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BLUE PERIOD

Artists blast city for evicting them, but not tenants, from Slope building

BY COLIN MIXSON

Dozens of artists who for years worked out of a Park Slope loft building blasted officials for evicting them from their studios, accusing the city of jeopardizing their livelihood as a result of a corrupt Department of Buildings inspector whose behavior landed him a felony conviction.

month kicked the creatives out of the building where they labored since 2008, citing a bogus certificate of occupancy restricting the Slope lofts at 255 18th St. to residential use that inspector Artan Mujko issued

in 2013, roughly three years before a judge in 2016 convicted him of felony bribery for ignoring code violations at a separate property.

And although agency leaders, who in February filed an appeal to revoke the 2013 occupancy certificate Mujko issued the Slope building, are aware the document they cited to kick the artists out was issued by a The Buildings Department last corrupt employee, they refuse to cut the crafty locals any slack, according to one creative, who said she felt victimized by the eviction.

"It felt like they were attacking us," said Claudia Santiso, who Continued on page 24



KICKED OUT: From left, artists Claudia Santiso and Zipi Green are among the creatives the city evicted from the Park Slope studios. Photo by Colin Mixson



salute for their service

Borough President Adams joined other local pols, residents, and veterans to honor two dozen Brooklynites who fought in the Korean War during a ceremony in the Korean War Veterans Plaza inside Downtown's Cadman Plaza Park. For more from the touching tribute, see page 18. Photo by Caroline Ourso

Infant boy abandoned

Cops cuff suspect after baby found at PLG worksite

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

Police arrested a suspect after passersby reported spotting an abandoned baby boy at a Prospect-Lefferts Gardens construction site on Tuesday.

The big-hearted tipsters told cops they spotted the infant alone at the New York Avenue worksite near Lenox Road around 8:20 am, according to Police Department spokeswoman Sgt. Jessica McRorie, who said officers then recovered the child.

McRorie, however, did not reply to Continued on page 24



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'This is not Afghanistan'

Beep demands voting reforms after chaotic Election Day in boro

BY JULIANNE CUBA

City and state officials must overhaul the city's archaic voting system, which on Nov. 6 failed hundreds of Brooklynites trying to cast ballots in the decisive midterm election, according to Borough President Adams, who on Nov. 7 unveiled a five-point plan to bring the outdated system into the 21st century.

"I think it's imperative to really examine what we witnessed yesterday, this is not Afghanistan, this is America," the beep said outside the Brooklyn Board of Elections. "And at the cornerstone of this country's beliefs is a right to vote, and the right to be part of the process that chooses who will represent us."

The day before, droves of voters took to social media to vent about how issues such as long lines and malfunctioning machines made it difficult to do their civic duty, and some said the challenges forced them to leave their polling places before they got the chance to make a choice.

Adams put forth five proposals to combat the reported difficulties, including a call for immediate investigatory hearings into what caused the widespread difficulties; expanding the poll-worker program and increasing the training for it; instituting early voting polices like those in more than 30 other states across the country; using technology to modernize the way New Yorkers vote; and bringing together all involved in the voting process to work on reforming the entire system.

But among them, the most crucial is allowing voters to cast their ballots ahead of election day, in order to alleviate long lines, and get ahead of any day-of issues that arise, he said.

"When you have early voting in place it allows an oppor-



VOTE FOR REFORM: Borough President Adams, along with local pols and leaders, demanded the city's Board of Elections overhaul its system after polling places across Brooklyn descended into disarray on Nov. 6.

Eugene Resnick

tunity to iron out any kinks. gives more than one day," said Adams, who spoke standing beside local leaders who included Park Slope Assemblyman Robert Carroll, Sheepshead Bay Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein, and Bushwick Councilman Rafael Espinal.

Problems including paper jams, broken machines, and chaotic queues that formed as a result, plagued a whopping 49 polling sites across Kings County, according to the beep.

The man in charge of the city's Board of Elections, Michael Ryan, pointed a finger at a perennial nuisance that reared its head in Brooklyn that day — bad weather — but the beep said blaming Mother Nature is not a solution.

"This is inexcusable," said Adams. "It rains in New York."

At a Fort Greene polling site, for instance, all five machines stopped working at the same time, sending 200 people out the door wondering if their vote would even count, according to the head of the city's Department of Small Business Services, who was trying to cast his ballot at the neighborhood's Ingersoll Community Center.

"Now all scanners are down. This is a disaster. In 2018 and in NYC I'm embarrassed," Gregg Bishop said on Twitter.

Adams didn't go as far as Council Speaker Corey Johnson (D-Manhattan) did on Nov. 6, when he called on Ryan to resign due to the electionday fracas.

But the borough president noted that problems start at the top, and said getting to the root of the failure is more important than hastily instituting changes.

"The call for a resignation is the easiest thing to do, we had different heads of the BOE and got the same result," Adams said. "Let's do an analysis of what the problem is and let the outcome of that analysis determine what levels should be gone and what levels should stay."



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FIRED UP: Councilman Brad Lander, with mic, and Assemblyman Robert Carroll, right, rallied for the elevator along with Park Slope residents. Photo by Colin Mixson

It's going down

Slopers demand elevator at Seventh Ave. station

BY COLIN MIXSON

State transit officials must install an elevator at Park Slope's Seventh Avenue subway station as part of their recently unveiled plan to make more hubs accessible across the city, locals and pols demanded.

"The Metropolitan Transportation Authority must include the Seventh Avenue station in any plans for accessibility upgrades," Councilman Brad Lander (D–Park Slope) said at a Nov. 9 rally outside the station.

Lander called on the head of the state-run agency's local arm, New York City Transit chief Andy Byford, to include the F and G train hub as one of the 50 across the city set to receive accessibility upgrades including elevators as part of the \$40-billion so-called Fast Forward plan to modernize the beleaguered system that he revealed in May.

Byford, who said no New Yorker should live further than two stops away from an accessible station in announcing his plan, has yet to name the locations that will be improved.

And Lander said the Seventh Avenue station deserves to be at the top of the list, due to its proximity to Methodist Hospital's main campus just down the street — as well as the hospital's new outpatientcare facility set to open on

Sixth Street between Seventh scrounge up whatever cash he and Eighth avenues in 2020 - and the Park Slope Center for Successful Aging, which serves more than 4,000 oldsters each year.

Atlantic Terminal station is currently the area's nearest elevator-equipped hub, so bringing an elevator to Seventh Avenue would go a long way to opening Brooklyn and beyond to the neighborhood's disabled residents, who now must schedule trips with transportation service Access-a-Ride 24 hours in advance just to get around, according to one handicapped mom.

"There's a lot more New York has to offer that I would like to take advantage of," said Aisling Wharton, who lives two blocks from the Seventh Avenue station, and is scooter bound due to chronic-fatigue syndrome.

The Fast Forward plan is not funded, however, and many locals are concerned that its \$40-billion price tag underestimates its actual cost, which Park Slope's Assemblyman suggested is closer to \$60

"Andy Byford is very well intentioned, but his Fast Forward plan right now is a 70page Power Point presentation - it's not a budget and it is not detailed," Carroll said.

Lander promised

can to help foot the estimated \$30-million bill to install an elevator at Seventh Avenue, but admitted whatever he may contribute from his discretionary budget would only be a drop in the bucket.

"The volume that's needed is going to be a lot bigger than what we can do from a Council account, and the most important thing is it's part of a real, systemic approach from the MTA," the councilman said.

The subway system predates the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, meaning that only new stations are legally required to be made accessible. But the Authority is currently fighting a class-action lawsuit filed last year on behalf of six organizations for disabled people and several handicapped individuals, which could potentially require all stations be made accessible, according to a plaintiff in the suit, Joe Rappaport, who is also the executive director of the Brooklyn Center For Independence of the Disabled.

And until a settlement is reached that legally requires the state-run agency to make all hubs accessible, Rappaport is skeptical about any promise - including the Fast Forward plan's pledge to bring elevators to some 50 stations — that isn't backed by cold hard cash.

Man killed in latest **Downtown shooting**

Two men arrested after incident

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Cops on Nov. 8 cuffed two men the day after one of them allegedly shot and killed a guy inside an Albee Square West store in the fourth Downtown shooting in five months.

Police apprehended a 44-year-old Brownsville resident, whom they suspect fired the bullet into 25-yearold Carlton Spencer's chest at 11:15 pm at the foot of an escalator leading to Target inside the City Point shopping center between Willoughby Street and DeKalb Avenue, along with a 26-year-old Crown Heights man.

Authorities charged the 44-year-old with possession of a loaded gun and marijuana, reckless endangerment, and menacing, and the 26-yearold with reckless endangerment, criminal possession of a weapon, assault, and menacing, officials said.

But police are still looking for a motive and investigating whether the deadly incident was gang-related, according to a Police Department spokeswoman, who said Spencer was a member of a gang.

Last month, Borough President Adams blamed the three prior Downtown shootings in July, August, and October, none of which were fatal, on bad actors headed to and from the area's many courtrooms, claiming individuals from across Kings County committed the crimes with weapons they hid at construction sites.

Cops arrested Spencer no less than three times before the suspect fatally shot him, for crimes that included possessing counterfeit cash and weapons, officers said. His most recent arrest occurred on Oct. 5, and he was due to appear in court next on Jan. 14, city records show.

Paramedics rushed Spen-



BLOOD ON THE STREET: Police marked off evidence, including splattered blood, outside Downtown's Target after a man was fatally shot there the night of Nov. Photo by Julianne Cuba

cer, who lived in Flatbush, to Brooklyn Hospital following the shooting, but doctors could not save him, according to authorities.

The site of the deadly gunfire is also home to a Trader Joe's, an Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, and the DeKalb Market Hall grub hub, and is steps from the luxury Brooklyn Point tower rising in the neighborhood.

Target staff closed the store following the incident, and it remained off-limits on the afternoon of Nov. 8 when this reporter stopped by and found police blocking off part of Albee Square West — which was still splattered with blood - from Fulton Mall to the entrance of City Point, where cops placed nine yellow markers identifying evidence, including a lighter and chocolate bar left at the scene.



DO NOT CROSS: Cops blocked off the escalator leading to the store. Photo by Julianne Cuba

Looks good, tastes better

Slope kids decorate bags used to bring holiday meals to the sick

BY COLIN MIXSON

in the bag!

Students at a Park Slope school on Nov. 8 drew crayon turkeys, rainbows, and other sweet sentiments on paper bags that will be stuffed with free Thanksgiving meals for New Yorkers with debilitating illnesses, whom the kids hope will enjoy the food as much as its charming pack-

"It made me happy doing this thing for somebody who is sick and can't go shopping, or make food, and who can't do many things," said 9-yearold Andrew, who sketched a fuzzy bunny, a pumpkin with a hat, and the head of a bear whose body, he claims, he forgot to draw.

The bags decorated by the These kids have Thanksgiving fourth graders at PS 107 are part of a whopping 4,000-plus that students citywide are customizing between now and Turkey Day, when do-good group God's Love We Deliver will use them to deliver some of the 1.8-million annual meals it brings to folks battling such illnesses as HIV, cancer, and multiple sclerosis, who cannot shop for or prepare food them-

> Kids at the Eighth Avenue elementary school spent about an hour doodling on as many bags as they wanted, with one young lady turning out six paper pouches, including one with a rainbow over a dancing turkey and the proclamation "I love rainbows."

> > Her inspiration, she said,



BAGGED IT: Kids at PS 107 decorated delivery bags for Thanksgiving meals that do-good group God's Love We Deliver will prepare for sick New Yorkers. Photo by Trey Pentecost

was the sheer joy the brightly colored bags will bring those who receive them.

"I thought about how their faces will look when they see it," said 9-year-old Aliyah.

And recipients really do

love the youngsters' work, according to a God's Love We Deliver spokesman, who said its Thanksgiving-meal delivery is one of the group's most popular, in large part due of the festive packaging.

"Our clients really, really appreciate it," said Emmett Findley. "It's a full Thanksgiving feast, with turkey, gravy, pumpkin bisque, and apple crisp, and to have that in these bags is special for them."

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Iconic Dumbo vista imperiled!

New towers will ruin nabe's view of Empire State Building framed by bridge, locals say

BY JULIANNE CUBA

It's a view about to be killed!

A quartet of towers poised to rise across the river from Dumbo in Manhattan will block Washington Street's iconic view of the Empire State Building framed by the Manhattan Bridge, locals fear.

"This would be a travesty," said Kevin McAuley, who lives in the neighborhood. "It'll go up and then it's irreversible people don't think through the consequences."

A foursome of builders wants to erect the 80-, 69-, 63-, and 62-story high-rises in the outer borough on the bank of the East River in a massive development project that needs approval from the City Planning Commission, but isn't required to formally go before the community or Council as part of the lengthy Uniform Land Use Review Procedure.

Manhattanites have protested the project for months, charging the towers would kick out long-term residents,



SEE IT NOW: The Empire State Building framed through the Manhattan Bridge in Dumbo.

speed up gentrification, and wreak havoc in the neighbor-

But locals argue the development's biggest casualty will be felt in Dumbo, where its 69- and 62-story towers that together recall a U-shape structure will likely block the view of the 102-story Art

Deco skyscraper from the corner of Washington and Water streets, according to a bigwig from cultural-advocacy group the Municipal Art Society, who referenced internal renderings the group created that superimposes the proposed high-rises over the current skyline, showing how they may block the view.

"The sort of U-shaped development would be seen from the spot squarely behind the bridge," said Tara Kelly. "Based on that model, it would be pretty much in that line with the Empire State Building."

The historic, Belgian block street is known for attracting newlyweds and other visitors from around the city and world who want to photograph special moments with the backdrop of the Empire State Building through the Manhattan Bridge's arched supports - and it would be a shame for the city to destroy that view, according to a 50-year Washington Street resident.

"It's become a tourist attraction like the Colosseum, people come from all over the world and stand there and take pictures," said Richard Mauro. "It's embedded in my

How future developments affect such picturesque streets or so-called "view sheds" is an issue that does not get enough attention from officials as projects snake their way through various approval processes, but vistas are as important to protect as physical buildings or neighborhoods, according to the head honcho of private preservationist group the Historic Districts Council.

And the city should think twice before green-lighting the massive Manhattan development - especially because the only other protected view of the Manhattan skyline in Kings County, from the Brooklyn Heights Promenade, may also change forever if officials move forward with plans

to destroy and rebuild the walkway as part of their looming repairs to the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway's triple cantilever, the preservationist said.

"The one place in New York City where the views are protected is from the Brooklyn Heights Promenade, which they are now trying to destroy. We don't have protected views," said Simeon Bankoff. "Take a picture, it lasts lon-

There are many traits that make Dumbo special - including its beloved Belgian blocks, which the city is controversially restoring and replacing in order to make neighborhood streets more accessible — but few provide as singular a sense of place as the Washington Street view, Bankoff said.

"The framing of the views of the waterfront, underneath the Manhattan Bridge particularly, and down the street, do add to the district," he said.

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Four-wheel plumber

Some whacko crawled under a man's 2017 Honda Element parked on Fourth Avenue on Nov. 4 and destroyed a pipe.

The victim told police he left his Japanese four-door between Butler and Douglass streets at 7 pm, and returned the next day to find two clean cuts in a pipe beneath the carriage.

No arrests have been made in the case, which has been closed, cops said.

Import export

A thief drove off with a woman's 2007 Honda Accord she parked on Sixth Street on Oct. 31.

The victim told police she left her import sedan between Sixth and Seventh avenues at 9 pm, and returned the following morning to find an empty spot where her fourdoor had been.

No arrests have been made in the case, which has been closed, according to police.

Stayin' alive

Police arrested a 23-year-old man for criminal possession of a firearm at his 10th Street home on Nov. 4, after his girlfriend called police claiming he was suicidal.

Officers detained the suspect at his apartment between Fourth and Fifth avenues at 11:30 am, and sent him off for a psych evaluation at a nearby medical center.

He was charged with felony criminal possession of a weapon after police recovered a black pistol from his bedroom, cops said.

Throwing things

Some jerk smashed the rear window of a woman's 2013 Toyota Highlander she parked on Fourth Avenue on Oct. 29.

The victim told police the miscreant hurled an unknown object at her car between Sackett and Union streets at 6:37 pm.

No arrests have been made in the case, which has been closed, cops said.

72ND PRECINCT

SUNSET PARK-WINDSOR TERRACE

Work buddy

Cops arrested a man for allegedly beating a colleague on Seventh Avenue on Nov. 11.

The victim told police he was arguing with his co-worker near 60th Street at 10:52 pm, when the guy picked up a metal baseball bat and smacked him with it, busting up his left leg, before taking the slugger to his nearby car and



Teens cuffed for hate crimes against kids

BY COLIN MIXSON

Cops on Nov. 8 arrested two teenagers accused of knocking the hat off the head of a 14-year-old Jewish boy, pushing a girl to the ground, and hurling a pipe at a Bedford-Stuyvesant synagogue on Nov. 3.

Surveillance footage shows the suspects and some other kids gathered outside the Franklin Avenue house of worship between Myrtle and Willoughby avenues at 5:24 pm, when one of the teens grabbed a metal pipe, launched it through a window of the temple, and then ran for it.

And as the group made its escape, one teen allegedly shoved the 10-year-old girl to the pavement, causing minor injuries, cops said.

Authorities later discovered more footage showing the teens knocking the hat off the boy's head while investigating the incident, police said

Cops slapped one suspect with criminal mischief charges, the other with aggravated harassment, and charged both incidents as hate crimes, according to officials.

smashing that up, too.

Police showed up, and cuffed the suspect for felony assault, cops said.

Teenage terrors

Police cuffed two teens for allegedly beating and robbing a 27-year-old woman on 50th Street on Nov. 10.

The victim told police that the kid suspects, ages 14 and 16, jumped her between Seventh and Eighth avenues at 7:30 pm, punching her in the face, before taking her purse and jacket.

Cops busted both kids that day for felony robbery, according to police.

Gun nut

Officers arrested a man for alleged possession of an illegal firearm on Eighth Avenue on Nov. 10.

The arresting officer claimed he spotted the suspect near 48th Street with a nine millimeter Ruger pistol at 2:55 pm, and, upon searching the man, discovered the pistol loaded up with 17 rounds of ammo, in addition to a bag of pot stuffed into his pants, according to the police report.

Three versus one

Police busted three men for allegedly beating and robbing a man on Sixth Avenue on Nov. 10.

The victim told police he was arguing with the suspects near 49th Street at 2:30 am, when the trio laid a beatdown on him, before nabbing his Samsung smartphone.

The suspects fled afterwards, but the victim joined police on a search of the area, and managed to point out his attackers, who were promptly cuffed for felony robbery, cops said. — *Colin Mixson*

88TH PRECINCT

FORT GREENE-CLINTON HILL

Restaurant raid

A bandit stole \$180 from a Putnam Avenue restaurant on Nov. 10.

The thief broke the front door's glass with chipped concrete, stole the cash from the register, and fled back through the broken door, at the eatery near Fulton Street at 6:44 am, according to cops.

Officers conducted a search and found a man who matched the description, but eyewitnesses said it wasn't him, police said.

Wallet grab

A sneak stole a woman's wallet she accidentally left at a store on Myrtle Avenue on Nov. 4.

The victim told police she left her wallet at the store near Ashland Place at 5 pm and when she returned to get it, it was gone. Police say the thief used her debit card at a doughnut chain, cops say.

Bicycle bandit

Cops cuffed a man for allegedly stealing a Citi Bike from Myrtle Avenue on Nov. 10.

The suspect told police he took the bike near Saint Edwards Street at 12:30 am, according to the police report.

Handbag gone

A nogoodnik smashed a window of a woman's car parked on Atlantic Avenue on Nov. 10 and stole her handbag

Police say the woman parked her

car at a gas station near Grand Avenue at 1 am.

And when she returned, her trunk's window was broken and her Louis Vuitton bag, which contained her credit card, was gone.

— Brianna Kudisch

76TH PRECINCT

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL-RED HOOK

Cab crook

Cops cuffed a man who they say didn't pay his cab fare on Carroll Street on Nov. 10.

The driver told police that the 61-year-old suspect got in the car at Court Street around 11 am and asked to make a stop at a bank on Van Brunt and Hamilton streets to get money for the fare.

He then asked to make another stop at Court and President streets and allegedly didn't return to the cab, owing the driver \$40, cops said.

Police later arrested the man and charged him with fraud and criminal possession of a controlled substance, when officers allegedly found two bags of heroin on him, according to the police report.

Watch that watch

A thief stole a man's smartwatch from his apartment on Douglass Street on Nov. 9.

The victim told police that someone walked out of his place between Hoyt and Smith streets sometime between 10 am and 8 pm with his Apple watch. He told officers that multiple people have access to his apartment.

Brutal goon

A lout punched a woman in the face on Court Street on Nov. 9.

The woman was between First Place and Carroll Street at 8 pm when the bruiser walked up and slugged her, causing pain in her nose, according to cops.

Botched robbery

A man tried to rob a pharmacy on Smith Street on Nov. 8.

The thief tried to bag Red Bull energy drinks and laundry detergent from the store near Warren Street at 12:20 am, but fled emptyhanded in a gray Dodge van, according to cops.

Sneak thief

A thief stole merchandise from building materials store on Bowne Street on the night of Nov. 5.

The burglar entered the parking lot of the store near Imlay Street at 2:30 am by slipping through the gate, then got into two trucks, and stole electronics from the trucks, according to authorities.

— Kevin Duggan



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Closing time

Cody's Ale House pours its last pint

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Play the final coda for Cody's.

The owners of a beloved Cobble Hill mom-and-pop bar served their last beer on Nov. 4 after 30 years in the neighborhood. The closing of Court Street institution Cody's Ale House led some loyal patrons to shed some tears during the last call, according to its proprietor.

"I saw some people crying, and I was like wow," said Bay Ridgite Kevin Cody, who owned the bar. "Sunday was a goodbye party. We gave everything away and had a nice party. People seemed to be pretty upset."

Cody opened his namesake bar and grill in 1988 inside a landmarked building between Pacific and Amity streets that he owned, and over the years it became a go-to on Sundays to watch football games — especially for Pittsburgh Steelers fans.

But he recently signed papers to hand the building over to an out-of-stater, who plans to gut the space and likely put in retail — renovations that will first require city approval because of the building's landmark status, he said.

"This is a landmark so they can't do much, just going to modernize everything," Cody said.

Cody and his wife, who helped run the joint, fell in love with the neighborhood and became friends with many of their long-time patrons, who often came in for a drink or a basket of wings every week. But after three decades in the business — and a recent cancer diagnosis — it was time to pack up, he said.

"Got to face reality sometimes; health issues take precedence," Cody said. "It just was a signal we made the right decision."

One loyal fan of the bar said he first stumbled into it about five years ago, and has been coming back nearly three times a week ever since.



GOODBYE TO ALL THAT: Court Street's beloved Cody's Ale House closed earlier this month after 30 years in the neighborhood.

Photo by Julianne Cuba

"The people are great, the food is great," said Downtowner Raymond Nash.
"There aren't too many places left like that."

And Cody's isn't the only Court Street business that closed its doors this year — just a stone's throw from the bar, at the corner of Court and Pacific streets, grocer Pacific Greens Gourmet shuttered on Nov. 1, months after beloved stationery shop Court Street Office Supply closed its brickand-mortar store down the block in February.

But the street's back-toback losses are merely a sad coincidence, and not a sign of any massive development's imminent arrival to the momand-pop-filled block, according to Cody.





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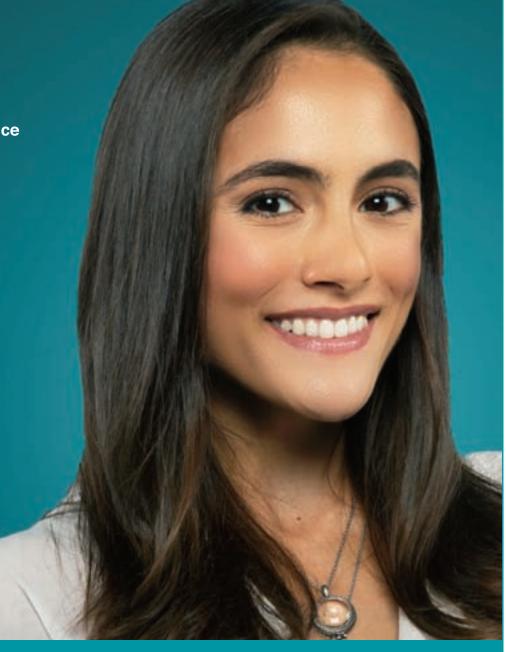
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Big day for Tray!

Beep gifts actor Morgan with key to Bklyn for birthday

BY COLIN MIXSON

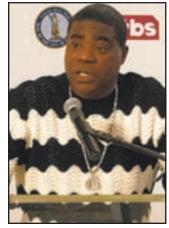
Happy birthday, Tracy!

Borough President Adams gifted Brooklyn-bred comedian Tracy Morgan with a ceremonial key to the Borough of Kings to celebrate the funny man's 50th birthday on Nov. 9.

The foot-long, gold key to Brooklyn is an honor that Adams said rivals the star bearing Morgan's name that folks in faraway Los Angeles installed in a sidewalk as part of the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

"Yes he has his Hollywood star, but that's for the West Coast. This is about the East Coast, and you can't say East Coast without Brooklyn, the third-largest city in America," said Adams, offhandedly claiming Kings County outgrew Chicago as the country's third-largest city — an assertion that publicly available U.S. Census data does not support.

The key also recognizes Morgan's work on television



WELCOME HOME: A teary-eyed Tracy Morgan addressed the crowd at Borough Hall.

Photo by Colin Mixson

series "The Last O.G." which he filmed throughout the borough — and "30 Rock," as well as his help in refurbishing public basketball courts in Bedford-Stuyvesant, where he grew up, and other neighborhoods as part of a joint effort with Adams and bigwigs at

Turner Broadcasting System, the network that airs "The Last O.G."

The beep referenced another Brooklyn-born-and-bred icon, rapper Christopher "Biggie Smalls" Wallace — who is set to get a Clinton Hill street named after him and served as the inspiration for new Brooklyn Nets uniforms — in commending Morgan's love for his hometown.

"As Biggie would say, he knows how to spread love the Brooklyn way," Adams said.

Other notable attendees at the Borough Hall ceremony included actor and rapper Clifford Smith, known by his stage name Method Man.

Morgan choked back tears while accepting the honor, saying the traumatic 2014 car crash in New Jersey that seriously injured him and killed another man inspired him to further connect with his roots, before delivering a punch line that made the crowd howl.

"I wanted to know who



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Borough President Adams gifted Brooklyn-bred comedian Tracy Morgan with the key to Kings County, which a youngster is holding at left. Photo by Colin Mixson

I was after that accident, so I went on Ancestry.com, where some of the charts say 20-percent Native American, n---- from Brooklyn."

25-percent African-American, 20-percent Irish," he said. "But my whole chart just said



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D'town Macy's unveils new look

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Macy's bigwigs on Nov. 9 unveiled their newly remodeled location inside the historic Downtown buildings once home to Brooklyn's beloved homegrown department store Abraham and Straus.

The retailer's sleek new look followed three years of renovations that shoppers watched unfold with baited breath because the store stayed open throughout the makeover, according to its manager.

"We operated in less space, it was the only way we were able to stay open," said Kizzie Tunson.

Contractors in 2015 broke ground on the job that required reconfiguring many of the store's floors, which stretch across two adjoined Fulton Street buildings, a four-story, 1870s-era castiron structure, and a ninestory, 1930-built Art Deco tower next door.

The work required getting rid of office spaces on many of the floors in order to create open spaces that customers could easily move through, according to Tunson.

"There used to be all kinds of executive offices," she said.

Reworking the store's shoppable space, which Tunson said used to occupy eight levels of what she called "half floors," resulted in a shrunken retailer with five distinct levels: a basement with furniture and home goods, a first floor with accessories and makeup, a second floor with men's clothes, a third floor with women's clothes, and a fourth floor with children's clothes.

Workers also knocked down the retailer's old escalators and rebuilt new ones in the center of the store, to make going up and down more convenient for patrons, Tunson said.

"The escalators are all new," she said. "They are right in the middle of the store, as opposed to where they used to be in the corner."

This reporter did not spot the antique ornate elevators that date back to the location's A&S days on her pre-



READY, SET, SHOP: Borough President Adams smiled with members of sorority Zeta Phi Beta during Macy's grand-reopening event Downtown on Nov. 9. Photo by Caroline Ourso

for Macy's did not immediately respond to a request about whether those also still shuttle shoppers around the store.

The makeover made room for some new brands among the store's products, too, including fashion labels

opening-day tour, and a rep DKNY and Michael Kors, and makeup companies Kiehl's, Mac, and Benefit Cosmetics, with the latter staffing two licensed aestheticians on site who can tweeze customers' eyebrows, Tunson said.

Last month, Macy's staff started knocking down the walls that cordoned off spaces

under renovation, razing the last one last week, according to the manager.

"Every week we dropped a wall," Tunson said.

The scaffolding outside the Fulton Street department store — a local eyesore since the job kicked off will likely stay up until some time next year, however, due to builder Tishman Speyer's ongoing transformation of the 1870s-era building Macy's occupies, which the builder bought along with the department store's graffiti-covered Hoyt Street parking garage in 2015 in a deal that helped fund the recent renovations.

The Manhattan-based firm is erecting a 51-story high-rise filled with 480 condominiums on the site of the old garage, which it hopes to open in 2020, and finishing work on the 14-story tower it is building on the site of the 1870s building, the bottom four levels of which incorporate Macy's new aboveground floors, and the top 10 levels of which will contain office space the company hopes to debut next year.





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ALL SMILES: United Healthcare employees mingled with locals at the event.

Locals network, learn healthy living at event

BY BRIANNA KUDISCH

This event united Kings County!

Health-conscious Brooklynites hobnobbed at a Downtown hotel on Nov. 7 during a networking session where they mixed, mingled, and learned more about the resources that host United Healthcare offers in the borough, according to a company employee.

"We wanted people to see what United Healthcare offers our community," said Manuel Quezada. "All the different types of services.'

Attendees who came out to Flatbush Avenue Extension's Tillary Hotel for the event enjoyed a spread of refreshments - including a free continen-

tal breakfast of pastries, sliced fruits, muffins, and smoothies — while some had their portrait drawn by an on-site caricaturist, and others relaxed by getting hand massages and manicures.

United Healthcare leaders also doled out three community grants totalling \$5,000 at the meet-and-greet, which featured an appearance by the firm's furry mascot, Dr. Health E. Hound, who showed up to promote the virtues of a balanced diet.

Guests walked away with goodystuffed gift bags, whose swag included duffel bags and coffee mugs, according to Quezada, who called the day a suc-

"It was a good bunch," he said.

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Heroes honored

Korean War vets celebrated at ceremony

BY JULIANNE CUBA

It was a salute to their service.

Brooklynites honored two dozen local veterans of the Korean War during a ceremony near a Downtown monument memorializing the conflict.

The group's Nov. 8 tribute at Cadman Plaza Park's Korean War Veterans Plaza provided a moving start to the borough's many Veterans Day remembrances days before the official holiday on Nov. 11, according to an organizer.

"It was amazing, incredible," said Toba Potosky, the president of greenspace steward the Cadman Park Conservancy, who has staged the annual ceremony for the past five years.

Local pols — including Borough President Adams, Downtown Councilman Stephen Levin and state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge), who on Nov. 6 lost his seat of 16 years to Democrat Andrew Gounardes, but has yet to concede — joined veterans and their family and friends to honor the heroes, and to present 25 plaques to 25 men and women who served during the 1950-53 war between North and South Korea, in which United States troops fought alongside the South Koreans.

One honoree said the best part of the day was when his pals told him he didn't look a day older than when he first put on his military uniform decades ago.

"I saw a lot of people that I know and everybody said to me, 'For a guy that had a stroke you look very well." said Brighton Beach resident Jerome



HERO: Jerome "Jerry" Forman received a plague during the service to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the end of the Korean War. Photo by Caroline Ourso

"Jerry" Forman, a Marine Corps veteran stationed in North Carolina during the war, who said he was never de-

The yearly tribute stands out among the borough's Veterans Day events because the Korean War doesn't always get as much recognition as other conflicts, but its vets made the same sacrifices — and deserve the same honors, according to Potosky.

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BY STEPHEN ZACKS

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Its built-in walnut cabinets, closets, and bookshelves have a mid-centurymodern simplicity. So does the wood-burning fireplace in the living room, with its integrated shelf and seat.

The remarkably well-designed kitchen turns what could be an eyesore — an open kitchen — into a design focal point, complete with built-in bookcases and a sculptural



feel. Two closets fashioned out of the corners of the hallway have been adapted as a "butler's pantry," according to the listing.

There is a washer-dryer in the unit, and more built-in storage, along with a window seat, in the smaller of the two bedrooms. The one bathroom is not pictured.

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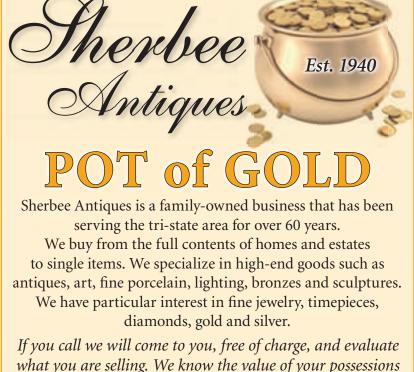
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multiple inquiries about who abandoned the boy, and whom officers cuffed in relation to the incident, or what charges they issued.

But the New York Daily News reported the child's mother left him at the site, where she allegedly arrived without notice and started yelling and cursing at workers before collapsing on the ground. The mom fled the scene when she heard the passersby call the cops, and officers later arrested her a block away from the construction site, according to the Daily News report, which cites law-enforcement sources.

Paramedics transported the boy to Kings County Hospital, according to McRorie, who said he showed no visible injuries or obvious signs of trauma.

 $Officers\, brought\, his\, mother$ to the same hospital's psychiatric wing following her arrest, according to the Daily News report.

But McRorie did not reply to questions regarding her status, and said authorities' investigation into the incident is ongoing.

ARTISTS

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used studio space in the building since 2016.

The city also pointed out such issues as the building's illegal heating system, poor ventilation, and combustible materials in evicting the artists, whom officials said are in "imminent" danger, according to Buildings Department spokeswoman Abigail Kunitz.

But the city did not force out the lofts' residential tenants, who live with the same conditions — leading many to wonder how imminent any danger is, or if that warning is less perilous than the agency suggests, according to an attorney for the residents.

And the lawyer suggested the latter is true, noting that while there is plenty of work needed to improve safety conditions at the building, the city did not have to put the artists on the street in order to get it up to code.

"Whatever concerns there are about the safety of people, there are mitigating ways you can address those things, without just removing people from occupancy

and eliminating their livelihoods, which is really a draconian approach to it," said Michael Novek.

A previous owner of the building between Fifth and Sixth avenues illegally converted the former warehouse into residential lofts in 2003, according to resident Stephen Paul, who opened Madarts Studios in the ground-floor and cellar of the property in

Paul's studios provided a workplace for roughly 40 artists, as well as hundreds of students enrolled in classes with local arts educator Zipi's Art Studio, he said.

The resident said he and his neighbors knew of the buildings' pervasive problems throughout the years, but that they all took them in stride due to their amply sized units rented at what he called fair rates.

"Everybody was very uneasy living there, but they were empty spaces and big, and we made the most of it,' he said.

In 2013, a few tenants organized to register the property with the city's Loft Board, a regulatory body that protects residents of illegally converted lofts, and puts pressure on landlords to fix any unsafe conditions, according to Novek.

But before that application could go through, Mujko issued the 2013 certificate of occupancy — legally proclaiming the building up to code, when that couldn't be further from the truth, according to Novak, who claimed issues the Buildings Department recently evicted the artists for, such as shoddy heating and ventilation systems, plagued the building back then as well.

And there are other glaring irregularities noted in Mujko's document that do not exist at the property.

For instance, the certificate of occupancy lists two ground-floor residential units in the building that the previous landlord never built, Novek claimed.

"It's a significant amount of work, and it was never done - there's no way to dispute it," he said.

Novek has no proof any money changed hands between the property's former landlord B H & C Realty Co. and Mujko, he admitted.

But the tenants' attorney said the inspector's felonybribery conviction, coupled with the fact that the 2013 occupancy certificate he issued

appears largely fraudulent, suggests that the document was likely a result of illicit dealing.

"It's one of those situations of, where there's smoke, there's fire," Novek said.

The city's Boards of Standards and Appeals is currently reviewing the Buildings Department's appeal to revoke the 2013 occupancy certificate, according to the lawyer, who wrote to the agency urging its leaders to repeal the certificate in 2015.

Another landlord purchased the building in 2017, and the city delivered the recent partial-eviction notice to that firm.

But it's the artists who claim they're paying the harshest penalty, and those who haven't already fled to new studio space said they are losing precious time and creative energy waiting for the Buildings Department to right what many claim is an unnecessary wrong.

"Right now I'm in limbo," said Santiso. "This has been an unexpected financial burden, and finding another space I can move into is something I can't do right now. What I'm losing is really a couple of months to be able to create work."

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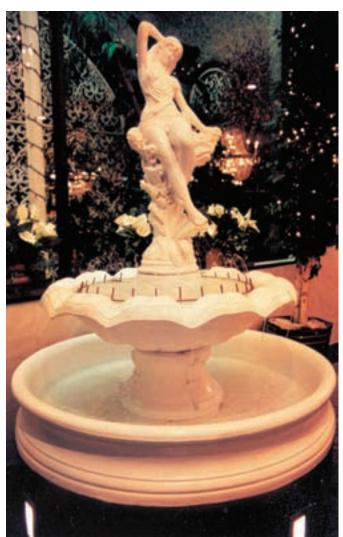
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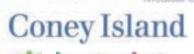






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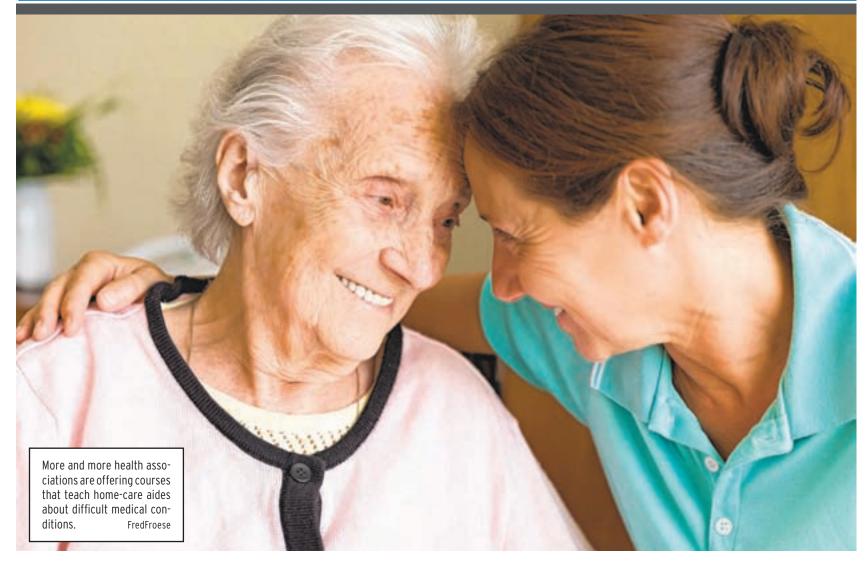








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Home-care agencies now offer specialized services

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

ome care agencies are enhancing their services. Up until recently, these agencies provided basic care service to families with an elderly loved one who needed assistance with activities of daily living. This is beginning to change. Recently, agencies began to specialize. Many are now offering care for complex conditions such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease and for hospice care.

Traditionally, home-care agencies offered similar care services. They assigned home-care aides to assist frail individuals with personal activities such as dressing, toileting, mobility, bathing, and eating. The agency might enhance its services by including a geriatric care manager to the staff or by offering financial assistance, but the training and function of the home-care aides remained the same.

Before an aide is hired by an agency, she must complete a four-week certified training course that teaches her basic caring skills such as nutrition, hygiene, and safely. To differentiate themselves from other agencies, a company might promoted its services as having "the most compassionate aides," "the

highest quality service," or offering "the most supportive environment." Even with these claims, the aides all get the same training required by state and federal regulations and offer the same duties.

This type of assistance is changing. Agencies are learning that not all frail seniors need the same kind of care. Organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association, CaringKind in New York City, and the Alzheimer's Foundation are now offering certification-training courses on the special needs and treatments of dementia patients.

Aides working with Alzheimer's patients are taught about the progression of this unwieldy cognitive condition. Juanita, a home-care aide caring for Monica, a patient in the mid stages of Alzheimer's disease, learned how to anticipate her client's moods. Every day in the late afternoon Monica starts pacing, becomes agitated, and confused. Sometimes she insists she must go home to cook dinner for her longdead husband or her grown children. This behavior, called sun downing, is a common symptom of Alzheimer's disease. Juanita has learned to anticipate Monica's behavior and finds distractions, such as playing soothing music, to calm her during these periods.

Lena, a home-care aide, was assigned to care for a patient with Parkinson's disease, a progressive nerve system disorder that affects movement. Before taking the case, Lena's home-care agency enrolled her in a Parkinson's Foundation certificate program. The program gave her an understanding of the importance of developing an exercise regime to keep her client's muscles from freezing. She learned the importance of providing medications on a strict schedule to avoid adverse reactions.

Hospice organizations now offer aides training as well. Hospice is a Medicare program that provides comfort care to patients who are not expected to live more than six months. Many home health aides admit having difficulty working with dying clients. Many do not understand the intent of hospice care and their role in making their client's final days more comfortable. The National Association of Home Care and Hospice offers a 75-hour certificate program that explains the dying process, teaches aides ways to reduce the severity of their client's

symptoms, and improve their quality of life without interfering with the advancement of the disease.

More and more health associations are offering courses that teach homecare aides about difficult medical conditions. These specialized programs assist home health aides with better understanding their clients' conditions and make them more desirable caregivers. Home-care aides are still confined to offering custodial care to their frail clients, but they can now anticipate changes in their client's behavior due to specific diseases and adapt their responses to them. Home-care agencies that can differentiate themselves by promoting these specializations make their services unique and add value to potential customers.

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Eating right can improve quality of life

egend states that on April 2, 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León was the first European to discover modern-day Florida when he traveled on a quest for the mythical "Fountain of Youth." While modern science has proven that there is no mystical fountain or body of water that can reverse or slow down the aging process, there are many steps people can take to age well and prolong their lives.

Eating the right foods is one way to age well. According to Dr. Ralph Felder, coauthor of "The Bonus Years Diet," reversing the aging process internally is more difficult than outward cosmetic changes. But the right foods can go a long way toward increasing both life expectancy and quality of life. Those who want to employ diet to increase their life expectancy may want to start adding more of the following foods to their breakfast, lunch and dinner plates.

Broccoli, grapes, and salad: According to Health magazine, researchers have found that compounds in these three foods boast extra life-extending benefits.

Berries: In addition to their abundance of antioxidants, berries have other benefits. A 2012 study



Berries and whole grains are nutritious foods that can help men and women live longer, healthier lives.

from Harvard University found that is good for the body because it's at least one serving of blueberries or two servings of strawberries each week may reduce the risk of cognitive decline in older adults.

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"Dementia can manifest in many forms and typically begins affecting people over the age of 65," said Albert Ortega, PhD, neuropsychologist at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. Typical signs and symptoms of memory-related conditions can include: being less social than usual or exhibiting isolating behavior; confusing or forgetting names of familiar people, such as fam-



difficulty completing important tasks, such as balancing a checkbook or making a favorite recipe; having trouble understanding or following directions or instructions; getting lost in the middle of a conversation; neglecting personal hygiene and other basic needs, or repeating the same question or statement several

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, affecting one in eight older Americans. However, Alzheimer's is not the only

uncommon for other medical conditions to mimic memory related conditions. "Seniors can experience confusion or memory problems for a variety of reasons, such as infection, vitamin deficiencies, depression, thyroid problems or medication misuse. A thorough evaluation of each patient can help ensure that these conditions are ruled out or treated through lifestyle changes or medication," said Dr. Ortega.

Once a physician reviews a patient's current symptoms risk for dementia, the next step is to schedule an appointment with a neurologist for further evaluation.

'Typically, a neurologist orders blood work, neuroimaging-such as computed tomography or magnetic resonance imaging-and a neuropsychological assessment," Dr. Ortega said. "When a patient meets with a neuropsychologist, this specialist will determine whether cognition is what it should be, based on the patient's age. Once these elements are considered, the neurologist can determine whether dementia is present and the likely cause.'

While there is no cure for dementia, diagnosing the condition early allows specialiststo treat symptoms by prescribing specific dementia medications to help maintain functioning. Other methods of managing dementia include assessing non-dementia-reily members or close friends; cause of dementia. It is not and determines an overall lated medications or supple-

ments that could be adding to the person's confused state; practicing mental exercises (especially if they involve interaction with one's environment) to strengthen the brain; or having the patient instruct someone else on how to perform a well-known task, such as preparing a favorite meal or recalling where certain items should be stored in the house.

"Staying physically and mentally active is the first step toward better brain health," said Miran Salgado, MD, chairman of neurosciences at NYP Brooklyn Methodist. "Taking time for a daily walk or other form of exercise can help maintain memory. No matter what your age, you can take steps to boost your brainpower."

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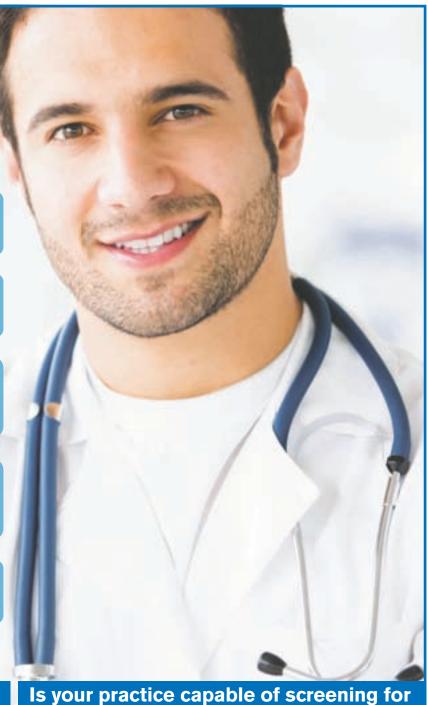
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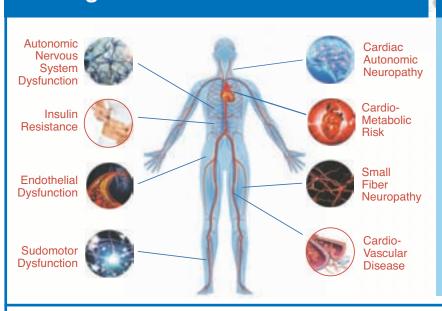
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Holiday gifts for someone with Alzheimer's

aking sure you get the perfect gift for everyone on your holiday shopping list can be tough. But shopping for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia can be even trickier. Here are some things to consider when shopping for a person who has been diagnosed and when shopping for their caregiver:

Consider their capabilities: When giving a gift to someone who has Alzheimer's, it's important to consider the disease progression, their cognitive abilities and needs. Someone in the early stage may still enjoy many of the same gifts as before the diagnosis. But someone who is in the later stage of dementia and who cannot follow directions, understand the written word, or is physically frail, will have trouble with the simplest of things, like knotting a tie, for instance.

Personalize it: Thoughtful gifts like a personalized photo album, scrapbook, or a framed collage of family and friends are great ideas. These often tap into the person's long-term memories and will undoubtedly be something they can enjoy — and who knows, it might even spark some wonderful conversation.

Music and movies: Along these



Care Chronicle

Jed Levine

same lines, consider giving a compact disc of their favorite music or perhaps making them a playlist of songs from their youth. Music has been proven to trigger positive memories in people with Alzheimer's, so this is a great way to go! If there is a movie you enjoyed together in the past, get the DVD and make a fun night out of watching it together in the comfort of their own home.

Practical and thoughtful: Gifts with everyday uses — like a comfy blanket or quilt, a warm sweater (preferably without a lot of buttons or ties), a bathrobe, or slippers — will be a big hit and something the family caregiver will appreciate as well. On the practical side, providing your friend with an account at a car service — something that the caregiver can manage — can be enormously helpful and a safe option to get them around town. And, for those in the late stage of the disease, beautiful



Music has been proven to trigger positive memories in people with Alzheimer's, so a selection of a loved one's favorite songs is a great gift to consider.

Halfpoint

picture books or soft stuffed animals may provide joy and comfort.

In general, try to avoid gifts that involve complicated cognitive or physical tasks. These can be stressful and outweigh the thoughtfulness of the gift. When in doubt, simple is always better.

For the caregiver

Since caregivers are often under enormous stress and are frequently exhausted, think of gifts that will give them some respite. A gift certificate for a massage or a manicure would definitely be welcomed. Consider taking the caregiver out for a nice meal so he or she can have some time to unwind, away from caregiving responsibilities. Meal services that give them the night off from cooking is another practical idea.

Sending a thoughtful note recognizing their sacrifice and caregiving efforts would also be a nice touch. But, accompanying that note with an offer to look after the person with dementia for a day in order to give the care provider a much-needed and hard to come by rest would be considered a luxury.

Simply taking the time to show you care will go a long way with the person with dementia and the caregiver and will help them enjoy the holiday season even more!

Jed A. Levine is the President and CEO at Caring Kind.

BRIGHTON EYE UNDERSTANDING GLAUCOMA VISIONI'S SII ENT



Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology NYU

VISION'S SILENT THIEF

A patient came to my office hoping that a new pair of glasses would help improve his blurred vision. He was experiencing vision loss for a few months without any pain and thought that it would eventually cure itself. Unfortunately, the patient had glaucoma which could not be improved with glasses.

The diagnosis of glaucoma is made when an eye-MD observes damage to the optic nerve called "cupping".

This can happen with normal eye pressure although often the eye pressure is elevated above what we consider the normal range, from 10-22. Unfortunately, this optic nerve damage has no symptoms until the vision is markedly affected and sadly by then the damage is irreversible.

2.3 million people have glaucoma in the United States. Fortunately only about 5% will end up blind at the end of their life due to early diagnosis and treatment.

Your eye-MD will perform many tests to make the diagnosis and follow your disease. The most important step a patient can take is to visit their eye MD yearly and have a dilated retinal exam which includes putting drops into your eyes in order to look at the optic nerve and the retina carefully.

While there are no known ways of preventing glaucoma, visiting your eye-MD and getting diagnosed and treated early are sure ways of preserving your vision.

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Locals split over need for elevator at Slope station

Local pols and residents at a Nov. 9 rally demanded state transit officials install an elevator at Park Slope's Seventh Avenue subway station as part of their recently unveiled plan to make more hubs accessible across the city ("Slopers demand MTA bring elevator to Seventh Ave. station in \$40B subway fix," by Colin Mixson, online Nov. 13).

"The Metropolitan Transportation Authority must include the Seventh Avenue station in any plans for accessibility upgrades," Councilman Brad Lander (D-Park Slope) said at the rally outside the station.

Lander called on the head of the state-run agency's local arm, New York City Transit chief Andy Byford, to include the F and G train hub as one of the 50 across the city set to receive accessibility upgrades, including elevators, as part of the \$40-billion Fast Forward plan to modernize the system that he revealed in May.

Not surprisingly, some readers felt strongly about the issue:

That's #CuomosMTA in a nutshell since 2010. The Hunkster from Bed-Stuy

What about the Fourth Avenue—Ninth Street station? That needs an elevator or escalator.

The steps leading from the R platform to get the F are killers, a painful task. It's long overdue! verajay

from Cobble hill

These costs are sickening and are a waste of taxpayer money.

Firstly, the city always winds up paying 10 times the cost that anyone else would pay.

Secondly, we don't need to waste such exorbitant sums to upgrade working systems.

We have important-alternativebetter systems hanging in the balance like the Brooklyn Queens Connector trolley, or BQX, which will be at grade so you won't have the obstacle-inconvenience-cost of going up and down.

Thirdly, Access-a-Ride is a far cheaper alternative for the handi-

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

capped, and a lot more convenient.

Waste of Taxpayer Money

Waste of Taxpayer Money from Brooklyn

I agree it would be insane to spend this kind of taxpayer dollars on an unfortunate few, especially when there's something like Accessa-Ride that's far more convenient for them.

I doubt the handicap rule was intended for every system to be handicap accessible, so long as the handicap have a means of getting from point A to point B. Imagine if Citi Bike had to be handicap accessible!

Hey, if Access-a-Ride is too limited, then subsidize Uber for the handicapped. Benny

from Park Slope

Elevators are also helpful for people with strollers and shopping carts, like the curb cuts turned out to be. Major stations should get them first, such as Fourth Avenue–Ninth Street, as mentioned above.

Ms. Me

from Bay Ridge

I agree with Waste of Taxpayer Money. Let's spend the money on new transportation systems like the BQX, which will be a lot easier to use rather than that old subway that you need to be in good health to navigate.

I think increasing the access a ride for the handicapped is a much smarter way to go too. The subway is no place for a handicapped person, and there are more problems there for them than just getting them up and down. Think about the whole picture. Linda from Carroll Gardens

Borough President Adams called on city and state officials to overhaul the city's archaic voting system, which on Nov. 6 failed hundreds of Brooklynites trying to cast ballots in the decisive midterm election, according to the beep ("'This is not Afghanistan': Beep demands voting-system reforms after problem-riddled Election Day," by Julianne Cuba, online Nov. 7).

"I think it's imperative to really examine what we witnessed yesterday, this is not Afghanistan, this is America," the beep said outside the Brooklyn Board of Elections. "And at the cornerstone of this country's beliefs is a right to vote, and the right to be part of the process that chooses who will represent us."

Adams at a press conference the day after Election Day un-

veiled a five-point plan to bring the outdated system into the 21st century, which included a call for immediate investigatory hearings into what caused the reported widespread difficulties; expanding the poll-worker program and increasing training for it; instituting early voting polices like those in more than 30 other states across the country; using technology to modernize the way New Yorkers vote; and bringing together all involved in the voting process to work on reforming the entire system.

Commenters weighed in with some suggestions of their own:

When he is right, he is right. Almost half the states allow early voting, and much easier registration. And there is no significant voter fraud — more suppression than any fraud.

Sid from Boerum Hill

They were having trouble getting enough poll workers so, at the annual class they give, last year they changed the test from open book to open book with the test paper giving the page number on which the answer can be found.

No lie, and a sad indictment of New York City schools.

Mathematician from Bay Ridge

A quartet of towers poised to rise across the river from Dumbo in Manhattan will block Washington Street's iconic view of the Empire State Building framed by the Manhattan Bridge, locals fear ("Dumb-no! New towers will ruin nabe's view of Empire State Building framed by Manhattan Bridge, locals say," by Julianne Cuba, online Nov. 13).

Afoursome of builders wants to erect the 80-, 69-, 63-, and 62-story high-rises in the outer borough on the bank of the East River in a massive development project that needs approval from the City Planning Commission, but isn't required to formally go before the community or Council.

Manhattanites have protested the project for months, but locals argue the complex's biggest casualty will be felt in Dumbo, where its 69- and 62-story towers will likely block the view of the 102-story Art Deco skyscraper from the corner of Washington and Water streets, according to a resident.

"This would be a travesty,"

said Kevin McAuley, who lives in the neighborhood. "It'll go up and then it's irreversible people don't think through the consequences."

Some readers echoed McAuley's concerns, while others said losing the view would simply be a fact of city life:

No! Nooooooooo!

Also that would make the F train even more impossible to take than it is now. **Jim**

from Cobble Hill

This is all conjecture, so the premise this is hung from is dubious at best. In New York City, there is no guarantee your view will still be there in future years.

Andrew Porter from Brooklyn Heights

Real estate developers with their bribes to DeBlasio are ruining the neighborhood. Steve

from Clinton Hill

Oh my gosh! Enough already! I was upset when they built Metro-Tech Center and blocked my view of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and the Williamsburg Bridge. Then towers were built that blocked my view of the Chrysler Building.

I was really sad about the Chrysler Building, because at night I loved to look at its golden lights. I live on Hoyt Street and from my floor I used to see beautiful views. Now it's sad!

Steve from Cobble Hill, I agree! The mayor messed up LICH. I was furious like the Carroll Gardens residents. And Gov. Cuomo doesn't get a pass either!

Now the Promenade may get messed up, too! There are other boroughs besides Brooklyn. Leave us alone!!! verajay from Cobble hill

The building of the Chrysler Building and the Manhattan Bridge ruined the views of lots of people (and leveled their homes for construction).

In other words: Boo hoo.

Tyler from pps

That's the way it is. Welcome to New York City! Sorry from NYC

So all the elites now living in Dumbo won't get the view they want from their \$3-million terraces.

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Khalid from Crown Heights



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Coney nurse leading the charge

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Let's hear it for Manjinder Kaur, a registered nurse at NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island who was honored in NYC Health + Hospital's annual Nursing Excellence Awards celebration. Kaur received the Excellence in Advancing and Leading the Profession award for her role in improving the patient experience at the medical center.

"The challenge of making our healthcare system safer is my number one goal, and nurses are the key stakeholders in accomplishing this goal," said Kaur.

Kaur, who has more than 12 years of



service at the hospital, has taken the lead in implementing several projects aimed at improving patient safety and standards of care. She reduced patient wait-times for an EKG from nearly an

hour to nine minutes, increased Press Ganey scores for Emergency Department nursing by 14 percent, improved Bar Code Medication Administration compliance, and oversaw a successful transition to an electronic medical record system during a three-month Emergency Department plan.

— Courtney Donahue

BOROUGH WIDE

Doctor in the making

Congrats to Brooklynite Krizha Adona, a physical therapy student at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia who received a white coat at the Physical Therapy White Coat Ceremony on Sept. 8.

The ceremony is an annual rite of passage for students going into the professional phase of Doctor of Physical Therapy program, where Adona received the honor along with more than 70 of her peers who all recited the Oath of a Physical Therapist, a gesture to reinforce their commitment to working with patients compassionately and to enhancing their health and well-being.

She is now all set to continue her path on her full doctor of physical therapy degree in May 2021.

— Kevin Duggan

Hail to the new chief!

Schneps Community News Group is proud to announce that Park Slope Courier Deputy Editor Anthony Rotunno, who joined our newsroom in America's Downtown in May 2017, is taking the reins as the Courier Life newspapers' new editor-in-chief.



WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Empire State Bank's staffers and local luminaries, including Borough President Adams, celebrated the opening of the newest branch in Bensonhurst.

Corazon Aguirre

Good fortune for new bank branch

BENSONHURST

Standing O welcomes Empire State Bank to Bensonhurst, the home of its newest Kings County branch, at 18th Avenue and 70th Street. The bank's commitment to the community, customer service, and technological innovation will help it serve the nabe's residents, according to its chief executive officer.

"Empire Bank is dedicated to the community," said Philip Guarnieri. "While most banks focus on technology and convenience, we believe in implementing technology in combination with personal service to connect with our neighbors and support our community."

The branch opened in September, but the bankers took a break from crunching numbers to celebrate the opening with an Oct. 30 grand open-

ing party — complete with a ribbon cutting — with local political luminaries, including Borough President Adams and state Sen. Marty Golden (R–Bay Ridge).

To celebrate their arrival in the nabe, bank reps donated \$2,000 total to two local organizations, the borough's chapter of the Asian Real Estate Association of America, and the Ben Bay Kiwanis Foundation. Guests enjoyed a Chinese Lion Dance — complete with a drum, gong, and cymbals — followed by a ceremonial blessing where team members fed the lions red envelopes for good luck to honor the nabe's Asian community.

Best wishes for Empire State Bank at its new home.

Empire State Bank (6923 18th Ave. at 70th St. in Bensonhurst).

— Julianne McShane

"We are thrilled to have Anthony leading our Brooklyn editorial team. His experience, vision, and passion

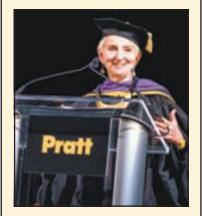


will help us continue to improve, and be the leading source of local news across multiple platforms now and in the future," said CEO and copublisher Joshua Schneps.

Rotunno, also previously the deputy editor of our sister publication Brooklyn Paper, will oversee the Courier Life editorial team in its weekly print and daily digital operations, with a focus on growing the latter by expanding online coverage and the papers' social-media presence in order to deliver their trusted hyper-local news to even more readers around Kings County.

"Brooklynites for decades have turned to the Courier Life newspapers for their singular coverage of issues that matter in their neighborhoods, including local politics, real-estate development, and, of course, dog-fashion shows," Rotunno said. "And I look forward to ensuring locals can find that coverage for decades to come, whether they read it in print, on our website at their desktop computer, or via Twitter on an iPhone aboard the subway."

The 32-year-old was among the trio of editors whose punny copywriting earned the Brooklyn Paper a 2017 first-



CLINTON HILI

New prez in town

Pratt Institute's new president took the helm on Nov. 2 during a festive inauguration ceremony that celebrated her leadership, experience, and commitment to diversity in education.

President Frances Bronet, who became the first architectpresident to lead the prestigious institution, said as soon as she visited the Clinton Hill campus she knew it was where she was supposed to be.

"Pratt is the first place I've been where the feeling of home was almost instantaneous," Bronet said during her inauguration speech, alongside Borough President Adams and Vice President of the Board of Trustees Mike Pratt.

The prestigious institution's Soul Tigers Marching Band kicked off the ceremony with a musical procession.

During her inauguration speech, Bronet outlined her vision for the university along with her own goals as its 12th president, including expanding the institution's partnerships and collaborative work, and furthering its long-standing commitment to diversity.

Before coming to Pratt, Bronet was most recently the senior vice president and provost at the Illinois Institute of Technology, and previously served in leadership roles at the University of Oregon and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. — Julianne Cuba

place award for headline writing from the New York Press Association. And his work with reporters Julianne Cuba and Colin Mixson on Brooklyn Paper's "Blind Spots" series, which spotlights the shortfalls of the city's Vision Zero initiative, has been cited in such national publications as the New York Times and the Washington Post.

Rotunno, who lives in Bushwick, is thrilled to grow even closer to the borough he calls home by covering the stories that matter most to its readers.

"It's an opportunity of a lifetime, that also happens to be in the most-exciting borough of the greatest city in the world," he said.

— Moses Jefferson

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Janelle James Comedy Festival takes over

By Kevin Duggan

all it by her name!

The inaugural Janelle James Comedy Festival will unleash a smorgasbord of stand-up comedians and extravagant performances at the Bell House on Dec. 4–6.

The fest follows in the footsteps of the Eugene Mirman Comedy Festival, which began as a joke and grew to draw some of the biggest names in comedy to the Gowanus area during its decade-long existence, before closing with one last hurrah in 2017.

Now the baton has been passed to comedian Janelle James, who hopes to update the fest but keep the same zany spirit as the original.

"I'm trying to keep the same energy with not just stand-up but bringing in all kinds of other stuff as well," said James. Each night will feature one show, titled "Comedians Who Live Nearby," "Comedians Who Said 'Well, Who All Goin Be There?" and "Comedians Who Said 'Sure, I'll Come By," respectively.

James teamed up with producer Caroline Creaghead, who worked on several iterations of the Eugene Mirman fest. The two have brought in some eccentric acts, including a ventriloquist, a burlesque performer, drummers, and a deejay, according to James.

"It'll be like a mini carnival atmosphere," she said.

James is eager to put her own stamp on the festival, making its lineup reflect New York's diversity.

"I just wanted something in New York that is my own and has my name on it and that I can build on," she said. "It will be blacker. You'll have all races, all genders, musical comedy, club comics — I have all different styles of comedy in there."

The comedian also aims for the show to bring her fans together with Mirman's.

"I hope it'll be a crossover of people that have been on Eugene's shows before and don't know me," she said. But Mirman's fans can rest assured that she will draw on his experience, James said.

"I feel like being able to take the torch from Eugene already lets people know what I'm going for," she said.

Mirman, who emigrated to Massachusetts last year, will return to his old home borough for a set at the festival. He will be joined on the lineup by a host of established and new comedians, including Liza Treyger, David Cross, Mia Jackson, Judah Friedlander, and Nore Davis.

The former Park Sloper, who provides the voice of the pre-teen showbiz enthusiast Gene for the Fox animated show "Bob's Burgers," is currently editing a documentary about the 10-year run of his eponymous festival. He said that — like stand-up comedy itself — the success of the festival lies in its spontaneous attitude.

"It's like trial and error, like stand-up," Mirman said, adding that he is happy to see the festival live on under James's name.

"She's so funny, and it's a joy to see the joke of a self-titled comedy festival live on and be reborn," Mirman said.

Janelle James Comedy Festival at the Bell House [149 Seventh St., between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, www.janellejamescomedyfestival.com]. Dec. 4 at 8 pm; Dec. 5–6 at 7:30 pm. \$25 (\$20 in advance).

THE MOB RULES

'Al Capone' is a good show about bad people

By Bill Roundy

his show is a straight shooter.

A sign by the entrance to the Coney Island USA stage reads: "Patrons are advised that this performance will include: cigar smoking, blank gunfire, profanity, anachronism, ethnic stereotypes, sexual situations, dramatic license, and ballistic pasta." And brother, they ain't kidding! You can dodge the flying noodles or throw them back, but there's no escaping the action onstage.

So whether or not you will enjoy Dick Zigun's new play "The Education of Al Capone, as if told by Jimmy Durante" is proportional to your willingness to join in as the actors exhort you to sing "The Whiffenpoof Song." Those who prefer the fourth wall intact should stay at home — it crumbles the moment the theater doors open, with a waitress and bartender offering "lousy pasta and warm beer" for \$5 (accurate) and bantering with the audience.



He nose what's happening: Quickwitted quipster Jimmy Durante, brought marvelously back to life by Rob Romeo in a false schnoz, narrates Dick Zigun's latest production.

The show takes place during the summer of 1918, following 18-year-old hoodlum Al Capone (actor Will Thomae) as his nickname changes from "Babyface" to "Scarface." He finds a job at a dive bar in Coney Island called the Harvard Inn, ruled by ruthless gangster Frankie Yale (Nikos Brisco), who schools the youngster in slinging beer and knocking heads

Rob Romeo is delightful as the show's host, Jimmy Durante, laying the schtick on thick with a hotch-cha-cha cadence, playing enough piano to qualify the show as a mobster musical, and moving the plot forward whenever it gets slow. It's all delivered with a wink and a laugh — the vaudeville jokes are cheesy, but it's easy to get swept along and root for these charming characters.

Notable sequences include a slow-motion boxing match that shows off Thomae's gift for exaggerated faces, and a series of quick-changes that bring actors Rob Aloi and Rita Posillico back again and again as less and less-welcome visitors to the club.

But for all those moments



Try the punch: A young Al Capone (left, played by Will Thomae) gets a lesson from gangster Frankie Yale (Nikos Brisco) while vaudevilian Jimmy Durante narrates the fight, in a new play running in Coney Island through Nov. 25.

Norman Blake

of fun, there are just as many that might leave you squirming. Playwright Zigun does not let you forget that these mobsters were also monsters; innocent people get gunned down on and off stage; and the casual sexism runs deep, with underage Clara Bow (Natalie Michaels) getting groped and handed over to Capone as a reward. I cannot blame anyone who backs out, but the show does not revel in its historic accuracy, and Bow gets her own

moment to fight back.

Overall, it makes for a fun evening — a look back into Coney Island history that might be accurate, but is definitely entertaining, with a cast of actors who are giving it their all.

"The Education of Al Capone, as if told by Jimmy Durante" at Coney Island USA (1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island, www.coneyisland.com). Nov. 16–18, 23–25; Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 4 pm and 8 pm, Sun at 4 pm. \$20.



Thrills and chills: Registration is now open for this year's New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge in Coney Island.

Photo by Paul Martinka

Grand cold time!

By Julianne McShane
are to take the dip!
Organizers of Coney
Island's annual New
Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge
officially opened registration
for the teeth-chattering event on
Monday.

Locals willing to brave the frigid waters can now sign up through the day of the plunge, according to evengt co-sponsors the Alliance for Coney Island and the Coney Island Polar Bear Club, who encourage daredevils to register in advance via the club's website.

The fund-raiser benefits several local organizations including the Alliance, the New York Aquarium, Coney Island USA, and

the Coney Island History Project, among others. Its organizers suggest divers donate a minimum of \$25 when they sign up.

Swimmers will meet at the beach near Boardwalk and Stillwell avenues on the morning of Jan. 1, before sprinting towards the bone-chilling watery abyss in groups of 500, starting at 1 pm sharp.

The hosts recommend all plungers bring a set of warm clothes, a towel, a camera to document the moment, and old sneakers to protect their feet in the cold.

Polar Bear Plunge [Riegelmann Boardwalk near Stillwell Avenue in Coney Island, (917) 533–3568, www.polarbearclub.org]. Jan. 1 at 1 pm. \$25 suggested donation.

For a cold comfort

Dumbo ice-cream shop will serve booze

By Julianne Cuba

veryone screams for ice

cream! And for beer!

The owners of Brooklyn ice cream shop Oddfellows launched a new store in Dumbo last month that will soon serve wine and beer along with its vegan rum-raisin and malted-peanut ice cream. For now, the cold weather has not turned away any fans of the non-alcoholic frozen dessert, said one co-owner, and the spot has been busy scooping out the oddball flavors the shop is known for.

"We're taking a cue from where we are located," said Mohan Kumar. "Opening an ice cream shop in the fall is always challenging, but there's tons of tourists, the neighborhood response is great."

The Water Street store's menu features a Dumbo-inspired sundae named "The Carousel" after the neighborhood's iconic landmark Jane's Carousel: three scoops of ice cream loaded with colorful toppings including sprinkles, cornflakes, chocolate fudge, caramel sauce, and maraschino cherries, all served on a gold spinning tray as a nod to the merry-go-round just steps away.

"It's a stone's throw away from our new shop — the



Merry-go-round: The Carousel is a build-it-yourself, spinning sundae named after the neighborhood's Jane's Carousel.

perfect concept," he said.

The shop will soon offer a brandnew boozy menu, with beer, wine, and innovative concoctions that mix both — or other low-proof beverages — with ice cream, said Kumar.

"We're coming up with a lot of new and exciting things," he said. "We're sourcing wine from all over, natural wines. We're just really excited to have beer and wine at as high of a standard as we do our ice cream — and pretty cool milkshakes too, White Russian milkshakes." The Dumbo location is still waiting for its license from the state liquor authority, but Kumar anticipates pouring boozy shakes within the next two weeks.

Oddfellows also plans to open a large factory in Bushwick early next year, where it will open a new soda fountain that will pour a full selection of booze, said Kumar.

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WALLS OF FAME

Take a tour of Bushwick art murals

By Julianne McShane e is taking it to the street! An art historian has started weekend tour of Bushwick's best street art, delivering a museumstyle docent's lecture on the nabe's graffiti and murals. During his Street Art Pilgrimage tours, Tony Huffman uses his graduate education to help visitors consider the painted figures as serious works of art, he said.

"As an art historian, I try to get people to think about images more critically - to stand in front of the images longer and try to parse them out, sit with the work and ask questions," said Huffman, who lives in Bushwick. "It's about trying to take that high caliber museum experience and translate that to the street."

The \$30, 90-minute tours make seven stops in the neighborhood, visiting notable works of street art from both local and international artists. One of Huffman's favorites - an untitled mural of medieval figures climbing the neck of an enormous giraffe --- was painted by Phlegm, a renowned British muralist at the behest of the Bushwick Collective art group. The tour guide said he delights in watching visitors try to make sense of the figures.

"It's not immediately obvious what this is referencing, what this has to do, what this is symbolizing," Huffman said. "That's what's great about street art - so much of it is rooted in figuration."

Other works were commissioned by businesses, including the outside of the Brooklyn Cider House, where Huffman's tour stops to marvel at an



Hop to it: Tony Huffman stands in front of a mural of rabbits and robots, created by Italian artist Pixel Pancho, one of the stops on his Street Art Pilgrimage tour of Bushwick.

untitled mural featuring a robot with part of its skull removed, by Italian artist Pixel Pancho.

Huffman's must-visit site for street art aficionados is "Red Hot Summer Day," a mural depicting an astronaut trying to navigate across the surface of an alien planet, by Spanish artists Raoul and Davide Perré. The mural resonates with the neighborhood's history as a longtime home for immigrants, he said.

"There's a connection to the history of immigration in Bushwick, and the idea that new territory is kind of comparable to learning how to survive and navigate in a new environment," Huffman said.

The street-art murals are often seen as harbinger of gentrification, but Huffman wants to make the art more accessible for local residents, and he plans to launch half-price tours for locals before the end of the year, he said.

"I think it did provide a lot more enjoyment and revitalization to everyday residents of Bushwick, but then as a consequence many people are being pushed out," he said. "It's a double-edged sword."

Street Art Pilgrimage in Bushwick (start at Wyckoff Avenue and Star Street in Bushwick, www.facebook. com/streetartpilgrim). Fri-Sun; at noon and 7 pm. \$30.

The fine art of Bklyn weekends

By Bill Roundy

rooklyn is getting artsy this

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Terrace Artists' Open Studio, happening at various locations across both neighborhoods on Saturday and

> Sunday, from noon to 6 pm. Visit www.artspswt.com

for a printable map, or pick one up at Jonathan Blum's storefront studio (285 Fifth Ave. between First and Second streets in Park Slope), where you can gawk at his playful portraits of ani-

mals and angelic figures. Or drop by Joy Makon's studio to wonder at her watercolors of buildings around Brooklyn (41 Fuller Pl. between Windsor Place and Prospect Avenue in Windsor Terrace). And if you get thirsty along your artsy journey, stop at American Cheez let them wander!

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(444 Seventh Ave. at 15th Street in Park Slope). The bar is a sponsor of the event, and will offer happy hour specials while the Open Studio is

Also opening on Saturday is the latest exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000, www.brooklynmuseum. org, \$16 suggested admission]. Slip over any time from 11 am to 6 pm for Kwang Young Chun's "Aggregations," a six-part collection of striking sculptures built out of mulberry-pulp paper from Korea, woven together to form spiky, bright blue images that look like coral reefs. The Museum is also open on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday this coming week, so if you have family in town, it's a good spot to drop them off and



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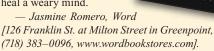
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Associated Press / Ringo H.W. Chiu

COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

SAT, NOV. 17

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS: \$43–\$2,500. 6 pm.

SUN, NOV. 18

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-LANDERS V DALLAS STARS: \$17-\$440. 1 pm.

MON, NOV. 19

SPORTS, LEGENDS CLAS-SIC: Men's basketball teams from St. John's, Temple, Virginia Commonwealth, and University of California. \$15–\$250. 7 pm.

TUE, NOV. 20

SPORTS, LEGENDS CLAS-SIC: Consolation and championship games. \$15–\$250. 7 pm.

WED, NOV. 21

SPORTS, BARCLAYS CEN-TER CLASSIC: Men's basketball teams from St. Louis University and the University of Pittsburgh. \$25–\$125. Noon.

WED, NOV. 21

SPORTS, NIT TIP-OFF: Men's basketball teams from Kansas, Louisville, Marquette and Tennessee. \$39–\$399. 7 pm

FRI, NOV. 23

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES: \$26– \$5,123. Noon.

FRI, NOV. 23

SPORTS, NIT TIP-OFF: Consolation and championship games. \$39– \$399. 7 pm.

SAT, NOV. 24

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-LANDERS V CARO-LINA HURRICANES: \$17–\$440. 7 pm.

SUN, NOV. 25

FAMILY, HARLEM GLOBE-TROTTERS: \$27–\$210. Noon.

SUN, NOV. 25

SPORTS, BROOKLYN
NETS V PHILADELPHIA
76ERS: \$45-\$3,334.
6 pm.

MON , NOV. 26

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-LANDERS V WASH-INGTON CAPI-TALS:\$16-\$440.7 pm.

WED, NOV. 28

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V UTAH JAZZ: \$23-\$3,334. 7:30 pm.

FRI, NOV. 30

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES: \$25-\$3,334. 7:30 pm.

SAT, OCT. 1

READING, MICHELLE OBAMA: The former First Lady reads from her new book. \$851– \$1,106. 8 pm.

MON, OCT. 3

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V CLEVELAND CAVALIERS: \$28– \$9,965. 7:30 pm.

TUE, OCT. 4

SPORTS, NEW YORK IS-LANDERS V WINNIPEG JETS: \$15–\$426. 7 pm.

MON, OCT. 3

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS V OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER: \$38– \$2,05. 7:30 pm.

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

FRI, NOV. 16

ART, CELEBRATING THE
BATTLE OF VERTIERES:
Celebrate the final battle
of the Haitian Revolution at a gallery exhibit at
Brooklyn College library,
followed by a reception in
the Student Center's Gold
Room from 6:30–8:30 pm.
Free. 4–9 pm. Brooklyn
College Student Center [2705 Campus Rd. at
Amersfort Place in Midwood, (718) 951–55281.

MARKET, LITTLE CARIB-BEAN FOOD POP-UP:

The annual holiday pop-up shop hosted by Caribbeing offers imported and locally-made food products from all over the Caribbean. Free. 4–8 pm. Caribbeing (Parkside and Ocean Avenues in Prospect Lefferts Gardens).

FUND-RAISER, THE STARS
OF DANCE: A charitable,
judged dance competition
featuring New York City
leaders that raises money
for dance education. \$75
(\$125 VIP). 7 pm (5:30 pm
VIP). Kumble Theater at
Long Island University
[DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718)
488–1624], www.starsnydance.org.

READING, BROOKLYN WRITERS SPACE READ-

ING SERIES: With authors Jai Chakrabarti, Charlene Allen, and Carl Erik Fischer. Free. 7 pm. Community Bookstore [143 Seventh Ave. between Carroll Street and Garfield Place in Park Slope, (718) 783–3075], www.communitybookstore.net.

DANCE, INTERPASSIVITIES: Conceived, directed, and

choreographed by Jesper Just. \$25. 7:30 pm, 9:30 pm. BAM Fisher (321 Ashland Pl. between Hansen Place and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene), www.bam.org.

THEATER, "UNCLE VANYA":

Chekhov's play about a bourgeois Russian family in crisis, adapted by playwright Annie Baker. \$18. 7:30 pm. Don Buchwald Theater [2900 Ave. H, at Campus Road in Flatbush, (718) 951–4500], www. depthome.brooklyn.cuny. edu/theater.

FILM, VOYAGE OF TIME:

Terrence Malick's powerful nature documentary is brought to life with a live orchestral and choral performance of the Wordless Music Orchestra. \$35. 7:30 pm. BAM Howard Gilman Opera House (30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene), www.bam. org.

COMEDY, LITTLE OLD LADY COMEDY PODCAST RE-

CORDING: The editors and contributors of the humor site host a night of comedic readings and stand-up comedy. Free. 7:30 pm. Greene Grape Annex (753 Fulton St. at S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene).

THEATER, "A MUSLIM IN THE MIDST": Three days after 9-11, a Hindu couple offer a ride to a Muslim family. \$18–\$25. 8 pm. Actors Fund Arts Center (160 Schermerhorn St. between



EVENTS



Goodbye, Yellow Brick Road: On Stage at Kingsborough presents a kid-friendly, hour-long version of "The Wizard of Oz" from the Vital Theatre Company on Nov. 17.

Hoyt and Smith Streets in Downtown), www.smith-streetstage.org.

THEATER, "CONSUMP-

TION": This intimate and immersive play about five couples and the nature of love will show for a small audience at a restored Victorian home. \$25. 8 pm. Beverley Social Club [1016 Beverley Rd., between Stratford Road and Coney Island Avenue in Kensington, (917) 991–7689], www.beverleysocialclub.com.

MUSIC, BROOKLYN CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY:

A selection of work by Beethoven and Schubert. \$35 (\$20 students). 8 pm. First Unitarian Church (119 Pierrepont St. between Clinton Street and Monroe Place in Brooklyn Heights), www.brooklynchambermusicsociety.org.

MUSIC, CERDDORION VOCAL ENSEMBLE: The

choral ensemble performs "And Love Waits," a concert of choral music featuring texts by American poets. \$25 (\$20 in advance). 8 pm. St. Paul's Episcopal Church (199 Carroll St. at Clinton Street in Carroll Gardens), cerddorion.org.

THEATER, "THE NANCE": A gay burlesque comedian in the 1930s tries to find love. \$20 (\$18 seniors). 8 pm. Heights Players [26 Willow Pl. between Joralemon and State streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 237–2752], www.heightsplayers.org.

splayers.org. MUSIC, "INTERPRETA-

TIONS": Chinese-American composer Bun Ching Lam presents music for string quartet. \$20. 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267–0363], www.roulette.org.

MUSIC, PAT IRWIN: The

guitarist of the B-52s performs his album of original compositions with Jon Cowherd on piano. \$15. 9 pm. Spectrum (70 Flushing Ave., at Cumberland Street in Fort Greene), www. spectrumnyc.com.

SAT, NOV. 17

MARKET, AF POP UP MAR-KET: A market with food, fashion, music, and art. Free. 11 am-6 pm. Industry City (220 36th Street between Second and Third

Avenues in Sunset Park). MARKET, DANISH CHRISTMAS FAIR: Join in the

"hygge" with puffed apple pancakes, mulled wine, and Danish treats at the Danish Seaman's Church and the Plymouth Church on Orange Street. Free. 11 am–5 pm. Danish Seamen's Church (102 Willow St. at Clark Street in Brooklyn Heigts), www. dskny.org.

ART, PARK SLOPE WINDSOR TERRACE OPEN STU-

DIOS: Visit the studios of more than 30 artists in the two neighborhoods. Free. Noon–6 pm. Various locations, www.artspswt.com.

DINING, BRAIN FREEZE: Sky Ice holds its third annual ice-cream eating contest. Free. 1–3 pm. Sky Ice (Fifth Avenue at St. Marks Street in Park Slope), www.park-

slopefifthavenuebid.com.

FAMILY, "THE WIZARD OF
OZ": Dorothy, the Tin Man,
the Cowardly Lion and
the Scarecrow travel the
yellow brick road to visit
the Wizard. This one-hour
work is suitable for children of all ages. \$13. 2 pm.
On Stage at Kingsborough
[2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan

www.onstageatkingsborough.org. THEATER, "UNCLE VANYA": 2 pm. See Friday, Nov. 16.

Beach, (718) 368-5596],

DANCE, "INTERPASSIVI-TIES": 2 pm. See Friday, Nov. 16.

MUSIC, "HANSEL AND GRETEL": The Brothers

Grimm's fairy tale comes to life on Regina Opera's stage, presented with full orchestra and English supertitles. \$25 (\$20 senior and students, \$5 teens, kids free). 3 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Auditorium (5902 Sixth Ave. at 60th Street in Sun-

book "Bold and Brave: Ten Heroes Who Won Women the Right to Vote" with illustrator Maira Kalman. \$16 (includes Museum admission). 4 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Av-

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MUSIC, FREDDIE & EVETTE: A blend of blues, Broad-

way, standards and more. Free. 8 pm and 9:30 pm. Lombardo's of Bay Ridge [279 71st St. between Second and Third avenues in Bay Ridge, (718) 238– 7100].

SUN, NOV. 18

ART, "NEON" CLOSING

RECEPTION: The group art show hosts musical performances and artist's talks on its last day. Free. 4–9 pm. (623 Bergen St. between Carlton and Vanderbilt streets in Prospect Heights), www.facebook.com/theweeklyweekly.

MUSIC, ROBERTA MICHEL: Flute music performance

as part of the 22nd annual concert series at the Good Shepherd Church. Free (Donations accepted). 5 pm. Good Shepherd Church [Ave. S and Brown Street in Marine Park, (718) 998–2800].

COMEDY, "COME SEE IF THIS WORKS OR NOT":

Jon Glaser tries out some classic bits to see if they might work for a live special. \$12 (\$10 in advance). 7:30 pm. Littlefield (635 Sackett St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus), www.littlefieldnyc.com.

MUSIC, CUTE IS WHAT WE

AIM FOR: The pop rock band plays with Makeout. \$tba. 8 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529– 6696], bk.knittingfactory. com.

THEATER, CONSUMPTION: 8 pm. See Friday, Nov. 16. DANCE, "RECKONING":

Composer Ross Feller and choreographer Kora Radella present a night of new music and motion. \$25 (\$18 in advance). 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (917) 267–0363], www. roulette.org.

MON, NOV. 19

FILM, WAVES OF BLACK:

A night of short films by Black creators. Free. 7:30 pm. Starr Bar (214 Starr St. between Irving and Wycoff Avenues in Bushwick).

COMEDY, CHICKEN, ROAD, LOL!: The weekly comedy open mic give you five

minutes to work on your stuff. Free. 8:00 pm. Excelsior [563 Fifth Ave. in Park Slope, (718) 788-2710], www.wigbate.com.

TUES, NOV. 20

BROOKLYN DOG FRISBEE

LEAGUE: Grab your dog and compete in a fun, friendly game of K9 Frisbee Toss & Fetch, which gives each dog 60 seconds to make as many Frisbee catches as possible. \$10. 8 am. Prospect Park Long Meadow North (Enter at Grand Army Plaza at Eastern Parkway in Prospect Park), www.facebook.com/ TossAndFetch.

BROOKLYN'S GUYANA: The **Brooklyn Historical Society** presents a panel featuring Guyanese female writers, analyzing immigration trends of the city's fifth largest immigrant group in Brooklyn. \$5. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

COMEDY, ASK ME AN-OTHER: Host Ophira Eisenberg welcomes special guests Michelle Wolf and Amber Ruffin to the live trivia show. \$15. 6:45 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhousenv.com.

THEATER, "CONSUMP-TION": 8 pm. See Friday, Nov. 16.

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THEATER, "CONSUMP-TION": 8 pm. See Friday, Nov. 16.

COMEDY, COMEDIANS YOU SHOULD KNOW NYC:

The Chicago-style stand up showcase features Rob Cantrell, Clark Jones, Kenny Deforest, Kerry Coddett, and more. \$10 (\$5 in advance). 9 pm. The Gutter [200 N. 14th St. between Wythe Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 387–3585], thegutterbrooklyn.com.

NIGHTLIFE, 90S HIP-HOP R&B SING-ALONG: Get down and Jump Around, singing along with music videos from the 1990s. With swag and giveaways throughout the night. \$10. 9:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], unionhallny.com.

THURS, NOV. 22

MUSIC, MAMADY AND MA-MADY: The two guitarists from Guinea play music from their early years. \$10 suggested donation. 8 pm.

Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965–9177], www. barbesbrooklyn.com.

FRI, NOV. 23

MARKET, WINTERFEST: The holiday market behind the Brooklyn Museum opens for the season. Shopping is free; buy tickets for the enchanted maze, gigantic slide, beer hall, and wine

tent. \$9-\$20. 1-9 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.winterfestbrooklynmuseum.com.

THEATER, "CONSUMP-TION": 8 pm. See Friday, Nov. 16.

SAT, NOV. 24

MARKET, BROOKLYN HOLI-DAY BAZAAR: An annual showcase of the best of Brooklyn, with shopping from local makers at 501 Union, and food & fresh drinks across the street. Free. 11 am-5 pm. 501 Union & The Green Building (501 Union St. between Bond Street and the Canal; 452 Union St. at Bond Street in Gowanus), brooklynholidaybazaar.com.

MUSIC, "HANSEL AND GRE-TEL": 3 pm. See Saturday, Nov. 17.

NIGHTLIFE, QUIET DANCE PARTY AT WINTERFEST:

Three live DJs will spin hits streamed to your head-phones while you explore the festival behind the Museum. \$10. 5 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], www. winterfestbrooklynmuseum.org.

COMEDY, ANDY KINDLER

LIVE: The actor and comedian delivers a stand-up show. \$12. 7 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com

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