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Meet our 2012 all-stars

You may have lost a little weight or cleaned out your attic, but some Brooklyn powerhouses spent 2011 rising up the ranks in a variety of industries: "starchitects" added to their dazzling empires: a network of charter schools laid the framework for a Brooklyn takeover; an 80-yearold pizzaiolo fanned the flames of a full-fledged pizza war under the Brooklyn Bridge; an artist built a full-scale jetway inside a Bushwick gallery; a controversial big-box store made a serious push to move into the borough; and a basketball team (formerly from New Jersey) finally, finally began making its way across the river (two rivers, in fact!) to the Barclays Center, where it will celebrate its first season as the Brooklyn Nets this fall.

There's no sign that these rising stars are slowing down. In fact, they're just getting warmed up.

Our CNG prognosticators (yes, we have a few of them on staff), say that you're going to want to keep you eyes on these over-achievers, because, in some cases, they will be, quite literally, reshaping Brooklyn as we know it.

So, before you do anything else, flip the page and behold our comprehensive list of Brooklyn's 12 to watch in 2012!



2012's a splash!

Melissa Alvarez and Anja Koschak were among the 3,000 swimmers who took part in the Coney Island Polar Bear Club's annual New Year's Day swim. See page 8 for more.

Photo by Paul Martinka

GOLD GOLD FRONT

Carnies buy ice cream shop

BY DANIEL BUSH

Call it the revenge of the freaks
— served cold.

Coney Island USA, the group behind the Mermaid Parade and Sideshows by the Seashore, has expanded its carny influence in the People's Playground by scooping up Denny's Ice Cream on Surf Avenue, a neighborhood staple, for a cool \$1.3 million.

"We bought it for future expansion while property in the neighborhood is relatively affordable," said Dick Zigun, founder of Coney Island USA, who hopes to turn the property between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue into a multistory arts center. "If we didn't buy

[the building] now I don't think we'd ever be able to do it."

The freak show expansion is in stark contrast to what's currently happening at Coney Island: thrill ride operators Central Amusement International, with the city's blessing, is in the process of turning the Boardwalk into a glitzy—and freak free—year-round resort town.

Zigun contends that freaks and carnies are as important to the Boardwalk as the Coney Island sand, but the red carpet has never been rolled out to Coney Island USA — which makes this purchase even sweeter.

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INSIDE TWELVE TO WATCH

When the big crystal ball falls in Times Square, some of us make resolutions. Others make predictions. But we at Courier Life make lists of the people who we know will make headlines in the next 12 months. So without further ado, here are our 12 to watch in 2012!

#12 Andrew Ohanesian, artist

What do a bar, a walk-in refrigerator, and a jetway have in common?

They've all been in art exhibits by Bushwick's most inventive artist, Andrew Ohanesian.

Ohanesian has built houses, hallways, and rooms inside art galleries to great acclaim — and to police consternation. For example, one exhibit, featuring a self-serve bar built inside a Wyckoff Avenue art space, caught the attention of the 83rd Precinct.

Look out for his spring exhibition, when Ohanesian will bring his prefabricated brand of trickery to Williamsburg's most unusual gallery space, a former industrial boiler run by Pierogi Gallery called The Boiler Room.

"It's a lot of work for Andrew," said Famous Accountants's Kevin Regan, who helped Ohanesian install a jetway from scratch inside his Gates Avenue studio. "I don't know anybody else who does this kind of work with such a high level of production quality."

Jami Attenberg, author

It will be 10 months before this Williamsburg author's new novel hits bookshelves, but it's worth the wait.

Prolific author and clerk at WORD bookstore in Greenpoint Jami Attenberg's fourth book of fiction,



KEEP YOUR EYES ON THESE GUYS: (Clockwise from above) Andrew Ohanesian, Jami Attenberg, Regina Myer, Jeb Walentas.

"The Middlesteins," follows a family living in a Chicago suburb and its overweight matriarch who is slowly eating herself to death.

It is not a comedy, but it is funny.

"I tried to write it with compassion for all the characters," said Attenberg. "It's sad, but it's funny very hon-

But Attenberg's not just a great novelist — she's a journalist, short-story writer, magazine proprietor, book-slinger, entertaining reader, and all-around talent. So make sure to keep a close eye on this one.

Regina Myer, president of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation

She's helmed the 1.3-mile

greenspace since 2007, but in early 2012 she'll be making one of her biggest and most controversial decisions: selecting a developer for a hotel and luxury condo complex at Pier 1 — changing the \$350-million waterfront park forever — and the pressure is on.

Community members have long railed against her corporation — especially in 2011 — over a lack of transparency in park decisions, for allegedly scuttling plans for a year-round sports bubble on Pier 5 after it failed to attract developers, and for insisting that high-rises inside the park are the only way to fund its massive \$16-million annual upkeep.

Indeed, the park is required by the city and state to bankroll its own budget so







it won't drain public coffers; instead, it will collect millions in property taxes from new development within its footprint.

Watchdogs can only wait and see what luxury colossus will shadow the public park, and whether the tightlipped corporation will seek another contractor for the much-ballyhooed winter recreation center. Maybe the private schools will come to its rescue after all.

Jed Walentas, developer

2012's the year that the crown prince of DUMBO development will be checking into Williamsburg — for an extended stay.

This spring, Two Trees Vice President Jed Walentas plans to open a 72-room boutique hotel, The Wythe, on N. 11th Street.

"We've never done this before, and it's a bit of a risk," Walentas told us in November.

But if Walentas's ability to rejuvenate a neighborhood from the ground up - see DUMBO - is any indication, we're sure the risk will pay off for this "starchitect," and Williamsburg community leaders say The Wythe represents a "new milestone," because of the caliber of construction.

The hotel will contain a spacious rooftop bar with Manhattan skyline views and a restaurant managed by the man behind neighborhood stalwarts Diner and Marlow & Sons — meaning that the new building won't just cater to out-of-towners.

We'll be making a reservation there soon.

Walmart

During last year's "11 to watch in 2011," we told everyone to look out for the upcoming Gateway II shopping center — because that's where Brooklyn's first Walmart was expected to open.

Now, we're telling everyone to keep an eye out for their own street corner: the Bentonville Behemoth can now open almost anywhere, thanks to the company's new, slimmed-down Walmart Express stores, which are about the same size as a large Key Food or Path-Mark — so wherever they can go, a Walmart could go.

Walmart won't say where it's going, but it definitely has Brooklyn in mind; the company's been throwing



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Patsy Grimaldi, pizzáiolo

The original pizzaiolo behind Grimaldi's is back, and he's fanning the flames of a full-fledged pizza war under the Brooklyn Bridge.

The 80-year-old pizza king will emerge from retirement in 2012 to resurrect his old parlor on Old Fulton Street — with his legendary coalfired oven intact — more than a decade after he sold Grimaldi's to Frank Ciolli.

Grimaldi seized the opportunity after his old landlord refused to re-sign Ciolli's lease and then invited Grimaldi for a comeback.

But the pizza war is still on: Ciolli moved next door to a flashier 1 Front St. on Dec. 17, and promises to bring the same block-long lines of tourists waiting for a chewy, hyped-up slice.

Jimmy Kokotas, restaurateur

Changes are coming to Conev Island in 2012, but at least the Boardwalk will have some familiar faces. Jimmy Kokotas, the owner of the legendary Prospect Heights eatery Tom's Restaurant, will open an egg creamand-burger outpost on the Boardwalk in April, joining a select group of Brooklynborn businesses on the iconic seaside walkway.

The 75-vear-old diner's Coney outpost will replace Cha Cha's Bar, one of five old-school Boardwalk shops that were evicted in November by Central Amusement International, the company that runs Luna Park and was tapped by the city



to turn the People's Playground into a glitzy, yearround destination.

In order to compete with Nathan's Famous, Kokotas's new diner will have to appeal to tourists and Coney's faithful, who'll be watching his first season closely to see if he has what it takes to make it on the Boardwalk.

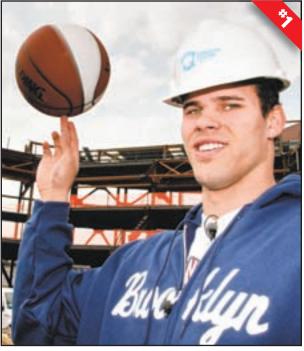
Eva Moskowitz, founder of Success **Charter Network**

Former city councilwoman Eva Moskowitz wants to extend her controversial charter school empire into three Brooklyn neighborhoods in 2012.

Her plan to open the Success Charter Network schools — which take up space in public school buildings — irks some parents and thrills others.

Critics say students at space-crunched public schools — in Cobble Hill, Bedford-Stuyvesant and Williamsburg — shouldn't have to compete for facilities such as gyms and cafeterias with charter school kids, who are chosen via lottery.

Supporters are simply happy to get more good education options for free. A battle about privatized education lies at the core of the debate - and so does the future of the city's public school system. Moskowitz herself is highly paid, politically con-





nected, and has aspirations to become mayor - and she has now set her sights set on kid-centric Brooklyn neighborhoods, where we'll undoubtedly see the conflict unfold in 2012.

Occupy Brooklyn, movement

The Occupy Wall Street movement came on strong at the tail end of 2011 but it looks like the protest might make its way across the West River in 2012.

With the protest's symbolic home, Zuccotti Park in Manhattan, long evacuated, the movement's center of power has spread to the boroughs — particularly our own — and organizers say big things are on the rise this year.

There are now satellite groups working in Bush-



term occupations now is to get ready for the spring," said Corey, an organizer working with the nascent Occupy movement in Williamsburg.

"That's what we're all building to. People are really excited for March 2012 — there are going to be many occupations like Zuccotti around the city."

1 Linda Sarsour, director of the Arab American **Association of New York**

She's been in the public eve since joining the group nearly 10 years ago — but 2011 was the year that put her on the map as the face of a post-Sept. 11 Muslim America. The Brooklynite, whose parents come from Palestine, has had a whirlwind year, with dozens of TV appearances, a community service award from President Obama and high-profile stances on everything from the NYPD's controversial Muslim surveillance program to getting shunned by organizers at a Fourth of July picnic. But it is her outgoing attitude and ambi-

tion that gets her noticed the

most — a brash and unapologetic style that smashes Arab women stereotypes. Sarsour has even hinted at running for office — though it likely would not be for another couple of years.

BROOKLYN BIGWIGS: (Clockwise from top left) Walmart, the Barclays Center, Occupy Brooklyn, Lew

Fidler, Linda Sarsour, Eva Moskowitz, Jimmy Kokotas, Patsy Grimaldi.

In 2012, Sarsour plans to focus her efforts on rallying voters in Bay Ridge and the 13th Congressional District.

#7 Lew Fidler, councilman

The veteran councilman is the leading Democratic candidate to replace disgraced former state Senator Carl Kruger this year. Fidler's been eyeing the seat which covers a swath of neighborhoods from Brighton Beach to Bergen Beach, and overlaps with his district - since Kruger was indicted in March. Today, Fidler has more than \$300,000 on hand for the race.

Fidler is a popular figure in the area he's represented since 2002, but must give up his council seat at the end of next year due to term limits. Political insiders say it's his race to lose, but Republicans believe the heavily blueleaning district is in play since Rep. Bob Turner (R-Sheepshead Bay) won a surprise victory there in 2010 after Rep. Anthony Weiner resigned in disgrace during a sexting scandal.

Now that Kruger has pled guilty to corruption charges, look for Fidler to announce his candidacy very soon, and spend the next few months campaigning against Republican attorney David Storobin, his likely opponent.

Gov. Cuomo is expected to call a special election to fill the vacant seat sometime in March.



Call 'em the Brooklyn Nets — finally.

The soon-to-be-renamed New Jersev Nets are moving to the Barclays Center in Prospect Heights this fall after years of hold-ups from opponents of developer Bruce Ratner's Atlantic Yards mega-project, which includes the arena and 16 planned residential buildings.

The \$1-billion Barclays Center rising on Flatbush and Atlantic avenues is scheduled to open in late September, with a series of highly anticipated concerts by Nets part-owner and rap mogul Jay-Z — there's no doubt that the Marcy Houses native's shows will fill the 19,000-seat arena. Whether or not the Nets can do the same is anyone's guess.

Expect old-school Brooklynites who mourned the departure of the Boys of Summer in 1957 — as well as younger ones who've never heard of Dodger greats like Pee Wee Reese or Gil Hodges — to flock to the Barclays Center to watch the borough's first big-league sports team in two generations.







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Machete maniac

A man attacked a woman with a machete during a Dec. 30 purse grab on Avenue S, police say.

The victim said she was nearing Coney Island Avenue at 10:30 pm when the suspect attacked, punching her in the head and cutting her index finger with his

The suspect ran off with the woman's purse, but didn't get far — cops cornered him a short time later, charging him with

Seafood snag

A thief broke into Hania Seafood on Gerritsen Avenue on Dec. 30, taking more than \$25,000 in shrimp and lobster tails.

Workers at the store between Devon and Everett avenues said someone cut the front locks to the security gates sometime after closing at 5:30 pm. The theft wasn't discovered until the next day.

Home raided

A thief broke into a McDonald Avenue home on Dec. 28, taking \$500 and an assortment of medication.

The 71-year-old homeowner told police that he left his home between Quentin



Road and Kings Highway at 8 am. When he returned at 11 pm, he learned that someone forced open his side window. Whoever did it stood on a bucket — which was found outside — in order to get in, police sav.

Airbag swipe

A thug broke into a 2010 Infiniti parked on Emmons Avenue on Dec. 27, taking an airbag.

The car's owner left the luxury vehicle sitting near Bedford Avenue at 10 pm. When he returned to it the following morning, the passenger-side window was broken and the airbag was gone.

Texting hate

A hate-filled goon has been threatening a Sheepshead Bay resident with anti-Islamic text messages, police say.

The victim, whose name was not released, told police that he received several texts on his cellphone on Dec. 28, reading, "Mohammed married a 9-year-old girl, you probably did the same," and, "You Muslims breed like mice, you immigrants get out of our country."

Cops were still trying to track the hatetexter down by Monday evening.

Tire stab

A goon punctured a 50-year-old woman's tires while she shopped at an Emmons Avenue store on Dec. 29.

The woman had parked her 2011 Mercedes Benz near Ocean Avenue at 5 pm. When she returned to her vehicle a half hour later, her tires had been deflated.

Gunning for cash

Police arrested two men who they say performed a Dec. 30 gunpoint robbery on Moore Place.

The victim said he was approaching E. 16th Street at 5:10 pm when the two sus-

pects ran up, put a gun to his head, and knocked him to the ground before running off with his cash.

The thieves fled in a gray Nissan Altima, but cops caught up with the duo a short time later, charging them with rob-

Bailing out

A motorist caught driving recklessly along Coney Island Avenue led police on a crazed chase on Dec. 29 — then bailed out of his vehicle before cops could grab him.

Cops said they saw the 2006 Infiniti charging toward Avenue P, nearly hitting pedestrians, at about 7:15 pm.

But when the officers finally managed to pull the wayward motorist over, he jumped out of the car and ran off, leaving his wheels behind.

Walking right in

A goon with a knife held up a 44-yearold woman in her Van Sicklen Street apartment on Dec. 31.

The victim told police that the suspect came to her door near Avenue W just after midnight, claiming that he lived in an upstairs apartment and needed to use the bathroom.

A few minutes later, he flashed a knife, taking several pieces of jewelry from the woman before running off.

— Thomas Tracy

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Richard Lipsky's plea would come just two weeks after Kruger resigned from the Senate and pleaded guilty to corruption charges. Kruger faces up to 50 years in prison when he is sentenced in April by Judge Jed S. Rakoff.

Another of his co-defendants, Robert Aquino, the former chief executive officer of Parkway Hospital in Queens, pleaded guilty this week, leaving just one defendant facing trial.

It was not clear what charges Lipsky and Aquino would plead guilty to. Lawyers for the two men declined to comment, as did a spokeswoman for the United States attorney's office in Manhattan, which is prosecuting the case.

Lipsky, who is in his 60s, has long portrayed himself as an advocate for the underdog and had been a frequent presence in City Hall and in the State Capitol in Albany, the New York Times noted.

But in March, federal prosecutors charged that he had been siphoning fees to Kruger in return for the legislator taking official actions on issues for which Lipsky had been paid to lobby.

Between November 2007 and June 2010, Lipsky directed about \$260,000 of his lobbying fees to two shell companies linked to Kruger, prosecutors claim.

Prosecutors said more than \$100,000 in cash was



found in a safe in his home after his arrest, and some \$4,000 in crisp bills was in his suit pocket.

"Kruger's official actions included sponsoring and supporting legislation, lobbying other elected officials and directing state monies for the benefit of Lipsky and his clients," the complaint said.

Lipsky's clients included a Bronx beverage distributor, a supermarket retailer, and a real estate developer that has since been identified as Forest City Ratner. None of the clients were accused of any wrong doing.

Aquino was also charged in a bribery conspiracy involving Kruger.

Lawsuit: Don't forget Asian voters

Four Asian-American voters went to court on Dec. 29,

urging a Brooklyn federal court judge to adopt a redistricting plan that provides Asian Americans with equal representation in New York.

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In the suit, filed by the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the plaintiffs — which includes Steve Chung, a Marine Park resident who is president of the United Chinese Association of Brooklyn — claim that it's high time for an Asian-American political structure and feels that political deals and inaccurate statistics from the 2010 U.S. census may damage the redistricting process if the courts don't intervene.

Over the past decade, the Asian-American population in New York has grown dramatically to almost 1.5 million, or 7.3 percent of the state, plaintiffs claim. In New York City alone, the Asian-American population increased 32 percent to more than one million.

"The current political maps — drawn a decade ago — do not take into account this growth, leaving Asian Americans severely underrepresented," Glenn D. Magpantay, director of Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund's Democracy Program, told reporters.

The New York State Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment and the New York State Legislature, the two entities charged with redrawing district lines, have not released new maps in time for the 2012 primaries.

The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund demands that an independent party or "Special Master" be appointed to redraw districts immediately.





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ALL-TIME HIGH: The 3,000 swimmers who took part in the fun more than doubled last year's turnout.

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Brave Coney swimmers brr-ring in the New Year

BY DANIEL BUSH

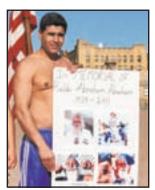
More than a dozen fearless souls plunged into the chilly Brighton Beach waters on Sunday to participate in a bracing New Year's Day tradition — and honor the larger-than-life showman who made a wintertime dip in the Atlantic Ocean seem easy.

Members of the Ice Breakers Winter Ocean Swimmers say they dove into the water on Jan. 1 just as Rabbi Abraham Abraham — the mustachioed, muscle-bound, 77-year-old Coney Island legend who founded the group — would have. Abraham, who regularly braved the ocean's offseason temperatures, died of bone cancer last May.

"Even though he's not here with us physically, he's here with us spiritually," said Paul Sternblitz, who joined in an informal seaside service for Abraham, before dunking into the 45-degree waves to do a few laps.

The Coney Island celebrity, whose real name was Abraham Navitsky, wasn't a practicing rabbi with a congregation, though he often said that the beach was his synagogue.

But Abraham was more famous for his whacky feats—like living inside of an ice block igloo he built near the Boardwalk for 110 hours. His flowing white beard and outgoing personality also made him stand out in a crowd, friends said.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON: Mayer Navitsky holds up a picture of his father, Rabbi Abraham Abraham, the Coney Island legend and winter swimmer extraordinaire who passed away last May.

Abraham started the Ice Breakers in the early 1990s after he was pushed out of the Coney Island Polar Bear Club — a much larger winter swimming organization dedicated to raising money for charity. Abraham's fans say that Polar Bears booted Abraham from their club because they felt the diminutive showman with bulging biceps had become a distracting presence.

Abraham's name wasn't mentioned several blocks west, where the Coney Island Polar Bears held its annual New Year's swim. The club brought 3,000 swimmers to beach, the most in the organization's 109-year history, but many said the weather played an important role in this milestone—temperatures were hovering in the low 40s all day.



IN AND OUT: Most swimmers only last a few seconds in the 45-degree water.



FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS GET FROST BITE: A quintet of bikini-clad beauties kept each other warm.

Greenpoint resident and Coney Island Polar Bear Club member Ted Newmann said the balmy wintertime temperatures made the swim much more pleasurable.

"The water was fresh and clear," he said. "It was beautiful."

The Coney Island Polar Bears raised approximately \$50,000 for Camp Sunshine, a retreat in Maine for children with life-threatening illnesses, on New Year's Day, club president Dennis Thomas explained.



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Carnies

Continued from cover

Zigun's fledgling freak show was forced to vacate Coney Island USA's original Boardwalk storefront back in 1995 when the landlord wouldn't renew his lease. He ultimately moved Coney Island USA into Child's Restaurant which is next door to Denny's and bought the landmarked building, which is about a block away from Central Amusement International's influence, in 2007.

A gyro stand took over the space Zigun vacated, but — in an ironic twist — Central Amusement International unceremoniously booted the eatery and four other businesses from the Boardwalk last month, killing some of the area's offbeat charm in the

Despite these changes, Denny Corine said his decision to sell his sweet shop to Zigun in November had nothing to do with Conev Island's controversial rebirth.

"I got tired of doing the same thing for so many years," Corine said. "Nothing lasts forever."

Zigun said that Denny's which has been selling funnel cake and its original ice cream flavors to beachgoers since 1978 — will continue to serve confections for another year before closing next



Dick Zigun's arts organization Coney Island USA is taking over a longtime ice cream store on Surf Avenue. Photo by Bess Adler

September. The space will start to host some arts performances, film screenings and private parties currently being held at Coney Island USA's museum in 2013.

Yet his dream of building a

multi-story arts center may not be realized for some time, he explained.

"It's something we're planning to do maybe 15 years from now," Zigun said.

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Shavana and Stan wrong to attack others

To the editor,

Patricia Levine likes what your columnists — Stanley Gershbein ("It's Only My Opinion") and Shavana Abruzzo ("A Britisher's View") — say ("Courier writers tell it like it is," Letters to the Editor, Dec. 16).

Gershbein attacks liberalism, which gave us Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment insurance, comprising a safety net. All of us will need one or another of these sometime during our lives. Abruzzo keeps attacking Muslims and their mosques.

Jews, Irish and other groups were victims of hatred and discrimination. Now they discriminate against Muslims. There are thousands of Muslims in the city, and mosques in various boroughs. Are bombs exploding all over the city? I don't think so. The Muslims are already in the Sheepshead Bay area, they just want a place to pray, like other groups have.

In another column, Abruzzo says to the Brooklyn Museum, "Hey, Museum, show Muslim art," (Dec. 1. 2011). The Brooklyn Museum has a large hall of historic and beautiful Islamic art. This is an ancient and interesting culture.

She's also said, "thank God for Christianity." Christians have been persecuting Jews for centuries. Christians killed six million Jews in the Holocaust. Should we thank God for that?

Jerome Frank Coney Island

Shucks, Chuck!

To the editor,

Sen. Charles Schumer (D) is the personification of the "nanny state."

His latest cause is requesting that the Transportation Security Administration hire "passenger advocates" at hundreds of airports around the nation to assist those who may have problems with airport security. A handful of people each day may have problems, while millions of other Americans put up with this inconvenience in the name of our national security.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Schumer, as usual, never mentioned how many millions of dollars will have to be found to pay for training and reassigning hundreds of employees. The next step will be to hire hundreds more who can speak foreign languages.

Voters need a "taxpayer advocate" assigned to Schumer around the clock, considering the frequency of his standard Sunday news conferences, and introduction of congressional bills which continue to pick our pockets for even more money to fund his many useless proposals.

A \$15 trillion long-term debt at \$48,000 per citizen — or \$134,000 per taxpayer — proves that we have suffered enough!

Larry Penner Great Neck, N.Y.

Corrupt clubhouses

To the editor,

Unfortunately, the political corruption exemplified by ex-state Sen. Carl Kruger and many others in New York is far from ending.

What obviously is needed is for the FBI to investigate the political clubhouses and bosses that allow people like Kruger to remain in office, gain power, and continually recycle "good old boys" as candidates, so that ethically questionable-types remain in office.

The Occupy Wall Street movement should consider picketing these club-houses, as well as the real estate developers who provide their major funding for their candidates, and who may be as corrupt as some Wall Street bankers.

Ed Jaworski

The writer is president of the Madison-Marine-Homecrest Civic Association.

Bam's sham

To the editor,

President Obama has been accused of many things since he took office. Some are hard to believe, some are just ridiculous, but if I didn't see it with my own eyes I would never have believed it! I'm talking about the kid whose fingers he bit. I would expect that behavior from Joe Biden or Nancy Pelosi, but not our president!

That little kid was tough — he didn't even cry like the House Speaker John Boehner!

Bob Bach Bay Ridge

Bill's slumlords

To the editor.

Nice to see that Public Advocate Bill DeBlasio posted the 10 worst kept buildings and the 10 worst landlords.

What is going to be done with these renegade owners? The problem is that

next June they will automatically get their rent increases under rent stabilization.

I have suggested over and over that any landlord who has a violation in his or her building be denied any such increase until the violation is fixed. At that point, the increase in rent should NOT be retroactive.

We have allowed landlords to get away with murder in this city. Some of the buildings shown, and others, look like places you would find in a third world country. Why aren't inspections made of these death traps?

Landlords must be made to open their books when it comes to increasing the rents. We cannot continue to allow these automatic increases. Obviously, conditions do not improve with higher rents.

> Ed Greenspan Sheepshead Bay

Brit's Muslim 'truth'

To the editor.

Haydar Elawad ("Forgive' Shav, 'Allah," Letters to the Editor, Dec. 29), exactly what apalled you about what Shavana Abruzzo wrote ("New Yorkstan? Don't rule it out," A Britisher's View, June 22, 2010)? She writes the truth.

There are many of you all around us. There is no denying your presence. You are the elephant in the room because some misguided people feel that we are supposed to tiptoe around Muslims — no matter what we feel — and never say anything untoward about them.

Most Americans my age feel the pain and uncertainty which Muslims have imposed on us and our country. The constant threats from Muslims all over the world are the problem.

We will not rejoice over mosques that are trying to be — or being — built in small neighborhoods where there is no parking. The sounds that come from a mosque are foreign and disturbing. Why should we be wakened or disturbed at all hours of the day or night? Don't Muslims wear watches? Nor would we rejoice over a church or synagogue being built under these circumstances. As for building at or near the World Trade Center, if you don't understand that sentiment, then you are part of the problem.

You seem like a decent, if misguided, person, and I'll tell you the same thing I told a Muslim gentleman I was speaking with recently. I am 66 years old and because of Muslims, on Sept. 11, 2001, my entire world was turned upside down. Then, I learned that Muslim terrorists had been doing this to us for years (just Google Muslim terrorist activities against the

United States to see what I mean).

Those born after that horrible day may be able to move past these types of feelings, but those of us who were here — and shocked into a horrible reality on that awful Tuesday — will never forget. I, myself, was at the World Trade Center on that day. I went into shock at seeing the second plane explode into the South building, and was rescued by a police officer. If she had not seen my frozen form on that bus, I would be dead now!

We can live with you among us. We can be friendly with you, but we can never forget what Muslims did to us on that day. Never.

And all the complaining from Muslims about everythig under the sun just ticks us off even more. You're living in my country — the greatest one in the world!

Why do Muslims keep trying to shut us up? We can't speak our minds? Well, you are not going to shut us up. We will continue to speak our minds.

You may come from a brutal society, but we didn't and your brutal society is trying to inch up on us daily. We will never accept it.

Hopefully, we can prevent being overtaken, which seems to be the goal of Muslims. For me, the good news is it won't happen in my time. What happens to this country going forward depends on the young.

And, instead of asking your god to forgive Shavana (you have some nerve!), how about asking him to forgive the Muslims who did this to us and turn their paths to good, huh? How about asking the troublemaking Muslims to knock it off, and just to live and let live?

And you, Haydar Elawad, how about just going to your home, closing the door, stop complaining and thank God that you live in the United States of America!

Diane Hunt Bay Ridge

Full of Mitt

To the editor,

Mitt Romney is making a big deal about President Obama not leaving any troops in Iraq. He's angry that as soon as Obama withdrew the troops, the bombings increased.

Perhaps he should check the bills that President Bush signed just before he left office in 2009. Bush signed a bill that mandated the U.S. be completely out of Iraq by the end of 2011. Obama was just following the bill

That's what Romney gets for missing Congressional sessions!

Ronald Cohen Sheepshead Bay

Stan has more quotes of the year

he title above of my column is It's Only My Opinion, and last week I offered my opinion on some of the best quotes of last year. In the interest of space, I pared my list down. But now I am looking at several bonus quotes that are informative, entertaining, and sure to stimulate conversation when it slows down at your next cocktail party

• "To save money, the Postal Service announced the end of next-day service. That's a good way to get people to come back, isn't it? Make your service even slower that it already is." There's a rumor going around that Jay Leno no longer receives his mail.

• "I did not sext." Those four words — the shortest quote on my list — received an awful lot of ink and airtime. The very popular congressman who said it was loved by his constituents and would still be in office today if not for Charlie and Nancy. Their encouragement for him to resign cost the Democrats another seat in the House.

• "Sometimes you're the pigeon, sometimes you're the statue." This is an old one that keeps coming back. I heard it several times this year, just like this one, which is a lot older and repeated more so in 2011: "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

• "Every single time we arrest a state senator or assemblyman, it should be a jarring wake-up call. Instead, it seems that no matter how many times the alarm goes off, Albany just hits the snooze button." I read that one early in 2011 and I'm convinced that it should be inscribed on the wall of the Red Room in the state capitol.

• "We don't have to teach America to be anti-union. The thugs in Wisconsin are doing that." I laughed when I read this one, and I don't know of any demonstration anywhere in the United States that caused as much damage.

• "There's a Mr. Nobel out here. He says you have something of his and he wants it back." That was the caption to a political cartoon. Can



IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

you guess who was in the cartoon?

• "A simple way to take measure of a country is to look at how many want in ... and how many want out." You cannot argue with no matter how hard you try.

• "Racial profiling is good police work!" Oh, come on already. It is good police work. If the crime is committed by a short brunette female, why bother to question a tall blonde?

• "Somewhere out there, the devil is dancing tonight." This one was the topic of many discussions. Why was it said?

• "We don't need new taxes. We need new taxpayers." True, but those sitting on the left side of the room will argue that we need both.

I finish with a quote from a letter to the editor of this newspaper. In her communication Patricia Levine wrote:

"Shavana Abruzzo and Stanley Gershbein never fail to give thanks to our brave military and veterans who have defended our way of life in this greatest nation on earth."

Most people take the time to write only when they disagree. Some of them are just plain old nasty and rude. Ronald Reagan said, "You can disagree without being disagreeable." I am StanGershbein@Bellsouth.net sending you, Ms. Levine, a great big thank you for being

NYPD's blue line of entrapment

Police work is tough going, and law enforcers must resort to creative measures — including deceptive sting jobs — to remain a step ahead of criminals. But when cops entrap innocent people by randomly accosting them on the street, it's

time to draw the blue line between law and disorder.

Dyker Heights resident Robert Tester, 19, began the holiday season by spending more than a day holed up behind bars last month after undercover cops arrested him in a citywide sting. The college freshman told this newspaper that he was tricked into buying an iPhone by an undercover cop posing as a street peddler, who jerked the teen's heartstrings with a tale of woe about his allegedly impoverished family. When Tester agreed to buy the phone for \$20 - reluctantly out of sympathy, he says he was swiftly arrested and whisked off to jail. He plans to sue the city for damages — with good reason.

Tester's case questions the legalities of sting busts when they coerce unsuspicious and unsuspecting pedestrians into committing a crime. There are enough real criminals in this city without cops inventing fake



ones to burden an already clogged judicial system, while unnecessarily taking the "sting" out of an important policing technique.

Cops have used artful ruses to nail dangerous offenders for as long as law enforcement has existed. In 18th century England, before there was a police force, civilian "thieftakers" — often criminals themselves — worked with authorities to capture highway robbers and bring them to justice. They became the precursors for modern-day informants and laid the groundwork for today's sting operations — hoaxes in which undercover cops or surrogates provide suspects with an opportunity to commit crimes that have been created or exploited by police, followed by a dramatic "gotcha" arrest.

There is no mistaking their critical importance. Stings collect vital evidence without the hardships of having to obtain a criminal's confession, and they avert potential disasters: last month, 70 people were arrested, and \$7.1 million worth of drugs and weapons seized after a year-long undercover operation in Washington. In Nov. 2010, a Somali-born teenager was arrested in Oregon moments before he exploded a car bomb at a packed Christ-

mas tree lighting — thanks to a sixmonth sting. The success stories are countered by the memorable failures.

Auto designer John DeLorean had no criminal record and was facing financial ruin when he was recruited by undercover FBI agents in the 1980s to distribute cocaine to save his floundering company. An entrapment defense mounted by DeLorean's lawyers acquitted him of illegal drug trafficking when the jury decided that cops persuaded a desperate man to commit an act he would not otherwise have considered.

The U.S. Department of Justice says that "the amount of deception police use may vary from none to a lot," depending on the type of crime or the purpose of the sting operation. That's all fair and good — but it should not be wielded at the expense of lawful civilians whose only "crime" is walking down the street minding their own business.

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Joanna dances into the New Year

isco was in full swing in 1977, when everyone that was anyone knew how to do the Hustle, "Saturday Night Fever," was the number-one movie, and my friend and dancing partner Ronnie wanted to be the next Tony Manero. We were both hell-bent on learning ballroom dancing, and our dance of choice was the merengue. We were going to set the dance floor afire in triple time!

Every Friday and Saturday night found the two of us one, two, threeing across the lighted floor at Revelations in Bay Ridge, where there was either a live band or a DJ setting the tone. On one particular night as we stepped, swirled, and dipped just like Carmen Miranda (minus the fruit) and Caeser Romero (minus his Joker make-up), Ronnie flung me a bit too zealously into a spin. As I twirled on my platform shoes, my ankle strap broke, I lost my balance and slid right into the drummers' big bass. With what little grace I could muster, I stood up, straightened up my black satin jump suit and grabbed Ronnie's hand, heading straight for the door. The trauma was so great. I never merengued again.

Almost 40 years have passed and that memory still causes my palms to sweat and my heart to go pitter-patter in a very unpleasant way. So why do I bring this up?



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

As Bob and I celebrated New Year's Eve with the Battaglia family this weekend, Diana declared that we were going to learn the merengue after the clock struck midnight. Before the words left her lips, I started to hyperventilate. This time, I imagined myself twirling through their Christmas tree and becoming entangled in the lights, ornaments, and tinsel instead of smack dab in the middle of a drum set.

I declined the lesson.

But a funny thing happened — maybe it was the wine ... or the champagne — as I watched them one, two, and threeing early on Jan. 1. I realized how much I missed the music and the dance.

So I decided right then and there, that this merenguephobia is ridiculous and that it is time for it to go the way of the satin leisure suit. The time had come for me to finally give up the ghost and start enjoying the merengue once again. My first resolution for 2012 was born.

So here it is folks, my promise for the new year, I will no longer be afraid of the merengue— I will embrace my inner Miranda and enjoy watching ballroom dancing without having a panic attack. To achieve this goal, I will faithfully sit on the couch and enjoy the new season of Dancing With The Stars, no matter who they have on.

Now, all I have left to do is get up the nerve to dance it again and get Bob's white suit cleaned and pressed. Not for Nuthin™, but Tony Manero has nothing on my hubby Bob.

Sending out many thanks to the whole crew, Diana, Drew, Carol, JoAnn, Tommy, Doreen and Eddy, for making another heck of a memorable New Year's Eve.

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Carmine looks back on Christmas Pasts

I'm madder than old Ebenezer Scrooge when that guy with the crippled son asked for Christmas Eve off over the fact that the kids get all the great presents on Christmas and the Screecher — who's done more than anyone to make this world a better place — ends up with bupkis.

And a bad case of agita.

Look, I've told you before that for years I magically transformed into Santa Claus every time the big guy had to make an appearance in Brooklyn, but couldn't get here because of his busy schedule, or the traffic in Manhattan. But in recent years I've had to let guys like my nephew but on the boots, on account of the fact that Santa rides around on a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer, and not an scooter that's made in China and has to be plugged in for eight hours before you can go anywhere — a de-



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Carmine Santa Maria

vice that Old St. Nick personally told me would raise too many eyebrows from kids who haven't read that column written in the New York Sun so many years ago.

No offense to *Tornado*, of course.

Of course, this Christmas Eve, I thoroughly enjoyed the feast of the seven (plus!) fishes here in Bensonhurst with my family, and let me tell you was it ever a feast! There was so much food, we couldn't even get to the shrimp! Dinner started at 5 pm sharp, and didn't stop for hours, unless you count that little respite we had for those youngsters who needed a break because they don't have their 10,000 hours of eating in like yours truly.

But I came through like the pro that I am (having gotten in my 10,000 more than a few years ago), and afterward decided to take a well-deserved nap at the nearest bed, lounge, or couch.

Now the line for the couch was too long to wait, and there was no lounge to be found, so I ended up in bedroom in the back,

where I quickly dozed off.

But my long winter's nap didn't last that long, as soon heard the type of ruckus out front that could only be the arrival of one Kris Kringle.

I rose from my bed to see what was the matter, and lo and behold I heard the familiar "Ho! Ho! Ho!" that for 40 years came from my own mouth. To me, seeing old St. Nick in all his glory brought back visions of Christmas Past.

Now I don't need to tell you that the kids went ballistic, and, I also don't need to tell you that they got loaded down with gifts — some of which I would have loved to receive myself.

Look, you all know that I believe just as much in dinosaurs as I do in Santa, so when I saw my nephews open up a three-foottall, remote-controlled Tyrannosaurus Rex, I almost spit up that pound of *baccala* I devoured.

His name is Dino, and the kids were having a blast with him, I wanted to take him home!

Could you imagine the ol'Screecher riding down 86th Street atop *Tornado*, snickering as he watches the old ladies fleeing my remote-controlled dinosaur, which I would have wreaking havoc like Godzilla did during Monster Week on Channel 7's 4:30 Movie! (Of course, nothing scared me more than the intro to the 4:30 Movie).

But I didn't get to take home my toy, and, as I said in the beginning, all I got for Christmas was some heartburn from being a bit too over-indulgent.

And, of course, another year of great Christmas memories with my family.

Still, in case anyone wants to get this Santa a very much wanted toy, my dinosaur is on sale at Toys 'R' Us for just \$75.00.

Screech at you next week!

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Ring in the New Year with a healthy resolution—and help from New York Methodist Hospital

Year after year, personal health and fitness goals are a top New Year's resolution for many Americans. Leading a healthier lifestyle is a great goal, especially when nearly 34 percent of American adults are obese, and 20 percent of adults qualify as overweight.

People who are overweight or obese have a higher risk for type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and triglycerides, coronary artery disease, stroke, gallstones, and sleep apnea, among other conditions. Making a commitment to lose weight can greatly benefit one's health and lower the chances of contracting a chronic illness

To help, New York Methodist Hospital's Comprehensive Weight Management Program provides weight loss services customized to individual health needs and lifestyle.

Recognizing that a multidisci-

plinary approach is the most effective way to deal with the complexities of weight loss management, program participants receive a medical evaluation and may meet with a nutritionist, fitness expert and behavior modification specialist, and an individualized diet and exercise plan is designed. Monthly follow-up visits with their weight loss "team," allowing participants to monitor their progress.

"Working with a support team makes the process of losing weight easier," said Alfred Ba Tun Leong, MD, physician in the Park Slope hospital's Weight Management Program. "This program is not about finding a quick fix or trying the latest diet, but rather, working with each individual patient to make long-term lifestyle changes."

Leong says there is not one simple solution to losing weight. In most cases, it takes months or years and a combination of factors to put on weight. Therefore, he says, patients should expect to address the health and lifestyle issues surrounding weight gain and work through them over a period of time, with a team of experts in the program.

For those who struggle with obesity and are not able to lose weight through lifestyle changes alone, the program offers surgical weight reduction, also known as bariatric surgery.

"For morbidly obese patients, bariatric surgery is an effective way to achieve and maintain significant weight loss," said Piotr Gorecki, MD, chief of laparoscopic surgery and a specialist in bariatric surgery. "Although this procedure is not right for everyone, if you are more than 100 pounds overweight and have been unable to lose and maintain a healthy weight in the past, bariatric surgery may be a viable option to explore."

Methodist is recognized by the American Society of Bariatric Surgery as a "Center of Excellence" in bariatric surgery, and offers monthly seminars open to the public with information about the procedure

Childhood obesity is on the rise, and families need to learn healthy habits before weight gain spirals out of control. To help children and families, Methodist's Pediatric Weight Management Program provides nutritionally sound dietary plans, exercise planning and lifestyle changes, which are individualized for each child's specific needs. Counseling and support is provided to increase the chances of success in losing weight. While eating right during childhood has a lot to do with parental guidance, in many instances, children still have access to unhealthy foods. Children need to learn about nutrition and healthy lifestyles so they



can make some of their own informed choices.

Losing weight and becoming healthy can be a challenge, but it doesn't have to be done alone. The staff at New York Methodist Hospital's Comprehensive Weight Management Program are there to provide a healthy support system and help patients work towards their ultimate health goals.

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Get the facts about cataracts

More than half of Americans age 65 and older will experience cataracts, so many assume cataracts are just a sign of aging. However, children, young adults and even babies can have cataracts.

What are cataracts?

A cataract forms when the lens of the eye becomes cloudy. The lens is responsible for focusing light onto the retina. The reason for cloudiness could be due to protein changes in the lens. With nuclear cataracts, the most common kind of cataract, the inside of the lens is affected. In cortical cataracts, the outside of the lens is affected.

Cataracts grow quite slowly, meaning it can be years before they impact vision significantly. While they are often found in the elderly and progress as one ages, babies can be born with cataracts (known as congenital cataracts). Cataracts can be the result of steroid use, and younger adults can experience cataracts from illnesses like diabetes. Cataracts may also form in smokers. Research indicates that women are at a higher risk for cataracts than men.

Cataract symptoms

Symptoms of cataracts include blurred vision, dulled colors, appearance of halos around bright lights at night, and the need for brighter light when reading. Symptoms of cataracts cannot be remedied with reading glasses or other prescriptions.

Treatment for cataracts

The most common treatment for cataracts that cause considerable vision impair-



For those experiencing vision trouble, consult with an optometrist to determine if cataracts are the cause.

ment is surgery. A cataract will be removed only if it interferes with vision enough to prevent a person from driving, reading, or doing other essential activities.

An eye surgeon will make a small incision into the side of the cornea. A probe is inserted where ultrasound waves will gradually break up the cloudy cataract. A suction then removes the pieces.

Recovery time varies among patients but could be a week or two. The eye will be covered with a protective wrap for a few days. Eye drops may have to be administered daily. Eventually, protective sunglasses will block out bright light from the eye.

Most outcomes of cataract surgery are successful. Vision is restored to at least 20/40, the acceptable level for driving.

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And Advancing!

Recognizing and fixing kids' eye problems

Childhood can be an exciting time filled with growth and change. For youngsters experiencing vision trouble, childhood can also be a challenging time. While there are many eyesight problems that can occur during childhood, some are more common than others.

It can be difficult for parents and caregivers to diagnose a child's vision difficulties before the child is able to communicate successfully. That's why vision ailments in younger people may go undiscovered until a child has reached toddler age or enters preschool.

Eyesight conditions can hinder children in the classroom. Many common vision problems are easily remedied if caught early on.

•Strabismus: Strabismus is a condition where a person cannot align both eyes properly. This may cause the eyes to cross. According to Strabismus.org, as many as five percent of all children have some type or degree of strabismus. Strabismus is not a condition that children will simply outgrow; it requires treatment that can help miti-

gate symptoms. With strabismus, the misalignment of the eyes causes two pictures to be sent to the brain. This can cause double vision. Eventually, a child will adapt when the brain ignores one image and suppresses it, using only vision out of one eye.

·Amblyopia: This is the medical term for "lazy eye." When children have amblyopia, the brain has a defect that prevents it from processing the images from both eyes, as is the norm. Instead, it prefers images from one eye and essentially "turns off" the other eye. The lazy eye will then fail to offer clear vision. Treatment for lazv eve generally involves putting a patch over the strong eye to force the lazy eye to work. An optometrist may also prescribe eyeglasses.

•Color blindness: Color blindness is more accurately called color vision deficiency. It is very rare for a person to be completely blind to any type of color and see only in black and white. Rather, color blindness is often a condition of having difficulty discerning between different shades of colors. There may be deficiencies in different hues, especially red and green. Scientific data indicates that males are more inclined toward color blindness.

•Conjunctivitis: Children are exposed to all different types of germs in a typical school setting. Conjunctivitis, commonly known as pink eye, is an inflammation of the conjunctiva or the clear mucous membrane that covers the eyeball. Conjunctivitis can be contagious and noncontagious depending on the cause. Pink eye caused by an allergic reaction or from irritation by a foreign object in the eye is not contagious, but when it is the result of a virus or bacteria, it can be quite contagious. Medicated drops and other remedies to lessen the irritation of the eye are often

prescribed.

•Myopia and hyperopia:
Nearsightedness and farsightedness are conditions
where the eyeball is too long
or too short for the normal focusing power of the eye. Images in the distance or even
those nearby can appear
blurred. Corrective lenses
can help with the problem
and sometimes fix it.

Children who are experi-



encing vision problems can have their symptoms alleviated quite easily with a trip to an optometrist. Prescription eyeglasses are often the first step in having vision trouble corrected.

New four-wheel-drive ambulance for Maimonides

Maimonides Medical Center has a brand new set of wheels.

The hospital recently added to its ambulance fleet a brand new four-wheel-drive vehicle, the first four-wheel-drive ambulance in the entire city's 911 Response System.

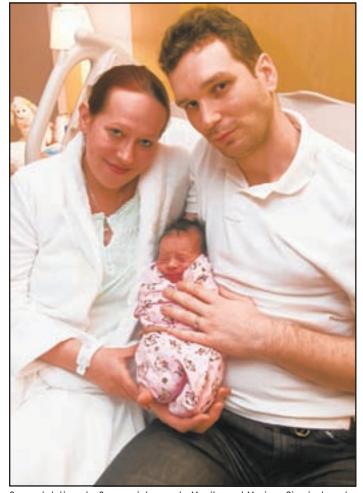
The vehicle is a 2011 Ford F350 four-wheel-drive Super Low Emission ambulance, built by Demers Ambulances of Canada. The vehicle itself won the Journal of EMS 2011 "Product of the Year" award for its design and features.

"Our new ambulance will give first responders greater ability to swiftly and safely handle 911 assignments during inclement weather," said William Howe, NREMT-P, CIC, Director of Emergency Medical Services. "Maimonides has decided to gradually switch over to all [four-wheel-drives] as new vehicles are ordered in the future."





Boro beat



Congratulations to Greenpoint parents Monika and Mariusz Sieminska, who rang in the New Year with the birth of their precious baby girl at Maimonides Medical Center. Lil' Monika was one of two babies in the city to be born exactly at the stroke of midnight!

Photo by Stefano Giovannini



Crown Heights mom Magdala Lataillac cuddles her New Year's bundle of joy at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, where cherubic David Bissainthe earned the title of being the first baby of the year to be born there – at 1:58 am.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham



Happy New Year! Adorable Madison Grace Molina – the first baby of 2012, born at Long Island College Hospital – has new fans in proud mom Melissa Motola, doting dad James Molina, and going-gaga grandma Luz Motola.

Photo by Stefano Giovannin

GOTHAM'S FIRST 2012 BABY - BORN IN BROOKLYN!

BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

She was born to be a star!

Gorgeous Greenpoint baby girl Monika Sieminska stole the spotlight from the ball drop at Times Square on Jan. 1 when she became one of two infants in the city to be born precisely at the stroke of midnight.

Brooklyn's raven-haired ravisher — blissfully unaware that she was jockeying with an infant girl from the Bronx for the title of Gotham's first newborn of 2012 — arrived to plenty of hootin' and hollerin' at Maimonides Medical Center where she gently tipped the scales at 5-pounds-8 and embraced her new stardom by snoozing peacefully in the arms of jubilant mom Monika, 28, while doting dad Mariusz, 33, hovered tenderly over them.

The precious tot is the first child for the Polish immigrant couple and her awesome arrival is to rave for, says the family.

"It's something special when I hold her!" beamed the proud mommy.

A few miles away at Kings County Hospital Center, Brownsville mom-and-dad Shanique Hollis and Lamont Greene also had reason to pop the cork! They rang in the New Year by welcoming their 5-pounds-6-ounces of cuteness — a baby boy yet to be named — as the clock struck 1:07 am. A half hour later in East Flatbush, New Year's Day festivities continued in full swing at SUNY Downstate Medical Center where Crown Heights resident



Thrilled Brownsville parents Shanique Hollis and Lamont Greene hail the arrival of their beautiful, bouncing – and as-yet unnamed – baby boy, who became Kings County Hospital Center's first newborn of the year when he made his grand entrance at 1:07 am.

Photo courtesy of Kings County Hospital Center

Magdala Lataillac had workers high-fiving and fist-pumping after she gave birth at 1:58 am to the hospital's first infant of the year — a beautiful, bouncing boy weighing in at 8-pounds-10, named David.

Father Time turned his attention next to Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn Heights where doe-eyed Madison Grace Molina made her dazzling, 10-pounds-4 debut at 3:25 am, becoming the year's first baby there, and delivering glad tidings of the season to her thrilled parents — mom Melissa and dad James.

"My daughter's birthday will always be the most beautiful way to ring in the New Year!" said the overjoyed mother.

At New York Methodist Hospital in Park Slope, Bensonhurst mom-and-dad Richard and Myra Moran also received the best gift they could ask for: the birth of their first child. Dreamy Richard Michael Moran was delivered at 7:42 am, promptly greeting the fuss over his festive birth with a big burp.

"This was such a great way to begin 2012!" extolled the mother of her 6-pound-5 bundle of awww!

We congratulate all of Brooklyn's 2012 babies, and their moms and dads, all of whom received gifts from their respective hospitals — and all of whom are doing exceedingly well, we're told.



'APRIL' IN JANUARY

The Heights Players bring a springtime classic to the stage

By Juliet Linderman

t may be January, but it's spring in Brooklyn Heights — well, in its theater scene, anyway.

On January 6, the Heights Players Community Theater is bringing the 1920s light drama, "Enchanted April," to its stage to ward away Brooklyn's winter blues — and to give theatergoers a production they've likely never seen before.

"It's not a farce, it's not a musical, it's not something our audience has ever seen," said director Susan Montez, who selected the play. which is based on a book by British author Elizabeth von Arnim, after falling in love with the story many years ago. "It's a bit risky for that reason, but the more I see it, the more I fall in love with it."

"Enchanted April" follows four dissimilar women who, weary of their lives in post-World War I Britain and its dreary environs, rent a castle and spend the entire month of April on the coast of Italy, where their spirits — and relationships — are rejuvenated. Sound boring? It's not.

The play takes place 90 years ago, and the costumes are complete with lace and parasols, but there are plenty of parallels between early 1920s society and the weird, wild world we live in today - including war, death, depression, financial woes, and anxiety surrounding a rapidly modernizing world.

"It's depressed economic times, and after a war, people are feeling very insecure," Montez explained. "It's natural to be as controlling as possible, because everyone feels so out of control — that's what these women were feeling, and I think people are experiencing that now."

Oh, perk up: just as the four central characters seek refuge in an Italian castle, Montez hopes that her production of "Enchanted

April," will successfully surprise and delight her audience, even those on whom the current social and political climate is taking a toll.

"There's a lot of humor in it, really," she said. "I'm trying to get people to open up their minds a little, and the message is beautiful: be thankful for what you've got."

"Enchanted April" at the Heights Players Community Theater [26 Willow Pl. between Joralemon and State streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 237-2752]. Jan. 6-Jan. 22, 8 pm. Tickets, \$15. For info, visit www.heightsplayers.org.

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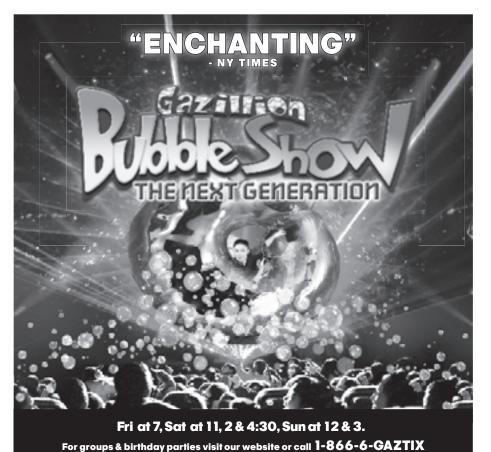


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Out of Lipsyte

oes the topic of failed marriage make for great fiction? Writer Gary Lutz certainly

The acclaimed wordsmith will read from his new short story collection, "Divorcer" - which contains seven heart-wrenching tales about painful breakups and their consequences — at the upcoming Franklin Park Reading Series on Jan. 9.

Lutz, who is best known for his quirky, off-beat style, said he focused on failed mar-

riages and relationships in his fourth short story collection mostly because the prospect of writing about successful ones seemed far less entertaining.



"I'm more fascinated by the way things fall apart as opposed to the way they come together," said Lutz, a creative writing professor at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. "I guess I have a darker view of human possibilities.'

Lutz could be speaking from personal experience, but the short story maestro refused to kiss

The latest installment of the popular reading series - which is named after Franklin Park, the bar on St. John's Place in Crown Heights that hosts the monthly series - will feature short fiction from Sam Lipsyte, best-selling author of "The Ask," and "Home Land," and three other writers. The series is run by the neighborhood's resident literary maven, Penina Roth.

Franklin Park Reading Series [Franklin Park, 618 St. John's Pl. between Franklin and Classon avenues, in Crown Heights, (718 975-0196], Jan. 9, 8 pm. Free. For info, visit franklinparkbrook-

- Daniel Bush

Band battle

ant to pick the next, best band AND the next, best filmmaker out of Brooklyn? Now's your chance!

At the Silver Sound Music Video Film Festival and Band Battle at Brooklyn Bowl on Jan. 10, audience members will determine which of six up-and-coming bands, all angling for a grand prize of an all-expenses-paid trip to the recording studio, is the best in the borough. On top of that, the hottest indie filmmakers will screen original music videos in between sets in a separate, but parallel, competition, facing off for an all-expens-

es-paid film shoot. That's right: it's an audio-visual takedown times two.

Tues. 1/10 "One thing about shows

in New York, at least in my experience, is that people will go out to see one band and [won't] care about the rest of the show," said festival co-creator and organizer Cory Choy, "But here, they're all headlining."

It works like this: each band has 25 minutes to impress the audience and judges with its musical stylings. After each set, three music videos are screened. The contest ends when the judges pick their favorite band and favorite video; the winners get \$10,000 to record an album and produce a professional music video for one single, using cutting-edge RED camera technology, which was used to film the special effects-driven thriller, "District 9," and the upcoming Peter Jackson flick, "The Hobbit."

Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369] Jan. 10, doors at 6 pm, show at 8 pm. Tickets \$10 (\$5 in advance). For info, visit www. brooklynbowl.com

Colin Mixson

BEST BETS

'Bridge' the gap



The Brooklyn Museum's latest exhibit, which opens Jan. 13, asks hundreds of black men from Oakland to New Orleans to answer questions about love, oppression and violence. Courtesy of Hank Willis Thomas

powerful video art installation that seeks to bust through stereotypes about black men in America opens Jan. 13 at the Brooklyn Museum.

"Question Bridge: Black Males," a collection of documentary interview-style foot-

age, probes subjects such as love, oppression and violence with an innovative twist: Interviewees get to answer - and ask — the questions.

"When you probe a culture with questions, you find truth," said Chris Johnson, one of four creators, who said his experience growing up in Bedford-Stuyvesant inspired the project.

Creators compiled 1,500 interviews from men all over the country, using this approach: A black man asks another black man, from whom he feels estranged, a question on video. A man representing that different mentality then records his answer.

The questions are thoughtprovoking (Why do you use the [N-word]?"); heartfelt (How can I live peacefully, when I'm surrounded by evil?"); and blunt ("Why are you afraid of being intelligent?") — offering viewers a candid glimpse at a demo-

graphic that pop culture and media often fails to portray with nuance.

"Black men are still misunderstood and feared," said another creator, Hank Willis Thomas. "This project allows them to define themselves in their own

Starting

1/13

Thomas and his partners, including Bayeté Ross Smith and Kamal Sinclair, spent traveling from Oakland to New Orleans — with the help of some grant money from the Tribeca Film Institute to interview subjects from a wide range of economic, geographical and educational backgrounds at schools, prisons and art houses.

To answer the question, "What's so cool about selling crack?" they traveled to a jail. For an inquiry about the modern-day civil rights movement, they hit the streets.

The footage is edited into a piece that sounds like a freeflowing conversation - and has piqued the interest of the Sundance Film Festival, which will screen an extended version of the installation later this year.

During the filming, Thomas said he was surprised that people were willing to divulge such personal information, answer honestly, and talk about feelings.

Question Bridge: Black Males at the Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], Jan. 13 – June 3. \$12 suggested donation. Museum is closed Monday and Tuesday. For info, visit www.brooklymuseum.org.

– Natalie O'Neill

All uke need

hat can you do in nine and a half hours? You can read a very big book; clean your tiny apartment, probably several times; see four movies on the big screen (for a whopping \$60!); or you can listen to the entire Beatles discography - strummed on a ukelele!

It's time, once again, for the annual Beatles Complete on Ukelele extravaganza, where

Sat. 1/14 Beatles lovers will join uke master Roger Greenawalt at Brooklyn Bowl on Jan. 14, for a performance of all 185 of the rock legends' classic tunes, as plucked

on tiny guitar.

"The instrument has a spirit and that spirit is SEVEN aloha Zen. It has an energy just coming through it," said organizer Greenawalt, who has been playing ukelele for more than 10 years, and founded

the annual marathon in 2005 as an homage to the greatest rock band of all time. "You combine that with the Beatles, and when you play Beatles' you're songs doing the same thing with your body that they did, you feel their feelings — and it was awesome to be a Beatle."



Oh, darlin'! Roger Greenawalt will ukelele his way through the entire Beatles discography at the annual Beatles Complete on Ukelele extravaganza at Brooklyn Bowl.

The show features more than 100 musicians - some amateur, some professional, many of whom Greenawalt befriended during his 20-plus years as a record producer - who will rotate throughout the afternoon and evening, playing one song at a time. Greenawalt, however, plans to play along to each and every tune.

'That's the Catholic agony David Blaine stunt," he said. "I've been encouraging other musicians to do the whole thing with me, and everybody says 'yeah,' but when it gets down to it, nobody does."

Think you have the guts to be a contender? Anyone who shows up — with a uke, of course — is invited to strum along.

Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369] Jan. 14, at noon. Tickets \$10. For info, visit. www.beatlescompleteonukulele.com

- Colin Mixson

Open-air tour keeps the doldrums at bay

hake off those winter blues — and find inspiration for the New Year — on a guided, open-air jaunt through the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

On Sunday, Jan. 8, join psychotherapist Lynne Spevack as she leads sluggish souls past colorful berry bushes, rustling grasses, and birds feasting on crabapples for a heavy dose of contempla-

The hour-long tour is part of Spevack's winter series that brings people out into the cold to keep the doldrums at bay.

"Many people are feeling very slow — they hibernate and overeat this time of year," said Spevack, a 20-year volunteer at the Prospect Heights garden. "Going for a walk outdoors —



Join tour guide Lynne Spevack and explore the Brooklyn Photo by Stefano Giovannini

even if it's raining or overcast - will lift your mood and energy level."

Spevack will give tips on getting enough sleep, exercise, vitamins and natural daylight, while looking for rabbit tracks among the frosty evergreens. You could call it self-help for the price of a museum admission.

Every year, the Botanic Garden's winter walks series starts with a tour of fall colors in November, and ends in March with guests tiptoeing through spring flowers.

"This is really good for anybody — and it's kid-friendly!" Spevack said. "Just a walk around the garden is enough to perk people up.'

Winter walk at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave. at Montgomery Street in Prospect Heights, (718) 623-7200], Jan. 8, 1 pm. Free with museum admission, which is \$10 for adults. For info, visit www.bbg.org.

– Kate Briquelet

SEVEN

BROOKLYN EATS

MEXICALI IN BAY RIDGE

Ho'Brah's tacos are a true taste of California

By Sarah Zorn

ey bro — got a jones for some righteous SoCo-style eats? Make the drop into Bay Ridge, where Ho'Brah, Bay Ridge's new surfer-inspired taco joint, is currently riding the sweet wave of success.

"I've been waiting and waiting for this place to open, ever since the plywood went up," said 77th Street resident Grace Losecki. "And it's everything I hoped — great design, relaxed atmosphere, fun, fresh food — no need to travel into Williamsburg anymore!"

Not that the cozy Cali spot is yet another hipster invader — two of the owners are local firefighters, and one hails from the popular next-door brew and burger bar, Kettle Black.

"I've been saying for years that what this neighborhood needed was a great taco place, and when this space opened up, it seemed the right time to finally just do it ourselves," said co-owner J.P Casatelli. "So far the response has been terrific — we're packed every day."

Ho'Brah's titular, corn tortilla tacos range in price from \$3.50-\$4.25 each, and come in tasty iterations like the Barbacoa (shredded chipo-



A vegetarian taco and a Bulldog classic frozen Margarita — a combo called "the Berkeley."



Taco time, dude: Ho'Brah, a California-style Mexican joint, recently opened in Bay Rdige.

Photos by Alice Proviansky

tle rubbed beef, pico de gallo, avocado crema), Sunset Pork (orange/pineapple pulled pork, California coleslaw, pickled red onion), Classic Cali (panko crusted cod, jack and cheddar cheeses, salsa rojo, chili-lime sour cream), and Diablo Diego (double chili marinated tiger shrimp, jalapeno pico, and chipotle crema).

Other sunshiny bites like Consuela's Empanadas with chili marinated pork and salsa verde dipping sauce (\$2.95/\$4.95); and JP Ceviche with mojo tiger shrimp, red onion, tomato, cilantro, and plantain chips (\$9), will almost convince you that Ho'Brah's blue bay windows overlook the breezy beaches of Cabo San Lucas, rather than a winterworn stretch of Third Avenue.

"We're making everything fresh — nothing comes out of a can except maybe the tomato sauce," said Casatelli. "We're doing the chips, the salsas. We only use fresh fruit purees in the margaritas — we strain our pineapple/ginger juice through cheesecloth. We're cooking down blueberries on top of the stove."

"We're one of the first restaurants, at least one of the first bars, to do this kind of food in the neighborhood," he added. "That's why people come in here and say, this feels like Williamsburg, this feels like the Lower East Side."

That being said, they do serve those tasty margaritas in adorable frosted mason jars.

Ho'Brah Tacos [8618 Third Ave. between 86th and 87th Streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 680-TACO].

These small plates are 'basik'ally delish

By Sarah Zorn

t's back to basics for a new suds, spirits and small bites bar on Graham Avenue.

Forget finicky eats, labor-intensive libations and over-conceptualized décor — basik hopes to set itself apart from its high-minded competitors by offering low-priced, no muss no fuss fare in a casual, neighborhood setting.

"Our aim is to be a bar with elevated food, but not a restaurant," said co-owner Jay Zimmerman, former beverage director at The Breslin and The Standard New York.

"We try not to take ourselves to seriously," he added. "Our boquerones (\$4) are a great example of that — they're kind this snooty, white anchovy from Spain, but you put a little olive oil and parsley on them, and they're a just a great snack to have with a beer."

It's equally hard to feel uppity over



A Wisonsin Dog at basik, Williamsburg's newest small plates spot on Graham Avenue.

the Wisconsin Dog with house mustard, white onion and cheddar (\$5), the sausage and pepper stuffed Hippy Roll (\$8) or the chicken salad sandwich with olive oil mayo on flatbread (\$8), although the highly refined can choose to pair their wine with the arugula, apple and pine nut salad, with pesto baguette (\$6).

The space also offers a little some-

thing for everyone — from a seat at the salvaged butcher block bar, to a tête-à-tête at a two-top overlooking the avenue, to a gathering at one of the large, communal tables, to a rollicking party (or until the weather warms, maybe just a smoke) in the oversized backyard.

"We wanted a place that you could bring anyone to; grandma or girlfriend," said co-owner Derrek Vernon. "Our cocktails are amazing — (note: try the refreshing Poppa's Pride, with bourbon, ginger, mint, lemon, soda and bitters, or the knock-your-socks-off Mea Culpa, with tequila, punt e mes, velvet falernum, and lime) — but we don't want you to feel like you have to order one. You can get a three dollar Bud and four dollar hot dog, and we'll be just as happy that you came."

basik [323 Graham Ave. between Devoe and Ainslie streets in Williamsburg, (347) 899-7599].

RESTAURANT GOSSIP

BY SARAH ZORN

Brooklyn Heights is in the red, Crown Heights raises the bar, and Park Slope's standing tal(de)! Christmas may be over, but we still have plenty of reason to celebrate — there's a wealth of hotter-than-hot restaurants set to open in 2012. Our New Year's resolution is to try them all — on the paper's dime, of course!

Top chef takeover: Park Slope is feeding ground for Bravo's Top Chef, season 4 alums! Mark Simmons laid the gauntlet down first with Kiwiana off of Union Street, but Dale Talde (who also rocked it in Top Chef: All-Stars), has also moved to Seventh Avenue. Expect inventive, pan-Asian fare like crispy oyster-bacon pad thai and pretzel, pork and chive dumplings at this 70 seat spot, co-owned by the team behind nearby Thistle Hill Tayern.

Projected opening: Early January

Talde [369 Seventh Ave. at 11th Street in Park Slope, no phonel.

Top chef takeover, times two: Don't expect the original Top Chef (season 1 winner, Harold Dieterle), to secede Brooklyn to season 4 so easily. The Perilla and Kin Shop owner finally crosses the bridge for his first outer-borough venture — The Marrow — located in Downtown Brooklyn's upcoming Hotel 718. Think dry-aged steaks, bison carpaccio, and ostrich schnitzel. So meaty!

Projected opening: February 16th

The Marrow [231 Duffield St. between Willoughby Street and Elm Place in Downtown, (855) 718-1955].

Crown jewel: Park Slope currently boasts a lions share of great eating options, but it was the elegant Venetian trattoria, al di la, that first made snooty Manhattan foodies stand up and take notice. Let's see if Crown Heights gets a similar boost from little sister, Bar Corvo, which will serve Italian food, wine and cocktails from an open kitchen — with a big backyard to (hopefully) accommodate the inevitable overflow of clamoring patrons.

Projected opening: Early to mid January

Bar Corvo [791 Washington Ave. between Lincoln and St. Johns Places in Crown Heights, (718) 230-0940].

Hot tomato: The assured success of Saul Bolton's new rustic Italian venture, Red Gravy, will be just gravy atop his already delectable Brooklyn-centric empire (think Saul in Cobble Hill,

The Vanderbilt Prospect in Heights, and the Nitehawk Cinema Williamsburg). Can't wait to see what Michelinstarred chef does with nonna's old recipes? Look for the meatballs to



Get psyched for Red Gravy, a forthcoming Italian restaurant from Saul Bolton, who has an eatery in the Nitehawk Cinema in Williamsburg (pictured here).

start rolling out in early spring.

Projected opening: April

Red Gravy [151 Atlantic Ave. near Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, no phone].

The hills are alive: You take your chances when you trek to Vinegar Hill House with dinner parties under four (or of any size on weekends) — there aren't a ton of places to pass the time during your inevitable hour-plus wait for a table. That's why the March opening of Hillside, a casual VHH offshoot, is so eagerly anticipated — ordering up a few light bites and a beer is highly preferable to pounding the pavement while you wait for chef Brian Leth's lauded red wattle country chop.

Projected opening: March

Hillside [70 Hudson Ave. at Water Street in Vinegar Hill, call Vinegar Hill House at (718) 522-1018].

A 'FEAST' FOR THE SENSES

A showcase of scrumptious food photography from around the world

By Juliet Linderman

east your hungry eyes on 65 mouthwatering morsels of food photography at the "Feast Your Eyes" exhibition at the PowerHouse Arena, opening Jan. 6. The delectable group show is part of the New York Photo Festival, and features food-related works shot by a mix of renowned and amateur photographers, to create a delicious display of images that pay homage to anything and everything that provides us with sustenance.

"Food is a comfort thing — it's creativity and comfort in the same locale," said David Shelley, the show's producer and the production manager for the New York Photo Festival. "It's fascinating to see what it means to different people — from raw meat hanging in a market-place to someone shooting a plate of food like a painting, a piece of art."

Indeed, the show offers a tremendously diverse roster of images, including a plate of different types of potatoes sliced in half, by professional food photographer Beth Galton (whose resume includes print advertisements for McDonald's, Stouffer's ready-made dinners, and Lay's potato chips, among others); an array of kitchen utensils shot by sports photographer Matthew Aron Roth; and three images from open-air food markets from around the world, taken as part of a multi-year project by photojournalist Charlie Grosso.

"I love the organic quality found in food's different forms," Galton said. "I find it both







Clockwise from top: "Potato Test" by Beth Galton, "Floater Phenomena" by Joel Sheakoski, and "Cabbage Pile" by Charlie Gross. sensuous and authentic; I also came to shoot food because of the nurturing aspects of what food represents — a way to nourish and show care — and a food photograph can convey these feelings."

Grosso's interest of food, on the other hand, is triggered by the cultural implications of how, and what, we eat.

"It's a look on culture and society and how we function," said Grosso. "It's about the overall cost of living."

The photographs displayed are among more than 600 submitted, each chosen by a panel of judges that included Jon Chonko, author of "Scanwiches"; Bon Appetit Magazine Photo Editor Alex Pollack; London Photo Festival Director and Founder Brett Jefferson Stott; New York Photo Festival Director Sam Barzilay; and Athens Photo Festival Director Manolis Moresopoulos.

"Food is something that connects us to every single person on the planet — everyone has to eat," Shelley said. "And everyone can try and stumble their way through cooking. After all, staying home is the new going out."

Maybe so, but don't sit this one out — it might just inspire you to pump the breaks on the takeout and experiment in your own kitchen.

"Feast Your Eyes" group show at PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049]. Free, Jan. 6-Jan. 28. For info, visit www.newyorkphotofestival. com.

Comedian Doug Moe is Brooklyn's worst dad!

By Kate Briquelet

omedian Doug Moe's stage may be the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in Manhattan — but the heart of his one-man show is all Brooklyn.

"Doug Moe is a Bad Dad" is based on his parental anxieties in Windsor Terrace and Park Slope, but it's also about trying to stay cool—even while belting out "A Ram Sam Sam" at a children's sing-along.

Moe checked in with reporter Kate Briquelet and talked about how acting like a "jackass" is key to winning kids over.

Kate Briquelet: So, Doug Moe, what makes you a "Bad Dad"?

Doug Moe: Dads are thrust into this weird world. They don't really know what they're doing, but they're supposed to seem like they do.

When my daughter was a little younger, we'd go to music classes in Windsor Terrace — one of those things where you're singing really dumb songs and thinking, "What am I doing?"

If I half-ass it, do I seem cool? Am I ruining the future of my child? I'm trying to be enthusiastically participatory, but I'm also still self-aware. The show is all about that — the anxiety about being a bad dad.

KB: The sing-along anxiety makes it into your show. How did you get through it?

DM: In real life, it's much better to make a

jackass out of yourself. You can't really look cool waving a scarf around and singing, "Guli guli," so you may as well try to have fun. Also, after you have a child, you're not cool. It's all over. Cool stopped happening as soon as you put on the Baby Björn.

KB: How can dads cope with their new, totally uncool status?

DM: You can spend some time in a coffee shop like you used to... except with a kid.

I recommend Brooklyn Commune on Greenwood Avenue and Steeplechase in Kensington. You do things in the summer, like going to Celebrate Brooklyn. My friend and I saw Sonic Youth last year and brought our kids. You become the person that the childless people tell, "I can't believe you have a kid here." If you play it right, the kids become worldly.

KB: What does your five-year-old, Phoebe, think about your show?

DM: She hasn't seen it. It's not for kids. But she insisted on putting my postcard in her folder and she promoted it to her kindergarten class. Some of the parents did come, so that was nice of her.

KB: What improv techniques are useful when you're a bad dad?

DM: A major one is "Yes, And." You agree to what's been established and you add more information. It's how a scene becomes a scene. For

instance, "This bakery is really slow today." We know we're in a bakery and this person's opinion is that it's slow.

There's a spirit of agreement. When you have a kid, they have lots of stuff they want to do and weird opinions. Use your "Yes, And" attitude. You're much better off if you can tap into your kid's kooky theory.

This also goes back to making a jackass out of yourself. I recently met my friend's 4-year-old daughter and we were walking by a scrawny black dog. To win her over, I said, "Oh my god, look at that bear!" She corrected me. Kids like to lord over you with their knowledge.

KB: The people are clamoring for your show to come to Brooklyn. When will it happen?

DM: I've gotten a lot of requests from parents, but I've got to milk the Upright Citizens Brigade Theater as much as I can. You know, when I first moved to Brooklyn in '96, I told a cabbie, "I'm going to Fifth Avenue and 11th Street." He said, "That's not Brooklyn, that's Manhattan. I'm from Canarsie. Park Slope, Brooklyn Heights — that's Manhattan." But I'd like to think: Aren't we all one city?

If you want to trek out to Gaphattan, "Doug Moe is a Bad Dad" plays at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre.

For information, visit http://newyork.ucbthe-atre.com and www.dougmoe.net.



Doug Moe has turned the trials of Park Slope parenting into a one-man comedy show, "Doug Moe is a Bad Dad"
— where he makes a "jackass" out of himself for five-year-old daughter Phoebe.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham



EVENTS

FRI, JAN. 6

FIRE SALE: Books up to 40 percent off. Free. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www. powerhousearena.com.

SAT, JAN. 7

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, AFTERNOON DELIGHT MUSIC SERIES: Featuring Todd Patrick Livingston, Luke Richardson, Kevin Faulkner, Anton Sword Walker Lukens Will Stratton and Gaucho. Free. 3 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandystore.com. DANCE, LAYARD THOMPSON

AND REBECCA PATEK: Suggested donation. 5 pm. Center for Performance Research [361 Manhattan Ave. between Jack son and Withers streets in Williamsburg, (718) 349-1210], www. cprnyc.org.

MUSIC, POINTBLANK SOUND AND HYPEMAN GUIDANCE: Reggae Retro celebrates 10 years of grooves. Free. 10 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

SALES AND MARKETS

FIRE SALE: See Friday, Jan. 6.

DANCE, GRAND OPENING: The Center for African and Diaspora Dance is hosting an open house to showcase new projects. Free. 9 am–5 pm. Cumbe [558 Fulton St. at Flatbush Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 935-9700].

WORKSHOP, CITIZENSHIP PREP: For immigrants planning on applying for US citizenship. Registration required. **Free**. 10:30 am–1:30 pm and 1:30–4:30 pm. Prospect Park YMCA [357 Ninth St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 768-7100], www.ymcanyc.

SUN, JAN. 8

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, CHAMBER CONCERT: The Knights with Mischa Bouvier. \$20. 3 pm. St. Ann of the Holy Trinity [Montague St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 855-3053], https://www.brookynfriendsofchambermusic.org

MUSIC, JAZZ CONCERT: With Machinenmensch, Donation, 8:30 pm. Sycamore [1118 Corte-Ivou Rd between Stratford and Park, (347) 240-5850], www.syca-morebrooklyn.com.

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SALES AND MARKETS

FIRE SALE: See Friday, Jan. 6.

OTHER

DANCE, GRAND OPENING: 9 am–5 pm. See Saturday, Jan. 7. WORKSHOP, MULCH FEST: Don't

throw your tree away, bring it to the park to be mulched. Enjoy a hot chocolate, have some cook ies, and help replenish the park. Free. 10 am–2 pm and 3–7:30 pm. Prospect Park (Parkside Avenue and Prospect Park Southwest in Prospect Park) www parkslopeciviccouncil.org.

MON, JAN. 9

FIRE SALE: See Friday, Jan. 6. MULCH FEST: 10 am–2 pm and 3–7:30 pm. See Sunday, Jan. 8. WORKSHOP, "MOMMY-AND-ME" YOGA CLASS: Ages

3-4. Free. 11 am. Eighth Avenue Church [216 Eighth Avenue at Second Street in Park Slope, (212) 787-9642], www.yogastars

BEGINNER'S ESL: Students learn basic structure and English vo-cabulary. Registration required. Free. 6:15 pm-9:15 pm. Prospect Park YMCA [357 Ninth St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 768-7100], www.ymcanyc.org.

WORKSHOP, FREE RESUME WORKSHOP: Learn to create a winning resume. Free. 6:30 pm. Shalom Senior Center [483 Albany Ave. between Lefferts Avenue and Empire Boulevard in Crown Heights, (718) 774-9213].

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MUSIC, RACHEL AUSTIN: Free 9:30 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Str in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandystore.com.

TUES, JAN. 10

WORKSHOP, "MOMMY-AND-ME" YOGA CLASS: Ages six weeks to 2 years. Free. 10:15 am. Eighth Avenue Church [216 Eighth Avenue at Second Street in Park Slope, (212) 787-9642], www.yogastars.com.

BEGINNER'S ESL: 6:15 pm-9:15 pm. See Monday, Jan. 9.

READING, AYAD AKHTAR: Author of "American Dervish". Free. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powernousearena.com

READING, EMILY CARTER: The author presents "Glory Goes and Gets Some." **Free**. 7 pm. Word [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-11222], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

READING, DANA HORN: Award winning author of "In the Image." **Free**. 7:30 pm. Congregation Mt. Sinai [50 Cadman Plz. Westat Tillary Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 875-9124], www. congregationmountsinai.org.

WED, JAN. 11

WORKSHOP, TANGO LESSONS:

For adults and youngsters interested in ballroom dancing. No experience and no partners necessary. Pre-registration for youngsters required. Free. 6 pm-9 pm. IS 96 [99 Ave. P at W. 11th Street in Bensonhurst, (718)

BEGINNER'S ESL: 6:15 to 9:15 pm. See Monday, Jan. 9.

THURS, JAN. 12

WORKSHOP, FITNESS AND NU-TRITION: For men and women. Free. 5:30 pm. Flatbush Dutch Reform Church [890 Flatbush Ave. between Church Avenue and Albemarle Road in Flatbush,

BEGINNER'S ESL: 6:15 to 9:15 pm. See Monday, Jan. 9.

(718) 282-2500 x 632481.

READING, CHRISTOPHER BRAM: The author of "Gods and Monsters." Free. 7 pm. Word [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-11222], www.wordbrooklyn.com

READING, STORM LARGE: The author discusses "Crazy Enough." Drinks served. RSVP required. **Free**. 7–9 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at

Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhouse-

FRI, JAN. 13

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WORKSHOP, "MOMMY-AND-ME" YOGA CLASS: Ages 2-3. Free. 11:15 am. Eighth Av-enue Church [216 Eighth Avenue at Second Street in Park Slope (212) 787-9642], www.yogastars.

WORKSHOP, "MOMMY-AND-ME" YOGA CLASS: Ages 1-2. Free. 4 pm. Eighth Avenue Church [216 Eighth Avenue at Second Street in Park Slope, (212) 787-9642], www.yogastars.com.

ART, A SHOW IN HONOR OF

CHUCK CLOSE: A performance and discussion about the famous artist. \$15.8 pm. BAX – Brooklyn Arts Exchange [421 Fifth Ave. in South Slope, (718) 832-0018], www.bax.org.

SAT, JAN. 14

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, KEY WILDE AND MR.

\$20. 11 am. Peter Jay Sharpe Theatre [2537 Broadway at 95th Street, (212) 864-5400], www. symphonyspace.org/genre/

MUSIC, BEATLES MARATHON:

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MUSIC, A NIGHT OF CHARLES IVES MUSIC: A marathon performance of Charles Ives complete songbook in one epic night. \$20. 4:30 pm-9 pm. Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 222-8500], www.galapagosartspace.com

OTHER

CITIZENSHIP PREP: 10:30 am-1:30 pm and 1:30–4:30 pm. See Sat-urday, Jan. 7. ART, A SHOW IN HONOR OF

CHUCK CLOSE: 8 pm. See Friday, Jan. 13.

The music is alive at this cabaret sock hop!

By Juliet Linderman

The music may have died on February 3. 1959, but the tunes of late greats Buddy Holly, the Big Bopper and Richie Valens will be exhumed on Jan. 12 at the Bell House, at a modern-day cabaret tribute to the big three.

"The Day the Music Died" is a celebration of late 1950s music that harks back to the plane crash that

claimed the lives of Holly, Valens and the Big Bopper, and sent shock waves through the country's pop cultureconscious. But this isn't your grandma's sock hop: the show features aerial performers, fire dancers, acrobats, original musical arrangements, and sizzling Died" caberet. burlesque.

"It's brass bands covering the doo-wop and early jazz of that time, with aerial acrobatics with fire and dance numbers," said Kae Burke, co-organizer and founder of Williamsburg art space, House of Yes. "There was so much music in such a small era."

Burke and co-organizer, Francesca Hoffman of the Rude Mechanical Orchestra. decided to focus on the music of the late 1950s as a lens through which to examine the changing social mores of a time considered to be a modern age of innocence.

"It's pinpointing the 'Day

the Music Died' plane crash as a turning point," Burke continued, "when popular culture sort of switched from the American Dream to a new exploration of how people live in America."

The show includes performances by the Good to Go Girls dance troupe; doo-wop covers by vocalists Vanessa Cronan, Nicole Tourtelot, Xavier and Joshua Lerner; a drag performance by Ariana



You'll see the Good to Go Girls dance troupe, pictured here on bicycles, at the "Day the Music Courtesy of Francesca Hoffman

Huffenstuff; acrobatics by the Lady Circus; and more.

"For those who died in the plane crash — these were the voices of America, and all of a sudden they were silenced," Burke said. "So we're exploring the underbelly of that age of innocence; maybe everything looks hunky-dory, but there was something going on underneath it all."

"The Day the Music Died" at the Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510]. Jan. 12, 9 pm. Tickets, \$10. For info, visit www.thebellhousenv.com.

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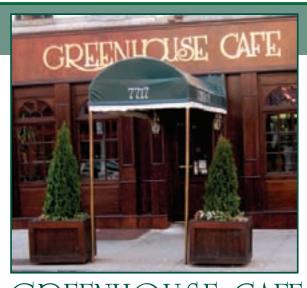
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(Left), Max Gomez; Yvette Cumberbatch, RN; Maria Jimenez, PCA; Althea Carless, RN: Afiya Thomas, RN; Debra Carey, CEO; (seated) Margaret Giorgio, RN and Elizabeth Butson.

Award for Clinical Excellence and Compassionate Nursing Practice. The award was established by Elizabeth Butson in memory of her late husband Thomas, who received his medical care at the hospital. The honorees were Afiya Thomas, Yvette Cumberbatch, Althea Carless, Mariah Jimenez and Margaret Giorgio. "We strive to maintain professional standards which adhere to her [Butson] belief that nursing quality is a critical component of care," said Catherine Gallogly-Simon, chief nursing officer to Standing O.

Long Island College Hospital [339 Hick St. between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Street in Cobble Hill, (718) 780-1000].

DOWNTOWN

Credit cards beware

Talented students at City Tech swiped the floor with their competitors by dominating the second annual Financial Awareness Video Competition, sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Office of Regional and Community Outreach and the New York Bankers Association. The grand prize went to Kenneth Bordes-Hollon, for his eye-opening



Kenneth Bordes-Hollon, third from right, and Melvin Mogoli, with officials from the Federal Reserve Bank and competition judges.



Patricia Lynch takes the wheel of the driving simulator video machine.

Shifting gears, burning rubber!

BAY RIDGE

Mario Andretti ain't got nothing on Patricia Lynch, who aced her computerized driving simulator test post hip-replacement surgery. Dr. Geoffrey Westrich, co-director of joint replacement research at Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan, that other borough, initiated a new study to test driving reaction time after hip surgery using a sophisticated, spiffed-up sort of Wii game. Our pal Patricia was happy to give it a go, telling Standing O, "I thought the study was an excellent idea. As a nurse,

I believe in evidence-based practice and feel doctors should know and study things in order to make the right recommendations to patients."

Here's how it works: Patricia took the test two weeks before the surgery, and again just two weeks after, to determine how fast she could shift from the gas pedal to the break pedal and back again. "Our study seeks to obtain good, objective data to determine if it would be safe for people to return to driving sooner," Dr. Westrich explained. But for our pal Patricia, she's able to drive a lot further now that her new hip is up and running.

"Credit Costs" video; second prize was awarded to the trio of Chih-Yao Yang, Maria Sideris and Chin Sheng, for their production of "It's a Dog's Life"; and third prize went to Miguel Angel Valderrama and Ron Hatcher, for their entry entitled "The Visit."

Kenneth received \$2,000 in prize money and had his winning entry shown at the Court Street Stadium 12. Second and third prize winners received a tour of the Gold Vault at the New York Federal Reserve Museum and key operations and functions at the bank.

"The competition promotes financial literacy among young adults" said **Krishna Guha**, executive veep of Communications Group of the Federal Reserve Bank.

City Tech [300 Jay St. at Myrtle Avenue in Downtown, (718) 260-5979].

PARK SLOPE

Heeding the call

New York Methodist Hospital honored its nurses at the 19th annual Registered Nurses Dinner held this past November. This year's honorees were recognized for



(Left) Ronnell Kirkley, Ketie Saintelus, Michelle Chester, Donna Constantine, Senior Veep of Nursing, Rebecca Flood, Director of Nursing and Wayne Christie, director of nursing



Welcome and bienvenue

MARINE PARK

It's a TLC Standing O this week: Beth Israel has added a new member to its staff, Marguerite Pulvirenti Corda, RN, veep for patient care services. Our pal Marguerite was previously the veep for Critical Care and Cardiac Services at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, New York — which is way up north — but she's moved down south, and boy are we happy she did. Marge has been a critical care nurse for more than 30 years, so she really knows her TLC; she graduated with a BS in Nursing, cum laude — which means she's really smart — an MS in Nursing and a post-master's certificate in business. She's accumulated a host of awards too — as well as co-authored articles on cardiac related subjects. She's even lectured on the topic, as a member of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and the New York Organization of Nurse Executives. Where does she find the time?

going above and beyond the call of duty, by volunteering one week of their time serving patients in foreign countries. The outstanding Florence Nightingales lauded for their selflessness and dedication were **Donna Constantine**, **Michelle Chester**, **Bonell S. Kirkley** and **Ketie Saintelus**.

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MARINE PARK

Ho, Ho, Ho!

Budding entertainers at PS 255 wowed parents, staff and the community at the annual Holiday Extravaganza held at the school on Dec. 22. More than 400 people came to cheer on students who played, sang and danced. Seasonal favs like "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," had the audience up and dancing in the aisles, while "snowman" Nicholas Nadirashivili skipped his way around the room and the junior chorus warbled his namesake song, "Frosty the Snowman."

PS 255 [1866 E. 17th St. between Avenues R and S in Marine Park, (718) 376-8494].

We made history. When I come back to school years from now, I can say we did it.'

- Lincoln's Kareem Folkes

We rose above everyone else's expectations.'

- Lincoln coach Shawn O'Connor

Late run lifts Grand girls over Brooklyn Tech

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Grand Campus Lady Wolves took a bite out of Brooklyn Tech on Dec. 28, earning a 46–36 win in the semifinals match of the Holiday Madness girl's basketball tournament.

The Wolves' victory was hanging by a thread in the game's final quarter, when Quanisha Ratley gave her Williamsburg squad one last bit of motivation.

"I was looking at Quanisha and she told the team, 'We are not going to beat no AA team this way and we ain't playing Truman in the final if we play this way." Wolves coach Corey McFarlane explained, repeating his star player's message to her teammates. "I'm sure it's not a coincidence they immediately went out on a run."

The Wolves, who trailed by five in the third quarter to the Class A Brooklyn Tech team responded with a 12–2 run to end the game. Freshman Darieli Abreu scored 13 points, Ratley added 12 and Ebony Carter chipped in six

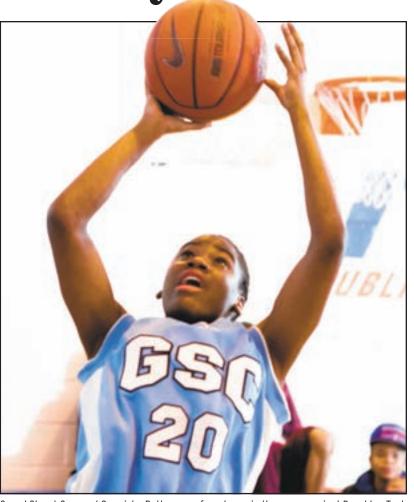
"We have been doing it all year," McFarland said of his team's come-from-behind victory. "At this point, we are just trying to find a way to be consistent."

McFarland said a few of his girls have links to Truman, in the Bronx. A few played with Truman players in the Riverbank travel program and in the Baseline AAU team in high school. Freshman guard Kim De Los Santos was originally enrolled at the Bronx school before choosing to go to Grand Street where she could play at the varsity level right away, according to Truman coach John Burke.

Ratley said it would have been embarrassing to lose to an 'A' team. Grand Street, which has one Class AA league win, felt its defense made all the difference.

Brooklyn Tech (8-3), the Brooklyn A East leader, led by as much as 26-21 with 4:13 left in the third quarter on a three-pointer by senior Deena Muzafar (22 points).

The Wolves (3-5) took its first lead



Grand Street Campus' Quanisha Ratley goes for a layup in the game against Brooklyn Tech at Grand Street Campus HS.

Photo by Denis Gostev

since the second quarter early in the fourth on an Amani Graham layup.

The Brooklyn Tech Engineers, who were without two key players, missed consecutive layups, falling 36–32 with 4:00 remaining. Following a Muzafar hoop, Ratley responded with a layup, Abreu added a put back and De Los Santos scored off a steal to put the game out of reach at 46-34 with 1:08 left.

"We played bad in the first quarter," Abreu said. "In the last quarter we were playing hard because we didn't want to lose."

"I think we lost momentum and we got tired," Muzafar explained, trying to wrap his mind around Brooklyn Tech's loss.

Grand Street is trying to get its season back on track after a rough start in the newly restructured PSAL Class AA league. The Wolves feel like this victory, plus a strong performance against Truman, could be the push the Brooklyn school needs.

"This could be the starting point for our run in the league," Ratley said. "This one win can boost our team up and we could have more wins."



Lincoln's Kareem Folkes gets tackled by Erasmus Hall's Tyquan Irons at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx. Photo by Denis Gostev

Lincoln wins title at Yankee Stadium

BY MARK RAIMONDI, ZACH BRAZILLER AND JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

This time, Lincoln High School finished the job.

Appearing in the Public School Athletic League City Championship division for the second straight year, the Railsplitters beat Erasmus Hall, 20–12, in a dramatic game that came down to the final seconds — winning its first title since 1993.

Despite the loss, Erasmus made its first-ever title game appearance at the highest classification — and running back Kahlil Lewin's improbable 52-yard first half scamper, in which he broke numerous tackles, was featured on ESPN SportsCenter's top plays that night.

It's been an amazing season. Lincoln standouts include:

All-City football Player of the Year: Kareem Folkes, Lincoln High School

Folkes entered the season with a bullseye on his back since he was the lone star from last season's runner-up team.

In preparation for the challenge, Folkes put him-

self through a demanding offseason regimen of workouts which included working out at Chelsea Piers Blue Streak, a sports performance training organization in Manhattan, and with former teammate Ishaq Williams' father, Shaun. They paid off with a memorable undefeated season and city championship.

"It's perfect," the 5-foot-9 standout said after the Railsplitters victory at Yankee Stadium. "We made history. When I come back to the school years from now, I can say we did it."

Folkes, who has drawn interest from Fordham, Wagner, Albany and Stony Brook, was Mr. Everything for Lincoln — he was the team's go-to running back with a leagueleading 28 rushing touchdowns and 1,748 yards and top cornerback. But more than any on-field production, he shed his shy demeanor and became a leader for this young team. His inexperienced teammates, such as quarterback Jessel Jones and Denzel Duchenne, drew confidence from Folkes.

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Midwood Hornets fall to Staten Island Tech

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Midwood fell to the Staten Island Tech girl's basketball team on Dec. 29, giving up a 50–37 loss at Murry Bergtraum in Manhattan.

The Midwood Hornets came out ahead after the first quarter, but Staten Island's Gabriella Marinaccio entered into the second round shooting and never stopped.

"That's as good as I've seen her shoot since she's been here," said Staten Island Tech senior Kaitlyn Astel.

The junior guard scored a career high 19 points. She connected on three of her six three point attempts in a decisive second quarter to help propel Staten Island over Midwood during the crucial game, which was part of the Tayshana

"Chicken" Murphy Memorial Classic.

"I felt it today, more so than any other day," Marinaccio said about her stellar performance.

The same could be said for her teammates. Midwood led 6–5 after the first quarter, but Seagulls coach Peter LaMarca felt his club just needed time to find their stroke in the cold gym.

It didn't take long: three Staten Island Tech players combined for six three point-

ers in the quarter. That included a four point play from



Staten Island Tech player Kaitlyn Astel led her team to a rousing win over Midwood at the Tayshana "Chicken" Murphy Memorial Classic. Photo by Lauren Marsh

hat in- Marinaccio that helped the syfrom Seagulls take a 27–11 lead

into the break. Astel led the way with 20 points and Kelin Walsh added six.

"If we are all on, we're unstoppable," Marinaccio said.

Nagging team injuries forced Midwood coach Mike Moore to play zone defense. He tried to stretch the coverage as far as he could, but ultimately fell short. That, coupled with the Hornets' failure to connect, certainly dimmed the team's chances.

Midwood hoopster Camera Miley tallied 18 points and Monet Keane-Dawes added eight.

Looking back on last Thursday's game, LaMarca said he would love to see his team's shooting stay exactly as it was against Midwood.

"Gabby was on fire," La-Marca said. "I hope she is like that until March."

Remembering Tayshana 'Chicken' Murphy

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Taylonn Murphy paused for a second as he looked down at the black No. 15 Murry Bergtraum basketball jersey in his hands. It was the one his daughter, Tayshana "Chicken" Murphy, never got to wear, but was supposed to don this season before being tragically killed on Sept. 11.

"I'll probably hang this up, put it in a case," he said. "It's just thinking about what could have been."

Murphy's family has lived through a number of heartfelt tributes since her passing. Being presented with her jersey at an event in her honor — the Tayshana "Chicken" Murphy Memorial Classic — at Bergtraum was one of the most touching.

"This was a shock," Murphy said.

Taylonn Murphy tried to stay away from Lady Blazers games recently because he felt his presence made her fallen daughter's teammates nervous. But he relented when Bergtraum coach Ed Grezinsky called him last Wednesday and told him he needed to be at the team's game the next day—not knowing exactly why

"I just did it at the last second," Grezinsky said. "It wasn't something I planned. I thought it was the right thing to do."

He and the kids decided before the year that no one would wear her number this season. Bergtraum put together one of its most inspired performances of the season in a 56–25 win over Long Island power North Babylon in her honor.

"We knew she would have been on the floor with us today," senior and close friend Shequana Harris said. "Unfortunately she is not. She is here in spirit. We just came out strong and played for her."

Doing so has put an

Bishop Loughlin's Imani Tate goes for a layup in the game against Lincoln at Murry Bergtraum HS in Manhattan.

emotional strain on them

thus far this season, which

has been filled with more

close losses than the Lady

Photo by Denis Gostev

Blazers have been used to. Grenzinsky said all the reminders are tough on the psyche because it brings back memories.

"Sometimes it's good

"Sometimes it's good to get away from that," he said.

Murphy's dad was happy with what he saw last Thursday. He believes the players have fought through whatever mental hurdles were placed in front of them at the beginning of the season and have begun to regain their swagger. After looking forward — jersey in hand — talking about the Lady Blazers winning a 14th straight Public School Athletic League city title, there was still an urge to imagine what might have been.

"I know if she was here, if she was able to showcase her talent with the rest of the girls like Shequana [Harris], they might have had the best backcourt in the city," Taylonn Murphy said. "Tayshana was a monster. Once she stepped inside these four lines it was business."

Need some postseason pics? Ask Ida!

Just when we thought we'd seen it all from our gridiron Goldilocks Ida Eisenstein, she managed to astound us again this week!

No, she didn't dispense with the "Footloose" ringtone on her cellphone, and she most certainly did not stop buying tins of smoked kippers from the Silver Star meat market.

What she did was even more remarkable than that.

She smiled.

First time in 17 weeks.

Of course, the Dutch tabloids had a field day with the news, assuming "De Koningin Profeet" — the Queen Prophet — had a mirthful mug simply because she concluded another successful regular season, where she notched a 131-118-7 record.

Nothing could be further from the truth, considering her real test will come in the upcoming weeks, on the road to fulfilling a promise she made last month to a deaf Norwegian baker:

Eisenstein — cagey as usual — revealed precious little about her confounding countenance, offering only this, from Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky, her inspiration for the week: "In a serious struggle there is no worse cruelty than to be magnanimous at an inopportune time."

picking every postseason game correctly on the road to the Super Bowl.

Ida's postseason picks:

Texans (-3) over Bengals:

"They're playing better than the Bengals."

Lions (+10.5) over Saints:

"Saints are good but I don't think they'll win by 10.5 points."

Steelers (-7.5) over Broncos:

"Broncos did not look good last week."

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Giants (-3.5) over Falcons:

"Giants are going to go for it."

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Aviators gunned down by Outlaws

BY COLIN MIXSON

The Brooklyn Aviators were run over — twice — last week, suffering two humiliating defeats, one of them a shutout, at the hands of the New Jersey Outlaws, but managed to lift their sticks from the mud long enough to end the year with a win against the Cape Cod Bluefins on New Year's Eve.

The Brooklyn Aviators were ransacked by the New Jersey Outlaws last Thursday, yielding a heart-crushing 6–3 defeat at the Capital One Ice Vault in dirty Jersey — bringing an end to a hard-won three game winning streak, which Brooklynenjoyed since their glorious Dec. 11 triumph against the Akwesasne Warriors.

The loss came as no surprise to fans, who are used to watching the Aviators get robbed by the rotten Outlaws. Brooklyn currently has an 0-6 record against the Outlaws.

The Outlaws set the tone for the slaughter early, finding the net after only 41 seconds in the first period — which they followed up with another goal 12 minutes later. But Brooklyn didn't leave the first round empty-handed, earning a powerplay point before the buzzer sounded.

The Aviators were routed in the second, with the Outlaws trampling Brooklyn 2–0. The Boy's of Winter rallied in the third, but only managed to match Jersey 2–2 — an effort that proved too little, too late to trump the indomitable Outlaws

The Aviators pressed the goal throughout the match, with 45 net shots to the Outlaws' 35 before its conclusion. But Jersey net minder Dan McWhinney proved harder to crack than a bank vault, stopping 42 shots to Aviator goalie Jo St. Pierre's mere 29.

Thursday's loss, however, was just a preview to Friday's horror show.

Brooklyn was utterly annihilated by the Outlaws last Friday — crushed in an 8-0 shutout.

Brooklyn net minder Peter Dundovich gave up two

goals in the first period, followed by four additional morale-shattering points in the second. Goalie Jo St. Pierre took over for Dundovich in the final period — but fared no better, giving up two.

But Brooklyn's goal tenders weren't the only Aviators to fall apart during Friday's disgraceful loss.

The Outlaws outshot and outplayed Brooklyn during the three period rout, ending the game with 51 attempts at the Aviators net to Brooklyn's 34. The Outlaws also spent less time in the box with two penalties to Brooklyn's seven.

Yet the Hockey Gods took pity on Brooklyn during the New Year's Eve game against the Cape Cod Bluefins, bestowing Brooklyn's Boys of Winter with an easy 7-3 win against the hated fish at the Hangar in Floyd Bennett Field that included a hat trick from rookie forward Andrew Owsiak.

Still smarting from the two losses, the Aviators took no prisoners as they hit the ice on Saturday, scoring six



Aviators forward Jesse Felten shakes off a Cape Cod Bluefin as he races a puck to the net during Saturday's 7-3 rout over Cape Cod.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

goals in the opening frame.

Forward Matt Atsoff

Forward Matt Atsoff kicked things off by scoring three minutes into the first

period. Center Lucas Schott quickly followed suit before Owsiak smacked in three consecutive goals — drowning the Fish under an insurmountable lead.

But the Aviators weren't finished: they scored once again in the second, leaving the Bluefins high and dry — even after Cape Cod netted two pucks in the third period.

Saturday's stellar win marked the third straight victory against the Bluefins, a team Brooklyn found hard to beat when the season started.

But that all changed right before Christmas: the A's hooked two wins against the Bluefins, leaving their record against the fish at 4-4. Saturday's win puts the Aviators over the top in this ongoing Flyer vs. Fish drama.

The Brooklyn Aviators will return home to battle the New Jersey Outlaws at Aviator Sports and Events Center [3159 Flatbush Ave. in Floyd Bennett Field in Marine Park, (718) 758-7580] on Jan. 13, at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$12 (\$10 for seniors and children under 14) For more info, visit www.brooklynaviators.com.

Lincoln

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"I feel honored to play with that guy right there," Jones said, gazing at Folkes in awe after the championship game. "He did it all for us. He's a horse."

The best example was that city championship game against Erasmus Hall.

Folkes was nursing a high left ankle sprain that cheated him of his stop on a dime cuts and breakaway speed. He still pounded out 80 rushing yards and a touchdown and broke up the possible gametying score to Luder Jean Louis, who had seven inches on him, in the end zone as time expired.

"It shows you the heart of a lion," Lincoln coach Shawn O'Connor said. "He's written his own legacy." All-City football Coach of the Year: Shawn O'Connor, Lincoln High School

Shawn O'Connor has made football part of the conversation at Lincoln High School, which has always been known as a basketball school.

The 11th-year coach won his first title this year — but people have been paying attention to O'Connor and his squad for the last three seasons.

Lincoln won 20 straight regular-season games, has reached the title game the last two years and has a bevy of talented underclassmen to continue the program's upswing.

O'Connor did a phenomenal job this fall with an inexperienced team. He returned just two starters — running back Kareem Folkes and two-way lineman Robert Kitching — yet Lincoln won its 13 games by a hard-to-fathom 518-90.

"My kids did a great job proving who they are," O'Connor said. "Everybody wanted to talk about who we lost rather than who we brought back."

The Railsplitters had a work-manlike approach from the middle of August to winning it all. They were pushed just twice, in the quarterfinals against Thomas Jefferson and in the city final against Erasmus Hall, yet never grew overconfident, a nod to the humble O'Connor and his hard-working staff.

"It feels really sweet because nobody expected it," O'Connor said. "We rose above everyone else's expectations."

You could see how special the bond was between coach and player during Lincoln's celebration. Every Railsplitter wanted to talk about O'Connor, how he cared about them beyond the



Lincoln's coach Shawn O'Connor celebrates victory over Erasmus with his team at Yankee Stadium. Photo by Denis Gostev

field and what the future held for them, and their way of repaying him was with a title. "We did this for Coach," Folkes said. "He wanted it so much."

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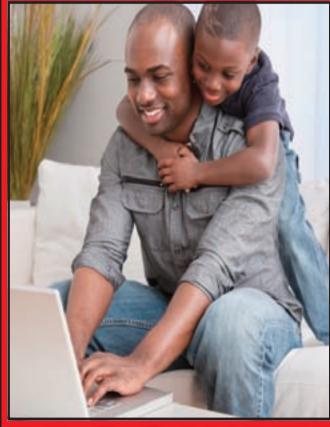
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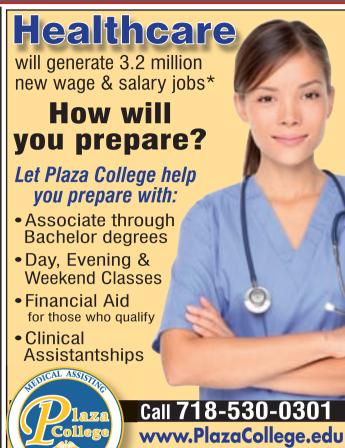


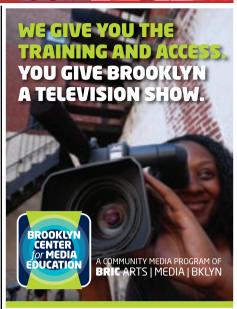
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SAT. 12-2 10819 Seaview Ave. Unit#39A (bet. Seaview Ave. & E. 108th St) WHY RENT IF YOU CAN OWN? Immaculate Newly Renovated Studio Unit. 409 Sq. Ft. With New Carpeting and Appliances and Cabinets! low common charges, Included Gym, Pool.Tennis court. Gated community, Private security & camera, Laundry And More! parking.! Will Not Last! Asking \$100's, OWN cheaper than renting! 718-922-2200 FIN 108029

CANARSIE SAT. 2-5

8413 Ave. K (Cor. East 85 St) ONLY 3 LEFT!!! Newly built 1 & 2 bedroom condo with large living room, formal dining room, eat in kitchen & 2 baths! Elevator, doorman, gym, laundry rm, parking & more! only \$916.71 per month FIXED 30 yrs mortgage (Qualify buyers) FHA,Sonyma & many city & federal grant

718-922-2200 FIN 008043 **CANARSIE**

SUN. 1-3 1443 East 91 St. (bet. Ave. L & M) Detached 2 family offers comfort and affordability. 5.5 Over 4.5 rooms plus completely finished basement, yard and private drive. Total of 5 bedrooms. New kitchens and baths. hardwood floors and much more. Owner is willing to hear all offers. Just Reduced \$499,999

SUN. 1-3

597 Wyona St. (bet New Lots & Livonia) Brick Legal 4 fam 2 bdrms, LR, FDR, EIK, fin. bsmnt! 23 x 78 bdg & 23x100 lot! Great rent Roll! Live rent free! Newly renovated - nothing to do but move in! SHORT SALE APPROVED @ \$390.000.00 SOLD AS IS!!

718-922-2200 FIN 108076 **FLATBUSH**

SAT. 2-5 337 Lenox Road (bet. New York Ave. & Nostrand Ave.) Newly built Condo 2 BR, Ige LR, FDR, EIK & bath in MB, laundry rm! Gvm. elevator blda & much more! Only 2 units left! Asking only \$300s. FHA approved! 718-922-2200

GATEWAY SUN. 2-4

190 Cozine Ave. Unit #1A (bet. Vermont St. & Cozine Ave) Yes- OWN this NEWLY renov. studio Condo it's cheaper than renting! Includes balcony, Gym, Community rm. Pvt Security & over 41 million in Capital improvement! NOTHING to do but MOVE in! CHEAPEST Condo on market! Only \$544.53 per mth 30 yrs FIX mtg! Buy with little or ZERO money down - FHA & Sonyma approved! Many city, federal & state grants avail. to qualify buyers! 718-922-2200

MADISON SUN. 1-3 1745 East 17 St. (bet. Ave R & Quentin Rd.) Renov 1-Fam, det., oversized lot 30 x 100, pvt drive, 1.5 baths. ASK \$679K

EAST NEW YORK | MARINE PARK **SUN. 1-3**

1765 East 32nd St. Newly Listed 1 fam. w/ full fin. bsmt. la. rms. dry & gar. Listed to sell! 718-253-9600 FIN 119101

MARINE PARK SAT. 2:30-4 2162 Gerritsen Ave.

(Bragg & Ave U) Xwide Ig 2 fam. brk hse, total of 5 BR and 3 bths, gar, in front, spac. yd in rear. Vac., Close in 30 days.

718-368-3200 FIN 118020

MARINE PARK **SUN. 1-3**

2209 Knapp St. - #6D This spac. 2 BR co-op is a cor. apt on the 6th Flr. it has a lg EIK with window, all rms have win. and plenty of closets! This is a great apartment a must see! 718-253-4040 FIN 101062

MIDWOOD SUN. 12-2 1519 East 15th St. (Ave O & P)

Beaut. 2 fam att., 7 rm dup. over 5 rm. Apt. 2 new kits. granite countertops, new applis, mod. bths, Two Ig open terr., full bsmt with sep. front entr. Only \$629.000 718-998-8820 FIN 114031

MIDWOOD SUN. 12-2 1469 East 15th St

(Ave. N and Ave. O) 2 fam. s/d 6.5 over 5.5 plus fin. bsmt, owner enjoys new kit, and bth, gar, shared drv, walk to all shops and trans. Priced to sell! Asking \$649,000 718-998-8820 FIN 114032

MILL BASIN SUN. 1-3

2509 East 64th St. 1st Showing! Legal 2 fam. det. hi ranch on beaut, quiet tree-lined st.

718-253-9600 FIN 119100

OLD MILL BASIN SUN. 1:30-3:30 1418 East 59 St. (bet Ave. N & O) 1 fam, 3 BR, 1³/₄ bths, parq. flrs, beautifully landscaped Ask \$410K

OLD MILL BASIN SAT. 2-4

2077 East 55th St. (bet. Ave U & Ave. T) Huge, Brk, legal, 3 fam. home nr everything. 3 BR. 1.5 bths over 3 BR, 1.5 bths over 1 BR, pvt dry and gar. Open house on weekends, 24 hr notice for weekdays. Owner wants all offers, Asking Only \$649K 718-253-2500 FIN 129165

SEAGATE SUN. 12-2 4119 Sea Gate Ave. (Lyme & Laurel)

Best deal in town!! Cor. 2 fam. with C of O for Doctor's office 57x70, needs TLC, can be conv. to lg. 1 fam. 2 car garage, Pvt drive. Reduced to \$439,000 718-998-8820 FIN 114028

OLD MILL BASIN SAT. SUN. 1-3 1965 Troy Ave.

Comp. renov. 1 fam. home. MIC w/new brk & cement entr. LR & DR. Top it off with a legal, ext. and remod, kit, 3 BR & full bth, Fin. bsmt. Asking \$399K 718-253-4040 FIN 101034

OLD MILL BASIN SUN. 12-2

1222 East 54th St. (bet. Flatlands Ave. & Ave. K) Well kept 3 fam. home with some recent updates. Asking \$600's. Don't miss out. 718-615-2007 FIN 126058

OCEAN HILL SUN. 2-4

12 Mother Gaston **Blvd.** Fully renov. 3 fam. brick + full fin. bsmt. & parksize yard. 718-253-9600 FIN 119102

SHEEPSHEAD BAY SUN, 3-4:30 2725 Brown St. (Shore Pkwy. & Voorhies)

Newly renov. yng 2 fam. brk, 3 BR Dup. plus .5 bth with lg. 3.5 walk-in apt. Brand new Custom bth, updated EIK with s/s applis and breakfast nook. gorg, hdwd flrs thruout, custom crown moldings, lg tiled front patio, pvt drv for multi cars, gar., Walk to the bay and all shops!!!! Full vacancy!!! Reduced at at \$589,000 718-377-6161 FIN 029225 718-332-8800 FIN 107077 718-332-8800 FIN107076 718-998-8820 FIN 114029

SHEEPSHEAD BAY SAT. 1:30-3:30 2190 Brigham St #6FC (bet Ave U & V) Coop, 3bed, 1 bth,

kit w/ wind, maint includes G & E! ASK \$135K 718-332-8800 FIN 107042

SHEEPSHEAD BAY **SUN. 1-3**

2430 Haring St # 1D (bet Ave X & Ave Y) Renov large & airy 1 bedroom Čoop, EÍK w/ wind, H/W flrs, bath w/ Jacuzzi, close to all! Ask \$119,900 718-332-8800 FIN 107074

SHEEPSHEAD BAY SUN. 1:30-3:30 2426 East 21 St.

(bet Ave W & X) 1 Fam. lot 30 x 105. build 16 x 62, 3 BR, fin base w/bth, pvt drv 718-332-8800 FIN 107072

SHEEPSHEAD BAY SUN. 12-2

2163 East 16 St (bet Ave U & Ave V) Semi-det, 1 fam, 3 bed, share drive, gar, won't last! Ask \$565K 718-332-8800 FIN 107075

SHEEPSHEAD BAY SUN. 2:30-4:30 2256 East 19 St.

(bet. Neck Rd. & Ave. W) Large 3 fam. priv drive, on 40 x 100 lot 718-332-8800 FIN 107079

SHEEPSHEAD BAY SUN. 12-2 2246 East 16 St. (Bet. V & Neck Rd.)

1 fam, 3 BR, brk, 3 flrs, H/W flrs, gar, close to train ASK \$539K 718-332-8800 FIN 107071

SHEEPSHEAD **BAY SAT. 1-3** 2212 Plumb 1st St, Apt. 3E (Gerritsen & **Knapp St)** CO-OP 2 lg BR, EIK, wd flrs thru out, beaut. bldg. Mint cond. BIG PRICE BREAK!! ONLY \$119,000 **718-272-6666 FIN 102042** **SHEEPSHEAD** BAY SUN. 12-2 (by appt only) 3025 Ocean Avenue #1L Lq 3 B/R 1st fl. southwest exposure. La Closets, conve-

nient to shopping, schools, houses of worship. A MUST SEE! Qualified Buvers only please! Asking \$325,000 718-253-4040 FIN 101045

SHEEPSHEAD BAY **SUN. 12-2**

2802 Batchelder St. It doesn't get better than this. Fully det bungalow home in very good MIC, spac. 2 BR apt *plus comp. lower level fin. space, with summer kit., full bath and more. new floors, Renov. throughout. Near to bay, bus, & shopping. Owner wants fast sale and awaits your best offer vacant and able to close within 30 days. Asking \$299,000 718-368-3200 FIN 118024

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

SUN. 2:30-4 3021 Ave Z, #5E (bet Ford St & Coyle St) Recently renovated 2 bedroom co-op with modern bath. SS / granite, windowed kitchen. Only \$130s. 718-615-2007 FIN 126047

WINDSOR TERRACE SUN. 3-4:30

(special time) 490 16th St. (10th Ave. & Prospect Park) 2 family Brownstone. steps from the park. 9 rm duplex plus garden apt. full basement, needs some TLC, Legal 8x10 extension, gas heat, owner must sell!!! Asking \$1,295,000 718-998-8820 FIN 114034

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MARINE PARK SUN 1/08, 12:30-2:30PM 2209 KNAPP ST.,#6A

eautiful 1BR co-op w/ hdwd rirs op floor Updated kitchen. A Mus ee! Owner negotiable. Says Sell! \$120,000 Price Reduced!

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EAST FLATBUSH SAT 1/07, 11AM-1PM 115 REMSEN AVE.

1 fam brick, comp renov, hdwd flr new kitch & baths, new windows garage + 1 spot, sep ent to fin bsmt. New windows. Excint cond. Asking \$359K

REF. #CF795

GRAVESEND **SAT** 1/07, 1-3PM 514 VAN SICKLEN ST.

2 fam used as large 1 fam. 4BRs. 2 baths, garage, new hot wtr, new front steps, Irg ElK, hardwd firs. \$539K

REF. #CF793

BERGEN BEACH SAT 1/07, 1-3PM 2240 EAST 71st ST

Heart of Bergen Bch. Det 1 fam 3RRs/ 2 haths. New kitch w/ dining area. Fin bsmt w/ Irg media rm. Inground pool w/ Irg deck. 4 car pvt prkng. Sprinkler sys, garage. Estimated taxes \$8,325. 60x100 lot size, bldg 28x50. \$1,250,000.

REF. #CF788

MIDWOOD SUN 1/08. 11:30-1:30PM

2821 KINGS HIGHWAY, #4M Freshly painted 1 BR cocozi NINGS HIGHWAY, #4M Freshly painted 1 BR co-op w/ hdwd firs in great locn. Short walk to transp & shops. Low maint of \$335. G&E extra. Pet friendly bldg. Sublease OK after 1 year. \$139,900

REF. #BC669 MIDWOOD

<u>SUN</u> 1/08, 1-3PM 1306 EAST 37th ST. Excht Condition! Lrg 2 fan dplx w/ 3BRs over 4BRs Mod kitchs/ baths in both units. Lrg new front porch 8 carport. 20x100 lot. \$689K

REF. #AA051

MARINE PARK SUN 1/08, 2-4PM 2034 EAST 35th ST

Spacious 3BR, 2 bath semi-del brick Tudor style home on desta-able Marine Pk block. ElK, formal LR & DR. Hi ceilings & hdwd floors thruout. Semi-fin bsmt w/ ¾ bath laundry area & den. Front & rea decks. 2- car garage, shared drive Walk to park & transp \$549K

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Sun 1/8/12 1-3 pm 2270 East 60th Place off Mill Ave

reno gorgeous brick 2 family, 5.5 over 5.5 over fin bsmt, new granite kit with stainsteel appliances, & electric, heat upgrades, pvt parking, across form park, \$600's

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MILL BASIN Sun 1/8/12 1-3 pm 2335 East 66th St (off Whitman Drive) Waterview!!

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Mill Basin Sun. 1/8/12 1-3 pm 2428 East 64th St (off Mayfair Dr N) Det 47x100 Waxman Split,

7.5 over 3.5 with very Irg rms 7 vaulted ceilings, newly updated extended kit, parquet flrs, loads of closets, formal LR & DR, finished bsmt with summer kit & 3.5 rental, 3 car drive, owner wants all offers \$800's

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MILL BASIN Sun. 1/8/12 1-3 pm Sun. 1/6/12 I-3 pm 2732 MILL Ave National Drive 2 fam 7.5 duplex, 3 bdrms, brand new kit with sep. laundry rm, with sep. laundry rm, 15 baths Lg L,R,/D,R, 99 1.5 baths, Lg LR/DR, parquet firs, sundeck, 4.5 rm w/1 full bth & EIK, fin bsmt sep ent, a \$639,000 Owner listening to all offers! Talk of The Town

Old Mill Basin **OPEN HOUSE** SAT-SUN 12-2 PM 2051 E.55 ST. (Aves T&U)

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OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 12-2 PM 3178 Nostrand Ave #2B (Aves R&S)

Spacious Jr 4/1 bdrm EIK. Hdwd firs thruout. Well maint bldg w/pool. Sublet OK & small pet



Marine Park/ Madison SUNDAY 12-2 PM 3178 Nostrand Ave

#3M (Aves R&S) Spacious 2 bdrm co-op w/ den. Could be 3 bdrm. 1.75 baths. Lrg EIK w/ win. LB/DB combo Lots of closets. Hdwd firs thruout. Exclnt cond. Small pet OK, sublease OK w/ board



Marine Park Open House SUN, 1/08, 12-3PM 1746 EAST 35th ST

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OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 12-2 PM
2209 KNAPP ST.
#6H
(Ave V)

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