also live — suddenly installed new locks at around midnight, forcing them out of their homes over the weekend, said Monique Grant, one of the workers.

The lockout was resolved by Sunday, after Councilman Brad Lander (D-Windsor Terrace) reached out to the 72nd Precinct, and officers there found the landlord was in the wrong for ignoring proper eviction proceedings.

On top of all that, the carers say they are still owed \$14,000 in wages from the now-deceased day-care owner, and parents claim they are out roughly \$94,000 in deposits.

Both parties have received no indication from the owner's family that any refunds would be forthcoming, according to Grant.

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has launched an investigation into the missing money, however, and the parents launched an online fund-raiser to recompense the nannies, which has already earned them more than \$10,000.

"We're very thankful to the parents and their associates who contributed to that fund," Grant said.

For now, the Sunflower staff are making the best of a bad situation by arranging daily get-togethers at playgrounds, libraries, and other public places, where the kids have a brief chance to see their friends and cherished carers, one mom said.

"They were all thrilled to see each other," said Celia Petty. "This is just another example of how committed these workers are to the welfare of our children."

Cuomo's office and the landlord of the Prospect Avenue property did not return requests for comment.

MT-spray!

Gross water is gushing out of 7th Ave. station

BY COLIN MIXSON

It is gush hour at the Seventh Avenue subway stop!

Foul water has been cascading down the walls of the Prospect Heights station for weeks, and strap-hangers say they're fed up waiting for someone to plug up the problem.

"For this to be happening for a couple of weeks seems extreme," said Crown Heights resident Michele Tepper. "This should have been fixed already."

Anecdotal reports put the numerous leaks on the Manhattan-bound Q platform as about three weeks old — one commuter said it started flowing after the Jan. 7 snowstorm.

She also says there is an offensive odor emanating from the stagnant pools collecting on the platform, and worries the stench indicates a busted sewage line and that the liquid may be a health risk.

"I don't know if it's coming from a sewer pipe, but it stinks!" said strap-hanger Jenny Ramos, who works on nearby Flatbush Avenue.

Other commuters are afraid the constant flow of H2O is a sign that the 96-year-old station is structur-



WORSE THAN USUAL: Staten Island straphanger Jenny Ramos is concerned that water leaking out of the walls of the Seventh Avenue subway station is caused by a busted sewage line, due to the foul odor of the puddling water. Community News Group / Colin Mixson

ally unsound.

"It's scary," said Park Sloper Leidy Leonardo, who works at Union Market a few blocks from the station. "I'm like, 'is this place going to fall apart?'"

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority did not return requests for comment, but has placed orange traffic cones on the puddles, indicating it is aware of the problem.

Sahadi's wins big!

BY RUTH BROWN

The Oscars of the food world has finally confirmed what Brooklynites have known in their hearts and stomachs for more than 70 years — that Sahadi's grocery store in Brooklyn Heights is one of America's great culinary institutions.



BIG CHEESE: Charlie Sahadi.

The James Beard Foundation last Wednesday bestowed the venerable Atlantic Avenue Middle Eastern emporium with its America's Classics award. It's just about the highest honor available for a casual neighborhood food store — even one that has been around as long as Sahadi's, according to its proprietor.

"We've gotten plenty of very good press over the year, but the James Beard Foundation is definitely the most prestigious food-related organization," said co-owner Christine Whelan, a Bay Ridgite whose dad Charlie Sahadi ran the store for 50

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Wheeling and appealing

New pedestrian island made from old truck tires earns raves

BY LAUREN GILL

This is where the rubber meets the road!

A new Prospect Heights pedestrian island made from old truck tires was the toast of Community Board 2's January transportation committee meeting, with panel members raving about how much they love the safety addition.

Locals had coveted a similar set-up in Crown Heights and are thrilled to finally have one of their own hugging the crosswalk over Fourth Avenue at Atlantic Avenue, showering visiting reps from the Department of Transportation with praise for the addition.

"I saw it on Eastern Parkway and I have friends who live there and they love it," said committee member Cheryl Gelbs at the Jan. 10 gathering. "Where you put it is the perfect spot because getting over there is like running against the clock."

The panel voted unanimously to approve the bouncy barrier at the meeting — which is just as well, because



CLOSE UP: The new rubber pedestrian island in all its glory.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

the city already installed it in mid-December.

"I think it's great," said Fort Greene resident and committee member Hilda Cohen.

Residents have long complained about the treacherous thoroughfares near Times Plaza — a triangular pedestrian island bounded by Atlantic, Fourth, and Flatbush avenues — urging the city to come up with a plan to make it safer.

Between 2010 and 2014, crashes in the area have killed or seriously injured five people, according to city data.

The raised rubber island is supposed to make crossing Fourth Avenue less hair-raising by giving pedestrians a place to stop if the light changes while they're crossing.

"It makes for a safer and shorter pedestrian crossing," said transportation department rep Mia Moffett.

The city typically constructs islands out of concrete, but chose the removable rubber option here because the site is above a subway line and workers can't dig down, she said.

Moffett wowed the crowd with the new amenity's many perks: the island — made out of recycled truck tires and manufactured in the United Kingdom — took only three and a half hours to install, while a concrete island would take weeks.

Not only that, it can withstand the force of a truck, and



ISLAND GIRL: Stella Perry is pumped to hang out on the new pedestrian island while pushing groceries across Fourth Avenue.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

was a bargain at just \$10,000 — versus the \$50,000 a permanent fixture would have set taxpayers back, she said.

If this island stands up well in the snow through the winter, the city may rubber-stamp

them for other crosswalks around the city, Moffett said.

The transportation department will reveal a full safety overhaul for Times Plaza in the coming months, according to spokesman Sean Quinn.

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Sad

Cops have called off the hunt for a yooge loser who swiped a Donald Trump poster off the front door of a woman's Prospect Park West apartment sometime between Jan. 15 and 16.

The 50-year-old victim told police she left her home between 13th and 14th streets at noon, and returned just after midnight the following day to find the poster, along with other decorations valued at \$2, had vanished from her door.

Police made no arrests and have since closed the case, cops said.

Penalty

Cops are done looking for a delinquent who pummeled a hockey fan at a Jan. 19 game in an Atlantic Avenue arena.

The 19-year-old victim was in the stands at the venue near Flatbush Avenue at 8:55 pm when another fan started yelling obscenities at him, before running up and repeatedly bashing him in the face, cops said.

Paramedics treated the victim, while his attacker fled through the arena's Dean Street exit, cops said.

No penalties have been issued, and the case is closed, according to police.

Have a seat

Cops busted a 24-year-old woman who they say beat another gal with a "computer chair" inside an Eighth Avenue women's shelter on Jan. 17.

The 25-year-old victim told officers she was inside the refuge between 14th and 15th streets at 4:22 pm when she became embroiled in a shouting match with the suspect.

Things came to a head after the younger woman took up some the office furniture and, wielding it like a club, smashed the victim's face.

"She was bothering me, so I hit her with a chair," the suspect allegedly told police.

Paramedics gave the victim a ride to the hospital, while the suspect was collared on assault charges, cops said.

Rocked

Cops have called it quits in the search for the rock-wielding vandal who smashed up a man's Nissan he parked on 11th Street on Jan. 20.

The victim told police he left his 2015 Nissan Rogue between Fourth and Fifth avenues at 10 pm, and returned the following day to find his windshield cracked and his rear window totally smashed, along with a hefty stone he found sitting in his trunk.

No arrests have been made, and the case is closed, cops said.



POLICE BLOTER

Grand theft auto

Cops have thrown up their hands in the hunt for the thief who stole an out-of-towner's car from Warren Street on Jan. 19.

The victim, who was visiting from Massachusetts, told police he left his 2010 Subaru Legacy between Fourth and Fifth avenues at 5 pm, and returned the following day to find it stolen.

No arrests have been made and the case is closed, cops said.

— *Colin Mixson*

76TH PRECINCT

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL
RED HOOK

Stoop swipe

A punk swiped two packages from a Warren Street resident's front porch sometime between Jan. 25 and Jan. 26, police said.

The guy told police that UPS delivered two boxes for him between Henry and Clinton streets but the boxes were gone when he went to get them. The thief stole the two boxes with a Sony camera inside and a kids' toy soap maker and toy jewelry maker, according to authorities.

Purse plucked

A jerk swiped a woman's purse from a Smith Street bar on Jan. 28, police said.

The 24-year-old victim told cops she put her bag down on a table at the watering hole near Degraw and Sackett streets at 11:45 pm and when she went to pick it up at around 3 am, it was gone — along with the wallet, two credit cards, a New York State identification card, social security card, and iPhone inside.

Watch your watch

A nogoodnik broke into a car parked on Pacific Street and swiped a woman's bag and designer watch sometime overnight on Jan. 26, police said.

The baddie broke the driver's-side window of the 2014 Honda parked between Hicks and Henry streets from 7 pm to 4:30 pm the next day and grabbed the woman's Michael Kors rose-gold watch and tote bag, according to authorities.

Taxed

A burglar crept into a Union Street commercial building on Jan. 27 and stole tax forms and other

items, police said.

The crook entered the location through the backdoor between Hoyt and Bond streets at about noon and took \$40, a guy's backpack, Amazon Kindle Fire, tax forms, a social security card, and 17 assorted keys, according to authorities.

— *Julianne Cuba*

88TH PRECINCT

FORT GREENE-CLINTON HILL

Slice and dice

A man threatened to slice a worker of a Myrtle Avenue store with a knife on Jan. 27 after the employee tried to stop him from stealing body wash and T-shirts.

The staffer told cops the crook entered the store between Clermont Avenue and Adelphi Street around 8:15 am and took the items without paying. The victim then tried to retrieve the stolen items but the robber flashed a blade and hissed, "I'll f--- you up," then fled, police said.

Double grab

A villain snatched a woman's phone and purse as she was walking on Lafayette Avenue on Jan. 29.

The victim told police she was strolling near Washington Avenue when a cur approached her from behind, tried to grab her phone out of her hand, and asked for her password.

He then yanked away her phone and took her purse from her shoulder as he attempted to poke her with the unknown object before fleeing, a report said.

Pen plunder

A ball-point bully socked a 69-year-old man and stole his pen on a Manhattan-bound Q train as it was near Flatbush Avenue on Jan. 23.

The senior was riding the train by Hanson Place around 12:30 pm when the lout grabbed his writing device. The man tried to take it back but the jerk punched him in the side of the face and fled, police said.

Double teamed

A pair of scofflaws stole a man's phone out of his pocket on Fulton Street on Jan. 23.

The victim was walking out of the building near Grand Street at 2 pm when one of the scoundrels grabbed him from behind while the second knave removed the phone

from his pocket, cops said.

84TH PRECINCT

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DUMBO-
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Dollar van drama

A pair of crooks robbed a dollar-van driver at gunpoint on Smith Street on Jan. 27.

The driver picked up the two baddies at the corner of Nostrand and Flatbush avenues around 1:53 am, cops said. Once they got to the final stop near Livingston Street, the snakes stayed seated until all of the other passengers got off, and pointed a gun at the driver, demanding his money and cellphones.

The driver handed over \$35 and his two phones and the weasels fled, according to a report.

Ugly crime

Cops cuffed a woman who they say punched a worker at a Joram-lemont Street store on Jan. 24 when he tried to stop her stealing \$190 worth of makeup.

The employee at the shop by Court Street allegedly spotted the suspect grabbing the goods from a display shelf at 6:15 pm, put it in her pockets, and exit the store, according to a report. But when he went outside to stop her, she allegedly socked him in the mouth and jaw, according to authorities.

Trojan force

Police arrested a man who allegedly tried to swipe a Trojan erotic massager from a Schermerhorn Street store on Jan. 25 — then wielded a walking stick as a weapon when he was caught.

A worker says he saw the man lift the sex toy plus a disc player and lighter from the shop near Smith Street at 6:18 am and put them under his shirt, cops said. He approached the alleged thief, the guy grabbed a cane and shouted, "Anyone who tries to stop me, I will use it!" a report said.

Train bash

A brute hit a woman over the head with a piece of wood on a Manhattan-bound F train near the Jay Street-MetroTech station on Jan. 14.

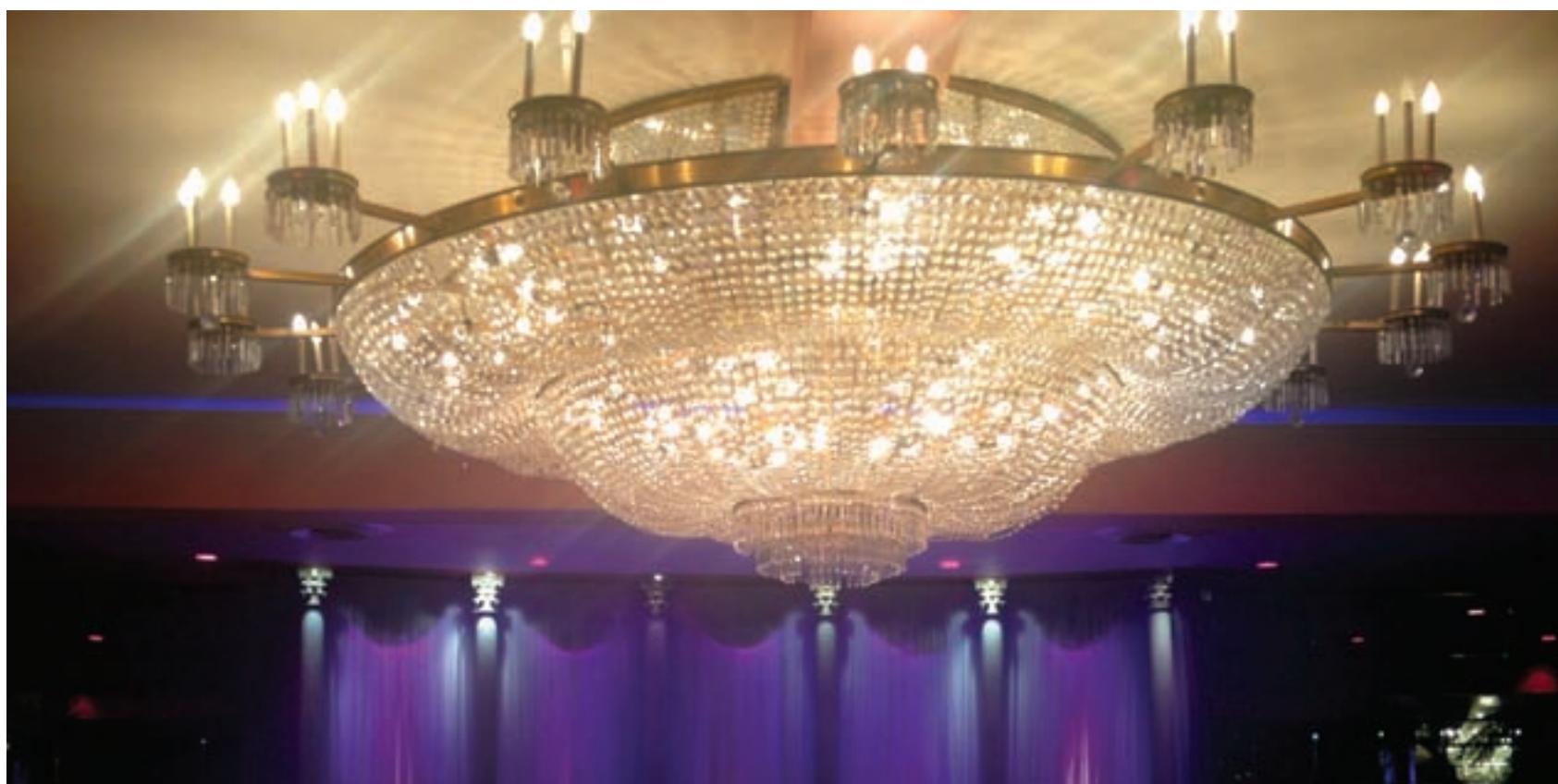
The victim told cops she was riding the train at 7:50 am when the clod punched her in the head. She tried to get up and move seats, but the bruiser bashed her over the head with the piece of wood three times, authorities said.

Time thief

Some crook snatched a \$6,500 watch off a man's wrist in a Fulton Street jewelry store on Jan. 27.

The pilferer grabbed the time-piece in the store by DeKalb Avenue

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New Year in Sunset Park

BY CAROLINE SPIVACK

Tens of thousands said *ni hao* to the Year of the Rooster at Sunset Park's annual Lunar New Year Parade on Jan. 29.

This year's festivities really went off with a bang—the Fire Department ignited more than 50,000 firecrackers in the street as organizers released thousands of red and yellow balloons in what may be the biggest celebration ever, according to one participant.

"If you looked down Eighth

Avenue, it was packed with people," said performer John Zhang. "I think this was the biggest one yet, which is great because more and more people are interested in the culture. And we hope it brings them all good fortune for the new year."

Zhang and other marchers manned ornate dragon and lion costumes and dressed as Chinese gods to bring luck and good fortune to the festival-goers who lined Eighth Avenue near 50th Street.

Revellers swapped gifts, watched kung-fu and traditional dance displays, and lit their own pyrotechnics.

This was the 30th year the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association had organized the party, and one immigrant said she really appreciates the taste of the old country.

"Sometimes it's kind of hard to celebrate Chinese New Year in a foreign country, but this makes it easier," said Bensonhurst Jiahui Wu.

OVER THE MOON: (Above) Chloe Fang and her dad Alex enjoy this year's Lunar New Year parade. (Center) Performers dazzled pint-sized celebrants with the friendly northern lion dances. (Left) John Zhang and Michael Chan dressed as Caishen, the god of prosperity, to bring good fortune to festival-goers

Photos by Georgine Benvenuto



Marianne Nicolosi

It was a wonderful feeling to be among so many strong and vibrant women who were making a difference everyday by their work for others. What a privilege to be recognized for my contribution to my community, my borough, my city!

Congratulations to Brooklyn's 2017 Women of Distinction

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SCHUMER

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The rallies outside Schumer's Prospect Park West apartment began even before Trump's inauguration, but activists have grown increasingly agitated while the most powerful Democrat in Congress has approved several of Trump's picks, including retired Marine Corp. General James Mattis as secretary of defense, and former Defense Intelligence Agency honcho Michael Flynn as national security adviser.

Schumer recently announced that he will oppose 15 upcoming nominees, including billionaire private-school advocate Betsy DeVos for education secretary, former Exxon Mobile chief Rex Tillerson for secretary of state, and Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions for attorney general, leaving the activists to believe their efforts haven't gone unnoticed, according to Choi.

"We're very excited by the announcement he made saying he'll vote no, so we think our message is getting to him," Choi said.

Schumer claims he is not fazed by the regular visitors and even commented on the "What the f-- Chuck?!" Facebook page last week, praising the demonstrators who antagonized him on Tuesday.

"Appreciate hearing from everyone on this and on so many of the is-



CHUCK STRUCK: Activist Tim Lunceford protested Sen. Chuck Schumer's voting in favor of several Trump nominees outside the lawmaker's Prospect Park West apartment.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

sues we will face in the weeks, months, and years ahead," Schumer wrote in a post that received 1,435 likes, 213 love hearts, and 62 frowny faces.

The protests haven't been confined to the pol's residence—Schumer spoke at a massive Manhattan rally opposing Trump's immigration ban on Sunday, but was met with a rousing chant of "reject the nominees!"

Meanwhile, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, who has rejected all but one nominee — former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley for United Nations ambassador — received one of the loudest cheers of the day.

dent Adams, who held a press conference about her situation outside the federal courthouse on Monday — the first day of the semester — alongside her cousin and City University of New York students and faculty.

Pupils and professors alike said they were distraught to hear what had happened to one of their own, and vowed fight the ban so she can return.

"It really hurt me to read her message," said Hercules Reid, the student government president at the university's College of Technology. "How can you stand here and hear that statement and not feel brokenhearted? Hard-working and law abiding people like Ms. Rafiee deserve better than this."

A Brooklyn federal judge on Saturday temporarily barred the Feds from deporting valid visa holders already en route to America when Trump's order went into effect, but it doesn't help those who can't get on planes in the first place.

STUDENT

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afraid she may never make it back to New York to complete her studies.

"I have no clue whether I would ever be able to go back to the school I like so much, or to see my dear friends there," Rafiee wrote.

Rafiee noted that the experience must be far more terrifying for those "fleeing war and disastrous situations" in their home countries, and slammed the ban as a racist policy that will do little to stop terrorism.

"The media has published enough statistics during the past few days to show how irrelevant this order is to the fight against terrorism," she wrote. "It is time to call things by their true names: this is Islamophobia, racism, fascism."

Rafiee lives in Prospect-Lefferts Gardens, according to Borough Presi-

DOCTOR

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The medic has a newly-issued work visa and has been living in Brooklyn for nearly two years, according to Interfaith honcho LaRay Brown.

Fadlalla is one of four Sudanese residents at the diverse institution and Brown says she's worried the uncertainty about what will happen now — and next — will set the whole hospital on edge, Brown said.

"One area of concern as an institution is the level of anxiety that this executive order and what might follow is creating for all of our staff," she said. "We are a hospital of folks from all over the country and all over the world."

A Brooklyn federal judge temporarily barred the government from deporting valid visa holders already in transit to America when Trump signed his executive order, but the order is no help to people stranded overseas.

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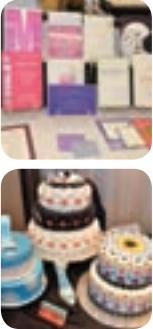
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New vinyl and tape store opens in Carroll Gardens

BY LAUREN GILL

It's the vinyl destination!

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"It's not Smith Street or Court Street, but it's a destination. People who want good records don't care where it is, they'll find a way there," said Harry Howes, co-owner of Almost Ready Records between Clinton and Court streets.

Almost Ready Records is also the name of Howe's 10-year-old record label, which specializes in punk and rock bands with fantastic names including 1-800-BAND, Bummers Eve, and Cheater Slicks — and he plans on showcasing its artists at the shop.

The boutique boasts around 5,000 new and used records and a few hundred cassettes spanning rock, blues, soul, funk, and jazz, according to Howes.

There are already a few other vinyl stores in the area — including Black Gold on Court and Luquer streets and the untitled record shop on Van Brunt Street in Red Hook — but Almost Ready is the only one in the vicinity



SPIN IT: Co-owners Harry Howes and Katherine Ohlweiler show off some of the selections at Almost Ready Records

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

hawking tapes, which are more common in Brooklyn's irony-loving northern nabes.

The retro magnetic medium has definitely experienced a renaissance in recent years, says Howes — but he thinks it is because they're cheap and many people still have old tape players lying around.

"It's definitely making a comeback," he said. "I think it's good for touring bands so they have a cheap option on the merch table — people have old cars that have cassette players."

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The peeps at Our Wicked Lady joined the Standing Rock Sioux in their struggle against the North Dakota Access Pipeline in January and raised money for the ACLU with the support for local performers in December.

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Our Wicked Lady (153 Morgan Ave. and Meserole Street in Bushwick, ourwickedlady@gmail.com).

BOERUM HILL

Hearts and flowers

Brooklyn Community Service is making a difference for the women in its **Transitional Living** community.

The call is out there to collect beauty- and wellness-related toiletries and products to create festive gift baskets for the women of the program.

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You can drop off items at the front desk at **Brooklyn Community Service** headquarters weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm until Feb. 16.

Come on, let's get the love flowing.
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FOR A GOOD CAUSE: Ermine performs at Our Wicked Lady for a Thursdays for a Cause event on Dec. 29.

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BAY RIDGE

His legacy lives on

Standing O is throwing out the bouquet of roses for the inaugural concerts of the **Roman Borgman Opera Theatre**, a new opera arts company.

Founder and artistic director **Maryann Mootos** started the company in 2016, in memory of her husband **Roman Borgman**, who passed away from cardiac arrest on April 8.

Born Rumen Borimetchkov in Sofia, Bulgaria, Roman earned a Master of Vocal Music at the Bulgarian State

Conservatory and was a renowned opera singer throughout Europe before coming to America in April 1992.

After his passing Maryann decided to carry on her husband's name and mission through the creation of the **Roman Borgman Opera Theatre**.

"Continuing Roman's legacy in this way is very healing for me," said Mootos. "I hope it is a great benefit to our Bay Ridge community as well."

There will be two concerts on April 8 and 22, at **Trinity Lutheran Church**.

Roman Borgman Opera Theatre at Trinity Lutheran Church [9020 Third Ave. between 90th and 91st streets in Bay Ridge, (617) 962-4222, www.rborgmoper.com].



BAY RIDGE

Give me C, give me L

Give me Clippers! Rah, rah, sis-boom-bah — give me a great big cheer for the **Xaverian Clippers** cheerleading squad!

Classic Clipper pride was on display when the team raised a pompom in the Junior Varsity Small Team Division of the Catholic High School Athletic Association Regional Cheerleading competition held at the College of Staten Island last week.

This was a first-ever for the team, which included **Alexandra Alexandrou, Alyssa Beltran, Aviana Finocchiaro, Briana Tzompa, Shawanna Watson, Emily McDonald, Gianna Granite, Hannah Savelli, Kinga Lewandowska, Lauren Savelli, Mia Sanabria, Christie Liu, Ruby Manzoor, Samantha Tommaso, and Reina Lazo**.

Congratulations are in order for the team and coaches **Stefanie Frasca** and **Erin Richroath** for a job well done.

Standing O is waving those big yellow pom-poms and sending a Standing O for the team. Go Clippers!

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One photo is worth 1,000 words

BOROUGH WIDE

In a recent Standing O, kudos were paid to the inaugural 2016 recipients of the **SPACE Grants** (Slate Property Arts & Cultural Endowment), bestowed by the **Slate Property Group**.

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The nominees gathered at the posh Bosh Showroom in Manhattan last week to receive their certificates and grants.

Hey, these folks are so good, they deserve congratulations again and an additional Standing O — **Hekima Hapa**, Black Girls Sew; **Brian Camacho**, Arts and Rhymes; **Terry Greiss**, Irondale Productions; **Char Johnson**, Bushwick Gardens; **Isabel**



OPEN SPACE: The recipients of the 2016 SPACE Grants.

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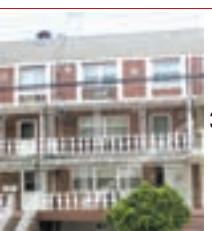


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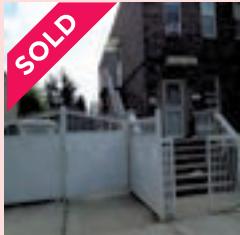
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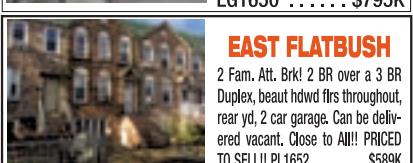


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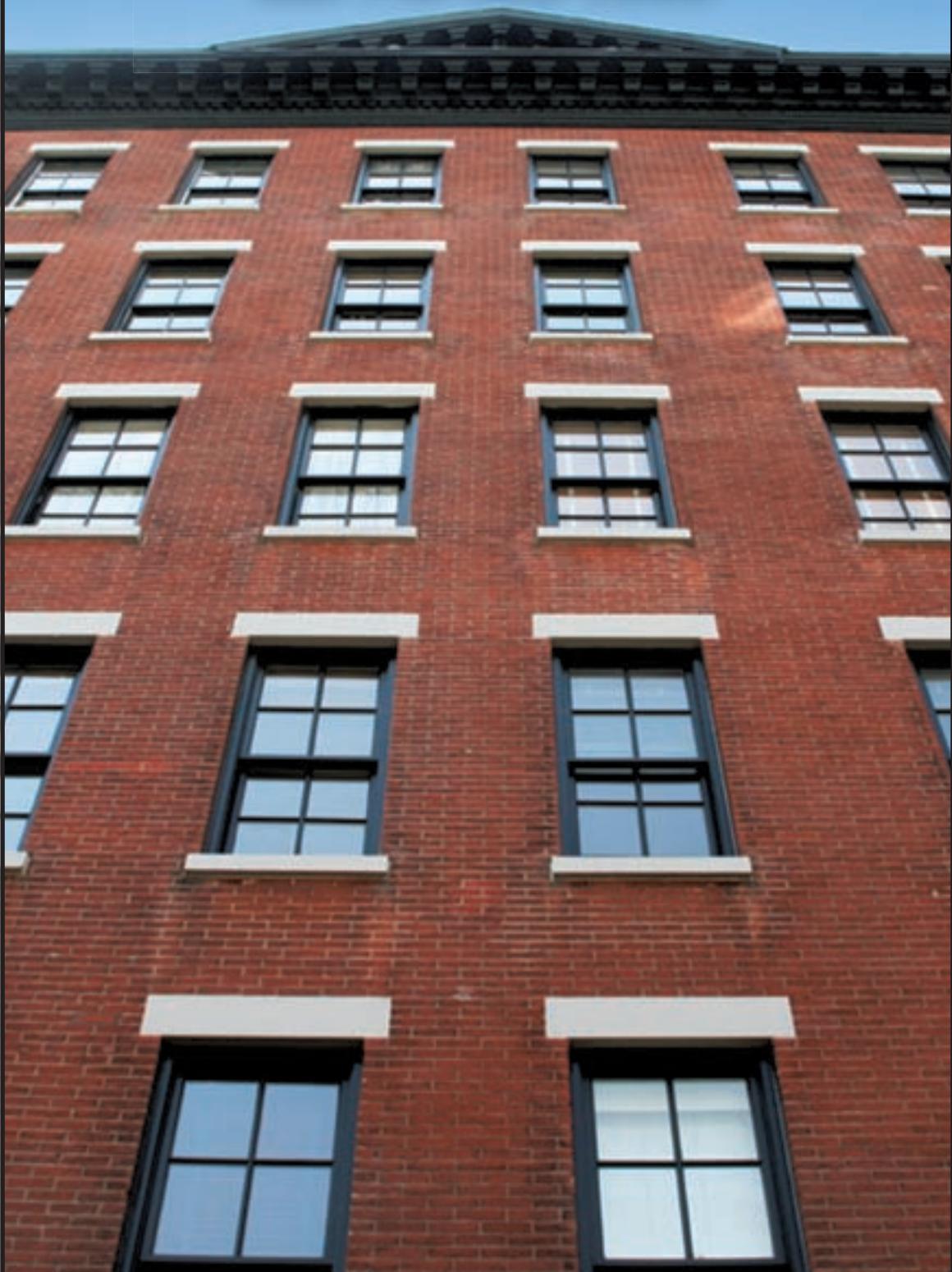
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Valentine's numbers

Valentine's Day is eagerly anticipated, and each year couples race to make their dinner reservations or surprise their sweethearts with heartfelt gifts.

According to Forbes, Americans take Valentine's Day quite seriously, spending an average of \$142.30 on gifts. Men tend to spend twice as much as women. In 2015, consumers in the United States spent \$19 billion on Valentine's Day gifts and other surprises. The Retail Council of Canada says Canadians tend to spend much less than their neighbors to the south. The average Canadian household spends roughly \$37 on gifts for the special someone in their lives.

Here's a look at some additional interesting Valentine's figures, courtesy of Forbes, CNN and History.com:

- Sixty-two percent of adults say they celebrate Valentine's Day.

- Roses are popular gifts, with 51 percent of people buying red roses for the holiday.

- Individuals will spend \$1.6 billion on candy, with roughly \$448 million spent the week before.

- Valentine's Day cards are in abundance, with 150 million being exchanged each Feb. 14.

- Thirty-eight percent of Valentine's Day consumers plan to buy flowers for the holiday.

- Valentine's Day isn't just for couples. While 91 percent of gifts purchased are for a significant other, family members, friends, classmates, and even pets get their share of gifts, too.

- Surprisingly, mixed flower arrangements edge out red roses as the top flower shop pick.

- Valentine's Day is certainly one for toasting. Nearly 174,000 gallons of champagne and sparkling wines are sold throughout the holiday week.

- In the United States, an estimated \$4.8 billion will be spent on jewelry.

- While many are buying cards, about 30 percent will opt for a romantic text message.

How chocolate became tied to Valentine's Day

Heart-shaped boxes filled with decadent treats are coveted gifts on Valentine's Day. Chocolate lovers typically have a favorite type of chocolate, whether it's creamy filled truffles or chocolate pieces with fruit or nut fillings.

The tradition of gifting chocolate is anything but new. Chocolate and other sweet treats have been offered for centuries as prized gifts. Even ancient Aztecs and Mayans celebrated chocolate and saw it as a hot commodity. Drinks made of cacao beans would be given as presents to people of high status. Chocolate also would be offered to the gods as a token of appreciation. Cacao beans were even used as a form of currency at one point.

During the 17th century, chocolate consumption grew considerably across Europe. Chocolate houses cropped up

in London, and the French elite often indulged in chocolate. Its popularity continued to grow, but the dessert was not linked to Valentine's Day until nearly 200 years later. In the mid-1800s, an enterprising individual named Richard Cadbury was looking for a way to make it even more popular than it already was. He sought out a method to make drinking chocolate more palatable and created "eating chocolates." These were packaged in decorative boxes. Eventually, Cadbury saw the benefit of putting images of cupids and roses on the boxes. He even designed boxes in the shape of hearts that could be saved as mementos. These soon became intertwined with Valentine's Day celebrations.

On the other side of the Atlantic, Milton Hershey dabbled in commercializing chocolate as well. Hershey began

as a caramel maker, but experimented with covering the caramels in chocolate in 1894. He would go on to develop one of the most successful brands of chocolate in the United States, which included the famous Hershey bar. In 1907, he launched production of teardrop shaped "kisses." (The chocolates were given their unusual name because of the "smooching" noise made by the chocolate when being manufactured.) The kisses became wildly popular and made for affordable chocolate gifts on Valentine's Day.

Many other manufacturers soon began packaging their chocolates in special boxes for Valentine's Day. Russell Stover and Whitmans are two such manufacturers who have long specialized in heart-shaped boxes or other decorative Valentine's gifts.

Traditionally, men have



gifted women with boxes of chocolate for Valentine's Day. However, that role is reversed in other areas of the world. For example, in Japan, women give gifts — namely chocolates — to the men in their lives to express love, courtesy, or social obligation. This tradition first began in 1936 when confectioner Morozoff Ltd. ran the first ever Valentine's Day ad in

Japan through a local English newspaper. By the 1950s, other Japanese confectioners were following suit.

Chocolate has long been tied to Valentine's Day gifting. Whether one believes it symbolizes heightened status, acts as an aphrodisiac, or is just a special treat, chocolates will likely always be associated with the day of love.

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Valentine's Day for the kids

Although Valentine's Day may be geared toward adults, children are quite drawn to the celebration as well. Perhaps it's the promise of candy or chocolate that gets their attention, but Valentine's Day annually appeals to the younger set.

Some couples opt to leave children in the capable hands of a babysitter come Valentine's Day and enjoy the evening solo. But for those who want to include youngsters in their fun, they can explore the many enjoyable and clever crafts and other activities available.



spired craft, like making their own cards.

Learning games

Valentine's Day can be turned into a learning opportunity for children. One idea is to create an "Attracting Love" game that illustrates the power of magnets and the laws of attraction. Fill an empty glass jar with various items made into heart shapes. These can include small pieces of pipe cleaner, paper clips, paper, and even aluminum foil hearts. Put the top on the jar and shake up the contents. Let children guess which items will be attracted to a magnet, then have them test their theory with a strong magnet rubbed on the outside of the jar. See which hearts are attracted to the magnet.

Other learning games can include matching or finding the differences between pictures, counting paper hearts or making recipes of scented modeling dough.

Dessert fun

Invite youngsters into the kitchen to try their hands at different recipes, making sure that they have a chance to sample their handiwork afterward.

Faux chocolate truffles made with chocolate sandwich cookies can be a tasty treat for little hands. Start by mashing up some Oreo cookies, then add them to a bowl with one 8-ounce package of cream cheese. Mix until everything is incorporated into a sticky batter. Truffles can be made into balls or heart shapes.

For children celebrating Valentine's Day and winter fun, turn the truffles into edible snowmen. Dip the truffles into melted chocolate or colored candy melts to coat. Place on a wax paper-covered cookie sheet and refrigerate for an hour, or until the truffles are firm.

Crafts

Children can have fun cutting out cupids, making coloring pages, or doing just about any other valentine-in-

Another craft idea is to write secret love notes with invisible ink. Lemon juice can be used as invisible ink. Have children write a message by dipping a cotton swab or their finger in lemon juice and then writing words on a white piece of paper. Once the papers have dried, an adult can reveal the message by placing the paper in front of a heat source, such as an iron or a light bulb. The message will magically appear and reveal those secret sentiments.

Children can get crafty by making gifts for the special people in their lives. Combine the concept of valentines with the ambiance of a candle. For an even safer alternative, opt for an LED-flame candle instead of traditional candles.

Kids can glue foam conversation hearts, sold at many craft stores, to the outside of the candle. Wrap the middle of the candle with ribbon, and they've just created an easy, heartfelt gift.

Kids' dinner

Encourage the next generation of chefs to create culinary masterpieces, which they can then serve to family members or friends. Children can even prepare dinner as a token of appreciation to their parents.

Plan recipes with kids in advance, but look for age-appropriate menu ideas, particularly those that will not require much use of the stovetop or other dangerous kitchen appliances. Kids can always do the prep work and then ask an adult to put the food into the oven for cooking.

One easy idea is to create heart-shaped hamburger sliders and red-colored mashed potatoes. Use red potatoes with the skin on to create the potato mash. The sliders can be shaped by hand or using a heart-shaped cookie cutter.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and the holiday presents many opportunities for children to share in the fun and festivities.

Eco-friendly ways to celebrate Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is second only to the holiday season with regard to gift giving. Although this day devoted to love and exchanging gifts can be wasteful, that does not mean those with a mind toward green and simple living should ignore the holiday altogether. In fact, there are plenty of different ways to celebrate Valentine's Day with conservation in mind:

Bee mine: Give a loved one the gift of a jar of raw honey from a nearby bee farm with a pun-themed love note that says "bee mine."

Smart greetings: When choosing greeting cards, select those printed on recycled paper using all-natural inks. Otherwise, create your own paper or digital greetings. If making your own paper greeting, be sure to make it with a reusable material that can be repurposed once the holiday has come and gone.

Purchase an artisan gift: Gifts don't have to be mass-produced items made in factories. Looks for

handmade gifts designed by local artisans who don't need fuel to deliver their creations around the world. Or look to gifts that help support a cause, such as crafts made by indigenous people to support their independent living.

Homemade meal: Take to cooking a meal at home for your valentine. Once you settle on his or her favorite foods, be sure to source out local, organic, and free-range ingredients.

Give the gift of a massage: Massages can help relieve stress and pain. Because massage is a service rather than a product, there will be no residual waste. Other service gifts include manicure and pedicures, spa treatments, and hair salon services.

Adopt an animal: Work with a local kennel to adopt a pet or speak with a favorite conservation group about financially supporting an animal. Sweethearts who are animal lovers may find this to be the ideal gift.

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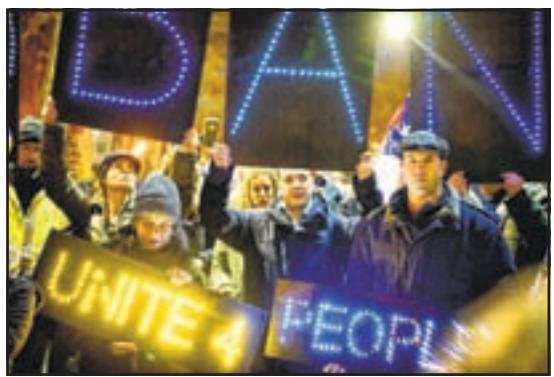
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tears. "It's unconscionable what he's doing. I don't know what to tell my 10-year-old daughter."

The Brooklynites acknowledged they still have a long fight ahead, but were buoyed by the court's decision and how many of their neighbors had turned out in support.

"This is just so beautiful, I am just so proud," said Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-Downtown), who spent the whole



SHINE A LIGHT: Brooklynites said they were heartened by the huge turnout to support those facing deportation.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

day at Kennedy Airport with Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-Sunset Park). "Now we have to bring justice to all the refugees who are escaping violence in their countries to be here — this is who we are."

SAHADI'S

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years before retiring last year. "It's in its own class."

The foundation feted the market as the "heart" of the cluster of Middle Eastern stores along the stretch that make up "Brooklyn's fertile crescent."

"Sahadi's is a bulk bin wonderland, packed with locals scooping through glass jars of amaranth, pistachios, dried figs, spices, and roasted coffee, or loading their carts with pantry goods like pomegranate molasses and Middle Eastern cheeses," the organization wrote in its announcement of this year's five winners. "It all comes together in the deli, where the family stocks multiple varieties of rich, tangy labneh, vats of creamy hummus and delicious seasonal salads as well as stocking the bakery with



THAT'S NUTS!: Christine Whelan with Sahadi's extensive nut selection. The James Beard Foundation called the venerable store a "bulk bin wonderland." Photo by Stefano Giovannini

flaky borekas and baklava, harissa-drenched lavash and Middle Eastern breads."

Whelan and brother Ron — whose grandfather opened the store on Atlantic Avenue in 1948 — will officially collect

their prize at a ceremony in Chicago in May, and she says she can't wait.

"It's very exciting," she said. "We definitely want to be part of that food conversation and we're looking forward to meeting our peers."

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Multi-generational households are common once again.

Caring for grandchildren

In the not-so-distant past, it was quite common for various generations of a single family to live under one roof and for many different members of the family to play a role in raising the children.

But that dynamic slowly changed as families spread out geographically. However, when the economy faltered and parents of young children realized they needed help, many returned to the old way of doing things. Grandparents stepped up to look after their grandkids, and adults moved back home with their aging parents. Some seniors needed to move in with their children to make ends meet.

A study of data from the Rand Corporation found that, of the four million children living with their grandparents in the United States, 2.5 million live in

three-generation households. Nearly 1.5 million live in split-generation households or ones in which grandparents are raising their grandchildren. The proportion of all grandchildren living in three-generation households, 3.6 percent, has been steady in recent years.

Research suggests that split-generation households are usually formed when parents are no longer able to take care of their children because of physical or mental illness, substance abuse, or economic problems. Three-generation households, on the other hand, are generally formed because of problems parents encounter living independently, such as through separation or divorce or due to unemployment or economic need.

Caring for their grandchildren can elicit many feelings in grandparents,

from nervousness to excitement about a fresh face around the house. Raising grandkids can be overwhelming for elderly men and women, but the following are a few tips that can make the process easier:

Explore your feelings. When you acknowledge your feelings, you are on the right path to making things work and recognizing possible obstacles.

Expect mixed feelings from others. Grandchildren and your own children also may be apprehensive about this new living situation. Encourage everyone to share their thoughts and come to a consensus on how things will be done. Expect it to take some time to establish a schedule, and don't be discouraged by any initial behavioral problems.

Take care of yourself. Grandchil-

dren, particularly young ones, can have a lot of energy and may require constant attention. Caring for such lively youngsters can be taxing on grandparents, who must make their own health and nutrition a priority. Give yourself some time for recreation and rest. Have grandchildren help out where they can. Don't feel you have to spend every moment entertaining them.

Ask for help when needed. Reach out to friends or community members if you are feeling overwhelmed. There are a number of resources available to you, and many organizations, including AARP, have their own tips for assisting three-generation households.

Multi-generational households are common once again. Families who work together can make the most of such living arrangements.

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Aging men and women may find that technology helps them simplify their everyday lives.

How seniors can simplify everyday tasks

The ability to perform everyday tasks is something many people take for granted. But as men and women approach or exceed retirement age, many may start to struggle with chores and tasks they have performed for decades.

Physical limitations are a common side effect of aging. But such limitations do not have to prove too big a hurdle for seniors to clear. In fact, there are many ways for seniors to simplify everyday tasks while maintaining their independence:

Embrace technology

Even the proudest Luddites cannot deny technology's potential to make seniors' lives easier. Seemingly simple tasks like shopping for groceries and vacuuming a home can be difficult for seniors with dwindling or limited mobility.

But seniors with Internet access in their homes can order their groceries online and then pick them up in-store or have them delivered, saving them the trouble of walking around the store. With regard to vacuuming, autonomous vacuum cleaners have removed the need to use traditional vacuum cleaners. Certain autonomous vacuums employ sensors to detect dirty spots on the floor, and these vacuums can even be programmed to clean the home while residents are out of the house.

Upgrade bathrooms

Tasks associated with personal hygiene also tend to be taken for granted until they become difficult. But a few simple bathroom alterations can help seniors safely navigate the bathrooms in their homes so they can maintain their personal hygiene without fear of injury.

Grab bars can be installed on shower walls so seniors can safely get in and out of their showers and bathtubs. Such bars are both effective and inexpensive, and some do not even require any drill-

ing to install. Specialty grab bars, tub grips, and tub transfer benches are just a few additional products that can make bathing easier for seniors who have lost or are starting to lose some of their physical strength.

Get 'smart' on the road

Seniors who are experiencing mild difficulty driving can make getting about town that much easier by plugging their smartphones into their vehicles or making use of the various apps that have become standard in modern vehicles.

For example, the maps app on a smartphone can be connected to a car and direct seniors to their destinations, saving them the trouble of remembering all the ins and outs of how to get a particular destination. Seniors also can employ apps to help them find their vehicles should they forget exactly where they parked in crowded parking lots. Such apps can increase seniors' comfort levels on the road while helping them maintain their independence.

Downsize

Whether downsizing to a smaller home or simply downsizing a lifestyle, seniors may find that living smaller is akin to living simpler. Empty nesters may find they no longer need several bedrooms in their homes, and moving into smaller homes can reduce their daily workloads while also clearing out clutter that can make performing everyday chores more difficult.

Men and women accustomed to hustle and bustle may also find that cutting back on professional and/or personal commitments gives them more energy for everyday activities while enriching the commitments they continue to maintain.

Aging men and women can employ various strategies to simplify their lives and maintain their independence well into their golden years.

Alzheimer's, dementia, and wandering

Last month, New Yorkers held their breath when they learned that a 63-year-old Upper West Side woman with dementia wandered out of a local drugstore in the matter of minutes it took her husband to fill a prescription. The media reported on her disappearance for three days. Thankfully, the story had a happy ending when a nursing assistant at a Bronx hospital recognized her patient as the missing woman.

The realization that a family member or friend has gone missing is one of the most terrifying moments for any dementia or Alzheimer's caregiver. There are many statistics about the prevalence of wandering, but the sad reality is that all dementia caregivers should assume that their family member may wander at any time, without warning. Over the last 12 months, CaringKind has received reports of 184 people with dementia who have gone missing; approximately one every other day. Even the most careful and diligent caregivers face this dangerous, and potentially life-threatening, situation.

There are many factors that contribute to wandering, from a short-term memory lapse, to a need to search for a previous residence, to the disorientation due to a changed or new environment.



Care Chronicle

by Lou-Ellen Barkan

There are also physical and emotional issues that can cause wandering, such as excess energy, boredom, discomfort, pain, or agitation.

No matter what the cause, New York City has a life-saving program available to dementia caregivers: CaringKind's MedicAlert NYC Wanderer's Safety Program is a nationwide alert program operating in partnership with the NYPD's Missing Persons Unit and other community partners. MedicAlert NYC assists in the safe and timely return of individuals who wander either in the city or across county and state lines. More than 26,000 New Yorkers are registered in the program.

When a family reports an incident of wandering to the police, the call activates an alert that is sent to hospitals, transportation hubs, shelters, and morgues. The media is also alerted when the family agrees. The MedicAlert NYC Wanderer's Safety Program provides the person with dementia a specialized

ID bracelet or necklace engraved with a 24-7 toll-free emergency number that enables law enforcement or anyone finding the individual to activate the system and start the process of returning the individual home safely.

Bottom line, the program works. Ninety-eight percent of the New Yorkers enrolled in the program who wandered were returned home safely.

In addition to registration in the MedicAlert NYC Wanderer's Safety Program, there are other simple steps to safeguarding a home to prevent wandering. Placing bells above all doors or placing pressure-sensitive mats at doors or by the bedside can alert the caregiver to movement. Childproofing door knobs can make it difficult for the person with dementia to open the door. Painting doors the color of the walls or covering them with curtains can act as camouflage and can make it difficult for the person with Alzheimer's to identify them as exits. A two-foot square, dark-color mat in front of all points of exit is often perceived by the wanderer as a hole and a place to avoid.

Caregivers can also involve their local communities by alerting neighbors and local merchants that a family member has a history of wandering, and ask them to call if the person is seen unsu-



Men and women with Alzheimer's or dementia may wander and get lost at any time, without warning.

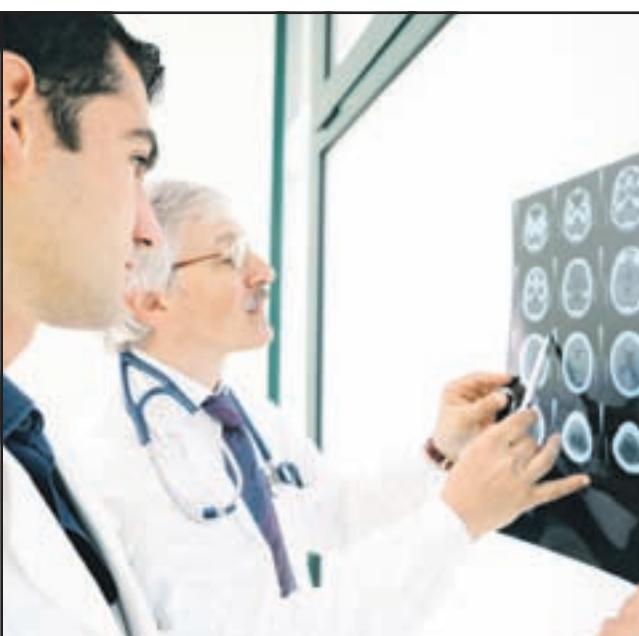
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Being an Alzheimer's caregiver is tough enough. Following these simple guidelines could help save a life.

For more information about wandering and dementia, and for free caregiving resources and programs, call CaringKind's free 24-hour Helpline at (646) 744-2900 or visit www.caringkindnyc.org.

TIA: A Warning Sign For Stroke



Strokes are the leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States. They can cause paralysis, memory loss and difficulty with or loss of speech and, in some cases, they can be fatal. Transient ischemic attacks (TIA) are sometimes called "mini-strokes"—they are similar but less severe than major strokes and can serve as a warning sign. Like strokes, TIAs can occur at any age, but they are more prevalent after age 60. It is important to know how to recognize a TIA, and if it occurs, to seek immediate medical assistance and follow a treatment plan aimed at reducing the long-term risk of a major stroke.

The most common type of stroke is an ischemic stroke, which occurs when a blood clot blocks an artery in the brain and cuts off the flow of oxygen-rich blood. A TIA acts similarly, but the blockage is temporary. The symptoms will appear rapidly, and may continue for as little as an

hour or as much as 24 hours. Although the experience may seem fleeting, it is crucial to recognize the signs and respond quickly.

"Patients who experience a TIA dodge a bullet, as the damage is not permanent," said Natalie Cheng, M.D., neurologist at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. "However, seeking medical attention during or immediately after a TIA occurrence is vital. Early treatment can reduce the chance that a stroke will occur within 90 days of a TIA by 80 percent. This is the best time to intervene."

After a TIA, a physician can try to find the source of the temporary blockage. It may be that the patient has atrial fibrillation (A-fib), a condition that causes irregular heartbeat and can create blood clots. These patients can be put on blood thinning medication to prevent clotting. Another source of the clot may be high cholesterol and plaque buildup in the

arteries of the neck. Cholesterol reducing medication can be prescribed for patients with high cholesterol counts. Smoking is another risk factor for stroke, and patients who smoke and experience a TIA should make every effort to stop.

"Some patients who experience a TIA may think it that it is just a passing occurrence, ignore it and move on," said Dr. Cheng. "However, up to 30 percent of people who experience a stroke realize, after the fact, that they had previously experienced a TIA"

The symptoms of a TIA are the same as those of a major stroke. Patients or family members of individuals who experience these symptoms should act FAST:

- Facial Weakness: The mouth or skin around the eyes may droop or the patient may be unable to smile.

- Arm Weakness: One or both arms may drift downward.

- Speech: Speech may be slurred or sound strange.

- Time: If any of the above symptoms are present, call 9-1-1 immediately and give the operator as many details as possible.

NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital is a New York State certified Stroke Center. The Hospital's Emergency Department is fully equipped to diagnose strokes and TIA quickly. For referral to a physician who specializes in the care of patients who have had TIA, call NYPBMH's Institute of Neurosciences at 866.DO.NEURO.

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Giving love notes and going on dates are great ways for older married couples to create excitement and romance.

Keeping marriage strong into your golden years

The trend of long-married couples calling it quits has been growing. However, there are some steps couples can take to keep their relationships going strong.

According to the AARP, divorces among people over the age of 50 have doubled since 1990. According to Susan Brown, co-director of the National Center for Family and Marriage Research at Bowling Green State University, one out of three baby boomers will face their golden years unmarried.

There are a number of reasons why divorce rates have skyrocketed among the over-50 set. Understanding just why these divorces are taking place and taking proactive steps to alleviate some of the divorce triggers can be a recipe for a happy marriage that continues throughout a couple's golden years.

Increase accountability. Ours is a transient society where families no longer bat an eyelash over moving great distances away from other family members. As a result, boomers may feel like they are not connected to children or grandchildren. With this in mind, they may feel less attached to their marriage or their responsibilities, or believe that no one will get hurt by a divorce. Keeping families close and remaining in frequent contact can increase accountability and reduce the propensity for divorce.

Get things out in the open. A major reason for a failed marriage is years of avoiding significant issues, rather than addressing problems. Couples should make time to talk to each other about anything that might be bothering them, rather than letting too many things slide. If these conversations turn into shouting matches, there is always the option of bringing in a third party to serve as a mediator.

Spend time apart. After retirement, couples may find themselves spending hours upon hours in each

other's company. While togetherness can be beneficial, too much time spent together may lead to feelings of suffocation and the perception that each member of the relationship is no longer his or her own person. Individuals can remedy this by doing more things on their own, whether spending time apart with friends or engaging in hobby time without your spouse. After all, absence makes the heart grow fonder. Brief periods of separation can make the time married couples do spend together feel more meaningful.

Recommit to your vows. After 30 or more years, the vows you shared on your wedding day may be a distant memory. Some people may have different views on the permanence of vows, putting personal happiness ahead of the happiness of the couple. Take stock of what you promised one another on your wedding day and stick to those words.

Become a comedian. Laughter has a way of dissolving a tenuous situation. Focus energy on laughing at mistakes instead of pointing blame. Couples can make fun of themselves and resolve to not take things too seriously.

Act like you're dating. Couples often become complacent after many years of marriage. They may forget about the little details that made the relationship fun in the early years. The personal notes and cards and other surprises may fall by the wayside after being together for some time. Make an effort to go on dates, write love notes, and think of what was appreciated by your partners when you were in the dating stage.

Practice selflessness. Sometimes all that is needed to rekindle a relationship is a selfless act that shows how much you care for your partner.

Couples who are on the fence with regard to divorce can make an effort to improve the relationship rather than simply see divorce as the best option.

The Geri-ER

Emergency room designed for seniors

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

The senior population is often described as a silver tsunami, and with good reason. According to U.S. Census estimates, by 2030 one in five Americans will be 65 or older. This large wave of older people is beginning to impact hospitals. The Center for Disease Control estimates that 15 to 20 percent of all emergency room visits in the United States are by patients aged 65 and over. This percentage translates into 19.6 million seniors. With this influx, hospitals are beginning to assess how to better serve them. The result is the development of the geriatric emergency department, or Geri-ED.

The traditional emergency room is designed primarily to allow physicians and nurses to make fast diagnoses and treat emergency medical situations. A patient's comfort is of secondary importance. These wards are usually noisy and crowded. Staff rush by with medical equipment, curtains are pulled back and forth with grating shrieks, and fluorescent lights glare at all hours.

The Geri-ED, in contrast, is smaller and quieter than the average emergency department and is set away from the usual hustle and bustle of the rest of the hospital. The rooms include signage that is easy for seniors to read and clocks are designed with larger numbers. Patients can request adaptive equipment such as telephones with large keypads, fluorescent tape on call bell, and hearing devices. Nurses and aides carry extra eyeglasses and magnifying lenses for those who left their eyeglasses at home.

Other features include beds that have thicker mattresses to reduce the risk of bedsores, bathrooms are equipped with higher toilet seats for easier access, and halls are designed with safety handrails and non-slip floors. Even the curtain rings and rods around the beds are specially designed to reduce the noise of drawing and opening the curtains.

The ward is staffed with specialized teams of medical professionals that are trained in geriatric care — including physicians, nurses, and social workers. The team is aware that older people metabolize medications more slowly, are more likely to be treated for chronic conditions, and often suffer from polypharmacy — the adverse effects of taking multiple medications.

Mount Sinai Hospital is one of the pioneers in geriatric care. It opened New York's first Geri-ED in 2012. The ward consists of 14 beds and serves between 24–26 patients daily. The medical staff includes discharge planners who evaluate patients' home needs before they



One of the more impressive features of Mount Sinai Hospital's department is the artificial skylight in the ceiling.

Mount Sinai Health System

leave and arrange for necessary services such as home care, meals on wheels, and visiting doctors and nurses.

One of the more impressive features of Mount Sinai's Geri-ED is the artificial skylight in the ceiling. The view shows trees back lit by the sky and the light changes as time passes, simulating evening and nighttime. This design helps to lessen a condition called "sun downing" — agitation and confusion that occurs among some older people at the end of the day.

The growth of the Geri-Ed has a second purpose; to decrease hospital readmissions. Medicare estimates the hospital readmission rates cost it \$17.4 billion a year. The Geri-ED's emphasis on at-home after care is beginning to reverse this trend.

Trinity Health System opened one of the nation's first senior emergency department at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md., in 2008. Shortly after opening, the rate of unscheduled returns of geriatric patients within 30 days declined. In 2009 St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson, N.J., introduced a 14-bed unit. Currently there are more than 100 such units nationwide and the number is growing.

As the over 65 population continues to grow, the medical community is finally acknowledging that older people have special medical needs, particularly when entering the emergency room. The geriatric emergency department is a major step in creating a resource that will help these people get better care and stay healthier both in and out of the hospital.

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Readers protest the protests

Protesters are storming the streets outside Sen. Chuck Schumer's Park Slope pad on a regular basis to implore him to reject President Trump's cabinet nominees and scold him when he doesn't ("Protesters bring literal spines to Chuck Schumer's house" by Colin Mixson, online Jan. 31).

Is it an inspiring act of democracy in these troubled times, or are they a bunch of whiney snowflakes?

Readers rallied in our comments section to have their say:

This is what politics have degenerated to in the U.S. Narrow minded polemics. These protesters are the flip side of the Tea Party. They don't want governance, they want ideological purity and stasis.

Want to know why we have a President Trump? People like them are a primary cause.

Fred from Windsor Terrace

These people are just as bad as Trump supporters.

Jim from Park Slope

Never fails to amaze me — the conservative trolls who come out all gung-ho for our new dictator in chief. Get used to it you spineless amerikkans. We prefer to rise up against racist, fascist, xenophobic, cheating, liars who are mentally unstable and who wanna turn this country into Russiamerikka!

I bet you're all a real fun bunch to hang out with! Enjoy your alternative facts you suckas! We'll expose you and emperor Trump for what you are at every bald faced lie! #notmypresident #nevertrump

Mike from Kensington

On the one hand we must guard against people trying to divide and conquer progressives. We've got to stay as united as possible. But on the other hand, dear ole Chuck Schumer as the voice of reason in the age of Trump sounds more like the voice of treason to me. We tried

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SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

to seek compromise under Obama for eight long years and where did it get us? Obstruction and bad bargains at best and betrayal of our ideals at worst.

If Democrats don't stand up to Trump and block him at every turn, they will be trampled underfoot and left in the dust. And deservedly so. This is no time for compromise. This is the time for battle.

You don't compromise with extremism, hate and bigotry — you fight it tooth and nail. Let Trump and the Republicans entirely own whatever damage they will do. We will not be part of it. We will not be willing participants in this debacle. Resistance, obstruction and fierce defiance are the only sane alternatives in the age of Trump. NO to Trump all the way!

schaz from Greenpoint

All Chuck wanted was a deal with Trump to keep his stooge Preet in power. He got that deal.

Meade from Canarsie

Trump got 9 percent of the vote in Park Slope. Who are all these screwballs posting pro Trump comments?

Fran from Park Slope

Chuck Schumer does what's good for Chuck Schumer. Always has always will.

Dan from Wake Up Call

Ok so they protest Trump because they don't agree with his Republican views, they protest Schumer for his Democratic views in an area that Trump only got 9 percent of the vote in. Do they even know what they want or what they are even upset about? So Schumer voted across party lines — every politician does it sooner or later because it's the only way to get anything done. Obama did it, Bush Jr. did it, Clinton did it, everyone. Democrats have an agenda too, but if they say no to everything across the board, then they will get it in return, nothing will ever get done, good or bad.

He has also been one of the strongest opponents of the Trump presidency, at least one of the most vocal.

Then they go to his house, and insult the crap out of him, because they don't want him to do anything

except say no, even though they trusted him to make a fair and honest decision, on a case by case basis, according to their values. Most people would go the opposite direction when confronted with that type of situation — ok you're not going to trust me to do my job, and then you invade my personal privacy? FU fire me when my time is up, until then I'm going to go against everything you are complaining about. And so far he hasn't.

Protesting everything, and everybody, can have the opposite affect of what you want. Get a hold of your ideas, prioritize, come up with solutions to problems, instead of just saying "No! I don't wanna" all the time and stomping around like a 2 year old.

Be productive, and find solutions to problems, that is what makes the difference between protesting and whining — not the colorful signs and clever remarks.

Shawn from Puzzled

Chuck Schumer cut a deal?? I am shocked!! Shocked!!!

Claude from Casablanca

So-called 'rights'

To the editor,

Wonderful to see all those demonstrators out there fighting for the rights of immigrants, both legal and illegal. Yet, some of these people are the biggest hypocrites ever. Why? While they're always out there to protest injustices to minorities, they are the first people to move out of a neighborhood when the demographics begin to change. Even when they do this, they persist in fighting for the so-called "rights" of others. If they're so dedicated to these people, they should not be moving to suburbia and other so called "safe havens."

I don't see former President Obama moving to the loop area in Chicago or Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn. That is why I always admired former Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne. When she became mayor of Chicago, she moved into the projects there to get a feeling of what life was like there for the inhabitants. That's what I call true courage. Of course, Ms. Byrne was rewarded by losing the following primary to the late Harold Washington.

If you want to believe in liberal

causes, that's fine with me. However, be prepared to stay with the downtrodden and not move out over night.

**Ed Greenspan
Sheepshead Bay**

Good riddance

To the editor,

I am glad that this will be the final year of Ringling Brothers Barnum-Bailey Circus. Many people are becoming more socially conscious about the cruelty and torture to circus animals.

While this is an important step for human decency, I believe another humane drive should occur nationwide, if not worldwide, by discontinuing torture of animals for medical research and to substitute prisoners of the most violent crimes to volunteer for this type of role in exchange for pardon or other forms of executive clemency by state governors.

**Elliot Abbosh
Brighton Beach**

Not fare

To the editor,

Once again NYC drivers are getting screwed. Let me get this straight, the MTA has kept the base fare at \$2.75 for the buses and subways, and tweaked the discounts for weekly, monthly passes, and the bonus for adding a certain amount of money to the everyday MetroCards. Then bragging about the lowest and fairest increases ever. That's fine.

Now to the bridges and tunnels. A 50 cents each way increase, or \$1 on a one-way toll collection system, over a 6 percent increase. Why didn't the MTA leave the base tolls the same, the way they did the transit fare? And tweak all of their discounts, EZ pass, resident discounts for Staten Island etc.? I haven't heard a peep from any of our elected officials on this, unlike the outrage they would have displayed if transit fares had been increased. The only thing some officials are clamoring about is tolling the free bridges and congestion pricing, dead horses they keep trying to revive, that Albany, thankfully, keeps shooting down. So I guess this means us drivers will continue to contribute way more than our "fare" share to subsidize modes of transit we do not use.

**Richard Hecht
Bay Ridge**

People and press must check Trump's power

The ingenious framers of our Constitution got most things right. It is amazing that a document crafted in the 18th century can be largely intact now in a very different world than the one in which it was conceived. Their plan to structure a government system that would check the power of the executive — the “checks and balances” — allowed us to succeed and make progress even when our president is misguided or has made a mistake.

We saw a great illustration this past weekend after the President decided to ban travelers from seven Muslim nations from entering our country. In dictatorships or monarchies, no one would have been able to overrule this pernicious attempt at excluding people for their religion. In America, within a few hours of this executive action, a judge in Brooklyn was able to temporarily right a potential wrong. I live across the street from the Federal Courthouse in Brooklyn and it was amazing to watch the lights flick on Saturday night for an NYCLU injunction that led to a hear-



POLITICAL SPIN CYCLE

Tom Allon

ing and a stunning rebuke to Trump.

Wow. That's real democracy in action and it heartened millions of Americans who worry that we are going off a cliff with this new administration. I'm sure this “stay” is just the beginning of a long battle, but round one ended encouragingly and it reminded everyone that in America citizens have lots of power and legal mechanisms to fight the

White House. No other country in the world has such a robust and resilient form of government. In addition to the “checks and balances” we have our First Amendment, protecting freedom of religion, speech, the press, and the right to assemble. This is one of the more stunning pieces of forward-thinking in governance. It is another bulwark against an out-of-control executive branch, and it has never felt more important in my lifetime than it has these past few weeks.

The peaceful protests that went on around the country the day after the inauguration — engineered and mostly populated by women — were evidence of the strength of our democracy and our unparalleled tradition of free speech. It showed our fellow citizens, the rest of the world, and, hopefully, the incoming administration that the power to assemble and protest is one of the most powerful rights Americans citizens retain.

More than 4 million protesters around the country sent a message to the incoming administration that there

is a movement brewing that will resist attempts to trample on the rights of minorities, women, immigrants and other oppressed groups.

The Women's March on Washington will undoubtedly be a thorn in this government's regressive side, and one hopes that it will translate into efficient political organizing and encourage more women to run for national office.

This past weekend, a pop-up demonstration at Kennedy Airport illustrated the passion and solidarity of those who were appalled by the anti-immigration actions of the new President. “If you build a wall, we will tear it down,” they chanted. A quick mobilization at airports, within hours, is an astounding modern development made possible through the powers of social media. Like the Arab Spring of a few years ago that toppled longtime leaders in Tunisia, Libya, Egypt and Yemen, the power of viral protests should never be underestimated.

The press is called “The Fourth Estate” because it belongs in our system of checks

and balances. As a graduate student at the Columbia School of Journalism in the mid-'80s I was taught good journalism comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable. Truer words could not be spoken about the role of the media in America in this scary moment. We need a strong, independent, and fair press to question, probe, and expose the misuse of power.

The media needs the support of the citizenry against manipulation by the government so we don't degenerate like other countries have when the government made the media the enemy. Steve Bannon's chilling words last week that the “media is the opposition party” and “should shut up” are not far removed from the bullying tactics in Nazi Germany in the mid-20th century. And we know where that went.

So, as citizens of the most democratic country in history, we must exercise our power to assemble, protest, organize, and support our free press.

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Movie of the weak: Flix push fear on moms

Ever wonder where our obsession with child predators began?

The answer just might be at the movies. And "M" is the picture that started it all.

What a creepy film. It opens with a mother putting around the kitchen, waiting for her daughter to come home from school. We see the clock on the wall. We see her expression grow from cheer to terror. And somewhere in the streets below, we see a man buy a little girl a balloon.

If your pulse is racing already, thank Fritz Lang, director of that 1931 classic that taught filmmakers everywhere to hook audiences with the primal emotion of heart-stopping fear for our kids.

After bad guy Peter Lorre murders the girl he bought the balloon for — off camera, so we can imagine the worst — the city rises up to hunt him down.

He nonetheless manages to befriend another child on the street. But just as he is leading her off to buy candy, her mother appears. Hallelujah!

And that is the moral of the story: Unless you want your



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

out in 1983, two years after 6-year-old Adam Walsh was abducted from a Sears store in Florida and subsequently beheaded. Even more than "M" (which was, after all, German), it is the movie that branded stranger-danger onto the collective American consciousness.

Until then, the majority of child abduction movies were either police procedurals or family melodramas, says Pat Gill, professor emeritus of communications at the University of Illinois.

"You often don't see the child at all, or if you do, it's got some gangster's moll taking care of the kid. He's not tied up or anything."

"Adam" changed all that. The two-part mini-series was ratings gold, and the media world began ordering more and more kiddie kidnappings. That's why we've seen flicks about teenaged abductees (Elizabeth Smart), toddler murder victim (JonBenét Ramsey), and kids ripped from their bicycles (Amber Hagerman, for whom the Amber Alerts are named). Then there are all those "Law & Or-

der: Special Victims Unit" episodes.

How do you proceed to kick it up a notch? You hire Liam Neeson. In 2008, we got "Taken," the megahit in which Neeson is convinced by his pushy ex-wife to let their 17-year-old daughter and her slutty friend travel to Paris without supervision. The girls land and immediately meet a cute but skeevy guy who asks to share their taxi. Moments after he drops them off, he and his gang of sex traffickers return.

Neeson's daughter sees the men grab her friend in the next room and speed-dials daddy — a Special Ops type — for advice. Matter-of-factly he tells her, "You will be taken."

Neeson hightails it to Paris and without a hint of jet lag, he takes on an international team of traffickers.

It gave parents something else to be terrified of. A mom at a PTA meeting once solemnly informed me that there are more girls sex trafficked in America today than there were slaves before the Civil War. (Umm ... wrong.)

"Room," by comparison, is a serious film. We know

this because the lead actress, Brie Larson, won an Academy Award for playing the mom who raises a son within the confines of a backyard shed. Her fictional character was taken at age 17 when she was kind enough to help a man who said he'd lost his dog.

In all these pictures, a mom is overtly or subtly at fault: The mother in "M," who didn't walk her child home from school. The mother in "Adam," who didn't keep her son by her side at Sears. The mother in "Taken," who sends her daughter to Europe unchaperoned. And even in "Room," Larson yells at her own mother for teaching her to be nice to strangers.

The movie industry has realized what newspaper editors, cable television producers, and grandstanding politicians already know: There's no business like *woe* business, and most woeful of all are stories about missing children whose mothers could have saved them — but didn't.

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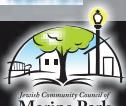
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Over the top of their heads: Artist Meriem Benanni's video of women wearing outlandish and elaborately decorated hijabs will play on the screen outside Barclays Center on Saturdays from Feb. 10 to March 6.

Meriem Benanni



That's a wrap!

Video of artsy hijabs plays at Barclays Center

By Lauren Gill

They'll be queens of the screen!

Giant women wearing high-fashion hijabs decked out like elaborate Easter bonnets will soon look down on those walking past Barclays Center. The fashionable females will appear on the giant circular video screen in front of the sports arena as part of the Public Art Fund's "Commercial Break" exhibition, running from Feb. 6 to March 5. The 30-second fake ad promoting holiday hijabs, created by Brooklyn artist Meriem Benanni, is a playful twist on the usual portrayal of Muslim women in the media, says one of the project's curators.

"Seeing the situation that we're currently living, and obviously before the election, Meriem was very concerned and

distraught about the Islamophobia that's going on around the world today — especially in America — and wanted to make a statement that really was a message of inclusion celebrating differences," said Daniel Palmer, of the Public Art Fund.

The 30-second video advertises a fictional line of hijabs, and features two models showing elaborate and sometimes impractical headscarves decorated for various holidays — including American classics such as Independence Day (printed with American flags) and Black History Month (an image of a fist giving the black power salute), and the Islamic holidays including Nowruz (featuring grass and colored eggs perched above the hijab). The ad is designed to show the importance of bringing the Islamic calen-

dar together with the secular, according to Palmer.

The clip, titled "Your Year by Fardaous Funjab," continues Benanni's satiric video series about a fictional hijab designer, who creates outfits topped with wedding cakes, baskets for tennis balls, or decorated with the Metallica logo.

"Your Year" will air once per hour each Saturday during the run of "Commercial Break," with videos from six other artists appearing during the other days of the week. The other clips include New York artist Jacolby Satterwhite's "virtual reality" video inspired by musician Nick Weiss, and a series of abstract colors and shapes that flows according to an algorithm, by artist Tabor Robak.

"Commercial Break" is an updated

take on the Public Art Fund's exhibition series "Messages to the Public," which ran in Manhattan's Times Square from 1982–1990, which similarly disrupted advertising with art. Each of the 30-second videos will play once per hour, a strategy the artist group uses to mimic advertising and to keep people thinking about the messages.

"We really wanted these ads to run in the cycle as frequently as possible," Palmer said. "We thought the repetition of an ad is important to ingrain it in people's heads and we wanted to make sure that we did the same thing with the art."

"Commercial Break" at Barclays Center's Oculus screen (620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Ave. in Prospect Heights, www.publicartfund.org). Feb. 6–March 5. Free.

GREAT DANES!

Danish Mardi Gras returns to Ridge

By Caroline Spivack

It's finally Fastelavn! Brooklyn's favorite Danish holiday is back! Next weekend, Scandinavian Brooklynites will dress up, dance, sing, and indulge in sweet treats at the annual Fastelavn festival — the Danish Mardi Gras that comes before the Lenten season of fasting — at the Danish Athletic Club in Bay Ridge. The Viking-style carnival celebration, hosted by the Scandinavian East Coast Museum on Feb. 11, is — as everyone knows — a mash-up of familiar holiday traditions that anyone can enjoy, said an organizer.

"It's kind of like Mardi Gras and Halloween fused together," said Victoria Hofmo. "People dress up in fun costumes, kids get treats, and you enjoy traditional foods. It's an interesting day."

In Europe, the Fastelavn festivals are a big draw for tourists, and towns in Denmark flood with thousands of costume-clad revelers for parades and cultural festivities. Several other Nordic countries, including Sweden, Norway, and Iceland, also celebrate Fastelavn in order to welcome spring and indulge in fun and games before fasting for Lent. Kids also visit their neighbors and sing a song threatening "trouble" unless the carolers receive boller buns — sweet creme-filled rolls.

One Danish tradition, called *slå katzen af tonden* — which literally translates to "hit the cat out of the barrel" — historically involved sealing a black



Dress to impress: Scandinavian Brooklynites will dress up to celebrate the annual annual Fastelavn festival, which is similar to both Halloween and Mardi Gras, at the Danish Athletic Club on Feb. 11.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

cat inside a wooden cask, and smacking the barrel with a stick until the kitty was free. But for the Brooklyn celebration, organizers have chosen an animal cruelty-free alternative, said Hofmo.

"We opted for a piñata," she said. "No one is going to be doing that to a cat. Also, finding a wooden barrel is actually really hard."

In Brooklyn, the Scandinavian population may not be as large as it once was, but the Danish Athletic Club will welcome people of all backgrounds to its combination of new and traditional activities. The celebration will feature

a game similar to musical chairs that swaps the seats for cutouts of black cats, sack races, and the spring tradition of decorating branches with ribbons and feathers, said Hofmo.

"We try to mix it up so it's not the same thing every year," she said. "It's pretty fun and we really try and make it so anyone — young or old — can get involved."

Fastelavn at the Danish Athletic Club [741 65th St. between Seventh and Eighth avenues in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-5950]. Feb. 11, 2-6 pm. \$38 (children 12 and younger free).

It's an 'Audio' video

By Claire McCartney

There is life after Death By Audio.

More than two years after Williamsburg music hotspot Death By Audio closed its doors, one of its founders will discuss his documentary detailing the last days of the beloved all-ages music venue. Director and club co-owner Matt Conboy says that he started filming "Goodnight Brooklyn: The Story of Death By Audio," which screens at Nitehawk Cinema on Feb. 7, when he suspected the end was near.

"I could sense that something crazy and potentially interesting might be on the horizon," Conboy said. "By the summer of 2014, we knew our lease would not be renewed and that [building owner] Vice would ultimately take over our space. I thought there was a chance that things might get nasty."

His director of photography, Jon Yi, began shooting events at the venue, capturing what turned out to be the last six

weeks of its life. The film also includes interviews filmed in its practice space, concert footage, and outtakes and clips from two other documentaries filmed at Death By Audio: "Fuzz" and "You Were Here." Those movies, filmed in 2007 and 2008, offer an invaluable look at the early days of the venue, said Conboy.

The Williamsburg filmmaker is philosophical about the impact the venue's closure had on local music fans.

"This is a city in constant flux and transition," said Conboy. "My community of artists and musicians is fairly fractured now. Without places like Death By Audio, Monster Island, and Dead Herring, it's hard for a 'scene' to exist for new ideas. I think the closing of the venue matters to some people and others don't even know it existed. That's just how it goes."

Despite the slow march of gentrification, Conboy can recommend a handful of venues that are still going strong.



Audio-phile: Filmmaker Matt Conboy, a former co-owner of the music venue Death By Audio, will discuss his documentary about its closing at Nitehawk Cinema on Feb. 7.

Photo by Stefano Giovanni

"I like Shea Stadium, Silent Barn, Trans Pecos, Warsaw, Baby's All Right," he said. "I'm excited for some of the new things opening in the coming months from our friends at Secret Project Robot and Popgun. There are still people out there trying to build new and interesting homes for creativity."

"Goodnight Brooklyn" screening and discussion at Nitehawk Cinema [136 Metropolitan Ave. between Wythe and Berry streets in Williamsburg, (718) 782-8370, www.nitehawkcinema.com]. Feb. 7 at 7:30 pm. \$16.



Moon walkers: Guests wander underneath Jarrod Peck's giant sculpture "The Moon," at the Smack Mellon gallery in Dumbo.

Etienne Frossard

Paper moon

Dumbo exhibit looms over moonstruck guests

By Alexandra Simon

Talk about the dark side of the moon!

A gigantic model of the moon, 60 feet in diameter, is now hovering ominously over visitors to the Smack Mellon Gallery in Dumbo. But "The Moon," on display until Feb. 26, is no glowing silver sphere — instead, it is roughly textured moonscape of black and gray. Artist Jarrod Peck says that the enormous dark display perfectly demonstrates his goals.

"I always wanted the project left up to the viewer to interpret. It's overwhelming with scale and tonality and the moon absorbs all the space around it," said Peck. "If they expected a lighter moon or a full moon, what you get is a huge sculpture really pressing down on you."

He spent two months handcrafting the sculpture from paper pulp, then added urethane for a luminous effect and other material to darken it.

"It started with its natural color and slowly I added more pigment, and by Christmas it was five pounds of charcoal," he said.

The giant paper moon is the visual counterpart to an epic poem Peck wrote about environmental devastation, set in a world where the Earth starts orbiting the moon. The multimedia project includes a reading of the text and several dance performances during the exhibit's run.

About ten performers, led by choreographers Abigail Levine and Danny Dolan, will perform their interpretations of the text. Peck thinks the performances will help visitors understand the environmental message of his sculpture.

"The decision to have the reading along with choreography — I really wanted people to learn as much as possible from the exhibition, with a show of provocative landscape and the environmental threat going on around them," he said.

Visitors can circle around the moon installation, which breaks up along its edges, to explore its underside and its composition. Those who arrive during the Feb. 10 dance performance can also get involved in the show, said Peck.

"That whole space is open to the audience and there's no backstage area," he said. "In Danny's piece the audience is encouraged to move to him and move to the dark side of moon. The exciting thing for me is to see performances in front of the moon and see them do different things."

"The Moon" at Smack Mellon Gallery [72 Plymouth Ave. between Washington and Main streets in Dumbo, (718) 834-8761, www.smackmellon.org]. On display through Feb. 26, Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Dance performances Feb. 10 at 6 pm; Feb. 11 at 2 pm and 6 pm. Free.



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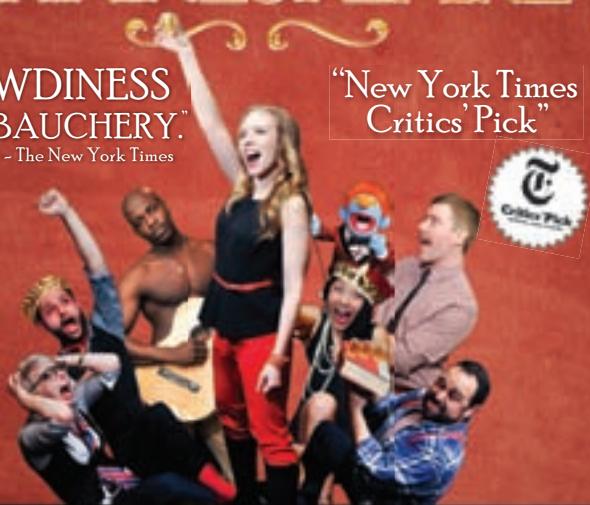
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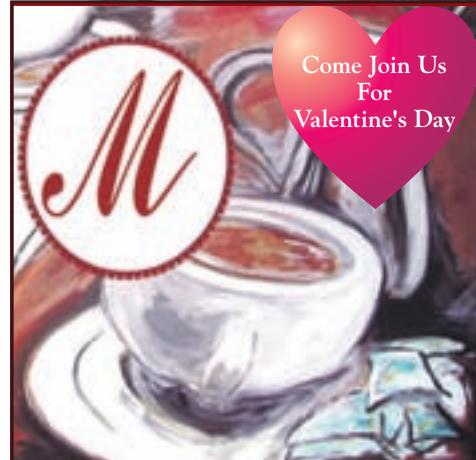


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KEEP SWINGING

Bushwick band celebrates 1930s jazz

By Julianne Cuba

Everything old is new again. A Bushwick jazz singer is offering a musical retro refuge for those looking for respite from increasingly bleak world news. Tatiana Eva-Marie, whose latest album "Je suis swing" is a tribute to the swing kids of 1930s and '40s Paris — who danced in defiance of the war and Nazi regime — says that her weekly jazz night at the Keep in Bushwick is for those who similarly choose go down swinging.

"They protested against all the upheaval with the war through joy. They were under the Nazi regime in Paris during the war and so they gathered in the little medieval cellars to play jazz and had their own underground rebel culture," said Eva-Marie. "The best way to retaliate is with joy and saying we are still here and going to have a good time no matter what."

Eva-Marie and her Avalon Jazz Band create that joy by playing 1930s-inspired jazz music every week at the Bushwick bar. The Gypsy-French band kicks off the show each Wednesday around 10 pm, but other musicians are welcome to pick up a swing shift, hopping on stage and improvising alongside the band until just before dawn — or to play solo while the band members pause to soothe their throats, said Eva-Marie.

"It goes from 10:30 pm to 4 am. I'm not singing the whole time



The jazz singer: Tatiana Eva-Marie performs every Wednesday night at the Keep in Bushwick, and just released a new album as a tribute to the swing kids in Paris during World War II.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

— I'll have a whiskey break from time to time," she said. "Anyone can come. We just try to encourage everyone, even beginners, to just come join the fun. It's a place of sharing and playing music."

And the Bushwick bar is not just a liquor-and-beer-slinging pub — it is also an antique shop, filled with vintage frames, artifacts, and tchotchkies that are on sale during the day. The retro decor makes the spot feel like a haven from the Prohibition era, said Eva-Marie, which makes it a perfect match for the band's aesthetic.

"It's really not just a bar, it's a

salon, it's an underground sort of speakeasy, everything you want. You open a door and you're in another time and place, it's really a refuge," she said. "That sets a vibe anyway, and we come in and we play music inspired by the 1930s and it just fits so magically. Most people who come in they tell me, 'Wow, what have I just stepped into?' It's really a parallel universe."

Tatiana Eva-Marie and Avalon Jazz Band at The Keep [205 Cypress Ave. between Starr Street and Willoughby Avenue in Bushwick, (718) 381-0400]. Every Wednesday at 10 pm. Free.



Paws in the game: For those who do not care about the Super Bowl, there are two Brooklyn spots where you can watch the Puppy Bowl on Sunday. Damian Strohmeyer

Bowled over A Super Bowl-adjacent activity guide for B'klyn

By Bill Roundy

hey're good dogs, Brent.

The Super Bowl arrives Sunday, Feb. 5, but with the New York Giants out of the running, Brooklynites don't really have a dog in that fight. So instead of focusing on the Atlanta Falcons and the New England Patriots, here are some spots where you can watch the Puppy Bowl, or enjoy other aspects of the Super Bowl experience: commercials, beer, and snacks!

Bar with bark

Prospect Park watering hole St. Catherine will tune its screen to the adorable action of the Puppy Bowl — Animal Planet's alternative to the big game, with puppies romping on the field, a kitten half-time show, and fouls called for playing too ruff. The puppy plays start at 3 pm, and the bar will also show the more traditional game when it kicks off at 6:30 pm.

St. Catherine [660 Washington Ave. at Bergen Street in Prospect Heights, (347) 663-9316, www.thesaintcatherine.com]. 3 pm. Free.

Kitty 'hawk

Nitehawk Cinema in Williamsburg will also screen the Puppy Bowl in its lobby, but only during the Super Bowl half-time. The real action here is catching Super Bowl LI on a giant movie screen, while servers bring the wings and beer (brewed in Georgia and Boston, to correspond with the teams) to your table. A \$30 food voucher will reserve your seat.

Nitehawk Cinema [136 Metropolitan Ave. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 782-8370, www.nitehawkcinema.com]. 6:30 pm. \$30.

Super bowling

Want to get your hands on the ball? Grab some friends and hit the pins while you watch the game at Brooklyn Bowl in Williamsburg, which will be showing the match on its 19 screens. You can reserve a bowling lane for up to eight people for \$300, or show up early for free admission and the pre-game happy hour.

Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369, www.brooklynbowl.com]. 4 pm. Free (lane rental \$300-\$350).

Ad it up

The best part of the Super Bowl is the commercials, and those take center stage at Hinterlands, which screens the game in its back room and offers "Commercial Bingo Cards" where you can mark off advertising staples like "talking baby" and "do not try this at home" disclaimer." Prizes come in the form of booze. The bar will also host a half-time "Snack-Off," so bring a shareable dish.

Hinterlands [739 Church Ave. between E. Seventh and E. Eighth streets in Kensington, (718) 633-0550, www.facebook.com/hinterlandsbar]. 6 pm. Free.

Big bowls

Before the game, you need to load up on calories to fuel your cheering. So visit Bay Ridge bar and hot dog emporium Lock Yard, which will host a pre-game chili cook-off. You can sign up to serve your meaty creation, or just show up with a spoon and vote for your favorite.

Lock Yard [9221 Fifth Ave., between 92nd and 94th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 333-5282, www.lockyard.com]. 1-4 pm. \$10 suggested donation.

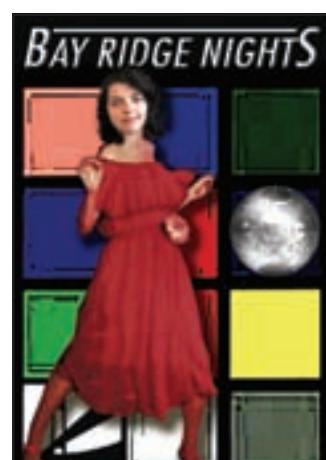
A Super weekend in the Ridge!

By Caroline Spivack

It's game day in Bay Ridge!

There may not be a New York team duking it out for the Super Bowl trophy, but the Big Game is enough of a reason to consume your body weight in wings and party hard until the clock runs out. And the night before the game, rev yourself up with some rock 'n' roll!

On Saturday, roll out of bed at 4 pm for some raspy rock by Head 'N' South at **Red, White, and Brew** (8910 Fifth Ave. between 89th and 90th streets). Later, stroll over to the **Greenhouse Café** (7717 Third Ave. between 77th and 78th streets) at 10 pm for a time warp from Rock Farm, which plays the best rock jams of the '70s, '80s, and '90s. Or for something entirely different, stumble into the **Wicked Monk** (9510 Third Ave. between 95th and 96th streets) for some late-night hip-hop jams by 3 am Tokyo.



On Sunday, come armed with an empty belly for a chili cook-off at **Lock Yard** (9221 Fifth Ave. between 92nd and 94th streets), because what other food would you start game day with? Register your team of chili cooks or just feast on the hard work of others and cast your vote for Bay

Ridge's best chili. The pre-game shenanigans starts at 1 pm, and the suggested donation of \$10 at the door goes to the Fisher House Foundation, which is dedicated to helping veterans and military families.

Then loosen up your vocal cords for cheering on your team by shouting "Bingo!" at the **Pour House** (7901 Third Ave. at 79th Street). The pre-game game session gets going at 3 pm.

And when the game kicks off at 6:30 pm, you should be at **PC's Bar and Grill** (7215 Fifth Ave. between 72nd and 73rd Streets), where you can knock back pints at the open bar, wolf down wings, and maybe even snag one of the raffle giveaways — all for the low, low price of \$40. And, of course, you can watch the game on the watering hole's seven screens, which includes a 65-inch flat screen in the back room for your viewing pleasure.

FRI, FEB. 3

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

READING, GEORGE O'CONNOR

The cartoonist reads from his book "Artemis: Wild Goddess of the Hunt" and teaches kids to draw. Free. 4 pm. Community Bookstore [143 Seventh Ave. between Carroll Street and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 783-3075], www.communitybookstore.net.

FUNDRAISER, YANKEE DOODLE CIRCUS

The vaudeville, circus, and variety show plays a fundraising show for Public School 100. Advance tickets for adults come with two free tickets for kids. \$18 (\$7 kids; kids free in advance). 5:15 and 7:30 pm. PS 100 Auditorium [2951 W. Third St. at W. Second Place in Coney Island], www.getcirstickets.com.

ART, WINTER FOLLIES: More than 30 local artists and performers have 5 minutes to show the audience their best stuff — and the group with the most votes gets free rehearsal space at Spoke the Hub! Free. 7:30 pm. Old First Reformed Church [729 Carroll St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope], www.spokethehub.com.

THEATER, "THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF LEENANE"

A blistering black comedy about a bickering mother and daughter in a tiny Irish town. Starring Marie Mulrenan as the mother, who won a Tony for originating the role of daughter Maureen 20 years ago, now taking on the role of mother. Tickets start at \$25. 7:30 pm. BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

THEATER, "THE TEMPEST"

An all-female production of the Shakespeare, set inside a women's prison and starring Harriet Walter as the wizard Prospero. Starting at \$26. 7:30 pm. St. Ann's Warehouse [45 Water St. at New Dock Street in Dumbo, (718) 834-8794], www.stannswarehouse.org.

THEATER, "BEARDO": This indie-rock musical explores the mad inner workings of Rasputin, the infamous mystic who had the ear of the Russian monarchy. \$25. 8 pm. St. John's Lutheran Church [155 Milton St. between Manhattan Avenue and Franklin Street in Greenpoint, (718) 389-4012], www.pipelinetheatre.org.

MUSIC, NEW BREW OPERA: Opera on Tap hosts an evening of drinks and contemporary classical music. \$10 suggested donation. 8 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

MUSIC, BRUCE IN THE USA: A Bruce Springsteen cover band. \$20 (\$15 in advance).

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EVENTS



Classy in session: The Lighthouse at Kingsborough College will host Thana Alexa and the Israeli 12th Night Jazz Quartet on Feb. 10, sharing songs and stories of legendary jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald.

Nir Arielli

8:30 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, ELDEST SON, THE DREAM EATERS, SLEEP HOSTAGE: \$10 (\$8 in advance). 9 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.union-hallny.com.

SAT, FEB. 4
ICE SKATING: 11 am–9 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

THEATER, "PUSS IN BOOTS": The classic tale of a kitty with magic boots is adopted for the marionette stage. \$10 (\$8 kids). 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-3391], www.puppetworks.org.

THEATER, "MARRY ME A LITTLE": Stephen Sondheim's charming and bittersweet musical following two urban singles live through a Saturday night of deep yearning and sweet fantasies while never leaving the confines of their solitary New York City apartments. \$25. 2 pm. Gallery Players [199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352-3101], www.galleryplayers.com.

THEATER, "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN": The whole Peanuts gang — Charlie Brown, Sally, Linus, Lucy, Schroeder, and Snoopy — sing and entertain the whole family. \$20. 2 pm. Gallery Players [199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352-3101], www.galleryplayers.com.

ART, WINTER FOLLIES: 7:30 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

THEATER, "PORTO": 8 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

THEATER, "NERVOSA, THE MUSICAL!": A puppet show musical about a girl who travels to Nervosa, a

special place for special people who hate their bodies! \$10. 8 pm. The Annoyance Theatre [367 Bedford Ave. at S. Fifth Street in Williamsburg, (718) 569-7810], www.theannoyance-newyork.com.

THEATER, "BEARDO": 8 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

MUSIC, BRUCE IN THE USA: 8:30 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

ART, ART IN THE BAR: Grab a drink in one hand and a paintbrush in the other for these weekly art classes in the heated outdoor tent. \$35–\$45. 2 pm. Sycamore [1118 Cortelyou Rd. between Stratford and Westminster roads in Ditmas Park, (347) 240-5850], www.sycamorebrooklyn.com.

FAMILY, TOUCH TANK: Meet and touch real, live sea creatures like starfish and sea urchins. Free with museum admission. 3:30–4:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

ART, RED ENVELOPE SHOW OPENING RECEPTION: Grumpy Bert gallery celebrates Chinese New Year with an exhibit of hundreds of pieces of original art on red envelopes, plus a lion dancer at 9 pm. Free. 6–9 pm. Grumpy Bert [82 Bond Street between Pacific Street and Atlantic Avenue in Boerum Hill], www.grumpybert.com.

COMEDY, LOVE AIN'T NEVER GONNA: The love-themed recurring comedy show explores the many intricacies of star-crossed love that don't end in happiness and riding off into the sunset. Featuring comedians Jo Firestone and Brett Davis. \$5. 11:30 pm. Annoyance Theater [367 Bedford Ave. at S. Fifth Street in Williamsburg, (718) 569-7810], www.theannoyance-newyork.com.

READING, FRANK BRUNI AND JENNIFER STEINHAUER: The food critic and chef launch the cookbook "A Meatloaf in Every Oven," a love letter to meatloaf that incorporates history, personal anecdotes, and cooking tips. \$25. 7 pm. The Annoyance Theatre [367 Bedford Ave. at S. Fifth Street in Williamsburg, (718) 569-7810], www.theannoyance-newyork.com.

SUN, FEB. 5

MUSIC, REGINA OPERA'S "SALUTE TO BROADWAY": The opera company launches its Sunday concert series with a selection of popular and Broadway hits. \$12 (\$5 teens, kids free). 3 pm. Regina Opera [5902 Sixth Avenue at 60th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 259-2772], www.reginaopera.org.

READING, SUNDAY STORY

TIME: Children 4 to 8 listen to "Adrift," a funny book about unlikely friendship. RSVP requested. Free. 11:30 am. powerHouse on 8th [1111 Eighth Ave. between 11th and 12th streets in Park Slope, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

FAMILY, "TWINKLE TAMES A DRAGON": A fairy gets a naughty pet dragon named Scruffy, and must teach him how to behave. \$12. 2 pm. On Stage at Kingsborough [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], www.onstageatkingsborough.org.

MON, FEB. 6

TOTALLY TOTS STUDIO: Children make inspired artwork. Learn about Kehinde Wiley, Titus Kaphar, Alma Thomas and Ebony Patterson. Free with museum admission. 10 am. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

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TRIVIA: Every Monday, the Lodge hosts a session of its 14-week trivia league, with a mega-prize at end and weekly prizes as well. Drop-ins and teams welcome. Free. 8 pm. Sycamore [1118 Cortelyou Rd. between Stratford and Westminster roads in Ditmas Park, (347) 240-5850], www.sycamorebrooklyn.com.

TUES, FEB. 7

TALK, BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE ROUNDTABLE: A discussion of Red Hook's burgeoning real estate with developers and community leaders. Proceeds benefit BHS. \$300. Noon. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

TALK, "BLACK VOICES, BLACK ART": Art historian and curator Kellie Jones discusses her career, activism, and vision for the future of including black artists in an overwhelmingly white canon with trailblazing social media maven and blogger Kimberly Drew. \$10. 7 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

READING, FRANK BRUNI AND JENNIFER STEINHAUER: The food critic and chef launch the cookbook "A Meatloaf in Every Oven," a love letter to meatloaf that incorporates history, personal anecdotes,

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Hello, ladies: The feeling's right, and it's Ladies Night R&B Super Jam on Feb. 9 at Barclays's Center, where handsome fellows like Big Daddy Kane (pictured), Keith Sweat, and Brian McKnight will perform for all you fine females.

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COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

FRI, FEB. 3

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

MON, FEB. 13

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

SAT, FEB. 4

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. CAROLINA HURRICANES: Rally towel giveaway. \$15–\$750. 7 pm.

WED, FEB. 15

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

SUN, FEB. 5

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. TORONTO RAPTORS: \$25–\$3,000. Noon.

THU, FEB. 16

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. NEW YORK RANGERS: \$65–\$335. 7 pm.

MON, FEB. 6

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS: \$15–\$700. 7 pm.

SUN, FEB. 19

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. NEW JERSEY DEVILS: \$15–\$275. 6 pm.

WED, FEB. 8

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

THU, FEB. 23

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUITS PRESENTS "OUT OF THIS WORLD": \$15–\$182. 7 pm.

FRI, FEB. 24

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUITS PRESENTS "OUT OF THIS WORLD": \$15–\$182. 11 am, 3 pm and 7 pm.

SAT, FEB. 25

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUITS PRESENTS "OUT OF THIS WORLD": \$15–\$182. 11 am, 3 pm and 7 pm.

SUN, FEB. 12

SPORTS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. COLORADO AVALANCHE: \$15–\$700. 6 pm.

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

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dotes, and even meatloaf sandwiches. Free. 7–9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [28 Adams St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666–3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

THEATER, "THE TEMPEST": 7:30 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

THEATER, "BEARDO": 8 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

WED, FEB. 8

FUND-RAISER, PARTY TO PROTECT YOUR PARTS:

A fundraiser for Planned Parenthood NYC Votes, with performances from the bands Netherlands, the Giraffes, and Ice Balloons, along with burlesque performances, raffles, and special host the Vagilante. With \$2 drinks until 7:15 pm. \$15. 6:30 pm. Saint Vitus Bar (1120 Manhattan Ave. between Box and Clay streets in Greenpoint), www.saintvitusbar.com.

ICE SKATING: 10 am to 6:30 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

READING, ALANA MASSEY: The author discusses "All the Lives I Want," her new essay collection aiming to examine the intersection of the personal with pop culture through the lives

of pivotal female figures — from Sylvia Plath to Lil' Kim. Free. 7–9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [28 Adams St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666–3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

THEATER, "THE TEMPEST": 7:30 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

THEATER, "BEARDO": 8 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

MUSIC, THE ICEBERGS: The band celebrates the release of its latest album. With Big Bliss, I Am The Polish Army, and Jessica Delfino. \$10. 8 pm. Sunnyvale (1049 Grand St. between Morgan and Vandervoort avenues in Williamsburg), www.sunnyvalebk.com.

THURS, FEB. 9

ICE SKATING: 10 am to 6:30 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

ART, AIR GALLERY OPENING

RECEPTION: The gallery focused on women artists opens three new exhibits: digital prints by Ann Pachner, multimedia collages by Elisabeth Munro Smith, and photos of Beirut by Manal Abu-Shaheen. Free. 6–8 pm. A.I.R. Gallery (155 Plymouth St. between Pearl and Jay streets in Dumbo, (212) 255–6651), www.air-gallery.org.

TALK, "CITY OF SEDITION — THE HISTORY OF NEW YORK CITY DURING THE CIVIL WAR": Historian John Strausbaugh discusses his most recent book, which paints a vivid picture of Civil War-era New York City as a place of extremes, where war heroes and draft resisters, abolitionists and slavery proponents, Lincoln supporters, and anti-war protesters all co-existed. \$10. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222–4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.

FUND-RAISER, GIVE A PUCK!

This one-night air hockey tournament will raise cash for the ACLU. With prizes for top players, as well as random prizes like Craziest Trick Shot and Longest Game. All skill levels welcome. \$20. 7 pm. Ocean's 8 [308 Flatbush Ave. at Park Place in Park Slope, (718) 857–5555], www.giveapuck.nyc.

READING, "F--- LOVE":

Michael Bennett and Sarah Bennett discuss their irreverent book that reveals what to look for when you are done being suckered by the promise of true love and want a real, lasting relationship. Free. 7–9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [28 Adams St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666–3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

THEATER, "THE TEMPEST": 7:30 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

THEATER, "BEARDO": 8 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.



Super 'bowl': Americana band Dustbowl Revival is no nostalgia act — its members play old-timey instruments, but its songs have a modern edge. Hear them blow their horns at Union Pool on Feb. 9.

Nir Arielli

MUSIC, DUSTBOWL REVIVAL: \$15 (\$12 in advance). 8 pm. Union Pool [484 Union Ave. at Meeker Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 609–0484], www.union-pool.com.

THEATER, "ENTERPRISE": A fast-paced surreal comedy about a business on the brink of collapse, with four workers willing to try email hacking and animal sacrifice to save the company. \$18. 8 pm. The Brick [575 Metropolitan Ave. between Union Avenue and Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907–6189], www.bricktheater.com.

FRI, FEB. 10

TOUR, "BROOKLYN NAVY

YARD — INSIDE INDUSTRY TOURS": Tour some of the 330 businesses in the thriving industrial park. With visits to woodworking shops, spacesuit makers, and the new technology center. \$20. 9:30 am. Brooklyn Navy Yard Center at BLDG 92 (63 Flushing Ave at Carlton Avenue in Vinegar Hill), www.bldg92.org.

ICE SKATING: 10 am to 9 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

ART, TEEN NIGHT:

Planned by teens for teens, this free evening at the Museum is filled with art, friends, food, and fun. With live music, dance performances, art-making, workshops, and refreshments. Free. 5 pm to 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], www.brooklyn-museum.org.

ART, "THE MOON":

Beginning as an epic poem in 2014, Jarrod Beck's "The Moon" addresses themes such as environmental devastation, the AIDS epidemic, and queer collectivist anarchism through various performances with sculptures, dance, and text. Free. 6 pm. Smack Mellon [92 Plymouth St. at Washington Street in Dumbo, (718) 834–8761], www.smackmellon.org.

FILM, "THE SUPREME

PRICE": This 2014 documentary examines the pro-democracy movement in Nigeria and efforts to increase the participation of women as leaders. Professor Magaly Colimon-

Christopher will introduce and lead a discussion afterward. Free. 6:30–9 pm. First Unitarian Chapel [116 Pierrepont St. between Clinton Street and Monroe Place in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 624–5466], www.fuu.org.

THEATER, "SINGIN' IN THE

RAIN JR": The Ensemble Middle School kids open their umbrellas and put on the beloved musical. \$15. 6:30 pm. The Actors Fund Arts Center [160 Schermerhorn St. Between Smith and Hoyt streets in Downtown], www.brownpapertickets.com/event/279114.

THEATER, "HEALING & SELF-PRESERVATION

AS RESISTANCE": A film, video, and performance by Present Futures. Part of "The Altar: Rituals of Healing in the African Diaspora," a month-long event series exploring healing, restoration, and realignment in the African Diasporic community. Free. 7–9 pm. Pratt Institute's Film/Video Center (550 Myrtle Ave at Emerson Place in Clinton Hill), www.pratt.edu.

MUSIC, ELLA!: Vocalist Thana

Alexalt and the Israeli 12th Night Jazz Quartet celebrate the music of Ella Fitzgerald at this cabaret show inside the Kingsborough Lighthouse. \$40. 7 pm. On Stage at Kingsborough [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368–5596], www.onstageatkingsborough.org.

THEATER, "SWEENEY TODD":

Experience Stephen Sondheim's magnificent score and lyrics in an intimate, gothic setting! Theatre 2020 takes on the infamous tale of a demon barber out for revenge. \$40 (\$30 seniors and students). 8 pm. The McKinney Chapel at First Unitarian Society [116 Pierrepont St. between Clinton Street and Monroe Place in Brooklyn Heights], www.theater2020.com.

THEATER, "BEARDO":

8 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

DANCE, BAX UPSTART FESTIVAL:

The Brooklyn Arts Exchange (BAX) hosts a festival of New York City's freshest talent with intriguing works of dance, theatre,

performances pieces, and more. \$16. 8 pm. BAX — Brooklyn Arts Exchange [421 Fifth Ave. at Eighth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832–0018], www.bax.org.

NIGHTLIFE, LOVE BITES

POWER BALLAD SING-A-LONG: Sing along to a heartbreaking collection of pro- and anti-love power ballad music videos from the '80s and '90s! \$10. 9:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], www.unionhallny.com.

SAT, FEB. 11

ICE SKATING: 11 am–9 pm. See Friday, Feb. 3.

ART, "THE MOON": 2 pm and 6 pm. See Friday, Feb. 10.

MUSIC, PATTI LABELLE: Tickets start at \$105. 8 pm. Kings Theatre [1027 Flatbush Ave. between Beverly Road and Tilden Avenue in Flatbush], www.kingstheatre.com.

MUSIC, THE CHRIS BERGSON BAND: The blues band plays a benefit for the Camp Brooklyn Fund, which helps low-income kids attend summer camp. \$25 (\$10 teens, kids free). 8 pm. East Midwood Jewish Center [1625 Ocean Ave. between Avenues K and L in Midwood], www.emjc.org.

KEY TO THE CITY — A FAMILY RESOURCE DAY: The New York Immigration Coalition offers a free immigration clinic, with resources for healthcare, education, finances, and other services. Free. 9 am–1 pm. JHS 162 (1390 Willoughby Ave. at St. Nicholas Avenue in Bushwick).

FAMILY, SCIENCE DISCOVERY WORKSHOP: Engage in fun science experiments and games to learn about the wonders of nature. Experiments will be enjoyable for all ages and all equipment will be provided. Free. 1 pm. Salt Marsh Nature Center [3302 Avenue U in Marine Park, (718) 421–2021].

FASTELAVN: Come celebrate Danish Mardi Gras by decorating spring branches, dressing in costume, eating cream buns and listening to music provided by Ellen Lindstrom. \$38 (kids free). 2–6 pm. Danish Athletic Club [741 65th St. between Seventh and Eighth avenues in Bay Ridge, (718) 748–5950].

FAMILY, TREEHOUSE SHAKERS: An interactive children's show follows the exploits of Coyote, the trickster character from Native American. \$15. 2 pm. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488–1624], www.kumbletheater.org.

"SINGIN' IN THE RAIN JR": 3 pm and 6:30 pm. See Friday, Feb. 10.

COMEDY, "THE MESSY SHOW": A variety show in which each performer makes a complete mess on stage! \$10. 8 pm. Superchief Gallery [1628 Jefferson Ave between Wyckoff and Cypress avenues in Bushwick], www.facebook.com/soapcomedy.

Sports

● 'I help guys learn and grow as humans and as players.'

— 26-year-old Ronald Nored on coaching the D-League Long Island Nets.

● 'I want to play against the top players in the country.'

— South Shore standout Tsahai Corbie on committing to Coppin State.

Former Loughlin star's spot in books

BY LAURA AMATO

She doesn't consider herself much of a defender

La Salle senior Jasmine Alston would do just about anything to get the ball back in her hands, grab back a bit of control, and put points on the board — a desire that has helped put the former Bishop Loughlin star in the Explorers' history books.

Alston became the program's all-time leader in steals earlier this season, racking up her 234th career pickoff on Jan. 14.

"I actually didn't really know I was closing in on it until I looked at the game notes and I was just like, 'I'm three steals away from tying it!'" Alston said. "It was crazy to think about."

"Any opportunity to get the ball and get back on offense is one I'm going to take," she added. "I just want to score the ball. It's just about pressuring the ball, picking the pass off and moving."



EXPLORING HER OPTIONS: Former Bishop Loughlin star and La Salle senior Jasmine Alston is anxious to test the professional waters after a history-making career with the Explorers.

La Salle Athletics

Alston's steals record wasn't her first foray into hoops history. She became the first La Salle player since 2000 to notch a triple-double last season and, this year, the senior point guard has settled into a leadership position that, she knows, will define her career with the squad.

"I've always naturally been put in a leadership position just being a point guard, you have to be vocal," Alston said. "But this year I'm trying to lead the team, not just verbally, but by example."

In her first 19 games this year, Alston averaged 8.4 points, 9.1 rebounds, 7.2 assists and 2.3 steals a game — rarely coming off the court. Not that she would want to. Alston thrives on playing and, most importantly, setting up her teammates.

It's why she's always so keen to grab a steal on defense — she wants to get out in transition, push the offense ahead

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South Shore can't hold on, drops non-league match

BY LAURA AMATO

It all felt like it was slipping through their fingers.

South Shore's girls basketball team couldn't hold on to a late-game lead on Jan. 29, falling 57-52 to Baldwin at the Mecca Challenge in the Bronx. The Lady Vikings led by nine points with 6:43 left on the clock, but the squad was plagued by late miscues and missed opportunities down the stretch — a trend that is becoming far too prevalent.

"There's no medium. Either we're going to be ready to play or we're not," South Shore coach Anwar Gladden said. "Every game we've lost, we're up double digits in the course of the game. We've just

got to be able to finish teams off."

South Shore (18-3) was inconsistent on offense from the get-go, playing much of the first half without senior star Selena Philoxy.

The Seton Hall-bound forward was whistled for her second foul midway through the first quarter and picked up her third with a little more than two minutes left in the second.

Philoxy's absence on the court left a big-time hole in the Lady Vikings' game plan — particularly on the boards. She hauled in just four rebounds and struggled to get position on the block, unable to use her height to her advan-

tage against Baldwin's defenders.

"I thought Sarah Henry did a phenomenal job on her today," said Baldwin coach Tom Catapano. "[Selena] is a tremendous player and we have tremendous respect for her, but Sarah did a great job on her all night."

South Shore went into the break facing a two-point deficit, but grabbed back a bit of momentum in the third quarter, sparked by the strong play of forward Earlette Scott.

The junior did a bit of everything for the Lady Vikings, playing the point, directing the offense and, most importantly, driving the lane.

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CONQUERED DOWN LOW: South Shore guard Selena Philoxy and the Lady Vikings struggled to sink shots in the paint.

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Lady Vikings senior commits to Coppin State

BY LAURA AMATO

She felt an immediate connection.

South Shore hoops standout Tsahai Corbie, who met the coaching staff at Coppin State University a few weeks ago, said she knew right after that first conversation she had found the program for her.

Corbie verbally committed to Coppin State late in January, cementing her on-court future and, more importantly, buying into a program that she hopes will help shape her off the court as well.

"They were the first school to actually reach out to me and I really took that into consideration because they saw me for the player I am, faults and strengths," Corbie said. "They didn't just see me and I had a 20-point game and it was, like, oh, let's just get this girl."

Corbie met with Coppin State's coaches — including head coach DeWayne Burroughs — and found that they weren't simply interested in her as a player. They were interested in her as a person as well and that, ultimately, made her college decision as easy as possible.

"I felt like that made the difference," Corbie said. "They were really open and honest with me and they were kind of



FLYING HIGH: Tsahai Corbie, left, verbally committed to the Coppin State Eagles late last month after visiting the Baltimore campus.

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humorous too and I like that in a coaching staff. I really developed a relationship with them."

Corbie visited Coppin State's campus just before verbally committing and, much like her early conversations with the coaching staff, knew immediately — she'd found the perfect school.

The Baltimore campus isn't enormous, but it's not too small either and the school

is close enough that Corbie's family can come see her play next season.

"It's exactly what I was looking for," Corbie said. "When I stepped on, I immediately knew I could see myself here. It was just the perfect match for me."

Corbie's hit her on-court stride over the last few games with the Lady Vikings, including a nine-point performance

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Eagle Academy still looking to improve

BY GREGORY ALCALA

There's still room for improvement.

The Eagle Academy II boys basketball team cruised to a 95–61 victory over Transit Tech on Jan. 27, but head coach Leon Pursoo is still anxious to see more from his squad.

"As ironic as it may sound, we were a little disappointed," Pursoo said. "We think we should be a little better right now, and the boys know that, and expect us to be better."

The team appeared to get the memo — dominating from every angle in the Public Schools Athletic League 'A' matchup. Eagle Academy jumped out to a 23–21 lead after the first quarter and padded the cushion with a lopsided 10–3 run in the second.

From the opening tip, the Eagles (13–1) utilized a full-

court press, trapping and frustrating Tech's backcourt — juniors Jamill Moody, Isaiah Garrett and senior Tirron Squire. It wasn't until the second quarter, however, that the Eagles were able to grab a bit of offensive separation.

Nursing a two-point cushion midway through the second, junior guard Kayvon Ransom sparked the offensive explosion as the Eagles jumped out to a double-digit lead. In the last 40 seconds of the second, the Eagles seized control of the game, taking advantage of a handful of Transit Tech (10–4) miscues.

Yasin Adbur-Rashid found junior guard Brandon Lewis for up-and-under finish along the baseline — off a turnover — and, moments later, junior forward Tyrese Baptiste converted a missed layup into an easy two at the end of the

Eagle Academy's lead ballooned to 29 points with 2:18 left in the first — sparked by a handful of three-pointers

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PUSH IT: Nazareth junior Shonnyville Regalado, left, pushed tempo down the stretch as the Lady Kingsmen held on for a win over Murry Begtraum on Jan. 27.

Community News Group / Laura Amato

Naz star leads team to win in fourth quarter

BY LAURA AMATO

She saved her best for last.

Nazareth center Analeza Edore was an offensive force to be reckoned with in the fourth quarter, leading the Lady Kingsmen to a 66–59 victory over Murry Begtraum at the MECCA Challenge on Jan. 27.

Edore scored her team's first 11 points in the fourth quarter and racked up 15 of her team-best 18 points in the final eight minutes of play.

"I was just thinking that I need to push," Edore said. "We were down and we struggled with the turnovers, so I knew I had to make every single layup I could possibly make. I just wanted to go hard every single possession."

Edore was exactly what her team needed late as both Nazareth and Murry Begtraum struggled to find a rhythm throughout the non-league matchup.

The Lady Kingsmen racked up 15 first-half turnovers and failed to connect on a handful of jumpers just in front of the net in the first three quarters. Edore changed that, seizing momentum and keeping Nazareth in the game.

"I think I should have focused on her a little earlier," said Nazareth coach Ron Kelley. "She put together a good game and she could have helped us put the game away earlier."

The Lady Kingsmen grabbed a 10-point cushion midway through the third quarter, but Murry Begtraum refused to go down without a fight. The Lady Blazers clawed back to make it a four-point game heading into the fourth and, despite Edore's best efforts,

kept things tight down the stretch.

"We told ourselves we couldn't let ourselves think about that," said junior guard Shonnyville Regalado, who finished with 16 points. "We thought about the positives and striving to keep playing hard. We knew if we played good defense, the scoring would come with that."

Nazareth settled into its 2–3 zone and forced its fair share of turnovers, determined to make sure Murry Begtraum could never quite hit its stride. The Lady Blazers didn't help its own cause either — missing four straight free throws with just under a minute and a half left on the clock.

Edore wrapped up the Lady Kingmen's victory with 37 seconds left, faking one way before spinning around a defender and draining a bank shot that had the entire bench on its feet.

"I had to get it in," she said of the late-game shot. "I had to focus and make sure everything went in."

It wasn't a perfect victory — Nazareth wrapped up the game with over 30 turnovers — but it was still a notch in the win column and, right now, that's all the Lady Kingsmen are worried about. They're looking for a little consistency heading into the final few games of the regular season and a grind-it-out performance like this is exactly what the squad needed.

"We're up and down, we're very inconsistent so this is our third straight," Kelley said. "Hopefully we can take this win back into league play and play some better basketball."

Nothin' but a number

26-year-old pro coach defying expectations

BY LAURA AMATO

He's used to the question now.

Ronald Nored almost expects it at this point — the confused looks, the slightly lowered eyebrows, the mutterings of "Aren't you too young to be a coach?"

The 26-year-old, who was named the first head coach of the Long Island Nets last year, takes it all in stride, nodding and smiling and then, more often than not, heading straight back to the gym and his team and the role he's certain he was born for — coach.

"I got asked about it last night, went to watch my alma mater play and someone said 'How is it coaching guys that are your age or even older than you?' And to be honest with you, it's been great," Nored said.

"You can be 45, 50 years old and not work hard or care about the players and help them in their careers and they won't respect you," he added. "It's about how much we're willing to sacrifice for the betterment of the players."

Nored first drew the national spotlight during his college career at Butler, leading the Bulldogs to back-to-back National Championship appearances in 2010 and 2011. He was a vocal leader on and off

the court and after his playing career ended, he knew he belonged on the sidelines.

He dabbled in the high school and college game before teaming up once again with former Butler coach Brad Stevens who offered him a job in the Celtics organization. Nored served as a player development assistant in Boston and worked as an assistant with the team's D-League affiliate, the Maine Red Claws. He also started building his own coaching persona — and he credits Stevens for most of it.

"Brad has probably had the biggest impact on me," Nored said. "He kind of laid out the blueprint for me when I was a player. It gave me a window into the coaching world."

Nored's resume includes a season as an assistant at Northern Kentucky University in 2015 — but the road to head-coaching glory has been a bit bumpier than he expected.

The Nets started off the season 2-11 and coaching D-League players is different than any other team Nored has encountered.

"You have to figure out a way to get them to want to achieve the same goal while explaining that it will still help them achieve their individual

goal," Nored said. "I think more at this level than any other level because guys aren't in the D-League to stay. That's definitely one of the challenges at this level."

The key for Nored, from a coaching standpoint, is helping his players develop. The Nets, much like Nored, are young — even at the NBA level — and a D-League squad is a much-needed building block in establishing success down the line.

Nored has done his best to keep his players focused on the immediate, on the next game and the next play. He's as much teacher as he is coach this season, trying to create a very specific culture within the organization.

"I pride myself on using basketball to help guys learn and grow as human and as players," Nored said. "It's a great position to be in."

Nored has learned more about himself in the last few months than he ever expected — dealing with adversity and players and those pesky questions about his age — but he's also having the time of his life on the sidelines. He wouldn't change any of it and he can't wait for the next challenge, determined to help build something on the hardwood.

EAGLE

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by Abdur-Rashid and a three-point play by Deonte Johnson.

"I think their pressure affected us and we lost our composure," Tech head coach Michael Perazzo said. "Things kind of snowballed once we lost touch, so it will be a learning experience for us."

Ransom notched a double-double in the victory with a

team-high 21 points and 10 rebounds. Adriene Payne and Abdur-Rashid both scored 13 points, and combined for seven assists. Baptiste also chipped in 13 points, but dominated the glass with 21 rebounds, including nine on the offensive side of the ball. Kingsley Rodgers-Dillard also posted a double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds.

Amani Cummings led Tech with 17 points — matching his season average —

Squire added 13, and Garrett and Moody both recorded eight points.

It's another solid win for the Eagles, but Pursoo and his team aren't getting too high yet — after all, there's still plenty of basketball to be played.

"I don't think we've played at our best yet, for the entire season," Pursoo said. "Hopefully we can hit our stride a little better and make a nice run at it."

CORBIE

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against Baldwin on Jan. 29, and she's determined to improve once she reaches the college level.

Coppin State competes in the Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference, but the Eagles boasted a jam-packed non-conference schedule with top-tier competition this season. In fact, Corbie sighted Coppin State's challenging schedule as a ma-

jor factor in her commitment decision.

"I don't want to go somewhere we're going to be just beating teams up," she said. "I want to go somewhere where it's going to be games that we lose, but they're going to be close and tops. I want to play against top players in the country."

Corbie is thrilled with the chance to play basketball at the next level — the third South Shore player to commit to a Division I program this

season — but she's also doing her best to stay in the moment as well.

After all, she and the Lady Vikings have their sights set on another championship and before she packs her bags for Baltimore, Corbie wants to lift that city title trophy one more time.

"I'm glad that I've got the chance at this opportunity," she said. "But I also really, really want to win states. So I'm doing my best to stay focused on that."



UP HIGH: Earlette Scott was an offensive spark plug for South Shore on Jan. 29, racking up a team-high 18 points against Baldwin.

Community News Group / Laura Amato

SOUTH SHORE

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"I was just trying to penetrate because I was taller than most of the girls on their team," said Scott, who finished with a team-high 18 points. "So I was just trying to get to the basket and that was working well for me."

Scott's solo effort wasn't quite enough, however, as South Shore struggled to maintain its rhythm.

Baldwin rallied late, thanks in large part to the dominant play of Aziah Hudson. The junior scored from just about everywhere on the court, finishing with a game-high 29 points and tying the game at 49 with 2:29 left.

Scott drained the Lady Vikings' last field goal of the night, making it a 51-51

game with 55 seconds left, but South Shore scored one more point on the night.

"We were up eight points and we were missing layups," Gladden said. "We'd go up to the line and miss both free throws. It was terrible all around."

It was a disappointing loss for the Lady Vikings, but there was a silver lining. South Shore walked off the court more determined than ever to wrap up games in the fourth quarter. After all, this team has its sights set on a championship and it will need to play a complete 32 minutes to do that.

"We want to be city champions, state champions and games like these helps us learn how to close out," Scott said. "I'm just glad it happened now and not playoff time."

ALSTON

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of her and find the open player.

"I've definitely been known as a pass-first, dish it off kind of player," said Alston, who finished 11th in the nation in assists last year. "I get in the lane and if I see somebody open, I'll always make the extra pass for them."

Alston always knew La Salle was the perfect program for her and she has savored every moment on the court. As far as she is concerned, this isn't just a team or a game, it is a family — one she knows will still be there even after she has wrapped up her career.

"This isn't just somewhere you go for four years and you don't have a connection after," Alston said. "This is a lifelong connection between school and him and everyone here that's impacted me."

Of course, there have been

adjustments over the last four years, on and off the court. Alston's had to learn how to play a bit more defense, even when she doesn't want to, and life at a small school has been different than anything she experienced at Bishop Loughlin.

"It was definitely a change from New York," she said. "I actually had to learn how to drive because there's not much out here. I got my license when I was 20 years old."

Despite the differences and the defense, Alston wouldn't change a moment of her time with the Explorers. It's been a historic run for her and, now, as she stares down the end of her college career, she's determined to seize the next opportunity.

"I got invited to a couple of combines down in Texas during the Final Four, so we'll test the waters there," Alston said. "I'd like to play overseas or anything like that, if there's an opportunity I'm going to take it."

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF KINGS U.S.
Bank Trust, N.A., as
Trustee for LSF8 Master
Participation Trust,
Plaintiff AGAINST

Nicholas J. Ruvolo a/k/a
Nicholas Ruvolo Jr.;
Evelina Ruvolo; et al.,
Defendant(s). Pursuant to
a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale
duly dated December 3,
2015 I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public
auction at the Kings
County Supreme Court,
360 Adams Street, Room
224, Brooklyn, NY
11201 on February 23,
2017 at 2:30PM,
premises known as 74
Kermit Place, Brooklyn,
NY 11218. All that
certain plot piece or
parcel of land, with the
buildings and
improvements erected,
situate, lying and being in
the Borough of Brooklyn,
County of Kings, City and
State of NY, Block 5322
Lot 118. Approximate
amount of judgment
\$709,009.58 plus
interest and costs.
Premises will be sold
subject to provisions of
filed Judgment Index#
23241/2008. Regina L.
Darby, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak,
LLC Attorney(s) for the
Plaintiff 175 Mile
Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York
14624 (877) 759-1835
Dated: October 31, 2016

LEGAL NOTICE

1761 NOSTRAND LLC.
Art. of Org. filed with the
SSNY on 12/30/16.
Latest date to dissolve:
12/31/2070. Office:
Kings County. SNNY
designated as agent of
the LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail
copy of process to the
LLC, c/o David Spindler,
Esq., 1431 Nostrand
Avenue, Brooklyn, NY
11226. Purpose: Any
lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

**3042 Ocean Avenue,
LLC.** Articles of
organization filed with the
Sec of State of NY on
01/09/2017. Office
location: Kings County.
SNNY is designated as
agent upon whom
process against the LLC
may be served. SNNY
shall mail process to the

LEGAL NOTICE

LLC c/o 3042 Ocean
Avenue, Brooklyn, NY
11235. Purpose: Real
Estate Investing.

LEGAL NOTICE

49 Consulting LLC, Arts
of Org. filed with Sec. of
State of NY (SSNY) on
12/22/16. County: Kings.
SSNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against may be
served & shall mail
process to Marion
Ulmann, 68 3rd St., Ste.
221, Brooklyn, NY
11231. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

**53 Harrison Street,
LLC.** Articles of
organization filed with the
Sec of State of NY on
01/09/2017. Office
location: Kings County.
SSNY is designated as
agent upon whom
process against the LLC
may be served. SNNY
shall mail process to the
LLC c/o 3042 Ocean
Avenue, Brooklyn, NY
11235. Purpose: Real
Estate Investing.

LEGAL NOTICE

**610 Monroe Street,
LLC,** Arts of Org. filed
with Sec. of State of NY
(SSNY) on 12/30/16.
County: Kings. SNNY
designated as agent of
LLC upon whom process
against may be served &
shall mail process to The
LLC, 210 Greene Ave.,
Brooklyn, NY 11238.
General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

**610 Monroe Street,
LLC,** Arts of Org. filed
with Sec. of State of NY
(SSNY) on 12/30/16.

County: Kings. SNNY
designated as agent of
the LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail
copy of process to the
LLC, c/o David Spindler,
Esq., 1431 Nostrand
Avenue, Brooklyn, NY
11226. Purpose: Any
lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

App. for Auth. (LLC)
Sunrun Ragnar Owner
2017, LLC. App. for
Auth. filed w/ the Secy.

of State of NY (SSNY) on
11/10/16. LLC formed in
DE on 10/20/16. Office
Location: Kings County.
SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail
process to: c/o CT Corp.
System, 111 8 th Ave.,
NY, NY 10011.

LEGAL NOTICE

registered agent upon
whom process may be
served. Purpose: Any
lawful act/activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

App. for Auth. (LLC)
Sunrun Ulysses Manager
2017, LLC. App. for
Auth. filed w/ the Secy.
of State of NY (SSNY) on
10/31/16. LLC formed in
DE on 10/12/16. Office
Location: Kings County.
SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail
process to: c/o CT Corp.
System, 111 8 th Ave.,
NY, NY 10011.

LEGAL NOTICE

**MG 29 Monroe Place,
LLC,** a domestic LLC,
filed with the SNNY
12/16/16. Office
location: Kings County.

**Black House Studios
LLC,** Arts of Org. filed
with Sec. of State of NY
(SSNY) on 1/11/17.
County: Kings. SNNY
designated as agent of
LLC upon whom process
against may be served &
shall mail process to The
LLC, 174 Bogart St., Ste.
206, Brooklyn, NY
11206. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

**New Sunflower
Maintenance LLC,** Arts
of Org. filed with Sec. of
State of NY (SSNY) on
11/7/16. County: Kings.

SNNY designated as
agent upon whom
process against may be
served & shall mail
process to The LLC, 199
Lee Ave., Ste. 327,
Brooklyn, NY 11211.
General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

**Bynum Family Taxi,
LLC,** a domestic LLC,
filed with the SNNY
12/9/16. Office location:

Kings County. SNNY
designated as agent
upon whom process
against the LLC may be
served. SNNY shall mail
process to The LLC, 385
Bainbridge St., Brooklyn,
NY 11233. General
Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Diamond 21 LLC, a
domestic LLC, filed with
the SNNY on 10/20/16.

Office location: Kings
County. SNNY designated as
agent upon whom process
against the LLC may be
served. SNNY shall mail
process to: Inoussa Compaore
368 Chauncey St Apt 4L
Brooklyn, NY 11233.

Purpose: Any lawful
purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of

129 AMITY STREET LLC
Arts. of Org. filed with
Secy. of State of NY
(SSNY) on 12/28/16.
Office location: Kings
County. Princ. office of
LLC: 129 Amity St.,
Brooklyn, NY 11201.
SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail

LEGAL NOTICE

Purpose: Any lawful
purpose. Principal
business loc: 220 81 st
St., Brooklyn, NY 11209.

LEGAL NOTICE

LADALLE, LLC, a
domestic LLC, filed with
the SNNY 12/27/16.
Office location: Kings
County. SNNY is
designated as agent
upon whom process
against the LLC may be
served. SNNY shall mail
process to The LLC, 137
North 3rd St., Brooklyn,
NY 11249. General
purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

**MG 29 Monroe Place,
LLC,** a domestic LLC,
filed with the SNNY
12/20/2016. Office
location: Kings County.

Notice of Formation of
DeKalb Stage LLC. Arts.
of Org. filed with NY
Dept. of State on 1/9/17.
Office location: Kings
County. Princ. bus.
addr: 445 Albee Sq
West, Brooklyn, NY
11201. Sec. of State
designated agent of LLC
upon whom process
against it may be served.
SNNY shall mail process
to: GREGORY BEHRENS
305 HENRY STREET, APT. 2F
BROOKLYN, NY 11201.

LEGAL NOTICE

**New Sunflower
Maintenance LLC,** Arts
of Org. filed with Sec. of
State of NY (SSNY) on
11/7/16. County: Kings.
SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail
process to: GREGORY BEHRENS
305 HENRY STREET, APT. 2F
BROOKLYN, NY 11201.

LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Arts. of
Organ.** of Zaca Cafe LLC
filed with NY Secy of
State on 11/29/16.

Office location: Kings
Co. SNNY designated as
agent of the LLC upon
whom process against it
may be served. SNNY shall
mail process to: Inoussa
Compaore 368 Chauncey
St Apt 4L Brooklyn, NY
11233.

Purpose: Any lawful
purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of

129 AMITY STREET LLC
Arts. of Org. filed with
Secy. of State of NY
(SSNY) on 12/28/16.
Office location: Kings
County. Princ. office of
LLC: 129 Amity St.,
Brooklyn, NY 11201.
SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail

LEGAL NOTICE

process to Ellen Knox
Boston, 1952 Crown
Point Blvd., Pensacola,
FL 32506. Purpose: Any
lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of
BILL OF FARE
CONSULTING LLC Arts.
of Org. filed with Secy. of
State of NY (SSNY) on
01/18/17. Office
location: Kings County.
Princ. office of LLC:
611 DeGraw St., Brooklyn,
NY 11217.

SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail
process to The LLC, 137
North 3rd St., Brooklyn,
NY 11249. General
purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of
DeKalb Stage LLC. Arts.
of Org. filed with NY
Dept. of State on 1/9/17.

Office location: Kings
County. Princ. bus.
addr: 445 Albee Sq
West, Brooklyn, NY
11201. Sec. of State
designated agent of LLC
upon whom process
against it may be served.
SNNY shall mail process
to: GREGORY BEHRENS
305 HENRY STREET, APT. 2F
BROOKLYN, NY 11201.

LEGAL NOTICE

**New Sunflower
Maintenance LLC,** Arts
of Org. filed with Sec. of
State of NY (SSNY) on
11/7/16. County: Kings.
SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail
process to: GREGORY BEHRENS
305 HENRY STREET, APT. 2F
BROOKLYN, NY 11201.

LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Arts. of
Organ.** of Zaca Cafe LLC
filed with NY Secy of
State on 11/29/16.

Office location: Kings
Co. SNNY designated as
agent of the LLC upon
whom process against it
may be served. SNNY shall
mail process to: Inoussa
Compaore 368 Chauncey
St Apt 4L Brooklyn, NY
11233.

Purpose: Any lawful
purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of

129 AMITY STREET LLC
Arts. of Org. filed with
Secy. of State of NY
(SSNY) on 12/28/16.
Office location: Kings
County. Princ. office of
LLC: 129 Amity St.,
Brooklyn, NY 11201.
SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail

LEGAL NOTICE

process to the LLC, 225
13th St Apt B2 Brooklyn,
NY 11215. Purpose: Any
lawful purpose

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of
NENG CONSULTANCY
SERVICES, LLC. Articles
of Organization filed with
Secretary of State of New
York (SSNY) on
10/19/2016. Office
location: Kings County.
SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail
copy of process to:
ALEXANDER ALMONTE
ESQ., P.C. 119
WASHINGTON AVE., STE
101 ALBANY, NY 12210.

Purpose: any lawful
purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of
DeKalb Stage LLC. Arts.
of Org. filed with NY
Dept. of State on 1/9/17.

Office location: Kings
County. Princ. bus.
addr: 445 Albee Sq
West, Brooklyn, NY
11201. Sec. of State
designated agent of LLC
upon whom process
against it may be served.
SNNY shall mail process
to: GREGORY BEHRENS
305 HENRY STREET, APT. 2F
BROOKLYN, NY 11201.

LEGAL NOTICE

**New Sunflower
Maintenance LLC,** Arts
of Org. filed with Sec. of
State of NY (SSNY) on
11/7/16. County: Kings.
SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail
process to: GREGORY BEHRENS
305 HENRY STREET, APT. 2F
BROOKLYN, NY 11201.

LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Arts. of
Organ.** of Zaca Cafe LLC
filed with NY Secy of
State on 11/29/16.

Office location: Kings
Co. SNNY designated as
agent of the LLC upon
whom process against it
may be served. SNNY shall
mail process to: Inoussa
Compaore 368 Chauncey
St Apt 4L Brooklyn, NY
11233.

Purpose: Any lawful
purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of

GHOST WHALE
HOLDINGS, LLC. Art. Of
Org. filed with the Sect'y
of State of NY (SSNY) on
12/27/16. Office in Kings
County. SNNY has been
designated as agent of
the LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail

LEGAL NOTICE

process to C/O UNITED
STATES CORPORATION AGENTS,
INC. 7014 13TH
AVENUE, SUITE 202
BROOKLYN, NY 11228.
Purpose: any lawful
purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability
company (LLC). Name:
2133 CHATTERTON LLC.
Articles of Organization
filed with Secretary of
State of New York (SSNY)
on 12/29/2016. Office
location: Kings County.
SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail
copy of process to:
ALEXANDER ALMONTE
ESQ., P.C. 119
WASHINGTON AVE., STE
101 ALBANY, NY 12210.

Purpose: any lawful
purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability
company (LLC). Name:
GREGORY BEHRENS
305 HENRY STREET, APT. 2F
BROOKLYN, NY 11201.

Office location: Kings
County. SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail
copy of process to:
THE LLC P.O. BOX 133 NEW
YORK, NY 10276-0133.
Purpose: any lawful
purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability
company (LLC). Name:
A N N M E N K O U
PRODUCTIONS LLC.
Articles of Organization
filed with Secretary of
State of New York (SSNY)
on 09/23/2016. Office
location: Kings County.
SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail
copy of process to:
THE LLC P.O. BOX 133 NEW
YORK, NY 10276-0133.
Purpose: any lawful
purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability
company (LLC). Name:
6221 REALTY GROUP,
LLC. Articles of
Organization filed with
Secretary of State of New
York (SSNY) on
12/07/2016.

Office location: Kings County.
SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail
copy of process to:
THE LAUNDRY IN BK,
LLC. Articles of
Organization filed with
Secretary of State of New
York (SSNY) on
12/22/2016.

Office location: Kings County.
SNNY designated as
agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SNNY shall mail

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability company (LLC). Name: COOL RIGHT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/11/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 262 COURT STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11231. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability company (LLC). Name: RED SKY DEVELOPMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/26/2016. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: SENIOR CARE BY ESTIE LLC 1129 57TH STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11219. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability company (LLC). Name: EMPOWER CONSULTING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/05/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: CONSIGN CONNECTION LLC 8715 3RD AVE BROOKLYN, NY 11209. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ITEM LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/14/2016. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 3439 SANDY BLVD. #279 PORTLAND, OR 97232. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

on 12/16/2016. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 262 COURT STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11231. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability company (LLC). Name: DOUBLE HARMONY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/06/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: DARA KATZ, 209 S. 1ST #2B BROOKLYN, NY 11211. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SENIOR CARE BY ESTIE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/06/2016. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: CORPORATE FILINGS OF NEW YORK 90 STATE STREET STE 700, OFFICE 40 ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability company (LLC). Name: CONSIGN CONNECTION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/15/2016. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 184 N. 8TH STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11211. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability company (LLC). Name: NICE JEAN JACKET LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/10/2016. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LEGALINC CORPORATE SERVICES INC 1967 WEHRLE DRIVE STE 1 #086 BUFFALO, NY 14221. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability company (LLC). Name: DIR ADVISORS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/27/2016. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 3439 SANDY BLVD. #279 PORTLAND, OR 97232. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability company (LLC). Name: CORPORATE FILINGS OF

LEGAL NOTICE

NEW YORK 90 STATE STREET STE 700, OFFICE 40 ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability company (LLC). Name: DOUBLE HARMONY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/06/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LIGHT RAVEN, LLC 237 FLATBUSH AVENUE #336 BROOKLYN, NY 11217. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ACAP SOLUTIONS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/14/2016. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 521 LUO'S REALTY LLC 1762 76TH ST, 1 FL BROOKLYN, NY 11214. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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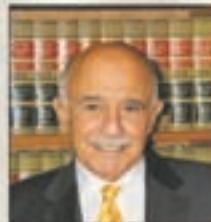
Have you been seriously injured through the fault of another party?



- Car accident?
- Injured at work?
- Unsafe sidewalk?
- Medical malpractice?
- Police misconduct?
- Construction accident?
- Slip and Fall?

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