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Brooklyn celebrates Hanukkah

Families honor Festival of Lights

BY COLIN MIXSON

This Flatbush Jewish center puts the festival in the festival of lights.

Kids celebrated Hanukkah in style at the Flatbush Park Jewish Center on Dec. 1, where they played games and ate pizza during the community group's annual holiday party.

"My kids look forward to it every year," said Howie Hershkovich, who

brought his five children from Mill Basin.

The more than 400 little Hanukkah revelers played carnival games set up at the Jewish center, which spat out tickets that could be turned in to purchase one of any number of fun toys to take home.

The Jewish center also setup some inflatable bouncy houses, where kids bounced to the beat of popular Hanukkah tunes, including the immortal Yiddish ditty, "I Have a Little Dreidel."

"We had great music," said pro-
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FOURTH TIME'S THE CHARM?



ADVENTURE IS OUT THERE: Victor Mooney gives the thumbs up from inside the row boat, in which he'll attempt to row from Africa to Brooklyn to raise awareness for AIDS.

Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

Rower's 4th try to cross the Atlantic

BY COLIN MIXSON

Before launching his fourth attempt to cross the Atlantic in a rowboat, a quixotic Queens man chose a Brooklyn port to bless his very small boat for the very long journey.

At Marine Park's Gateway Marina on Sunday, Victor Mooney bid bon voyage to the Spirit of Malabo — a 24-foot, ocean-ready rowboat which he hopes to row across the Atlantic Ocean.

After the boat was blessed, it was shipped off to the Canary Islands, where Mooney will join it in three weeks to set off on a 5,000-mile journey home, taking advantage of the east-to-west currents of the Mid-Atlantic.

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Wild time in Beach Haven

Party animals add fun to festival of lights

BY COLIN MIXSON
 The Beach Haven Jewish Center let loose on Nov. 27 for a very wild Hanukkah party thanks to Partypets.com, which brought animals for a show-and-tell with the kids and their folks, including an iguana and an adorable fennec fox.

"There was a nice variety of about 15 animals," said Rabbi Silver of the Beach Haven Jewish Center. "They really had the crowd going."

This was perhaps Beach Haven's biggest holiday party ever, with more than 70 kids and 50 adults coming for food, the animal demonstra-

tions, and the evening's menorah lighting.

"The Jewish center has had a Hanukkah party and menorah lighting for many years," said Rabbi Silver. "But this is the first time we've done it on this scale."

After Partypets.com was finished dazzling its audience with adorable critters, everybody gathered outside for the ceremonial menorah lighting.

This year, the honor of lighting the first candle fell to councilman-elect Chaim Deutsch, who's also a friend of the Jewish Center and of the Rabbi.



LIGHTS AND REPTILES: Kids got a chance to meet this handsome iguana at the party, compliments of Partypets.com. Meanwhile, Councilman-elect Chaim Deutsch (inset) lit the first Hanukkah candle on the Beach Haven Jewish Center's menorah on Nov. 27. Photos by Steve Solomonson

Red Cross chips in for Sandy-trauma therapy

BY COLIN MIXSON
 How did Sandy make you feel?

The American Red Cross has awarded the Children's Health Fund \$100,000 to help families and children in Sandy-wrecked Gerritsen Beach build "coping skills" to deal with the mental anguish caused by Hurricane Sandy.

"The trauma of Hurricane Sandy is still palpable in Gerritsen Beach," said Dr. Delaney Gracy, chief medical officer at the Children's Health Fund. "Many of the community's children are processing the memory



TRAUMATIC DAY: The American Red Cross is helping children deal with the mental anguish caused by Hurricane Sandy. Photo by Paul Martinka

of their own frightening experiences while trying to cope with the dislocation of their family and friends, the loss of once-valued possessions, and the exhausting demands of rebuilding."

The grant should allow some 530 families access to therapeutic services provided by the Children's Health Fund, and allow people who have lost everything to move on with their

lives, according to state Sen. Marty Golden.

"I urge all of my constituents who are still trying to get back on their feet to reach out to organizations like these for assistance."

To help kids in Gerritsen Beach cope, psychologist Paula Madrid, who leads the Children's Health Funds mental health response, has built a team that operates out of a mobile mental health clinic.

The health clinic offers individual, family, and group counseling, case management, mental health education, coping kits of therapeutic toys, and community outreach events.

Contact the children's health fund at (212) 535-9400, or at healthed@chfund.org.



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A light in the darkness!

Holocaust survivor helps Coney Island celebrate Hanukkah

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

A Coney Island synagogue lit a candle this Hanukkah, not only to celebrate the festival of lights, but to remember one of the darkest episodes of Jewish history.

The Warbasse Jewish Heritage Congregation inaugurated its enormous new menorah and the beginning of the Jewish holiday on Nov. 27 with a special ceremony by a 96-year-old survivor of the Holocaust.

Jack Eisenstein — who endured the horrors of the Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps — kindled the first festival lights on the 22-foot-high, 16-foot-wide candelabrum, displayed for the first time this year at the corner of Neptune Avenue and W. Fifth Street. Eisenstein, the senior-most member of the Warbasse Congregation, expressed awe and pride at the sight of the stately sconce.

“I never saw something like it before,” Eisenstein said.

Eisenstein was born in modern-day Belarus in 1917 and was 26 when German troops invaded his village. The soldiers killed his father and three sisters and deported Eisenstein, his mother, and his older brother to the infamous Auschwitz extermination facility in Poland. Eisenstein was separated from the two of them at the camp and never saw them again.

The young man stayed alive until the Germans evacuated the installation in Jan. 1945, fleeing from advancing Soviet troops. The Nazis sent Eisenstein and some 20,000 others to the Bergen-Belsen camp in Germany. The survivor recalled having to sit in the cold



SAREED: (Right) Holocaust survivor Jack Eisenstein, 96, lit the candles on the menorah at the Warbasse shopping center on Nov. 27. (Top) Menorah-builder Boris Shnayderman hands out the traditional Hanukkah donuts. (Above) Shnayderman, Eisenstein, and friend Yakov Elperin celebrate.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

day and night at the second camp, and each morning discovering others had succumbed to exposure.

“You woke up and found everywhere was a dead person, a dead person, a dead person, ev-

ery single day,” said Eisenstein. “I saw so many other men die like flies, like flies. I do not know

how I pulled through.”

Allied forces liberated Bergen-Belsen in April of that year, and Eisenstein travelled to Sweden after the war. He lived there until moving to Brooklyn in 1949 at the urging of relatives, first settling at 68th Street and Bay Parkway, and then moving into the Warbasse Houses when they opened in 1965.

The leaders of the Warbasse Congregation said they wanted Eisenstein to lead the lighting ceremony out of respect for his age and experiences, and a desire to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive.

“It has an added weight because of what he has endured. He is very dear to us,” said Rabbi David Okunov. “I want him to be a bridge for the next generation.”

Okunov said he commissioned the huge outdoor menorah as a symbol of the religious liberties allowed in the United States — liberties that Jewish people have not always enjoyed.

The rabbi noted that Hanukkah celebrates the overthrow of pagan tyranny in Judea in the second century, B.C. He hopes that the new memorial of the holiday will serve as a beacon, drawing people from across the borough and across the world.

“Hanukkah is a celebration of Jewish freedom, and we wanted something that resonates with the residents of Warbasse and the greater Coney Island community,” said Okunov. “The White House has the National Menorah; the Brooklyn courthouse has the Brooklyn menorah — this will be the Coney Island menorah.”



Panel approves Beep's concert hall

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

The Beep's seaside amphitheater plan has taken its first big step forward.

A major public oversight board voted unanimously on Dec. 4 in favor of outgoing Borough President Markowitz's controversial dream of turning the former Childs Restaurant in Coney Island into a venue to

host his summer concerts series.

The City Planning Commission, a 13-member panel charged with approving major real estate projects, endorsed Borough President Markowitz's pet project of converting the landmarked and derelict Childs building into a restaurant and arena complex — to the cha-

grin of residents who fear the Beep's baby is bound to be unruly.

Markowitz was overjoyed at the decision — and reiterated his argument that the project will benefit the neighborhood's impoverished residential area by supplying jobs and necessary infrastructure improvements.

“I'm thrilled about it — thrilled,” the Beep said. “And I'm confident that they did not vote for it for any reason other than the good it will do to that part of Coney Island and its residents.”

But critics have long complained that sinking \$50 million of taxpayers'

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BOARDWALK DRAW: The building's exterior terracotta decor will be restored under the city plan. Photo by Steve Solomonson

Black Friday chill turned borough shoppers blue

BY JAIME LUTZ
AND COLIN MIXSON

This Black Friday Brooklynites packed big-box stores across the borough to chase deals and get the jump on their holiday shopping.

And we mean packed them. One newbie shopper at Target, Atlantic Terminal Mall's biggest outlet, quickly realized that morning that she could not treat Black Friday like a normal trip to the store.

"This is the first time that I had went out on Black Friday," said Heather Nocco. "I learned that the carts are not a thing to use. I had a cart and it was hard to get through all the aisles."

But the struggle to move through the crowds was worth it to the hardy stocking-stuffer, who scored photo frames for \$6 that originally sold for \$12.

Others were just there for the experience.

"I just wanted to bring them out to see what it is

like on Black Friday," said Gail Padmore, near the mall's Uniqlo store, gesturing to her two young children. "It's about as crowded as expected. At least I can bring my son out here without him getting lost."

Target opened at 8 pm last Thursday, making it one of many stores across the city to start Black Friday early for Thanksgiving's capitalist cousin, dubbed "Gray Thursday."

On the Atlantic Avenue sidewalk outside the shopping center, bag-laden deal-chasers joined crowd-averse passersby to peruse old winter coats and thumb-worn books on folding tables at the Brooklyn Free Store, a mobile, weekly event organized by anarchist types who think money should be abolished.

Further down Flatbush Avenue, Best Buy monopolized most of the two-day shopping fever, with some daring consumers waiting in lines for as long as nine



READY TO BUY: Thanksgiving shoppers line up outside of the Kings Plaza Best Buy, where they hope to be first to grab the best deals of the year on electronics. Photo by Steve Solomonson

hours to get a shot at deals on electronics.

One mother-daughter duo spent the entirety of Turkey Day sitting outside the chain's location in the Kings Plaza Shopping Center on Avenue U.

"It was cold; it was windy; it was freezing," said Andrina Jarvis, who showed up at 9:45 am with her 16-year-old daughter Megan, making them first in a long and dedicated line awaiting the store's 6 pm

opening. The pair huddled under blankets to stave off the icy winds but maintained a rosy outlook to accompany their rosy cheeks with the help and good cheer of their fellow digi-

tal gear devotees. "It was like a nice family group," she said. "We had a wonderful time."

Jarvis's patience paid off in the form of a \$200 Nikon Coolpix camera; an \$80, 24-inch Insignia television; and a \$180, Dell laptop computer.

Over at the Best Buy in the Caesar's Bay Bazaar in Bensonhurst, a few red-eyed consumers showed up at 7 am on Thursday for a crack at the store's Best offers.

Bensonhurst local Vernioica Torres, 30, was willing to brave the chill and forego turkey in order to take home a 65-inch Samsung flat-screen television that usually retails for \$2,000 for a mere \$900.

But the big savings may not be all they seem. Retail experts say that the sale price of the merchandise is factored into the original price, allowing stores to charge high on an item for a while, then sell a bunch all at once at a lower price.

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LOW CEILING: A truck driver wedged his vehicle underneath the Q train tracks where they pass over Avenue J on Nov. 27. Photo by Steve Solomonson

Big rig digs into trestle

BY COLIN MIXSON

A tractor-trailer wedged itself underneath a Midwood train trestle on Nov. 27, cops said.

The fire department responded to the accident underneath the elevated Q train tracks on Avenue J at 8:30 pm, where they found

the truck stuck.

The truck was traveling east at high speed between E. 15th and E. 16th streets when the driver tried to force the big truck under the low bridge, according to a Metropolitan Transportation Authority employee, who was working at the

nearby subway station and witnessed the accident.

It was unclear whether the truck caused any structural damage to the track's supports, although a spokeswoman for the transit agency said that a crew should have been sent out to inspect them per agency

Little Tiger in your tank

Family finds cat trapped under engine during drive

BY COLIN MIXSON

A smelly engine could mean anything, but, when your car starts meowing, you know you've got problems.

A Bedford-Stuyvesant family had to make an unexpected stop in East New York last Tuesday morning, after they realized that a strange smell filling their Ford Explorer was the singed hair of an unfortunate cat that had gotten stuck atop their car's piping-hot muffler.

"He wasn't happy at all," said Quann Johnson, of his sport-utility vehicle's unexpected passenger. "He was hurting."

Johnson was traveling to visit his mother-in-law in East New York with his wife Tiffany, his niece, her husband and their two children, when he caught a whiff of something burning, he said.

"We just smelled something," he said. "But I assumed it was my thermostat leaking, so I didn't think nothing of it — until



TO THE RESCUE: (Above) Officer Robert Zajac spent a half-hour struggling to free the suffering kitty after the Johnson family called 911. (Right) The cat had an injured foot and got treated at a local animal hospital. Photos by Paul Martinka



we parked the car."

The happy family stopped at Hegemon Avenue between Fountain Avenue and Logan Street at around 10 am to grab some snacks and, when they returned, the Johnsons heard the terrible cry of a cat in distress. It wasn't too long before

they spotted a scrappy-looking tail sticking out of from the bottom of their car.

"He was making noise, basically yelling for help," said Johnson. "At that point, he sounded strong, but my understanding of how hot a muffler can get, we knew it

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COURIER LIFE

Brooklyn was the clear winner in last month's elections: Bill DeBlasio, the former public advocate and Park Slope councilman, was the first Democrat in 20 years to win the mayor's race — and at 6-foot-5, the tallest mayor in living memory! Fort Greene Councilwoman Letitia James, the new public advocate, became the first African-American woman to hold a citywide position, and Borough President-elect Eric Adams and incoming Dis-

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

the month in review

trict Attorney Ken Thompson were the first African Americans elected to their respective posts in Kings County.

Month in Review recaps the election night heard around the country, and other headlining reports from November.

DeBlast-Off: Mayor-elect Bill DeBlasio triumphed with 49 percentage points that were a record for a non-incumbent candidate, and the cleanest sweep since Edward Koch won a third term in 1985. DeBlasio also became the first Brooklynite mayor since Abe Beame, who left office in 1977. Victorious James, Adams, and Thompson further solidified the Democratic Party's grip on city politics.

'Tish' tragedy: Public Advocate-elect Letitia James's triumph dwindled into tragedy, when one of her top advisors was found hanging in his Crown

Heights apartment two days after her win. Cops discovered Alfred Chiodo's lifeless body on Nov. 7, after colleagues in James's Fort Greene council office became alarmed that the affable urban affairs director, 57, had missed several days of work. His death is under investigation.

Murder-suicide: An indie rock musician shot and killed nearly all the members of a Williamsburg dance-punk band from Iran before turning the gun on himself at the band's practice space and apartment at 318 Maujer St., between Waterbury Street and Morgan Avenue. The gunman Ali Akbar Mohammadi Rafie, 29, and victims Ali Eskan-



HOPE AND CHANGE: Bill DeBlasio celebrates with his wife Chirlane McCray, at his victory party at the Park Slope Armory on Nov. 5.
Photo by Elizabeth Graham

darian, 35, and brothers Arash, 28, and Soroush, 27, Farazmand, were political refugees who fled the Islamic gulf country in 2009 after appearing in a film about Iran's forbidden un-

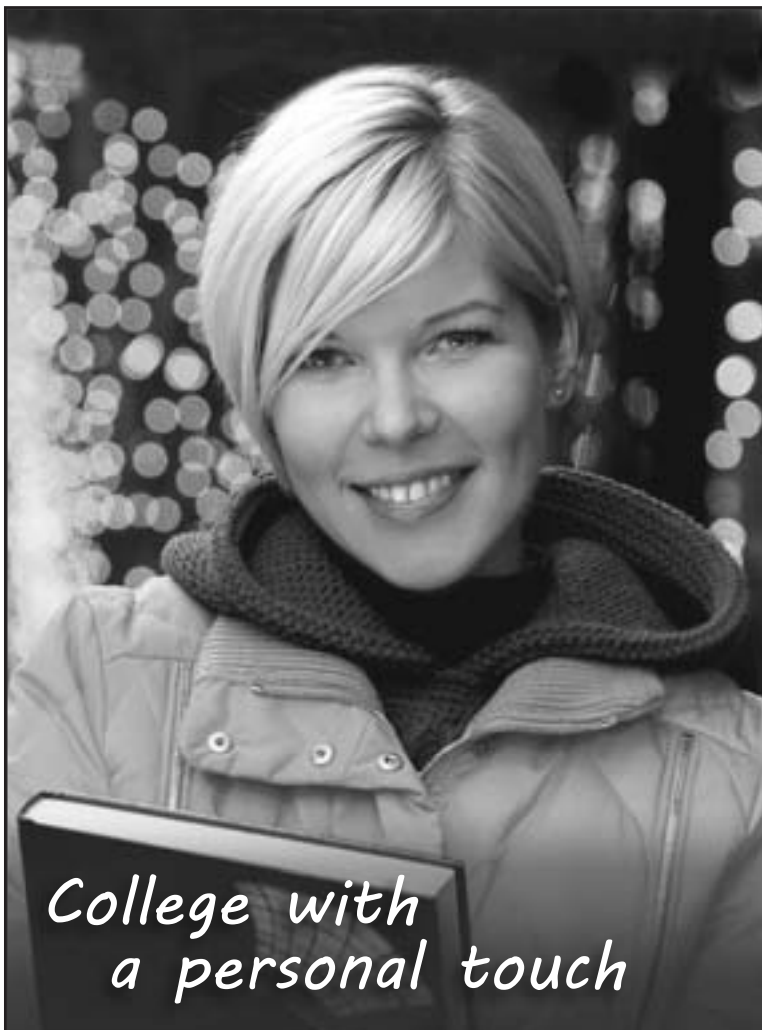
derground music scene.
Grave vote: Late Diocese of Brooklyn Bishop Francis Mugavero died in 1991, but according to the Board of Elections he re-

Panda-monium: Two red pandas at the Prospect Park Zoo took 20 years to conceive, but it was well worth the wait for visitors who went gaga over their results — a pair of adorable twin cubs born at the wildlife preserve over the summer and unveiled for their
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PEEK-A-BOO! One of the 4-month-old panda cubs new to the Prospect Park Zoo.

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Cops cuffed a man who they say attacked a woman, first with bleach, then with a knife, on E. 35th Street on Dec. 2.

The victim told police that she was between Avenues J and K at 10:51 pm when the suspect hurled a bottle of bleach at her, striking her in the face, before drawing a knife and lunging at her.

A struggle ensued, in which the suspect failed to stab or slash the woman, but the victim suffered a kick to and scratches on her face, cops said.

Cutlery and crooks

A man was arrested for allegedly attacking a couple with a knife on Flatlands Avenue on Nov. 30.

The male victim told police that he was between E. 38th and Ryder streets with the woman at 11 pm when the suspect threatened to murder them, before drawing a kitchen knife.

The suspect cut the man's finger with the sharpened utensil, cops said.

Denim dummy

Police arrested a man who they say tried to steal jeans from a Avenue U store by using a suitcase on Nov. 30.

An employee told police that he was working in the store between E. 52nd Street and E. 53rd Place at 8:10 pm, when he spotted the suspect removing price tags from Levi jeans, before stuffing them in his suitcase.

When the suspect slinked past the registers without paying, the employee stopped him and discovered him in possession of 14 pairs of pants, altogether worth more than \$1,000, cops said.

69TH PRECINCT

CANARSIE

Broom bandit

Cops cuffed a man who they say attacked another man with a knife and broom on E. 79th Street on Nov. 29.

The victim told police that he was between Flatlands Avenue and Paerdegat First Street at 1:35 pm when the suspect pulled out a kitchen knife and started waving it menacingly in his direction.

The suspect then allegedly grabbed a broomstick and bashed the suspect in the neck, cops said.

The victim suffered an abrasion on his neck as a result of the attack, and was treated at a nearby hospital for his wounds, cops said.

Drum battle

A man was arrested for allegedly attacking another gentleman with a drum inside his E. 94th Street on Nov. 30.

The victim told police that he was between Avenues L and M at 6:10 pm when

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the suspect punched a hole in his wall, called him a "b----," and then hurled a drum at him.

Fortunately, the victim was able to dodge the flying percussion instrument, but the glass vase behind him wasn't so lucky, cops said.

Poster board perp

Authorities arrested a man who they say was part of a gang beat down and robbery of a man on Avenue N on Nov. 22.

The victim told police that he was near W. 100th Street at 7:15 pm when the suspect and a group of men walked up to him and started swinging.

The victim was cold cocked at least twice in the assault, once by the suspect, and again by another crook who remains on the loose, cops said.

As the victim lay bleeding with a chipped tooth, the suspect or one of the other attackers grabbed the man's poster board and markers, before fleeing, according to reports.

Whether the suspect took it or not, however, he's facing multiple counts of robbery, along with the assault charges, cops said.

70TH PRECINCT

FLATBUSH-MIDWOOD

Try again

A man has been arrested and faces murder charges after allegedly trying to kill a man once on Ocean Avenue on July 18, and then a second time on E. 18th Street on Oct. 24.

During the first attack, the victim said he was near Church Avenue at 6:30 pm when the suspect drew a knife and stabbed him in the neck.

The victim sought treatment at Kings County Hospital, where the doctors sewed his wounds, cops said.

During the second attack, the victim said he was between Caton and Church avenues at 7:02 pm when the suspect allegedly shot him — in the back.

The victim returned, once again, to Kings Country Hospital for treatment. He was forced to wear a brace as a result of the gunshot wound, and still carries a bullet in his back, according to police.

When gangs attack

Cops cuffed a woman who they say was part of a gang attack on another woman on Church Avenue on Dec. 1.

The victim told police that she was between Flatbush and Bedford avenues at

4:45 am when the suspect, along with a group of woman, attacked her.

The victim complained that she was punched, and that her hair was yanked. During the melee, someone also sliced the back of her neck with an unidentified, but very sharp object, cops said.

Officer down

A man was arrested for allegedly slugging a police officer and then hurling him down a flight of stairs inside an Aurelia Court building on Nov. 27 — leaving the cop with a sprained back.

The victim reported he was in the line of duty inside the building between E. 32nd Street and Flatbush Avenue at 12:18 pm when the suspect allegedly punched him and pushed him down the stairs.

61ST PRECINCTSHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-
MANHATTAN BEACH-GRAVESEND**Bumbling bandit**

One thief went to a lot of trouble to break into the kitchen of a Kings Highway grocery store on Nov. 29 — only to flee empty-handed, cops said.

The store owner told police the crook broke into his business between E. Third and E. Fourth streets at 8 pm by using a hacksaw to cut through the iron bars guarding a skylight, before slipping in through the roof.

The crook gained access to the building, but soon found he was stuck in the kitchen.

He loitered there for about a half hour, before leaving none the richer the same way he came in, according to the victim.

Not so safe

A thief stole a safe out of a man's Ford Street home on Nov. 30, along with the \$3,000 and jewelry it contained.

The victim told police that he left his home between Emmons Avenue and Shore Parkway at 11 pm, and spent the next eight hours at the hospital, before returning to find his house had been looted.

The crook had hurled a brick through the home's back window, before grabbing the safe — which contained the cash and a gold bracelet worth \$1,400, cops said.

Boiler bandit

A crook stole construction supplies and expensive home equipment from a Lincoln Terrace house on Nov. 25.

The victim told police that he had left

his home between Emmons and Nostrand avenues for the Rockaways at 3 pm, and returned two days later to find someone had pried his way into the living room, and nabbed a hot water heater, a box of copper poles, and a boiler, cops said.

Home alone

A crook hit pay dirt when he looted a woman's W. Ninth Street apartment on Nov. 21, taking \$1,000 and more than \$6,000 worth of jewelry — while the owner was still home.

The victim told police that she was inside her home between Lake Place and Avenue V at 6 pm when the suspect burst in through a rear window and grabbed her valuables.

The victim said she saw the man, but his features were obscured by the darkness. She was not attacked, cops said.

Bike bandit

Cops are hunting for a thieving bicyclist who nabbed the phone out of a woman's hands on E. 18th Street on Dec. 1.

The victim told police that she was between Quentin Road and Avenue R at 1:50 pm when the suspect rode up beside her. He grabbed the woman's phone, shoved her, and then rode for the hills.

The woman, without her phone, was forced to walk into the 61st Precinct's station house on Coney Island Avenue, by which time the crook had plenty of time to flee.

Earring attacker

Police cuffed a 28-year-old man who they say beat a woman and ripped her earrings off on E. 15th Street on Nov. 30 — before stealing her keys.

The victim told police that she was between Avenues X and Y at 11:30 pm when the suspect started strangling her, then ripped one of her earrings off, and the earlobe along with it.

The man then allegedly reached into the victim's purse, nabbing her keys, and then fled in his car. — *Colin Mixson*

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Bank-sy

Cops cuffed a Coney Island man for allegedly attempting to rob a MetroTech Center bank on Nov. 26.

A bank employee said the defendant entered the lending institution near the corner of Myrtle Avenue at 2:24 pm. The teller told police the accused passed her a note reading, "Good afternoon. Bank robbery. No panic. No dye pack. No GPS. All the money."

The teller said she walked away from her station, and the suspect began yelling, "Where did she go? You know what I want! Give me the money!" The man then allegedly ran out of the building.

— *Will Bredderman*

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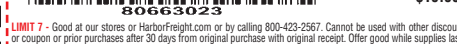
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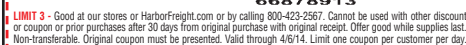
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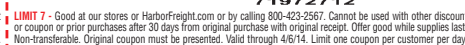
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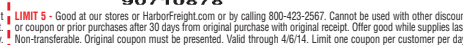
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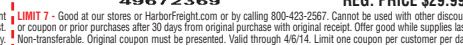
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Castle-like stationhouse to be landmarked

BY JAIME LUTZ

Clinton Hill's police station house could be getting a different kind of protection.

The city is working to designate the 88th Precinct headquarter's landmark status, something that would prevent dramatic alterations and require that the building be fastidiously maintained, community groups announced on Monday.

"It's a eminently worthy building," said Lisi DeBourbon, a spokeswoman for the city's Landmarks Preservation Commission. "It was one of the best, most intact, and most architecturally significant [police] buildings we looked at."

The 1890 structure has seen plenty of history, too, DeBourbon said.

"It was constructed when Brooklyn was its own city," she said.

The commission will hold a public hearing about the building on Dec. 17 and vote on its designation next year, a speedier-than-usual time-line that delights preservationists.

"We're always glad to consider public buildings because the city might sell them to private developers someday," said Frampton Tolbert, deputy director of watchdog group the Historic District Council.

Mayor Bloomberg has made a point of selling off space in under-used pub-



LANDMARK CASE: The 88th Precinct's station house on Classon Avenue in Clinton Hill will likely soon get landmark designation.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

lic buildings, such as the section of the Municipal Building that now houses a Sephora make-up store and a chain candy retailer, Tolbert said.

The red brick station house, located on the corner

of Classon and DeKalb avenues, was built in the Romanesque Revival style that was popular in the period, according to Landmarks. It includes a five-story turret with a castle-like cone ceiling.

Flea jumps to Williamsburg

BY JAIME LUTZ

A popular hipster market moved out of the cold and into a Williamsburg warehouse for the winter this weekend.

Brooklyn Flea's weekly outdoor tchotchke and artisanal pickle fairs in Williamsburg and Fort Greene are closed for the winter and their vendors will be hawking their wares in an industrial building on N. Fifth Street at Wythe Avenue for the cold season. Bazaar big-wigs say making

the event year-round serves a vital purpose.

"We felt obligated to accommodate[Fleasellers]year-round, especially because so many vendors are now fully-fledged small businesses who rely on the markets for income," said Eric Demby, co-founder of Brooklyn Flea and its food-cart counterpart Smorgasburg, which is also coming to the former factory. "If Smorgasburg can now be year-round, who are we to deny people their Ramen Burgers?"

The Flea's new outpost in the playground of Park Slope's PS 321 will remain open on Saturdays and Sunday through Dec. 22.

The indoor expo runs Saturday and Sunday every weekend through March 2014, when all three outdoor locations will reboot.

Brooklyn Flea winter market (80 N. Fifth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, www.brooklynflea.com). Saturdays and Sundays, 10 am-7 pm through March 2014.



SWEET HANUKKAH: (Clockwise from above) Moshe Hershkovich enjoyed many tasty holiday treats at the Flatbush Park Jewish Center's Hanukkah party on Dec. 1. Rachel Satz enjoyed some fine cotton candy. Mally Levy, 9, tried to knock down some cans. Sari Levy, left, and Racheli Hajioff lit the menorah. Photos by Steve Solomonson



Hanukkah

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gram manager Tvika Levy. And when the kids weren't gaming, bouncing, or dancing, they were eating. The Jewish center had plenty of pizza, popcorn and pastries to go around for everybody.

The Jewish center

capped off the evening with some puppet theater, where lovable fabric thespians told the story of Hanukkah.

And the best thing of all, the swinging Hanukkah fest was free to get in.

"It's come one, come all," said Hershkovich. "Anybody who wants to come, they don't charge to get in and it's a very community-oriented event."



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BRIGHT NIGHT: (Above) The Owl's Head Park tree glitters in all its glory. (Center) Lennon Tomaselli admires the holiday display at the Owl's Head Park Christmas Tree Lighting on 68th Street and Colonial Road on Dec. 2. (Right) Jasmin Bracero gives Santa her wish list.

Photos by Steve Solomonson



Tree lighting at Owl's Head a hoot!

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

It was a night of pure holiday bliss in Owl's Head Park on Dec. 2.

The Owl's Head Park Horticulture Group helped to make the season bright by lighting up the tree in front of the greenspace's field house — with some help from neighbors, the Guild for Exceptional Children, the Fire Department, and a very special Christ-

mas visitor.

Leaders of the organization—which helps maintain the park and its community garden beds — decked the evergreen with ornaments nearby residents donated, while the Guild's 50-strong choir came out to serenade the gathered families. Partway through the festivities, Engine 241 dropped off Kris Kringle himself, who listened to the children's wish

lists and gave them bags of chips.

The group said it found the 200-plus crowd — considerably larger than last year's — extremely encouraging, and reflective of its own growth.

"We had a lot of new faces this year," said organizer Dave Matthews. "We're trying to really get the ball rolling and get new volunteers all the time."

The club handed out candy to the kids, and laddled out hot chocolate from the Bay Ridge Manor catering hall on 76th Street. The group also presented the organizers of the Guild choir with Christmas wreaths and poinsettias as an expression of gratitude.

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Gas scare in Williamsburg

BY JAIME LUTZ

A build-up of the deadly gas carbon monoxide cleared out a Williamsburg building on Monday, fire officials said.

Twenty-four people were forced to evacuate the two-story building on S. Eighth Street at 1:08 pm, after an alarm alerted the fire department that there was a dangerous level of the odorless gas present, said fire department spokesman Michael Parrella.

No one in the building between Roebling Street and Driggs Avenue passed out from the fumes, but many were transported by the Hatolah ambulance service, a volunteer paramedic group working in the Orthodox Jewish community, to nearby hospitals, Parrella said.



SILENT, BUT NOT DEADLY THIS TIME: A carbon monoxide gas incident disrupted the calm of a Monday afternoon in Williamsburg. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Cat in car

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had to be bad.”

The feline had likely crawled up next to the still-warm engine block of Johnson's Explorer last Monday night as the temperatures plummeted, looking for a warm place to sleep.

“I guess he was trying to get warm,” said Johnson.

The family called 911 and two police officers rushed to the scene. Officer Robert Zajac signed up for prying the poor kitty loose from the scorching hot undercarriage of the Johnsons' Ford.

The determined cops spent a half-hour under the car, while a worried Tiffany waited with bated breath and the cat seemed to be slipping towards feline heaven.

“At one point it sounded like he wasn't crying anymore, like he'd just given up,” she said. “I kept asking the officers, ‘Is he still alive, is he still alive?’”

Finally, with a firm grip on his tail, Officer Zajac was able to wrench the hapless feline from under the Johnsons' car — scraggly, sick, singed, and possibly injured — but still very-much alive.

Cops handed the cat over to the Animal Care and Control Center on Linden

Boulevard, where he's receiving treatment through the Special Treatment and Recovery Fund.

A spokeswoman for the center could not elaborate on the cat's condition, but said her co-workers had come up with a nickname for the out-of-the-box cat.

“We've been calling him Houdini,” she said.

If the feline recovers, he will be eligible for adoption through Animal Care and Control. That is music to the ears of Johnson, who expressed interest in adding the little fellow to her family.

“I'm going to keep checking on him and, hopefully, I'd like to adopt him,” she said.

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It's the end of an Ira in Manhattan Beach

Civic president steps down, invites rival group to step up

BY COLIN MIXSON

The president of one of Manhattan Beach's two battling civic groups is about to step down, but not before one last attempt to end the civil war that has torn the neighborhood apart for the past five years.

Manhattan Beach Community Group president Ira Zalcman says the last move he wants to make as chief executive is to bring the breakaway Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Association back into the fold.

He'd do so by amending the Manhattan Beach Community Group's bylaws, allowing four of the splinter group's leaders to join the original civic's board of directors immediately upon rejoining the group — bypassing the normally required two-year waiting period, which was the main factor preventing the rival faction from returning.

"It's like playing chess, and it's gonna be checkmate soon," Zalcman told this paper. "They've got no moves left, but it's been fun playing with them."

Zalcman took his current leadership role in what was once Manhattan Beach's only civic association after the bitter presidential election of 2008, when he defeated the incumbent Ronald Biondo — winning both the election and the subsequent lawsuit alleging election fraud, which was eventually dropped.

Barely two months after Zalcman assumed the presidency of the community group, Biondo, along with his allies Edmond Dweck and Alan Ditchek, broke off to start the rival Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Association.

The two groups have been at odds ever since and, while elected officials and community leaders have asked for peace, the rival organizations have indulged in a feud to rival the Hatfields and McCoys.



STATESMAN: Ira Zalcman, president of the Manhattan Beach Community Group, plans to step down on Dec. 4, but only after changing the group's bylaws in the hope of enticing members of a breakaway faction to rejoin the group. Photo by Bob Hacken

The biggest problem with having two opposing civics, according to Zalcman, is in communicating with city agencies including the Parks Department or the Department of Transportation — with one group saying one thing, the rival group saying something else, and nothing ever getting done.

"DOT loved it," said Zalcman, "because it meant they didn't have to do anything in Manhattan Beach."

In fact, the downside of having two feuding neighborhood groups is just about the only thing the rival civics agree on.

"I'm not going to say having two civics is not a good thing, but it's not the best thing," said Dweck, a member of the Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Association's board of directors. "Especially with everything the city has been through since Sandy, the best effort we can make is to bring the two groups together."

Zalcman says he's determined to leave the groups in a position where they'd want to merge.

To that end, he's crafted an amendment to his group's bylaws, allowing four of the Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Association's leaders, namely Biondo, Ditchek and Al Saldone, to join the community group's board of directors immediately. After a year as directors, the rejoining members would be eligible to run for officer positions within the civic association, according to Zalcman.

The proposed amendments are not a sure thing, but Zalcman was confident that his civic association would follow his lead when they voted on Wednesday during the group's final meeting of the year — despite some folks who would rather keep the splinter group at arm's length.

"Some people aren't happy about this," said Zalcman. "But they're going along with me."

If and when the vote goes through, Zalcman feels he'll have left the rival faction with only two options — either merge with the community group, or appear petty and selfish.

"They don't know how to deal with us, and we've got them boxed in," said Zalcman. "They have no excuse not to come back, aside from ego and just not wanting to."

But Dweck says that Zalcman's deal, while sweet, isn't quite sweet enough.

The neighborhood association director says that his group's board of directors would be unlikely to accept anything less than instant officer positions in the reunified group, lest they lose the high-level contacts they've cultivated as well as their current leadership posts.

"They don't want to wait a year [to be officers]," said Dweck. "We feel we've been seasoned enough, we're on a first name basis with many of the elected officials."

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The Flintstones of Crown Heights



These artists have turned the basement of an industrial building into a faux cave

BY MEGAN RIESZ

Talk about underground.

A group of artists and dancers have transformed the massive basement of a Dean Street industrial building in Crown Heights into a cave, complete with stalactites that they say are indicative of their frame of mind.

"A lot of the cave symbolism came up like a revelation," said Laura Rey Cuille, describing what led her and a team of collaborators to outfit the bare room in faux-rock formations made of chicken wire, burlap, and plaster.

Cuille was working on a series of sculpture casts of people's bodies alongside other artists in the building between Classon and Franklin avenues when she realized that her three-dimensional art would serve better as a stage set. A group of choreographers and dancers signed on to help. Together, they built the primordial chamber over the course of the summer and staged a series of shows called "Archaic Remnants" in October and November.



CAVE CO-OP: A collective of artists turned a working space into a cave in Crown Heights, where they held an otherworldly live performance deemed "Archaic Remnants" on Nov. 21.

Photos by Cassandra Giraldo

The project was inspired by Swiss father of psychoanalysis Carl Jung, who argued that there are primordial images out there that anyone can tap into, Cuille said.

The building's landlords are artists, too, and have given the cave people complete creative freedom over the space and have even attended some of their

shows, Cuille said.

"I didn't have to worry about what I was putting up at all in terms of structure," she said. "It's been really great having that energy from people who own the space."

A second round of underground performances is in the works for the spring, but the team is still working on a concept, she said.

Find your fashion decade at Faye's Closet

By Camille Sperrazza

What's in your closet?

Faye's Closet, a new vintage and thrift store that opened this past June, has clothing and accessories from the 1930s to the present.

If you love the styles of yesteryear, Faye's Closet has the look you crave. If it's the long, wide-bottomed dresses of the 1930s you seek — or any other fashion trend from that early period — you better get here soon, as these unique vintage pieces sell as quickly as white disco shoes once did.

Maybe you'd like to rock the '80s again. Remember them? Padded shoulders, loose-fitting sweaters, neon colors, parachute pants, and leg warmers were among the trends. Some of these looks are still trendy today. Grab a long sweater, pair it with some leggings, and you're back in vogue.

Or, perhaps you prefer the 1960s. Hey, long, tight go-go boots aren't such a stretch from the boots that are sold in department stores today. Add a dress with some flower power or geometric shapes, and take Nancy Sinatra's advice: Start walkin'.

The shop's owner, Faye, says prior to opening the store, she spent two years researching the types of clothing stores people wanted. What she learned is intriguing.

"There are more thrift stores and vintage stores open today than regular clothing stores," she says.

Park Slope, Williamsburg, and Carroll Gardens, combined, have more than 100 of them, she says. To her knowledge, she has the only one in Gravesend, with the exception of a Salvation Army store. She discovered there is a high



(Clockwise from top) Faye's Closet on Avenue U offers vintage and modern clothes. The store offers fabulous finds from different decades. Wool capes from the '50s and '60s. A vintage jackets from the '60s.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

demand for second-hand clothing, and Faye's Closet delivers what the consumer wants.

The reason more patrons are buying second-hand is simple — it's the economy, she says.

"People can come to the shop and pay \$10 for a nice shirt, instead of \$100." That's an additional \$90 to spend on other items.

The approximately 800-square foot shop contains racks of styles from which to choose. Most of the items are for women, but Faye says she plans to devote an entire wall to men's clothing in the very near future.

Some of the items you'll find include Burberry raincoats; Prada and Gucci shoes; and vintage wool capes,

draped around mannequins.

Pocketbooks are big sellers. Handmade straw bags from the 1940s, created in Hong Kong, were among some treasured finds customers couldn't wait to carry home. Items from this time period are in great demand, and Faye works with vintage dealers to get them.

"They sell out as soon as they come in," she says.

There is something for everyone, including those who, no matter what the research indicates, prefer to buy new.

"Some of the items we sell still have the tags on them," she says. "Much of our clothing is geared towards the working woman, with Ann Tay-

lor and Ann Taylor Loft styles, as well as tailored clothing you'd find at Macy's and Bloomingdale's."

Shopping here is a great way to update your work wardrobe, without making an astronomical investment.

Browsing the shop is a mini history lesson in fashion. In the '50s, easy-to-care-for fabrics made their way into the culture. Clothing made of nylon, Orlon, and Dacron became popular. As people moved into the suburbs, casual sportswear grew in demand. Remember pedal pushers? Today we might simply call these shorter pants: "cropped." How about Bermuda shorts? They've been around since 1954, and are still

worn today.

Perhaps the borough's most memorable fashion era was the 1970s, when Brooklynites watched John Travolta strut his stuff under the "el" along 86th Street, immortalizing Bensonhurst in the movie "Saturday Night Fever." It created a disco inferno, and we all began wearing rope chains, bell-bottom pants, and platform shoes. Some preferred wrap dresses, which made their debut around this same time.

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Roundup

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close-ups last month. Red pandas are an endangered species native to Southeast Asia, with less than 1,600 in the wild. Panda females have a 72-hour window of opportunity to mate, explaining the slow road to procreation. Park officials have not named the cubs, hoping that a donor will pay for the privilege.

Wonder Rocket: The iconic Astroland Rocket — once the centerpiece of its eponymous, space-themed amusement mecca — is



MR. AMBASSADOR: Atka, an arctic wolf, is making an appearance at the Williamsburg bar-theater Videology on Dec. 7.

Rebecca Bose

zooming off to a new home at Deno's Wonder Wheel Park, where the legendary, decommissioned ride will be restored to its former glory. Wonder Wheel Park owners want to spiff up the attraction and keep its commemorative "Astroland Park" lettering intact. They hope the rehabbed rocket will be an astronomic draw at its history day next summer.

Speaker Jumaane?:

Could council speaker be far behind a mayor-elect from Kings County? Councilman Jumaane Williams (D-Flatbush) jumped into the crowded race to replace term-limited Speaker Christine Quinn (D-Manhattan), but he told this paper his aim will be to focus on housing, policing, and education.

Beach loo-ancy: Another super storm could dump dangerous debris their way, said coastal condo dwellers in Brighton Beach, claiming the city's plan to build a 12-foot-tall, "hurricane proof" bathroom along the water — complete with detachable railings,



ROTTING ROCKET: Wonder Wheel owners announced they would restore and display the Astroland Rocket, which has been stored on Staten Island since 2009.

Community Newspaper Group / Vince DiMiceli

ramps, and stairways — makes them sitting ducks for projectiles in the event of another Sandy. Oceana Condominiums' residents flooded officials with their concerns at a court-ordered public meeting.

Fat-cat Ratner: Bruce Ratner should keep his promise to build 2,250 affordable homes at the idling Atlantic Yards site instead of hawking most of the property rights to a remote Chinese investor, charged area politicians and activists who called on

the state to halt the welshing developer's gravy train and hasten construction of the sub-market-rate housing through local channels. Ratner sealed a deal with Shanghai-based company Greenland last month that would leave him with just the Barclays Center and one high-rise tower currently under construction, angering critics who claim they don't know the foreign firm from a hole in the wall.

Butt out: Nicotine-stained Pratt Institute art undergrads huffed and

puffed over a Council bill that raised the smoking age from 18 to 21, vowing to buy their darts in states that accommodate adults old enough to vote and serve in the armed forces. "I will buy my packs in New Jersey and come on back and illegally smoke," said one 20-year-old tobacco toker, who added the measure reeked more of a government conspiracy than a health initiative.

Big, good wolf: Visitors to a Williamsburg bar-theater hobnobbed

with a wild guest during a screening of BBC's "Frozen Planet" series, when Atka — New York's most well-traveled and even-tempered wolf ambassador — showed up in all his lupus glory to help present the episode on, aptly, arctic wolves. The even-tempered beast bested humans, according to his handler. "He's the most professional beast, humans included, I've ever worked with," said Maggie Howell, executive director at the New York Wolf Conservation Center.

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A LITTLE LUCK: Rosary beads hang along the side of Victor Mooney's tiny boat as a blessing for his trip to New York from Africa. Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

Rower

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If he succeeds, he would be the first African American to row solo from Africa to the Americas, but he's not doing it for his own glory.

Mooney, who lost one brother to AIDS and has another living with HIV, has dedicated life to the challenge of crossing the Atlantic by the strength of his own two arms as a way of raising money and awareness to combat the deadly illness.

"This battle is not mine," said Mooney. "This battle is God's."

And what a battle it has been.

Mooney's first attempt, in 2006, ended a mere three-hours after it began, when his first craft, John Paul the Great, sprung a leak off the

coast of Senegal.

His next attempt the following year didn't fare much better, despite showing off in a "virtually unsinkable" boat. Mooney became stranded 15 days into his journey after his water desalination system malfunctioned, and he had to call for rescue.

By 2011, Mooney had been saddled with the moniker "Looney Mooney" by bemused bloggers following his (lack of) progress, but the maligned mariner tried yet again — this time with a new desalination system, and a new, somewhat less "unsinkable" boat.

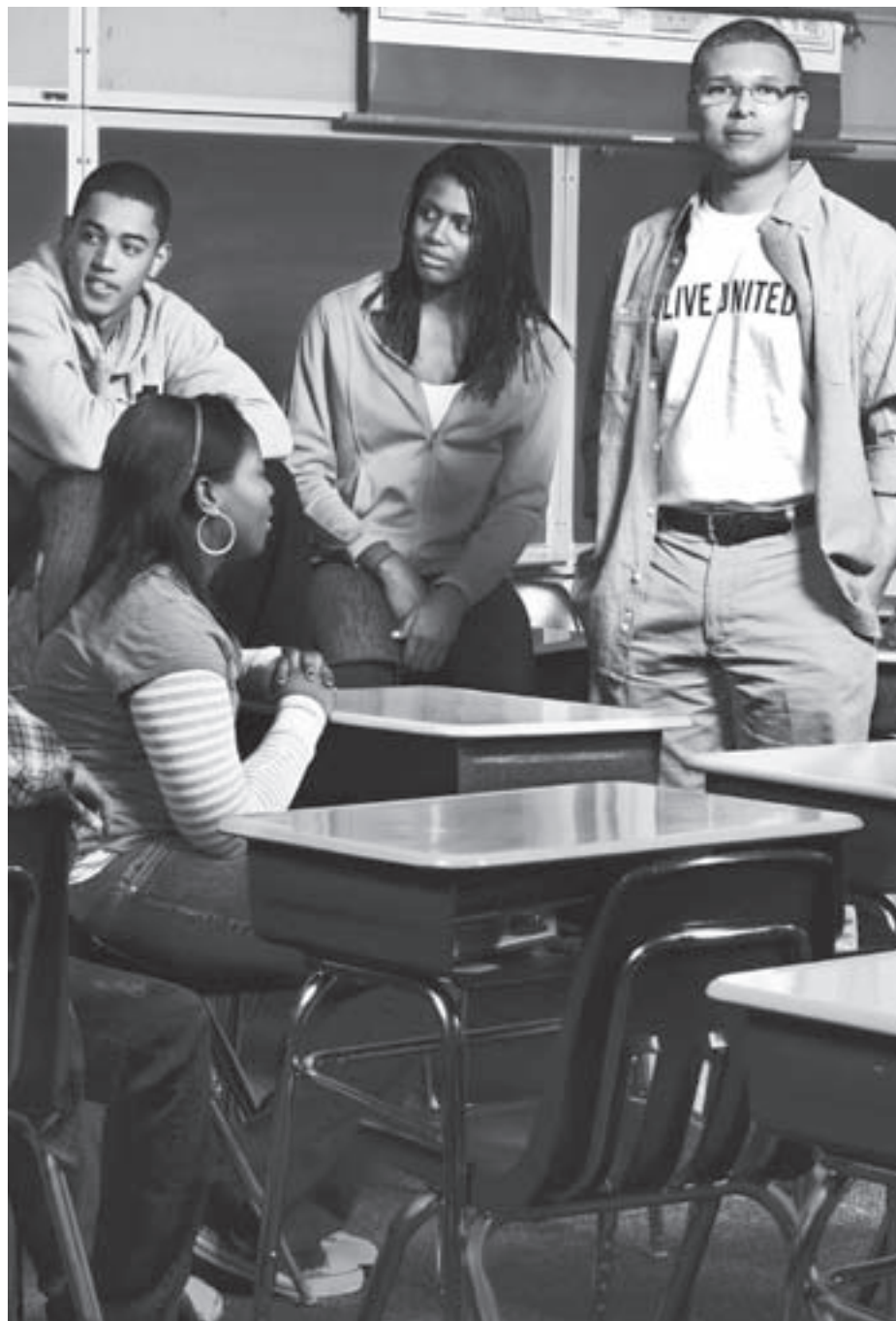
After just a day at sea on his third attempt, Mooney was forced to abandon ship for an inflatable raft when the vessel sprung a leak, and the resilient rower endured for 14 days eating ginseng root powder and

ginger candies while awaiting rescue.

But true to the name of his third boat — which he christened the Never Give Up — Mooney has resolved to set out to seas again in his quest for his own personal white whale — in this case, the coast of Brooklyn.

Hopefully, between the Gateway Marina blessing and an inspection by the Brazilian Navy — which certified the Spirit of Malabo for the trans-Atlantic voyage — Mooney will be able to beat his record of 15 days at sea and, perhaps, make it home under his own strength.

During the blessing, Mooney sprinkled iron ore on his faithful craft, and ended the program with a prayer for those suffering AIDS and the fight against the illness.



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Santa does Atlantic

A jolly ole time at Boerum Hill party

BY JAIME LUTZ

There was enough festive singing and dancing at the Atlantic Avenue winter holiday party on Tuesday night to shake off two Thanksgiving meals!

The tree lighting near Bond Avenue featured enthusiastic words from Borough President Markowitz, jams from the band Rolie Polie Guacamole, gyrations by dance group DanceWaved, and a performance featuring children from PS 38.

And of course Santa made an appearance, too.

The ceremony was hosted by the Atlantic Avenue Local Development Corporation, a business group.



WISH LIST: Ariel Dufont, 4, of Bedford-Stuyvesant visits with Santa at the Atlantic Avenue tree lighting party on Dec. 3 in Boerum Hill.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Theater

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money into transforming the 90-year-old building into a for-profit, upscale eatery and music venue is a severe misallocation of funds. They have pointed out that the neighborhood still suffers from sporadic heat and power outages, and is home to shuttered storefronts a year after Hurricane Sandy, plus the issue of sewers that flood during heavy rains.

Others have raised fears that the 40 planned yearly concerts will afflict nearby residential blocks with ear-splitting noise and nightmarish traffic congestion. Some have said that they would accept the new venue only with a community benefits agreement — a legal contract guaranteeing that the development would hire exclusively Coney Islanders at a living wage.

“The residents of Coney Island want to benefit from all the monstrosities they’re bringing in here,” said Sheila Smalls, a found-

ing member of the People’s Coalition of Coney Island, a neighborhood group critical of the city’s amusement-centric hurricane-recovery policies.

Smalls pointed out that Commissioner Angela Battaglia stated outright that she was supporting the project during the panel’s hearing in October, when dozens from the coalition showed up to speak out against it.

“She disrespected all the people who came out that day,” Smalls said.

Both Markowitz and many on the City Planning Commission are leaving office next year and they are trying to jam the amphitheater plan through before January, Smalls argued.

“It’s a desperate last attempt to rape and rob Coney Island,” she said.

Markowitz said he would encourage iStar Financial, the company that will renovate and operate the building, to hire residents. But he refused to commit to supporting a community benefits agreement — and claimed that such an agree-

ment could only come after the Council has voted in favor of the amphitheater.

“There’s no community benefits agreement until the project is approved,” said Markowitz, comparing the project’s opponents to the foes of the Atlantic Yards development. “No project has ever met with everyone cheering. Atlantic Yards has benefitted Brooklyn, and this will benefit Coney Island.”

The mayor appointed seven of the commission’s members, including the chairwoman, while the five borough presidents and the public advocate each appointed one. The Council will vote on whether to approve the project on Dec. 16.

Should the legislative body fail to authorize it, the project would be in the hands of new Mayor Bill DeBlasio, incoming Borough President Eric Adams, and freshman Coney Island Councilman Mark Treyger.

Community Board 13 voted against the amphitheater in September under pressure from residents.

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BIRD IS THE WORD: Joyce Daniels, left, and her mother Rose Daniels show off their free turkeys at the Plaza housing complex on Lott Avenue on Nov. 21. Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Free turkeys gobbled up

BY COLIN MIXSON

Hundreds of New Yorkers turned out for a free — plucked — turkey outside the Plaza housing complex in Brownsville on Nov. 21, courtesy of an affordable housing developer.

The developer Omni New York, which distributed 400

turkeys at the development on Lott Avenue at New Lots Avenue, said cutbacks to social services are just one of the reasons it is proud offer traditional Thanksgiving feasts to Brooklynites in need.

“This year, thousands of low-income New York-

ers face a Thanksgiving with reduced food stamps and only the possibility of a traditional turkey dinner,” said Miranda Sanders, an Omni account executive.

The Bronx gobbled up even more of Omni’s turkey love, taking home 1,755 birds in all.



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TREE TIME: (Above) The Christmas tree came alive at MetroTech's 24th annual lighting ceremony on Dec. 2. (Center) Amber Duncan-Morse, 8, and Kayden Davis, 6, were among the group of kids that pushed the button to light the tree. (Right) Borough President Markowitz marked his last MetroTech tree lighting with a burst of boosterism.

Photos by Stefano Giovannini



It's a very Downtown Christmas

BY MEGAN RIESZ

Finally, there is light at the end of the workday.

Hundreds of office workers and Downtown residents joined elected officials and mega-developers to usher in the winter holidays at the MetroTech Commons tree lighting on Monday night. The 24th annual ceremony featured Christmas carols, a visit from Santa, and

some cheerful words from the neighbors.

"Christmas in the city of Brooklyn is always a sight to see, especially at MetroTech," said outgoing Borough President Markowitz.

The borough's biggest booster was joined by big-time builder Bruce Ratner, whose company Forest City Ratner is behind the 11-tower office complex and

the Barclays Center, and others for the flipping of the switch.

Brooklyn Tech High School's chorus got somber with a rendition of "O Holy Night" and a pastor in attendance urged the audience to pray for a certain bunch of wayward ball-handlers who call the Barclays-branded arena home.

"We pray for the Brook-

lyn Nets basketball team — that they might win the championship," said Rev. Herbert Daughtry, a civil rights activist and Ratner pal.

Onlookers cheered when the lights came on.

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TA-DA!: (Above) Jake Caserta pulled the switch to light the tree at Fifth Avenue and Third Street. (Center) Slopers gather for the annual tree lighting on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Third Street. (Right) The Park Slope tree lighting kicked off the Festive Fifth holiday festival on Nov. 30. Photos by Stefano Giovannini



Park Slope starts the holidays

BY MEGAN RIESZ

Hundreds of Park Slope boutiques and restaurants kicked off the winter holidays on Saturday with music, morsels, and — as the season would dictate — many chances to shop.

Carolers, puppeteers, and jugglers joined Santa Claus in a parade down 30 blocks of Fifth Avenue for the Festive Fifth holiday

bash that coincided with Small Business Saturday. Slopers also flocked to the massive, annual tree lighting ceremony on Fifth Avenue and Third Street, which happened earlier than usual this year to mark the mom-and-pop shopping celebration, according to organizers with the Park Slope Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District.

“We thought it would be a good opportunity since Small Business Saturday is about small businesses and the district has about 500 of them,” said Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District spokesman Mark Caserta. “It’s the perfect launch point for the holiday season.”

Caserta said that most of the stores on Fifth Avenue will stay open until 9

pm on Dec. 7, 14, and 21. The promotion is meant to highlight Park Slope boutiques that normally close at 7 pm. Santa will be making additional appearances, too, he said.

“We’re creating a holiday atmosphere and asking people to come out and check out what we have to offer,” Caserta said.

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Reader: Shavana a 'thought-provoking gem'

To the editor,

Shavana Abruzzo ("A Britisher's View"), you are the most interesting columnist-writer, whose words I weekly have the pleasure of reading.

You continuously enrich my thoughts on subjects of which I never before took much notice. Your topics are varied and always thought-provoking. You've opened my mind up to the other side of subject matter about which I thought, "I knew it all."

Yeah, at times you've even swayed my opinion. You are a gem!

**J. Scrudato
Bensonhurst**

B44 fuss

To the editor,

Your story "Faster Lane" (Nov. 22) about the so-called Select Bus Service on the B44 route should have been called "Slower Lane."

The writer portrays this as the greatest thing since sliced bread. In truth, it is such a failure that it makes ObamaCare seem like a rousing success by comparison. The buses are a public safety menace. Rather than decrease travel time, a significant amount of time has been added to the rides. The "select" makes fewer stops than the "limited" it replaced, requiring elderly passengers to walk up to 10 blocks to catch the bus. The torture really begins at the bus stop. You have to wait on line to buy a ticket, with about 50 other people, at rush hour.

When the bus finally arrives, passengers are permitted to get on and off through three doors, leading to a potentially dangerous situation because people are trying to get off, while others are trying to get on.

All of this chaos means that drivers end up staying at each stop for up to 15 minutes sometimes. To compensate for being so behind schedule, they speed to the next stop. One day, a driver ran a red light, nearly hitting a boy crossing the street. When a passenger yelled, "Slow down!" the driver responded, "I can't, I'm behind schedule."

To add injury to insult, so-called "fare inspectors" randomly board buses, fur-

SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

ther preventing the bus from proceeding to the next stop. If you are unable to produce a ticket, you will be given a \$100 summons. But even if you have a ticket, you could still be subject to the \$100 fine, if it is more than an hour since the ticket was punched. For instance, if you bought the ticket at 10 am, and the agent boards at 11:01 am or later, you have to pay for the consequences of the Transit Authority's ineptitude.

I hope Mayor-elect DeBlasio has the good sense to be able to abate this public nuisance and restore the regular B44 limited service as quickly as possible.

**Barry Lapidus
Midwood**

Awesome astro-rocket

To the editor,

This letter is in reference to the story "Blast Off! Left to rot on the rock, fix-up rocket to come home again," Nov. 29.

I think that it's a wonderful idea to bring the Astroland Rocket back home to Coney Island. If we turn back the clocks to 1962, we can re-create the rocket ride ship where students can experience a simulated spacecraft launch. The exploration of space is an engine for creation and has motivated millions of young people to vigorously engage in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in order to be part of enhancing our quality of life here on Earth.

The collaboration of the Coney Island History Project, Deno's Wonder Wheel Park, and N.A.S.A. would be extremely instrumental in educating, discovering, and infusing the workforce with new young talent from decade to decade.

The space agency has launched numerous math-and-science-based education programs for students at all age levels and from all sorts of backgrounds.

This program would be another home-run for Coney Island because students would be totally engaged in learning about the history of Coney Island and also about studying space exploration.

**Scott Krivitsky
Coney Island**

Prosecute 'knockout'

To the editor,

Remember when Christine Quinn was so rightfully upset when gay people were being hit on the streets? Now, our outgoing speaker remains woefully silent when Jewish people have been profiled or targeted for harassment and assault in the

"knockout" crime spree, where assailants attack randomly people, aiming to knock out their victims with one punch.

I also haven't heard anything from Mayor Bloomberg of Mayor-elect DeBlasio regarding this situation. Police Commissioner Ray Kelly hasn't decided, if knockout is what it really is as yet. Must someone get killed before appropriate action is taken?

Where are the demonstrations to protest this outrageous behavior? Our streets are becoming like public school hallways and classrooms. Those convicted of such crimes must be punished to the fullest extent that the law permits.

**Ed Greenspan
Sheepshead Bay**

ObamaDare

To the editor,

I'm sure ObamaCare was meant to help all Americans with affordable health care, but so many Americans are opposed to it for various reasons, mostly because it isn't working the way President Obama promised it would.

I don't have to go through all the reasons — there are 2,700 pages of them. Obama ought to put his big-boy pants on and admit this health care act is not working as planned, and will only get worse when the website is in full swing.

One of the biggest marketing blunders in history was back in 1985 when Coca-Cola introduced the "New Coke" to us. Thousands of people complained, and let Coke know about it. They heard the people and after only three months they introduced Coke Classic, the original Coke. Today Coca-Cola has the market share of all colas because those in power listened to their consumers.

Sometimes politicians have to swallow their pride and admit the law isn't working as planned. I'd be willing to bet that Obama's ratings would go right up and he would gain the trust of America again. If not, he will be leaving the White House with a legacy he won't like one bit.

**Cronin Miller
Midwood**

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To the editor,

ObamaCare has many meritorious innovations for 42 million Americans, such as not denying them insurance for a pre-existing condition, but it is now going to cost more than 40 million other Americans to lose coverage that may be beneficial to them.

I worked for the New York Telephone

Company — now Verizon — for 22 years before retiring in 1991. For the first time, I have to pay my deductible and co-payment for the first three months (about \$160), and purchase a third type of insurance, where I have to pay 20 percent every time I buy a prescription drug, in addition to paying up to \$10 more, if I have to see, for example, a dermatologist.

To keep costs under control, I suggest seeking additional medical opinions before radical surgeries, which would be costly in the short term, but less costly in the long term. I also suggest that Medicare and Social Security cards contain photo identifications, as a deterrent to unscrupulous types. Also, the U.S. Immigration Department should naturalize undocumented immigrants who come into this country illegally, if they serve as home attendants and health aides for five years.

As President Bill Clinton once said, "In order to get something, you have to give something in return."

**Elliott Abosh
Brighton Beach**

For Xmas sake

To the editor,

Well it's that time of year when one hears a plethora of Happy Thanksgivings, Happy Hanukkahs, Happy Kwanzaas, Happy New Years and assorted other seasons greetings.

If I am not mistaken, something in between is seriously missing. Oh yes — Christmas! One would never know that it was the Christmas season, as it seems to be forbidden to say "Merry Christmas" in modern, politically correct society.

Television is great for ignoring the word "Christmas" to the point where one advertiser was selling "seasonal wreaths." Let's see, it is made up of Christmas tree branches, has a great-looking Christmas garland wrapping with fine Christmas ornaments, all topped off with a big, red Christmas bow. Yet to utter the word "Christmas" might bring the wrath of the American Civil Liberties Union upon its doorstep.

I am not overly religious, although everyone should observe his or her religious holidays to the fullest. Christians should stop being the silent majority, especially around this time of the year, and when one is confronted with a generic "seasons greetings," stand up and tell the person, "No, it's Merry Christmas!"

**Robert W. Lobenstein
Marine Park**

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Obamacare, lies, and nicknames

Appearing soon on bumper stickers all over America: "Mr. President—If You Like Your Apology You Can Keep Your Apology. Period!"

You have heard these stories already. Here's one more. His name is Ed and we've been great friends for almost 25 years. He is in his mid-50s and, up until last week, he was the proud owner of an insurance plan that covered him — and only him. The cost of this excellent policy was \$350 a month.

According to the geniuses in the federal government, his policy is "sub-standard," and yesterday he received a letter from his insurance company. They brought his plan up to the demands of the Affordable Care Act and the new cost is now \$700 a month. For the extra \$350 he currently has coverage for maternity, ob-gyn, pre-natal care, post-natal care, pediatric care, oral contraceptives and mammograms. He only asked me one question: "Where do I go to take my vote back?"

Why are so many unions being exempt from the controversial Affordable Care Act? It is a simple case of one hand washing the other. The unions supported Obama in both elections and the exemption is the payoff. Is it fair? No, it isn't, but then again, they used my wife's dues money, without her permission, to support him. She paid for her exemption well in advance, didn't she?

Jay Carney is being beaten up daily at the news conferences. Are his wounds covered by Obamacare?

As of this writing, several dozen Democrats, unhappy with what is happening with the Affordable Care Act, have broken ranks with the White House. Are we supposed to applaud them? Of course not. They voted for it without reading it. Do you remember when Nancy Pelosi



IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

said, "We have to pass it to find out what's in it?"

A doctor called a radio show and said, "That's a description of a stool sample."

The New York Times claimed that my president "misspoke" when he said, "If you like your plan you can keep it. Period."

I haven't heard that word "mispoke" since the days of Shillary. In fact, Tom Kulper wrote a whole book of her lies. Now the Times tells us that the *President* spoke with a lack of intent. Everybody. Join me. "Yeah, right!" I told you several times that I use the words "Yeah, right!" because my editor, fine gentleman that he is, would never print the words that I really want to use. As for the Times, it is keeping up with its slogan, "All the news that fits."

A great line from Senator Cronyn: "You cannot lie to Congress but you can lie to the American people." I wonder who he was talking about.

There was Tricky Dick. Then Slick Willie. I am StanGershbein@Bell-south.net asking you, what do you think the legacy nickname of the current liar in the White House should be?

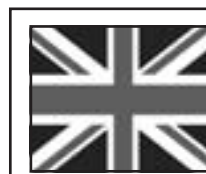
DeBlasio is already blooming

Mayor-elect Bill DeBlasio stumped to bridge inequality, but his first public speech stoked the gap with a smooch-a-thon for agitator Al Sharpton.

"Every year, Rev. Sharpton is becoming stronger as a leader," DeBlasio brayed at Sharpton's National Action Network meeting last month. "He's a blessing for all of us."

Al Sharpton and his cronies are a curse for New Yorkers familiar with their jaundiced commitment to civil rights that came of age 23 years ago during the Dinkins administration, and scared-off blue-team Gothamites from electing another Democrat to City Hall until now.

Sharpton, firebrand lawyers C. Vernon Mason and Alton Maddox, and notorious late activist Sonny Carson — a foul-mouthed, convicted kidnapper who openly claimed to be "anti-white" — virtually ruined Dinkins. They fanned racial flames into raging infernos, while the likes of DeBlasio, then an aide at



A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

City Hall, watched. The mayor-elect, who should bone up on his ex-boss's dismal legacy, later called Carson a "strong community leader" who had an "important impact" on the neighborhood. What rot.

Mayor Dinkins hired thousands of police officers amid a budget crunch, launched the "Safe Streets, Safe City" program, inked a deal to keep the U.S. Open Tennis Championships in New York, and began the revitalization of tired old Times Square. Yet he is remembered most for his failure to quell the race baiters who began their onslaught within weeks of him taking office, after a Haitian woman claimed a Korean grocer assaulted her during a row over plantains and peppers.

Beleagued cops idled during a 17-month-long

boycott that followed, and authorities were as incompetent a year later, when rioters fatally stabbed an Australian rabbinical student to avenge two black children whom a Hasidic motorist accidentally ran over in Crown Heights, tragically killing one of them.

Dinkins's stately calls for racial healing were met with contempt, and rabble-rousers branded him "a Negro bastard," "Judas," and a "lover of white people."

The mayor rushed to Crown Heights with a bullhorn to restore order, but his pleas fell on deaf ears.

"Will you listen to me for just a minute, please," beseeched Dave.

"No!" the crowd thundered.

"I care about you — I care about you desperately," he implored.

"Arrest the Jews!" ex-

ploded the hordes, whose inciters were Sharpton and Carson.

They burned the Israeli flag in public, hassled Dinkins who was visiting a school to diffuse tensions, labeled Crown Heights' Jews "diamond merchants," and likened them to diamond-mine owners in apartheid-era South Africa.

Philip Gourevitch, who covered the riots for the *Jewish Forward*, remembers the pandemonium.

"Sharpton was a vulture who would go in and take on anybody's funeral, shouting about justice as if anything that stirred emotion was a good occasion to exploit for the general feeling that there was injustice towards the black community," he reported.

Bill DeBlasio ran as a populist, but his hypercoziness with a volatile fringe group suggests he is a heartbeat away from inviting the same chaos that turned his former employer into a one-termer.

<https://twitter.com/#!/BritShavana>

Katy Perry's Japanese show was not offensive

Oh no! The proper police are it again. The rabid radicals who decide what is politically correct have proclaimed Katy Perry's performance at the American Music Awards last week offensive because she dared don a geisha costume while performing her song "Unconditionally." She further added insult to injury with her choice of scene decor and paper parasols.

Wake up — there was nothing offensive about her at all. No overt sexuality or bawdy behavior like Miley Cyrus twerking and gesticulating at the MTV Video Music Awards. Perry was fully clothed (unlike Jennifer Lopez, who left nothing to the imagination after her third change of costume), with no foul clothing to upset animal activists like when Lady Gaga molded herself in meat.

Many years ago in the dark 1950s, when sexuality



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

was the big bad guy, comedian George Carlin commented that if you looked hard enough, you could find sex in a Singer sewing pattern. Well the wheels have turned and now the proper police find offensive costumes in every Singer sewing pattern around. When the proper police imagine a

slight, they seek it out and obliterate it with the speed of a scud missile. Then it's on the front page in all the dailies. Their venom hits the air waves like a tsunami washing over every bit of common sense until we are all seeing offensiveness where none exists.

Let's remember to always wear what is politically correct in order to keep the proper police content.

What's next? Drab gray shirts, pants, hat, one hair style, give up our individuality — wait, no, that's too much like the communist style. Wouldn't want to offend them now would we?

The melting pot that is America has flourished because the people that came here shared their cultures, their clothing styles, their holiday traditions, and blended it into the fabric of our daily lives. Individuality was what the huddled masses yearned for and

came here to obtain. To embrace a new beginning, yet still share their heritage.

Katy Perry did not offend, she embraced another's clothing style and shared it in a beautiful song. And she did it in an entertaining way.

Thank the god of fashion that the proper police were absent in the swinging '60s, lest there would have never been sophisticated men in the ever popular Nehru Jacket; cozy and warm in a quilted Sherpa; no loose and comfy Harem pants, especially easy to wear at Thanksgiving; nor the ever-flowing kaftan.

Not for Nuthin™ but I say it is time we lock up the proper police and chuck them all into solitary confinement with prison striped suits. Then they can all not offend themselves and leave the rest of us alone.

Follow me on Twitter @ [JDelBuono](https://twitter.com/JDelBuono).

On Turkey Day, only my mouth should be open!

I'm madder than a kid whose parents sends him to school on a snow day even after 1010 WINS says the schools are closed over the fact that more and more stores are opening up on Thanksgiving and just about every other catholic holiday when people should be sitting at home enjoying their families!

Look, you all know ol'Screecher is always looking for ways to save money — and I've told you dozens of times before that I have the shortest arms and deepest pockets on this side of the Gowanus Canal — but that doesn't mean I'm going to skip dessert, hop on *Tornado*, and head over to Best Buy just so I can get a great deal on a replacement for the 27-inch Zenith in the living room!

In fact, I wouldn't be caught dead in one of those Black Friday rushes either, because I'm too busy digesting the feast — and savoring the memories I made the day before just by sitting around shooting the breeze



BIG SCREECHER

Carmine Santa Maria

— and eating — with my favorite people in the world — my family.

And in case you think I missed it, I am aware that I just used four em-dashes in one sentence — which is probably a world record — but who's counting!

But all this holiday hubbub got me thanking my lord and savior for places like PC Richard's, which refuses to open up on the holidays. I was listening to the transistor attached to *Tornado's* handlebars the other day and heard the commercial where they said they refused to open on Thanksgiving, bucking the trend that is sucking in all the other stores that are looking to make a fast buck.

I bet old A.J. Richard would turn over in his grave if he found out that his workers were going to miss their just desserts just so they could make some extra coin on a day when they should be drinking coffee and watching football! I think that the reason PC decided to keep the shutters down on Turkey Day was out of fear of repercussions from beyond the grave! Or, they just might have had the sense to stay closed because they know that a happy employee is a good employee, and a happy employee is usually one filled with pumpkin

pie — not one craving it!

Folks, I'll tell you this — if the day ever comes that the tubes in my beloved Zenith stop glowing, the only place I'm going to even consider when seeking out a replacement is PC Richard's, because it seems to be the only store with any sense!

The same goes for my Telephone-Company-issued communication device hanging on the wall in the kitchen, and the big white AM radio sitting on the counter next to the sink!

The next thing you know, these places will be opened on Christmas just in case Santa forgets to get some spoiled kid his Z-Box, forcing mom and dad to skip the eggnog and head out to the store to get one! You call that Christmas spirit? Humbug!

All this talk of stores being opened on Christmas has got me so pig-biting mad, I don't know what I'm going to do. Maybe I'll write a column about it!

Now's the point in the column where I fail to signal and make a

left, and give you one of my pro-tips on how to handle life's problems by taking the bull by the horns.

How many times has this happened to you: you want to take nap, but the phone keeps ringing off the hook, disturbing your piece? None? Well, if you're like me it happens more times than you can count. But after years of letting this bother me, I've finally figured out a way to make it stop and catch some Zs.

In the old days, I'd take the phone off the hook and put it in the bread box. But after a few minutes, the dial tone would turn into that annoying buzzing sound that could wake the neighbors! And that sound was worse than the ringing!

So now, I put the phone's headset in a heavy-duty oven mitt, then put it in the bread box!

This genius trick will get you hours of uninterrupted nap time.

Hope you enjoy it!

Screech at you next week!

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Are we past crime's tipping point?

The thought-provoking author Malcolm Gladwell wrote a book a number of years ago called "The Tipping Point." It espoused the now-accepted theory that there is a defining stage at which something moves into a new realm, sort of like a "critical mass."

I believe that New York may have reached a "tipping point" in crime reduction and it will take a lot of unlikely factors to drive the murder rate much higher.

This might be called wishful thinking, but I believe that because of a number of factors and vigilant policing, we have seen the last of multiple murders each day in New York.

In the early 1990s, during the tail end of the crack epidemic, we witnessed an average of six murders a day in New York. This year, we're averaging less than one per day.

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MAYORAL SPIN CYCLE

Tom Allon

and a precipitous decrease in crack cocaine use are offered as one explanation of this downward trend. Proactive policing — where officers try to prevent crimes from occurring rather than reacting after they have been committed — is an-

other important factor.

And then, of course, there is the ever-controversial police tactic called "stop-and-frisk" or, more accurately, "stop, question, and frisk."

In the past year, the use of this extremely charged tactic has dropped significantly, yet the murder rate has actually gone down. The public outcry about the overuse of "stop-and-frisk" seems to have led to fewer precincts demanding a certain number of "stop-and-frisks" from its officers.

So now, as we await Mayor-elect Bill DeBlasio's choice for police commissioner, our collective hopes are that he is able to find someone wise enough and strong enough to keep crime low, while utilizing stop, question and frisk only when there is a very legitimate concern that the person stopped is carrying a weapon.

Mayor Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Ray

Kelly have done an outstanding job keeping New Yorker's safe from crime and terror for a dozen years. We all owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

But now it is almost time to pass the proverbial night-stick.

I believe that because of the work done by David Dinkins and Peter Vallone (who passed the "Safe Streets, Safe City" program in 1991) and then Commissioner Ray Kelly, the path was laid for Rudy Giuliani and his commissioners to tame New York's crime epidemic. This amazing turnaround was built upon by Bloomberg and Kelly, and we are now a much better city than two decades ago.

Tom Allon, president of City & State NY, was a Republican and Liberal Party-backed mayoral candidate in 2013 before he left to return to the private sector. Reach him at tallon@cityandstateny.com.



THE STUDENT: (Above) Maria Newsom-Fahey, a member of the parents association of PS 217, participates in a Zumba class that (center) Maxine Garcia-Davis led on Monday at the Casale Karate and Fitness Center on Quentin Road in Marine Park. (Right) Instructors and students strike a pose. Photos by Elizabeth Graham



Teachers the students in Zumba class

BY COLIN MIXSON

Teachers from School District 22 received a lesson of their own on Monday — in Zumba!

A local health activist has danced his way into Mill Basin and Marine Park schools in order to promote fitness through Zumba, but his new extra-curricular activities aren't just for the kids. The man known as the "Zumba Daddy" was joined by School District 22 superintendent Rhonda Farkas, along with her

staff, teachers, and members of the Parent Teacher Association for an evening of salsa-inspired exercises on Dec. 2.

"Let me tell you something," said Gillette. "Dr. Farkas can Zumba. She did a great job."

Bergen Beach attorney Joe "Zumba Daddy" Gillette has been using Zumba for the last two years to promote the local Relay For Life cancer fund-raising event held annually in Mill Basin, and he even set a record for New York City's larg-

est indoor Zumba class earlier this year.

To reach a wider audience, however, Gillette worked out a deal with Farkas, where he and his volunteer Zumba instructors would teach fitness classes in the 35 schools of District 22.

The Zumba Daddy hopes that by offering healthy living and Zumba fun, he can get the kids to pay him back by getting their teachers and parents to form Relay for Life teams. So far, he says that 29 schools have expressed

interest in joining the program, making for tens of thousands of potential Relay-for-Lifers.

"We're going to try and bring these fitness programs to each of these schools," he said. "In the last month, we've gone from this little relay, and we've exploded. If you run the numbers, we've got access to 20,000-25,000 kids and their parents."

But Monday's event at the Quentin Road Casale Karate and Fitness Center wasn't all fun and frater-

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Flatbush student wins high honors, scholarship

BY COLIN MIXSON

A Flatbush high-school student was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship from Junior Achievement of New York — courtesy of an anonymous Long Island businessman.

ErasmusHallHighSchool senior Niasia Greenidge-James was named the organization's 2013 Student of the Year at a gala dinner on Nov. 19, where she received the award.

"It feels amazing," she said. "It's such a great honor for me to represent the thousands of students in New York City, Long Island, and in my school."

The Flatbush student, who excelled in Erasmus Hall's Academy of Hospitality and Tourism, dreams of one day opening an international chain of Italian restaurants. She spoke at the Gotham Hall dinner held in her honor last month, where she used her passion for food as a metaphor for the challenges and lessons learned from the "Master Chefs" in her life — her term for the people who have helped her grow and learn as a student.

Greenidge-James said she was anxious getting up on stage, but that the standing ovation she received after her speech made up for it.

"My speech came out great," she said. "I was nervous, but I felt very empowered coming off the stage."

The biggest benefit of the Junior Achievement award has always been the high-



BIG TIME: Niasia Greenidge-James, a senior at the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism in Flatbush, accepted her \$10,000 scholarship at the 2013 Junior Achievement of New York Annual Dinner on Nov. 19.

Photo by Roberto Falck

level internships and networking opportunities that the organization provides.

However, a bonus reward this year — in the form of the scholarship — was made possible by an anonymous philanthropist, who gave Junior Achievement \$100,000, a tenth of which will be handed out to winners for the next nine-years follow-

ing Greenidge-James.

Considering that the promising student's school of choice is Cornell University, she's going to need that money.

"This will definitely help," she said. "It helped in making my decision a lot easier, and mentally just knowing that I won't have to put as much strain on my parents is very nice."

Zumba

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nization, with a strenuous, one-hour workout courtesy of Zumba instructor Maxine Garcia-Davis.

"Oh my god, it was amaz-

ing," Said Gracia-Davis. "It was a really great experience. They said they loved the music, the exercises, and they all walked out dripping wet and sweaty, so, my job was done."

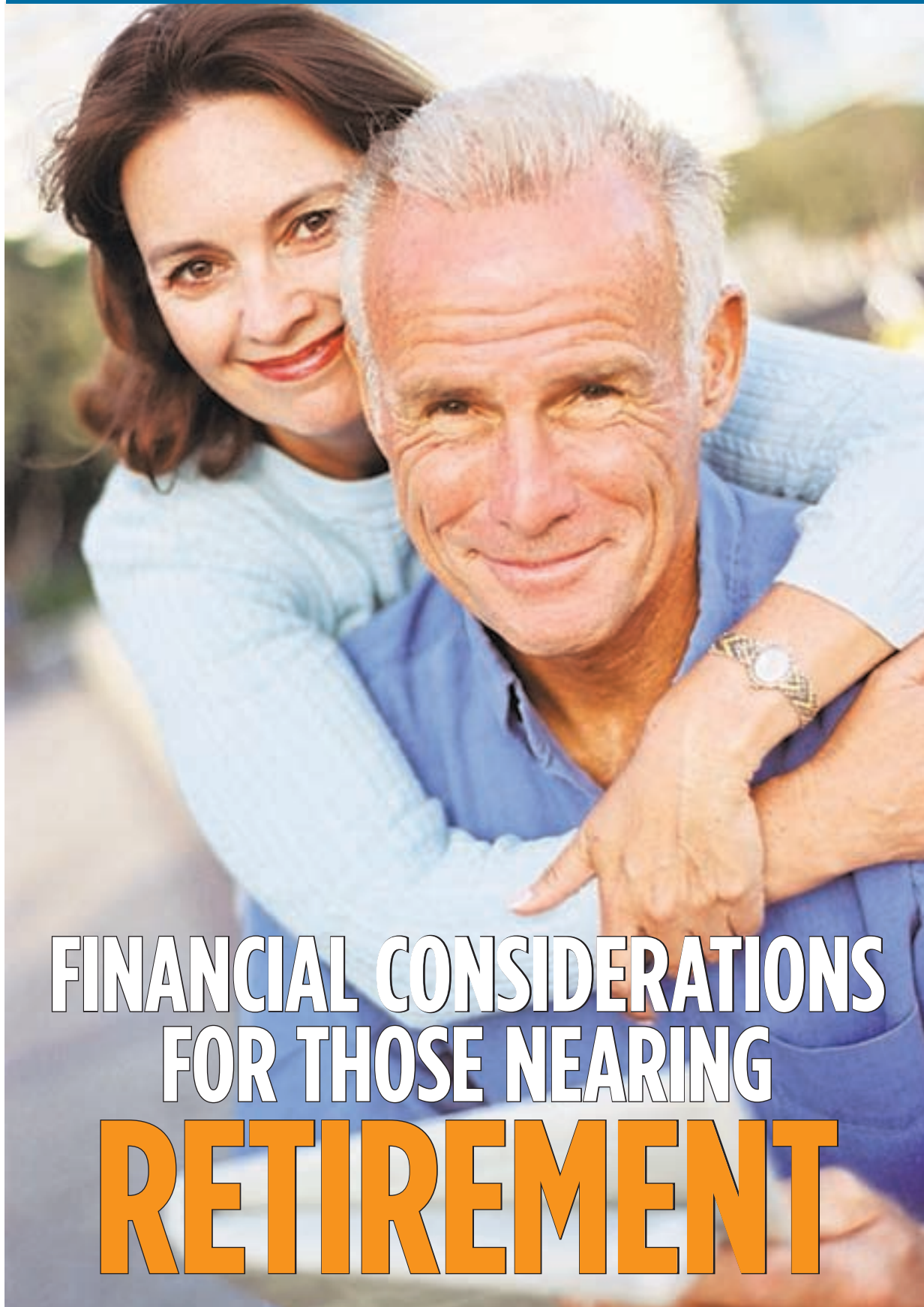
So far, Gillette has only held one Zumba class for

kids as a part of the School District 22 program, but it's already started paying off.

"At PS 197, a second grader came up to me and said, 'Hey Mister, today I'm gonna dance to save a person,'" Gillette recalled. "It was like a TV moment."

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TODAY



FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THOSE NEARING RETIREMENT

Retirement can simultaneously excite and distress men and women as they approach the day when they end their careers. Anticipating the freedom can be exciting, while concerns about maintaining financial independence can be stressful.

Though there are no guarantees that men and women who prioritize retirement planning will not outlive their finances, those who do arrange their priorities in such a manner are far more likely to enjoy a comfortable retirement without worrying about their finances. As men and women approach retirement age, certain steps with regard to preparing for retirement can put them in position to enjoy their golden years to the fullest.

Assess your resources

An honest assessment of your assets will help you determine a retirement lifestyle you can afford. Assets can include any property you own, investments, savings, and retirement accounts. Your property may be your biggest financial asset, but unless you plan to sell that property or take out a reverse mortgage, then you won't be able to rely on that property to fund your lifestyle. When assessing resources, keep in mind that you might have to pay potentially steep taxes when attempting to access any retirement accounts, such as a 401(k). Factor in any such taxes when assessing your retirement resources.

Make a list of your monthly expenses

Once you have assessed your resources, make a list of your monthly bills. Mortgage payments, healthcare costs, taxes, and food are among the essentials, while additional expenses like travel and entertainment will need to be factored in as well.

When considering monthly expenses, keep in mind that some of those expenses, including mortgage payments and commuting costs, will likely disappear, while others, including healthcare costs, are likely to increase significantly. Once you have assessed your resources and expenses, you can then begin to paint a picture of the retirement lifestyle you can afford to live.

Compare the lifestyle you want to live versus the one you can afford to live

Considering your finances several years before you retire affords you the opportunity to make changes if you determine the retirement you can afford does not exactly match up with the retirement you want to live. After you have figured out what you can afford, compare that lifestyle to the one you hope to live. If they are one and the same, then you did a great job planning for retirement. If they are slightly or significantly different, then look for ways to close that gap. If necessary, consult with a financial planner, who might be able to help turn your dream retirement into a reality. Closing the gap between your dream retirement and the one you can afford to live may require you to work an extra year or two, so be prepared to make that decision if need be.

Plan on continuing to grow your money

Just because you're retiring does not mean your money has to stop working as well. You will still need to combat inflation during your golden years, so plan on continuing to grow your money even after you retire. Though it's best to reduce investment risks as you age, many retirees still need to keep a toe in the investment waters. Find

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Tips to prevent slips and falls this winter

Winter is starting to blow its cold winds. That means that most people will be trading in windbreakers and rakes for heavy coats and snow shovels. Winter can be a beautiful time of the year, but the snow and ice that covers the landscape in a pristine sheet of white can present certain hazards as well.

Walking on ice can be extremely dangerous, particularly to those people who already may have mobility issues, such as the elderly. According to the National Safety Council, slips and falls are the single largest cause of emergency room visits. Slip and fall injuries also are the third largest cause of workplace injuries, says the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Many accidental falls occur from lack of stability or poor physical health. However, come winter, many falls can be attributed to walking on slippery surfaces covered with snow or ice. To avoid falls on ice, you might want to take certain precautions.

Change the way you walk

Adapting to the slippery conditions could help prevent some of the falls caused by snow and ice. When walking on ice, plant feet with toes facing outward slightly, and then shuffle along. Hunching over a little and extending arms outward will help to lower your center of gravity and also offer a little more stability. Take short, flat



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steps so that the heels and toes of your shoes stay in contact with the ground as much as possible and offer maximum surface contact.

Switch shoes

Flat shoes with rubber soles are more capable of gripping the ice than other types of shoes. Contrary to popular belief, clunky winter boots may make walking more difficult. Try rain boots instead, as rain boots typically have flatter soles. There also are many different types of shoe ice grips on the market that can be added to the soles of shoes. They easily slip on to offer more traction. Whenever possible, try to avoid shoes with already slippery soles or high heels. Carry these shoes with you and change after you are inside.

Remove shoes indoors

Slips and falls can happen inside a home as well. Many people have tile or laminate entryways in their homes, and these entrances can become quite slippery when snow-packed shoes warm up and the snow melts, creating a wet, slick surface. Avoid falls by placing mats by the front door and removing shoes when you enter. Stash a pair of slippers nearby into which you can change.

Falls on slippery surfaces can be quite dangerous, especially for seniors. Avoid trips to the emergency room for broken bones or abrasions by slowing down, dressing appropriately, and walking on paths that have been cleared of snow and ice.

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a balance you're comfortable with so your money continues to grow, but be conservative at the same time. As

you grow older, continue to reduce your risk. While conventional wisdom long suggested retirees should completely eliminate risk from their portfolios, today's retirees are living longer than ever before, so you likely can't afford to follow the ad-

vice of yesteryear.

As retirement draws closer, men and women must start making important financial decisions to ensure their nest eggs can support the lifestyles they want to live throughout their golden years.

The basics of atrial fibrillation



Working in concert with a qualified doctor can make the atrial fibrillation process go more smoothly, and treatment with medication may need to continue throughout a person's life.

When working properly, the human heart is a wonder. The heart's two upper chambers work in conjunction with the two lower chambers to deliver blood and oxygen to every area of the body. Sometimes the heart may beat irregularly and rapidly, in which a person is experiencing atrial fibrillation, commonly shortened to AF or "afib."

When a person is healthy, the atria (upper chambers) of his heart contract, followed by the ventricles (lower chambers) in a normal sinus rhythm. When timed perfectly, this beating enables the efficient flow of blood throughout the body. Normally, the heart beats at a rate of 60 to 100 times per minute at rest. When atrial fibrillation occurs, the electrical rhythm of the heart is not orderly and many different impulses fire rapidly at once,

causing a chaotic rhythm in the atria, which can no longer effectively contract blood into the ventricles. The result is an irregular, fast heartbeat that may range in 300 to 600 beats per minute at rest.

There is no one cause of AF, which has been linked to a number of different heart conditions. These include, but are not limited to, hypertension, coronary artery disease, heart valve disease, cardiomyopathy, congenital heart disease, and pulmonary embolism. Hyperthyroidism and excessive alcohol consumption as well as pneumonia and certain lung conditions also may contribute to AF. The Mayo Clinic says the older a person is, the greater his or her risk for atrial fibrillation. Around 8 percent of the United States population over the age of 80 has AF.

In many cases, AF exhib-

its no symptoms and a person may not realize that the heart is beating erratically. Fainting, chest pain, lightheadedness, confusion, and shortness of breath may be symptoms of AF. Others with AF have reported palpitations, which are the sensation of a racing heartbeat that almost seems like the heart is flopping in the chest. Very often people spend several years with AF without knowing it.

A doctor will diagnose AF through a variety of different tests. An electrocardiogram, or ECG, graphs an image of the electrical impulses traveling through the heart. This is one of the more common ways to diagnose AF. A monitor may be worn for a few days to continuously record the heart rhythm.

Oftentimes a person can live with AF without any problems. However, there are some dangers in letting

AF go untreated. Because the heart is beating irregularly, blood flow can be compromised and not pump efficiently. This can make the heart weaken and lead to heart failure. When the atria are not beating correctly, blood will not flow through them as quickly. This may cause blood to pool in the upper chambers and contribute to clot formation. If a clot dislodges and gets pumped into the brain, it can cause a stroke. The Cleveland Clinic says those with AF are five to seven times more likely to have a stroke than those without AF.

Treating AF may require a series of medications to prevent clots and reset the rhythm of the heart. Resetting the rhythm is known as cardioversion, which can be done with medication or through a brief electrical shock under sedation.

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The importance of the health care proxy

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

Want to know how to insure an aging friend or relative receives the best medical care? Answer: Become her health care proxy. A health care proxy, also called a health care agent, is a person who is legally permitted to make medical decisions for another when the friend is no longer able to speak for herself.

As your friend's health care agent, you can approve or refuse medical treatments and make health decisions on all types of care. You can sit in on her medical meetings, decide on special treatments, approve all diagnostic tests and surgical procedures, and even agree or disagree to organ donations.

The health care agent has the authority to make decisions on more than medical procedures. You can insure the health care staff treats your friend with respect and dignity. You can stay in the room when your friend is being bathed or dressed in a nursing facility or at home. In fact, as your friend's advocate, it is often a good idea to occasionally stay in the room when an aide is attending to her. In this way you can note if your friend is developing bedsores or bruising, and if so, that they are reported and treated.

A friend can appoint you as her agent by filling out a legal document called a Health Care Proxy. The only major requirement is the agent be competent and be 18 years or older. The role can be activated either in a temporary situation, as in the case of surgery, or in a long-term situation, such as if your friend develops dementia or enters a coma. To insure that there is no abuse of power, only a doctor can determine when an individual lacks mental capacity to make her own decision and when an agent's role can be activated.

A health care agent does not have to be a family member. In fact, a person may prefer to appoint a friend, especially if she believes her family's values clash with her own. For instance, if your friend does not want to be resuscitated or put on life support and her family's religious beliefs conflict with this desire, it is better to find someone with similar beliefs.

More than one person can be appointed as an agent but there should be a hierarchy for decision-making so there are no conflicting disputes. One person should be the prime decision maker with a backup person in case the first individual is not available. In addition, the agent's role does not have to be permanent. In fact, a person can change the designated appointee at any time. This insures if either person has a change of heart or disagrees, the beneficiary can seek another person to represent her.

One important part of your role as agent is to understand your friend's fundamental beliefs. Before you agree to take on this responsibility, you should learn how your friend feels about such important issues as artificial nutrition and hydration and life support.

The health care proxy is one of the easiest documents to obtain and activate. It can be downloaded for free by logging on to New York Department of Health's website. You do not even need a lawyer. The only requirement is that two adults must witness you and your friend signing the form.

Once the proxy is signed, you should make several copies. You should keep one copy, give one to your friend, and others should be distributed to all your friend's physicians and lawyers. If your friend enters a hospital, the attending physician and nurse should be

given copies, and if your friend is assigned to a nursing home or rehabilitation facility, the staff of that institution should have copies as well.

The health care proxy is one of several documents categorized as Advanced Directives. These directives refer to any instructions about health care. Two other important directives include living wills, and financial power of attorneys. A living will outlines specific medical measures that are to be taken under specific circumstances. It can indicate a person's medical preference even though it cannot possibly cover all questions. The financial power of attorney appoints a person to oversee financial, legal, and other matters. The health care proxy is only good for medical situations.

If no one is appointed as a health care agent, state law determines who can make health decisions. Many states, including New York, allow a hierarchy of decision makers to determine who to consult. It usually starts with a court-appointed guardian if one has already been assigned to an incapacitated adult. Next in line is the spouse or domestic partner, then a child over 18 years old, then a parent, then a sibling over 18, and finally a close friend or relative.

In any case, the health care agent is one of the most powerful advocacy positions a person can be assigned. It offers you the opportunity to represent a loved one when she is no longer able to speak for herself. It is an important way to be able to insure that your friend is treated with the dignity that she deserves.

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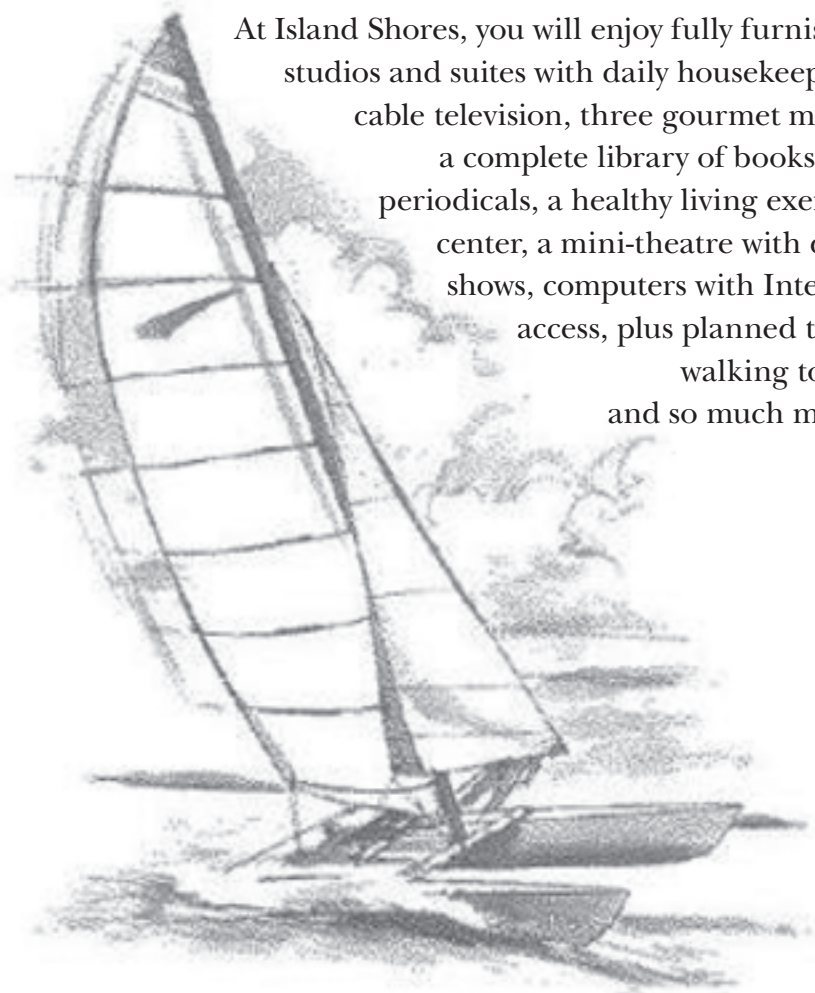


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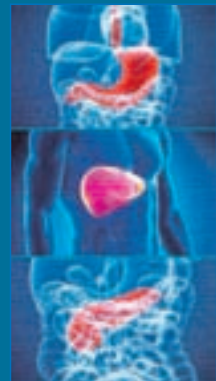
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It's estimated that nearly 100,000 Americans, most of them over the age of 50, die from blood clots each year. These clots usually fall into one of two categories—thrombi, which form locally in the blood vessels; and emboli, which form in other areas of the body's circulatory system, break off, and are carried via the blood stream until they become lodged in a blood vessel. Thanks to a new catheterization system being used at New York Methodist Hospital (NYM), surgeons can literally vacuum up entire blood clots and filter them out of the body's blood supply.

"This is a life-saving system," said Anthony Tortolani, M.D., chairman of surgery and cardiothoracic surgery at NYM. "There

are maybe as many as 20 cases per year in Brooklyn in which patients die from pulmonary emboli (blood clots in the lungs) and we will now be able to save their lives, thanks to the new procedure, and the expertise of our surgical team."

The implications of the catheterization system are particularly beneficial in high-risk cases where large clots obstruct blood flow in a patient's lungs (pulmonary embolism), or in which a clot protrudes into the heart from the surrounding veins.

"This is a percutaneous system, requiring no incisions," said Berhane Worku, M.D., attending cardiothoracic surgeon at NYM. "The 'vacuuming' device (called 'AngioVac') is threaded through the veins to the

site of the clot. The device is connected to a standard cardiopulmonary (heart-lung) bypass system that takes the body's blood—along with the clot—and passes it through a large external circuit. As the blood travels through that circuit, a filtering system traps clots before returning the filtered blood to the body. For certain patients with particularly large clots, the ability to filter a whole clot out at once may reduce or eliminate the need for an open surgical procedure that might have carried a considerably higher risk of complication—or been entirely impossible."

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Going postal: Loved and loathed post offices to move

BY JAIME LUTZ

Two Brooklyn post offices will soon need to fill out change-of-address forms.

The Clinton Hill post office near the Pratt Institute and the notoriously dirty and disorganized Boerum Hill post office near the Barclays Center will finish out their leases in the first half of 2014. The private owners of both buildings are telling the mail houses to scram and make way for new tenants, a local community

board leader said. Some neighbors who have relied on the post offices for decades are down in the dumps about the impending closures.

"The post office is a major part of [older people's] lives and their regular routines," said Robert Perris, district manager of Community Board 2. "They would really miss it."

The feds plan to relocate the post offices within their respective neighborhoods and will

likely look to rent from private landlords instead of buying buildings, as is increasingly common for the mail agency, according to Perris.

The two post offices have occupied the buildings at 542 Atlantic Ave. and 524 Myrtle Ave. for more than 30 years, but the landlord for at least one of the buildings is looking to redevelop the space, even though the postal service

pays market rate for commercial space in the neighborhood, Perris said.

Some locals are dreading the day the Clinton Hill post office disappears.

"Will we have to go to Cadman Plaza?" asked David Robinson, a former postman and a neighbor of the Clinton Hill parcel plex. "You can't park around there."

"It's going to be a much longer walk for me," said

Fedelia Edwin, who works at a nearby supermarket and fetches its mail multiple times a week.

But some Boerum Hill locals are happy to see the Atlantic Avenue office go.

"It is the postal station that I see the most complaints about and some people have considered that a new building will be the solution to its service problems," he said.

One Boerum Hill thinks that idea is wrongheaded and says only more hands on deck will solve the post office's long-line woes.

"Of course there is bad customer service – it's understaffed," said Bruce Anwar. "But I'd be sorry to see it go."

The leases for the Clinton Hill and Boerum Hill sites will expire in May and February, respectively.



New to the zoo

The Prospect Park Zoo's newest residents are a couple of miniature zebus. They are male and female – you can tell the one on the right is the female by the red tuft on her head – and are both less than a year old. The pair will live in the zoo's barn area along with sheep, goats, turkeys, a variety of chickens and geese, miniature horses, and other domestic animals. The zebu is one of the oldest breeds of cattle, believed to have originated in southern India around 6,000 years ago.

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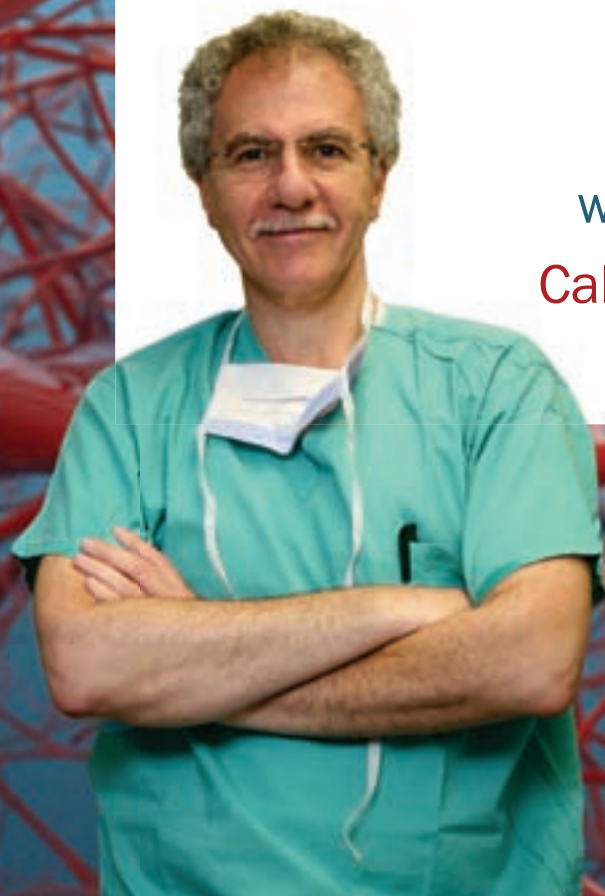




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New York Harbor Watch



AT EASE: Sgt. Martin Gonzalez received the New York State medal of Valor at Camp Smith on Nov. 17. National Guard

Guardman credits Army for training

HARBOR WATCH

Sgt. Martin Gonzalez, a New York Army National Guard soldier and police officer, credits his military training for helping him save the victim of a building collapse in 2011.

"Being in the military, being calm, cool, and collected definitely helped," said Gonzalez, recounting the day that he and other officers gave first aid to Tariq Mohmood Guja and helped extricate him from under some fallen roof trusses. "In the Army you're trained to go toward the fight. That's what we did that day."

For his actions, Gonzalez was awarded the New York State Medal of Valor in a ceremony at Camp Smith on Nov. 17. Now a Fallsburg, N.Y., police officer, Gonzalez was working as police officer for the village of Liberty, N.Y., when the structure — a gas station under construction — collapsed on the afternoon of Oct. 15, 2011.

It was very windy that day, and he saw workers putting up the trusses

when he drove by the site in the morning, said Gonzalez, a member of the 727th Military Police Detachment and resident of Woodburn, N.Y.

"I thought, 'it's a little windy to be doing that today,'" he recalled.

That afternoon, a person came into the lobby and told them that the gas station, which was about a block away, had collapsed, Gonzalez recalled. Though he didn't quite believe it, he and his fellow officer Devin Brust headed off on foot to investigate.

On the way, they saw a panicky construction worker running toward them, screaming, "My friends! My friends!" Gonzalez said.

"At that point I said, 'holy cow,' this is real," he recalled. The sight that greeted them when they arrived was "a disaster," he added.

"It was horrible," he recalled. "The building trusses were collapsed into the building itself." A construction worker told them the location of two

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Wounded Warriors compete

Volleyballers made up from four special-op commands

HARBOR WATCH

Gung-ho spirits were the norm as wounded-warrior athletes from the four services, U.S. Special Operations Command, and the Department of Veterans Affairs clashed at the third annual Joint Services Sitting Volleyball Tournament, in recognition of Warrior Care Month.

Held in the Pentagon Athletic Club in Washington on Nov. 21, and hosted by the Office of Warrior Care Policy, the tourney showcased the services' Warrior Transition units. It also highlighted the commitment of wounded, ill, and injured service members to their physical and mental well-being through the Military Adaptive Sports Program, begun in 2011.

Before the two final games that pitted the Marine Corps against Air Force and Army against special ops, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Warrior Care Policy Donna Seymour spoke about the defense department's commitment to "building a ready and resilient force," the theme for this year's Warrior Care Month.

"Military adaptive sports facilitate stress release and it provides reconditioning and camaraderie between our veterans and our active-duty service members and it improves their overall health and well-being as they adopt an added healthy lifestyle," she said. "To date in the last year, almost 100,000 recovering service members have participated in daily activities including yoga, wheelchair basketball, cycling, track and field, strength



SPIKE IT!: Team members for Army Wounded Warriors attempt a spike on the US Special Operations Command team at the annual volleyball tournament at the Pentagon on Nov. 21. JD Leipold

conditioning, swimming and sitting volleyball."

Seymour added that as confidence is built in one area such as physical competence, confidence in the emotional domain also increases. The Defense Warrior Care Policy intends to expand the number of competitive sports and ultimately allow them to be included in the annual Warrior Games. She said her office also wants to increase participation by female athletes as well as service members with traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.

A large crowd of supporters cheered for their services. While it was apparent to them who the amputees were on the courts, other players had wounds, illnesses or injuries that were not so obvious. Irrespective of how they came

to be members of their service's team, one element all players had in common was their own brand of resilience and fortitude.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Melissa Garcia, 27, was deployed to Spain when one day in January she was diagnosed with breast cancer and returned to her home station at Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz.

After seeing an oncologist, she opted for surgery, having her lymph nodes removed, coupled with four rounds of chemo and six weeks of radiation every day. So far, Garcia said, she seems to have beaten the cancer, which never got her down.

"There was nothing I could do about it and I'm the type of person who takes things as they come at me," said Garcia, who serves as

a medic. "I have a husband and 7-year-old daughter, and I thought it was important for me to show her that I could be strong even when I was sick."

Garcia was invited by the Air Force to its three-day adaptive sports camp in Las Vegas, which she jumped at. Taking a three-day break from radiation which upset her doctor, Garcia said she wasn't going to pass on the opportunity.

"Sports are my passion and playing in this tournament brings a sense of togetherness for all the services, because yes, each branch takes care of their own wounded warriors, but when we come here and play against each other, (there's) real awareness of togetherness."

While Brent Petersen hasn't served in the military, *Continued on page 44*

LIEUTENANT INDUCTED

Reservist installed in Hall of Honor during week-long salute at LSU

HARBOR WATCH

Lt. Gen. Jeffrey W. Talley, chief of Army Reserve, was inducted into the Military Hall of Honor on Saturday, during the weekend-long LSU Salutes celebration co-sponsored by Louisiana State University and Cadets of the Ole War Skule.

The inductees were recognized at the annual commandant's luncheon, a medal ceremony in the student union, and at center field during pregame activities for the LSU vs. Texas A&M football game at Tiger Stadium.

Talley, one of 12 alumni recognized, was added to the roles of history that began 150 years ago when the institution opened under Superintendent and Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman. Then called the Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy and nicknamed the "Ole War Skule," the university, endured two closings during the Civil War and was ultimately lost as a result of fire in 1869.

After relocating from Pineville to Baton Rouge and taking on the name Louisiana State University, the institution continued to build on its military tradition. During World War II, LSU boasted more officers on active duty than any other institution in the nation other than the military academies.

"Having the opportunity to stroll once again on cam-



CONGRATULATIONS: Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Talley and wife Linda at the Bell Tower at Louisiana State University on Nov. 22, after his induction into the Military Hall of Honor. Maj. Meritt Phillips, Army Reserve

pus the first thing I noticed was the Troy Middleton Library," said Talley, "where I first met my soon-to-be-girlfriend and now-wife Linda, whom I proposed to on the shores of LSU lake. When you walk down the magnificent line of live oak trees of Memorial Oak Grove dedicated to our fallen and missing, it is hard for me to

believe I was a student here more than 30 years ago."

Talley, a forestry major and member of the LSU Corps of Cadets, commissioned into the regular Army on the same day he received his undergraduate degree in December 1981. With 30 years of active and Reserve service, Talley rose from the rank of cadet to

the Chief of Army Reserve and commanding general of U.S. Army Reserve Command, the highest rank and position in the organization today. Commanding units from platoon to division-level, with duty in Korea, Kuwait, Iraq, and the United States.

Talley has earned several awards; including the

Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit Medal, three Bronze Star Medals, the USACE Silver De Fleury Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Parachutist and Air Assault Badges, Ranger Tab, and Army, Joint Staff and Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badges.

Talley encouraged the cadets from both LSU and Texas A&M attending the ceremonies to ensure they use their education and training to embrace the principles of competency, commitment, and most importantly character.

"Leadership is not associated with a rank or a title, it is about character" he said.

Prior to his return to active military service Talley served as President and CEO, co-founder and lead investor of Environmental Technology Solutions and served in multiple academic positions including an Adjunct Professor at The Johns Hopkins University, and as a tenured teaching and research faculty member at Southern Methodist University and the University of Notre Dame. He has served in design, consulting, and military positions involving hundreds of environmental and business projects throughout the United States and abroad.

In addition to his LSU education, Talley earned a PhD in Civil and Environ-

mental Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and an Executive MBA from the University of Oxford in England. He holds multiple master's degrees in strategic studies, environmental engineering and science, liberal arts (history and philosophy), religious studies, and is a graduate of the Army War College. He is also a registered Professional Engineer, a Board Certified Environmental Engineer in Environmental Sustainability, and a Diplomate, Water Resources Engineer.

Talley and his wife, Linda, have four grown children and two dogs and currently reside in Washington, D.C.

Other inductees to the 2013 Hall of Honor are retired Air Force Col. Ray Caldwell Dawson, of Baton Rouge; retired Air Force Col. Warren R. Hull Sr., of Baton Rouge; retired Army Lt. Col. John M. "Jack" Jolissaint Jr., of Baton Rouge; retired Navy/Naval Reserve Capt. William Bruce King, of Central, La.; Army Reserve Lt. Col. and state Rep. Nicholas J. "Nick" Lorusso, of New Orleans; retired Army Ernest W. "Butch" Lutz Jr., of Madison, Miss.; U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Eaton Stagg, Jr., of Shreveport, La.; the late Ford Edwards Stinson Sr., of Benton, La.; retired Col. Elwood C. Tircuit, of Baton Rouge; retired Col. George K. Todd Jr., of Burke, Va.; and the late Army Col. Warren N. Waggenspack.

Warriors

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tary, he's been coaching the Marine Corps sitting volleyball team for three years; the Marines keep asking him back. He knows all his players' stories. Recently he was talking to one of his guys who kept resisting doing something productive, but eventually he came around and started volleyball and now he's surfing and doing all sorts of things

that before he didn't even want to try.

"Adaptive sports re-validates these guys, and rather than a disability, I call it a re-ability because they're re-enabling their bodies to do something different and it puts them back into a unit, back onto a team and gives them hope for the next day," he said. "Hopefully it encourages them to encourage others to be ambassadors in helping get guys out of the darkness."

In the double-elimina-

tion battle, the Navy was knocked out of the final competition for the trophy, which the Marine Corps team in red won by defeating Air Force in blue in two of three games. Army in black was upended by special ops in white for third-place honors.

In the end though, the tournament was about showing the strength, togetherness, character and resilience of the country's wounded, ill or injured service members.

Guardsmen

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people trapped under the wooden trusses, and he and Brust entered through a window.

They found Guja, the gas station owner, and Franco Suquilanda, a construction worker, trapped under the timber, Gonzalez recalled. Guja was bleeding heavily from a large gash on his forehead, and Gonzalez immediately

thought, "without our help, they're not going to survive."

As he and Brust crouched next to him in the closet-like space, Guja grabbed at his arms, moaned, and asked if he was going to die, he recalled.

Gonzalez used Guja's shirt to apply direct pressure to his wound, checked his pulse and breathing, and reassured him.

Firefighters and emergency medical technicians

(EMTs) arrived about 10 minutes later and took over first aid and safely removed the victim, Gonzalez said.

About six months later he ran into Guja, who was still recovering, Gonzalez said. Though Guja didn't remember what happened, he was very grateful for the officers' help, he added.

The village of Liberty later gave its Meritorious Service Award to Gonzalez, Brust, and McAfee.

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A FINE AFFAIR

High-end craft fair offers alternative to Etsy

By Meredith Deliso

The art on display at the Brooklyn Museum this month is not just for admiring.

Around 90 vendors will bring high-end jewelry, ceramics, glass work, and more to the Prospect Heights institution for the inaugural American Fine Craft Show Brooklyn on Dec. 14 and 15.

The museum is a fitting location for the show, said organizer Richard Rothbard.

"This is a high level of craft that is really art," said Rothbard, who has produced craft shows for more than 30 years, but has never held one in a museum before. "They're one-of-a-kind works that you've never seen before."

And while the city has no shortage of craft markets right now, Rothbard said the pieces that will be at the fair are of a different level.

"People in the show are literally the crème de la crème of the craft world," said Rothbard, who will have his own booth at the show for his woodworking company, Boxology. "It's far, far away from Etsy."

The allure of markets such as Etsy, of course, is their affordability. "High-end" usually translates into "high prices," and pieces at the show may run you several thousand dollars. Still, there will be a wide range of price points, with pieces starting at around \$50, said Rothbard.



Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Some of the vendors you will find at the American Fine Craft Show Brooklyn on Dec. 14 and 15 include jeweler Christine Mackellar (above) with her stepping-stone twig bracelet, Jennifer Park's colorful gold jewelry (top right) and plenty of unique pieces such as this mixed-media sculpture by Wendy Ellertson (right).



American Art Marketing



American Art Marketing

This is Rothbard's first fine craft show in Brooklyn, and more than a dozen of the jury-selected vendors attending are from the borough. These include fine artists Alicia Degener and Jinsheng Wang, lighting designer Cassidy Brush of Urban Chandy, glass artisan Nick Leonoff, and jewelers Louise Fischer Cozzi and Christine Mackellar.

Mackellar, a trained silversmith, has worked out of her Gowanus studio for three decades, but often has to travel to craft shows outside the borough to sell her work. She said she is

looking forward to showing her gold and silver jewelry in her hometown, and having a light shone on the local craft scene.

"I feel like there's a real void in the city that you don't find this kind of work easily, and there's a lot of great Brooklyn designers," said Mackellar. "It's amazing what people can do with the same raw materials and how diverse people's imaginations are."

Mackellar's jewelry is inspired by her garden, and she will be selling items such as her popular twig bracelets and blossom necklaces

— each handmade in her Brooklyn studio.

"Most stores carry manufactured objects, but there's no heart and hand involved," said Mackellar. "Whereas in fine craft, there's a lot of hand and there's a lot of heart involved in every piece."

American Fine Craft Show Brooklyn at the Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. near Washington Avenue, (718) 638-5000, www.americanfinecraftshowbrooklyn.com], Dec. 14-15 from 11 am-6 pm. \$12, \$11 seniors, \$6 students, children under 10 free.

Stranger than science fiction: Antique inventions at film fest

By Megan Riesz

A film festival dedicated to all things futuristic is going to look surprisingly antiquated this year.

An extreme antique collector who says he has amassed over 1,000 priceless inventions — such as a conch shell hearing aid, a World War II homing pigeon parachute, and something called "Dr. Scott's Electric Flesh Brush" — will help kick off the second annual Philip K. Dick Science Fiction Film Festival at Williamsburg's IndieScreen on Dec. 6 with a demonstration of his favorite sci-fi-related items.

"If you watch a sitcom, you'll have stars of the show," said Denny Daniel, who has purchased more than 1,500 artifacts on eBay this year alone. "My stars are not animals or humans. They're actual things."

A former photo retoucher and freelance filmmaker whose work has been displayed in the Chelsea Art Museum and other galleries across New York, Daniel began collecting antiques in the '80s. He has since added thousands of pieces to his catalog — including one of the first models of Thomas Edison's cylinder phonograph, and a quack weight-loss device called the "Relaxacisor," which was banned by the FDA in 1970.

Daniel decided to take his collection on tour after putting on demonstrations for friends in his antique-littered Greenwich Village apartment, where he also holds meetings for fans of Steampunk — a science fiction sub-genre that combines



Curiosity collector: Denny Daniel will show off his large collection of weird and wonderful inventions at the Philip K. Dick Science Fiction Film Festival on Dec. 6 — but the actual films will be projected using more modern technology than this contraption.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Victorian-era aesthetics with modern technology. After a test-run at his old elementary school, the curiosity curator started touring his "Museum of Interesting Things" around to other schools in the city with the help of a five-person staff.

"I decided that I wasn't happy about my career in my life,"

said Daniel. "I felt as if I wasn't doing something to change peoples' lives."

Daniel, a former literature major at New York University, thought it was only right that he bring his collection to the Philip K. Dick fest, considering his own appreciation for the late science fiction novelist, whose books inspired films such as "Blade Runner," "Total Recall," and "Minority Report," amongst others.

"It's almost like he's a prophet," said Jonathan Carsten, the festival's public relations manager. "If you look at his novels, you see he wanted to talk about technology and the dangers of what comes with that. We have things like Google Glass — they could be dangerous at some point. You never know."

The three-day festival will screen 35 films featuring original or adapted material inspired by Dick, as well as other sci-fi and existential authors, including Jorge Luis Borges, Robert Anton Wilson, and Franz Kafka. According to Carsten, highlights in this year's line-up include "Son of Man," a retelling of Dostoyevsky's "The Grand Inquisitor" set in Croatia during World War II, and "Territorial," a horror film by Efrén Ramirez — better known as Pedro from "Napoleon Dynamite."

The Philip K. Dick Science Fiction Festival at IndieScreen [289 Kent Ave. between South First and South Second streets in Williamsburg, (347) 227-8030, www.indiescreen.com]. Dec. 6 at 7 pm. \$18.

ART MEETS ACADEMIA

A choreographer reanimates the rituals of an extinct Argentine people in 'Pachamama'

By Samantha Lim

Anabella Lenzu is bringing dance back from the dead.

The Argentine choreographer and folklore enthusiast combines both of these roles in her newest dance piece, "Pachamama: Mother World," which will open at Williamsburg's Center for Performance Research on Dec. 12. The work borrows elements from the male rituals of the Selk'nam, an indigenous people from Tierra del Fuego in Argentina. The Selk'nam met their demise in the 1970s, leaving only descendents of partial ancestry behind, and Lenzu believes she can help preserve some of their traditions through her art form.

"I believe that the study and practice of folkloric dance are essential to any dancer's training," she said. "Layers of stories can be preserved in a single gesture! The Selk'nam have neither musical instruments nor writing, instead electing to emphasize theater and dance in their culture. That is fascinating!"

This is not the first time Lenzu has combined academia and art for the stage.

"Dance and anthropology are inherently linked," said Lenzu. "So far, I've dabbled in three folkloric traditions — Argentine, Italian and Spanish — which have lent a well-round-



Dance-ropology: Argentine choreographer Anabella Lenzu's new work, "Pachamama: Mother World," is inspired by the Selk'nam people of her homeland. Todd Carroll

ed perspective to my anthropological studies. Digging through a culture's history and identity guides me as I strive toward the universality of gesture and movement."

Selk'nam male initiation ceremonies, called "hain," served as a passage to adulthood. In order to be acknowledged as true hunters — or "klokoten" — boys between the ages of 14 and 16 left their homes to undergo various tests. The biggest challenge was coming face to face with the spirit world. Little did they know, these shadowy figures were really their elders in disguise.

Contemporary hain ceremonies were more lighthearted. Males showed off their bravado in front of women by fighting "spirits," while women typically filled the role of spectators. In "Pachamama," Lenzu has put her own spin on this tradition by featuring lead female dancers.

"Earlier this May, more than 120 dancers auditioned. The cast is now reduced to three female dancers for the premiere," said Lenzu. "I selected three strong females as my own statement about masochism and feminism."

"Pachamama: Mother World" at Center for Performance Research [361 Manhattan Ave. near Jackson Street, (718) 349-1210, www.cprmyc.org]. Dec. 12-13 at 8 pm, \$15.

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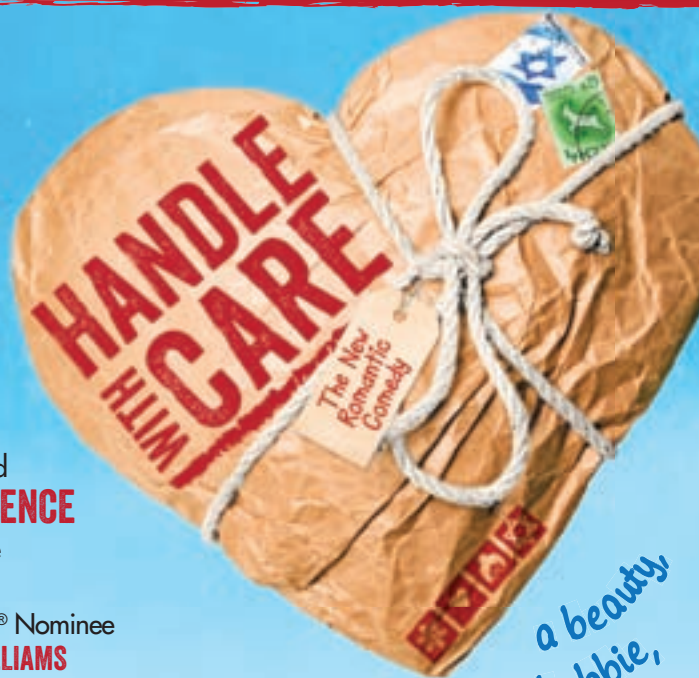
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BACK ON THE BIG SCREEN

Green-Wood Cemetery celebrates its forgotten film-star residents

By Colin Mixson

Most of Green-Wood Cemetery's permanent residents do not have much to say — some never did.

The Greenwood Heights cemetery is celebrating the careers of once-famous silent film actors and actresses currently buried on its grounds in an event called "Silent Night" on Dec. 10, when Brooklyn's biggest necropolis plans on reintroducing Brooklynites to the blockbusters of yesterday, while their dead stars slumber six-feet below.

"It's a great event for learning about New York City's celluloid past," said Chelsea Dowell, manager of programs and membership at Green-Wood.

There are a lot of interesting people taking the long nap in Green-Wood, but only three of the cemetery's permanent residents, William Hart, Charles Inslee, and Florence Labadie, ever achieved silent film stardom. Of those three, one — the late Labadie — rests, mysteriously and ignominiously, without headstone or markings.

And it is that fact that incited one man to action, in a series of unlikely events that led to this screening.

Edwin "Ned" Thanhouser had a grandfather of the same name, who owned the Thanhouser Company, one of the country's first film studios. It was with the Thanhouser Company that Labadie made most of her 185 films and became one of the biggest silent film stars of her time.

But that all ended in October 1917, when Labadie, who was known as "Fearless Flo" for her daring and penchant for riding her motorcycle to work, was killed driving near Ossining, New York, after the brakes on her car failed.

Labadie was thrown from the vehicle during the violent



Fearless Flo: Florence "Fearless Flo" Labadie made 185 silent films before her untimely death at the age of 29. The Green-Wood Cemetery, where she is buried, will be showing her films and those of other silent film stars residing in Brooklyn's biggest burial ground. Thanhouser Company Film Preservation Inc.

crash, and contracted blood poisoning as a result of hip injury, from which she died a few weeks later.

"I get letters all the time from people who have fallen in love with this sensual, vibrant woman about how tragic it is that Florence, who would be as popular then as any modern day actress, has no tombstone," said Thanhouser.

To right this wrong, Thanhouser has campaigned to raise the funds needed to provide a headstone for the deceased starlet who has featured so prominently in his family's history.

Thanhouser has already raised \$3,000, and has now made a deal with Green-Wood, which has promised to match

his fund-raising efforts dollar for dollar.

It was this deal that led Green-Wood to arrange this screening films starring Inslee, Hart, and, of course, Fearless Flo — including the early feminist film, "Petticoat Camp."

"It's really funny actually," said Dowell. "It chronicles this group of people who do camping, and the women get fed up with the men not helping at all and they stage a little rebellion."

"*Silent Night*" at Green-Wood Cemetery [500 25th St. near Fifth Avenue in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768-7300, www.green-wood.com]. Dec. 10 at 7:30 pm, \$25 for Green-Wood members, \$30 for non-members.



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■ AROUND TOWN

Animators show their artsy side at Williamsburg gallery

By Megan Riesz

Even the people who work on “SpongeBob SquarePants” need a creative outlet.

The annual “Too Art for TV” group exhibition, which opens at Bunncutlet Gallery in Williamsburg on Dec. 6, features the works of 30 artists with day jobs in television, film, and commercial animation who want to flex their fine-art muscles off-screen.

“These artists have their own vision as artists separate from animation, but because their jobs are so demanding they don’t necessarily have a place to showcase them,” said Liz Artinian, Bunncutlet’s owner. “Sometimes they leave behind their personal works because there isn’t really a place to showcase them.”

Artinian held the first “Too Art for TV” exhibition in 2006, when she was working on “Sesame Street” and having



Animal animator: Ian Clyde, a motion graphics artist who has worked on “The Voice,” “Two Guns,” and “Pitch Perfect,” will be showing his animal portraiture at Bunncutlet’s “Too Art for TV” group show.

difficulty breaking into fine art galleries in the city. Her focus slowly morphed from becoming a fine art painter to working as a fine art curator, and with that, the Bunncutlet Gallery was born in 2012. Since then, the gallery has served as a haven for animation artists who paint, design, or otherwise create on the side of their demanding day jobs.

Though many of the works on display at “Too Art for TV” are a long way from Nickelodeon or Cartoon Network fare — pieces at this year’s show include hand-stitched embroidery and oil paintings — Artinian said the artists’ fellow animators are still big fans of their colleagues’ alternative work.

“The animation industry is so good about sticking together and coming out in droves for any animation event,” she said.

For Brooklyn-based animation artist Ian Clyde, the exhibition offers the chance to showcase his collection of animal portraiture — a far cry from the animated advertisements he has created for movies and TV shows such as “Pitch Perfect” and “The Voice.”

“I do mostly commercial stuff, so I paint on the side to make up for it,” said Clyde. “I’m less of an animator — even though I do animation work for a job.”

“Too Art for TV” at Bunncutlet Gallery [158 Roebling Street near Metropolitan Avenue in Williamsburg, (917) 584-7420, www.bunncutlet.com]. Dec. 6, 7-10 pm, through Jan. 2, 2014.

Master Blaster: P’ Heights dad is huge Nerf nerd

By Colin Mixson

It is a book that should be a blast for every budding engineer and cubicle combat enthusiast to read.

A Prospect Heights father, children’s author, and toy lover has released “Nerf: the Ultimate Blaster Book,” an educational encyclopedia celebrating the technical wizardry Hasbro brings into play when designing its popular line of foam-projectile launchers.

“The designers at Hasbro are really smart guys,” said author Nathaniel Marunas, who was given unprecedented access to the wrench-monkeys responsible for all the latest Nerf-related technology while researching the tome. “They’re constantly striving to build a better blaster than last-year’s.”

The book chronicles the evolution of the iconic toys from the original 1989 model to the extensive arsenal of neon-colored gadgets available today, and includes fascinating facts from behind the blaster-building scenes — some of which Marunas shared with The Brooklyn Paper.

For instance, not only are Hasbro’s engineers and designers a group of serious and talented individuals, they have really cool titles, too — like Senior Nerf Armorer Erin Mead, who helped guide the author through



What a blast: Author Nathaniel Marunas shows off one of his many Nerf blasters at PowerHouse Arena in Dumbo, where he will launch his book on Dec. 7. Cassandra Giraldo for The Brooklyn Paper

the company’s design procedures.

“The engineers are always trying to push the limit and make blasters that will shoot farther, but without violating safety regulations,” said Marunas.

Achieving a balance between power and safety is one of the major design principles that Nerf-blaster makers struggle with, explained Marunas. The blaster boffins utilize the invaluable knowledge of their main demographic, kids, who help out by letting the toy company’s adult-sized designers know how the toys feel in the hands of America’s little men and women.

“One thing they do is get a bunch of kids to test

the blaster’s ergonomics,” said Marunas.

To celebrate the launch of his new title, Marunas is hosting a party for kids at the powerHouse Arena on Dec. 7, where he will follow up a brief lecture on the design process of some popular Nerf toys by raffling off a few blasters and then letting kids loose on a Nerf firing range, which the book store will set up for the event.

Nathaniel Marunas presents “Nerf: the Ultimate Blaster Book” at powerHouse Arena [37 Main St. between Water and Front streets in Dumbo, (718) 666-3049, www.powerhousearena.com] Dec. 7 at 4 pm. Free.

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Bay Ridge Nights: What’s happening in the ‘hood

By Will Bredderman

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If you like to dance, you’ll want to hit **Cafe Remy** (7110 Third Ave., between 71st and 72nd streets). This Friday DJ Frank Roth will be getting partygoers on the dance floor with a mix of urban, house, and



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R&B. Things heat up again on Saturday night as owner Eddie Batiz spins a set of Latin music seasoned with ’80s classics and house jams. The party starts at 6 pm, and goes all the way to 4 am. In more of a Top 40 mood? DJ Anthony has got what you are craving at the **Lone Star Bar and Grill** (8703 Fifth Ave., between 87th and 88th streets). He will be there Friday and Saturday starting at 10 pm.

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For those who like their live music a little more relaxed, swing by the **Schnitzel Haus** (7319 Fifth Avenue, between 73rd and 74th streets). Acoustic cover duo Lords of the Fjords start off the weekend Friday night at 8:30 pm with sounds ranging from the Beatles to the Black Keys. But be ready to dance Saturday night at 10 pm to the funky, bluesy, original rock sounds of the Crosstown Syndicate. And if you have got an appetite for something from the old country, swing by Saturday at 2 pm to hear the soothing zither sounds of Dr. Bill Kolb, who is coming all the way from Vienna.



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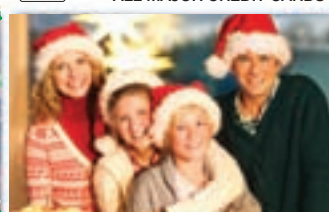
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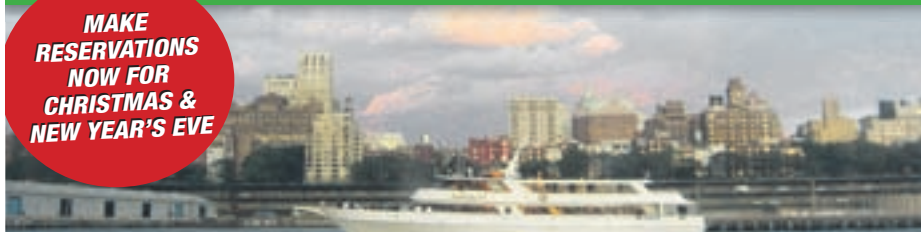
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CRAFTED AT THE CANAL: A reuse-themed holiday market. The fair features more than 20 vendors who incorporate reuse and upcycled materials in their crafts. Free to attend. 5-9 pm. Build It Green! NYC Gowanus Reuse Center (69 Ninth St. between Smith Street and Second Avenue in Gowanus), www.bignyc.org/

crafted-at-the-canal.

THEATER, "MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET": The Narrows Community Theater performs the holiday classic in a musical. \$10-\$20. 8 pm. Shore Hill Community Center (9000 Shore Rd. at 91st Street in Bay Ridge).

THEATER, "A CHRISTMAS CAROL": This is a radio play adapted by Beth Ann Hopkins from the Dickens classic and features Susanna Baddiel, Jordan Coffey, Jonathan Hopkins, Charlie Kravits, Ron McClary, Eleanor McCormick, Vinnie Penna, Clara Strauch, Corey Whelihan and Katie Willmorth. \$15 (\$10 children). 8 pm. Robert Acito Park House (Court and President streets in Carroll Gardens), smithstreetstage.org.

SAT, DEC. 7

SALES AND MARKETS

HOLIDAY SHOP: Support the local and celebrate the handmade. With food from Smorgasburg. Free admission. 10 am-5 pm. PS 321 [180 Seventh Ave. at First Street in Park Slope, (347) 968-6800], https://ps321pta.square-space.com/holiday-shop-splash-page.

WINTER FESTIVAL: Featuring a craft fair with more than 50 vendors, a carnival filled with kids activities, food, wreath and plant sale, craft making, a magic show and more. Free admission. 10:30 am. Brooklyn Friends School (375 Pearl St. near Willoughby Street in Downtown), www.brooklynfriends.org.

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM ANNUAL BAZAAR: We have antiques, over 40,000 used books, records, paintings, NEW Merchandise of all kinds, including Holiday shop, toys, housewares, clothing, yarn, jewelry, cosmetics etc. Food Court, Snack Bar. 5:30 pm. Temple Beth Shalom (172nd Street and Northern Boulevard in Flushing).

FESTIVE FIFTH: Hundreds of the



Time to say hello: Andrea Bocelli brings his golden tonsils back to the Barclays Center on Dec. 11.
Associated Press / Arnulfo Franco

boutiques and restaurants on Fifth Avenue between Dean and 18th streets will stay open late for shoppers and offer holiday specials. 6:30-9 pm. (Fifth Avenue and Dean House (Court and President streets in Carroll Gardens), smithstreetstage.org).

THE BROOKLYN WALDORF SCHOOL WINTER FAIR:

Featuring a handmade crafts, homemade foods, children's games, a puppet show, and more. **Free.** 11 am-5 pm. The Brooklyn Waldorf School (11 Jefferson Ave. between Claver Place and Franklin Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant), www.brooklynwaldorf.org.

OTHER

ST. NICHOLAS DAY: Hear stories and create a greeting card. Free with museum admission. 11:30 am. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

BRUNCH WITH SANTA: Visit with Santa and drop off a gift for the Toys for Tots event. \$15 (Free children under 2). Noon-4 pm. Monte's [451 Carroll St. between Nevins Street and Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 852-7800].

SPORTS, BATTLE OF BROOKLYN: Zab "Super" Judah and former Two-Time, Two-Division World Champion Paulie "The Magic Man" Malinaggi duke it out in the ring. \$31-\$256. 4:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100], www.barclayscenter.com.

SUN, DEC. 8

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, ONE WORLD BROOKLYN KIDS CHORUS: Performing holiday songs. Free (donations welcomed). 11 am-1 pm. Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church (85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene).

DANCE, "THE NUTCRACKER": Performed by the New York Children's Dance Theater. The holiday ballet features Irina Dvorovenko and Maxim Beloserkovskiy. \$35-\$65. 2 pm. The Master Theater [1029 Brighton Beach Ave. at Coney Island Ave. at Brighton 11th Street in Brighton Beach, (718) 732-3838], www.mastertheater.com.

SALES AND MARKETS

HOLIDAY EVENT: Shopping opportunities, fun activities, and food. Hosted by HoM. Call for tickets. 10:30 am-12:30 pm and 2-5:30 pm. Dyker Beach Golf Course [Seventh Ave. at 86th Street in Dyker Heights, (718) 238-4466], www.jbrooklynsocial.com.

BOOK FAIR AND WINTER FESTIVAL: Browse a selection of French and Chinese books and enjoy entertainment provided by David Engel's Pirate School, The Dad Beats and Cumbe: Center for African and Diaspora Dance. **Free.** Noon-5 pm. Science Language and Arts International School (126 St. Felix St. between Lafayette Avenue and Hanson Place in Fort Greene), www.slaschoolfestival.org.

BROOKLYN HOLIDAY BAZAAR: Schmooze, Booze, Shop!: Featuring more than 30 local artisans. 11-6 pm. 501 Union (499 Union St. near Bond Street in Gowanus), brooklynexposed.com.

MON, DEC. 9

MUSIC, MARTIN MCQUADE: Performing holiday favorites in this Christmas concert. Call for dinner reservations. 7:30-10 pm. Yellow Hook Grille [7003 Third Ave. at 70th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 238-1089], www.yellowhook-grillenyc.com.

COMEDY, ROB PARAVONIAN: The comedian/musician headlines with a full set of his trademark blend of good music and funny lyrics. With

special guests. \$8. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.union-hallny.com.

TUES, DEC. 10

"BIG ANNIE": Holiday sing-along celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Three Kings. \$15 at the door. 10:30 am. PS 3 The Bedford Village School [50 Jefferson Ave. in Bedford Stuyvesant, (212) 724-0677], shadow-boxtheatre.org.

TREE LIGHTING: Toys for Tots donations accepted, cards and items mailed to overseas troops; visit from Santa Claus, hot chocolate. Hosted by State Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge). **Free.** 6:30 pm. Lady Moody Square [Van Sicklen St. and Avenue U in Gravesend, (718) 238-6044].

COMEDY, CHEAP DATE COMEDY SHOW: With Giulia Rozzi, Doug Smith, Jonathan Morvay, and more. \$5. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.union-hallny.com.

WED, DEC. 11

TREE LIGHTING: Toys for Tots donations accepted, cards and items mailed to overseas troops; visit from Santa Claus, hot chocolate. **Free.** 6:30 pm. McKinley Park [Bay Ridge Parkway and Ft. Hamilton Parkway in Bay Ridge, (718) 238-6044].

MUSIC, ANDREA BOCELLI: The tenor returns to Brooklyn. \$83-\$408. 8 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100], www.barclayscenter.com.

PUSS N BOOTS: Comics, strippers, and a dancing Santa all make an appearance at this holiday gala. \$15. 8:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.the-bellhouse.com.

THURS, DEC. 12

MEET THE MUSEUM: Little ones and their caregivers explore art and culture through gallery activities and art making. call for fees. 11 am and 4 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

HOLIDAY MARKET: Featuring free food and drinks, music, and special offers and discounts from more than 30 stores. Free admission. 6 pm-midnight. The Shops (240 Kent Ave. at N. First Street in Williamsburg).

THEATER, "A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS": Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, and Snoopy are all on board in this adaptation of the classic Charles Schulz comic strip. \$10 (\$35 for 4). 7 pm. Brooklyn Lyceum [227 Fourth Ave. at President Street in Park Slope, (718) 857-4816], www.brooklynlyceum.com.

THEATER, "MISS JULIE": Production by the Brooklyn College Department of Theater. \$15 (\$10 students and seniors). 7:30 pm. New Work-

shop Theater at Brooklyn College [Campus Road between Hillel Place and Avenue H in Flatbush, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyncenter.com.

DANCE, "THE SPLIT BILL SERIES": Featuring four select, emerging choreographers over four nights. \$12. 8 pm. Triskelion Arts' Zoo Theater (118 N. 11th St. near Wythe Avenue, Third Floor in Williamsburg), www.triskelion-arts.org.

FRI, DEC. 13

WINTER SOLSTICE FEAST: Benefitting Bushwick-based food justice nonprofit EcoStation:NY, with food from local restaurants, music, and entertainment. \$20-\$100. 6:30 pm. LightSpace Studios (1115 Flushing Ave. between Porter and Varick avenues in Bushwick), www.TheWinterSolsticeFeast.com.

MUSIC, THE WILL CALHOUN TRIO: As part of BAMcafe Life. **Free.** 9 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

THE XMAS POP SING-ALONG: Sing along to holiday hits from the likes of Mariah Carey, NSYNC, Wham! and more. \$8. 10 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

SAT, DEC. 14

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, HOLIDAY CONCERT: Noel Pointer presents string instruments performing seasonal standards. Free with museum admission. Noon-2 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

MUSIC, WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL: Students perform holiday favorites with song and dance. \$5. 2 pm. Bishop Ford High School [500 19th St. and 10th Avenue in Greenwood Heights, (718) 360-2500].

MUSIC, BROOKLYN JAZZ WIDE OPEN: With performances from Rob Garcia 4 and Paul Carlon's La Rumba is a Lovesome Thing. \$10. 8 pm. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music [58 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln Place and Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 622-3300], www.connectionworks.org.

OTHER

SANTA'S VISIT: Create a wish list and then present it to the Jolly Old Elf himself Santa Claus. 9 am-11 am. Mara's Cafe & Bakery [88 Livingston St. at Court Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 522-6461], www.marascafe.com.

"ANGELINA BALLERINA - THE VERY MERRY HOLIDAY MUSICAL": Angelina and her best friends are planning a holiday dance pageant - the best in all of Mouseland. \$12. 10:30 am. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], www.onstageatkingsborough.org.

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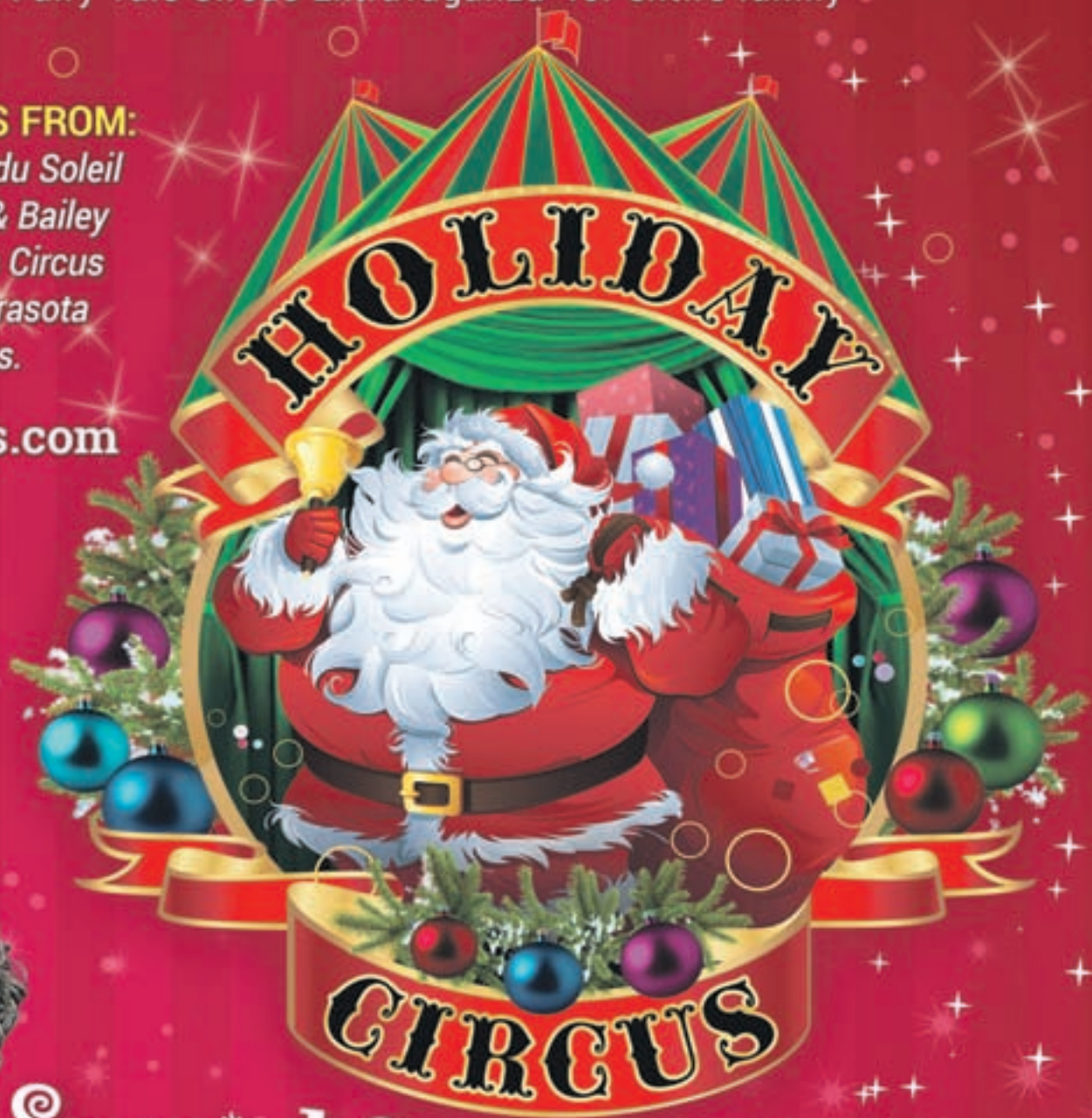
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Put the 'wow' in your hair at Salon Malave

By Camille Sperrazza

You may not be Miss Universe — but you can get your hair done by her stylist.

Mary K. Berlingeri-Malave is that stylist, the beautician with 16 years' experience in making beautiful women even more beautiful.

Berlingeri-Malave says she puts the “wow” into any hairstyle, turning clients, no matter who they are, into celebrities in their own right. She is the owner of Salon Malave, an upscale salon that opened in Dyker Heights about a year and a half ago, bringing star power to the borough.

Her soar to the outer limits of the universe began when she styled the hair of Jaclyn Nesheiwat, Miss New York, 2004. She was then introduced to photographer Fadil Berisha, who liked her work, and recommended she become involved with the Miss Universe pageants. Over the years, she has been the stylist at these pageants, as well as runway shows, photo shoots, music videos, and television programs that include the realty series “Duck Dynasty.”

She has been the hairdresser to Terrence J of E! News; R&B recording artist Mya; actress Lynn Whitfield; singer and actress Christina Milian; and Grammy-winner Scott Stapp, who married Nesheiwat in 2006.

This passion for her craft began at a very young age. Growing up in Florida, “I started cutting the hair of my Barbie Dolls,” she says. “They always had the best haircuts.”

She was 16 years old when she started working in salons. At age 21, she moved to New York City, one month before 9-11 would impact the world in ways that were



(From top) Owner Mary K. Berlingeri-Malave, left, with her stylists at Salon Malave on 13th Avenue in Dyker Heights. Berlingeri-Malave with photos of her work. Assistant stylists work with customers.

Photos by Elizabeth Graham

unimaginable.

“I was alone in the city, and was terrified,” she said. “I had no family here. They were all in Florida.”

Still, she stayed, attending acting school and doing some modeling. While in front of the camera, she learned that she enjoyed being behind the scenes better. Eventually, she got a job at a salon in Brooklyn, which led to her styling

Nesheiwat's hair.

Now, Berlingeri-Malave is utilizing her wealth of expertise at her own business. At Salon Malave, she employs a team of experienced and dedicated professionals who enjoy pampering and indulging clients.

The salon offers every type of service for the hair — highlights, updos, artistic cuts, color processing, and hair ex-

tensions. Make-up application is also offered.

The atmosphere is soothing, with its warm gold, red, brown, and earth tones. In fact, the look of the shop is designed to “make you feel at home,” says Berlingeri-Malave, who chose to decorate with wood furniture that has a “rustic look.” One of the highlights is the champagne-colored, two-tiered chandelier

that accents the room. Work stations have marble tops, and walls are decorated with photos of people whose hair she has styled, making it convenient for patrons to point out a look they'd like to have.

Clients are welcome to coffee. On Saturdays, there may be some wine and sweet treats. It all makes for a fun, relaxing environment, one in which customer service

is stressed.

“We have a talented team of four stylists who give each client special care and attention,” she says.

Salon Malave [7824 13th Ave. between 78th and 79th streets in Dyker Heights, (347) 497-5720, www.salonmalave.com]. Open Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 am-9 pm; Saturdays, 9 am-6 pm.



Peace & healing at brand-new M Center

BAY RIDGE

Welcome to the new **M Center for Arts and Wellness** — an intimate, storefront experience founded by Reiki therapist, actress, singer, designer, and native daughter **Mary Micari**.



Mary's facility incorporates spiritual healing with the lively arts, offering classes in acting, vocal work, writing, visual arts, and musical and magic instruction, in addition to a Reiki therapist, herbalist, astrologer, and tarot reader on staff, and a meditation circle.

The center snipped the ribbon last month with a fund-raiser celebrating **Jay Michaels's** 35 years in professional theater. Michaels is board president of Genesis Repertory.

The M Center for Arts and Wellness [508 83rd St. at Fifth Avenue in Bay Ridge, (347) 492-0534; www.genesis-repertory.org/the-m-center-of-brooklyn].

BENSONHURST

Helping neighbors in need

The good Samaritans at **Reaching-Out Community Services** made Thanksgiving a day to remember for hundreds of families.

Volunteers made sure there were plenty of marshmallows, sweet potatoes, and yummy stuffing to go along with a juicy bird for folks in need. Reaching-Out also provides toys, food, and refreshments at its Operation Christmas event, and school supplies for children in its Big Backpack Give-away.

Standing O says, "Thank you Reaching-Out, for reaching out."

Reaching-Out Community Service [7708 New Utrecht Ave. at 77th Street in Bensonhurst, (917) 509-9055].

GRAVESEND

Grand motto

Girl Scout Troop 2717, based at **IS 228 David A. Boody**, sponsored a food drive and collected foods to benefit underprivileged families. Standing O offers a great big "Thank you" to these angels of mercy who



The staff of BRAM Auto Group with items collected in this year's food drive, which were donated to local charities.

Thank you, BRAM Auto Group

BAY RIDGE

Workers at the **BRAM Auto Group** drove home the goodness for families in need on Thanksgiving, delivering turkeys and trimmings to the Food Bank for New York City's pantries at **Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help** in Sunset Park and **Reaching Out Community Services** in Bensonhurst.

The big-hearted deal is a road well traveled at the Tri-State area's largest, family-owned business.

"We are proud to come together and

help support local food charities for Thanksgiving," said commerce and social media manager **Francesco Cefalu**, adding the company was thankful to customers and employees for the donations that made the drive a success.

Other participating dealerships included: Bay Ridge Nissan, Bay Ridge Lexus, Lexus of Manhattan, Lexus of Queens, Acura of Manhattan, Infiniti of Manhattan, Nissan of Manhattan, and Audi Brooklyn.

Standing O revs up the appreciation!

delivered the non-perishables to the **Salt and Sea Mission** in Coney Island in time for T-Day.

IS 228 David A. Boody [228 Avenue S at W. Fourth Street in Gravesend, (718) 375-7635].

BOROUGH WIDE

It's a Christmas tree

New York City Trees is branching out for Yuletide and donating festive Fraser firs to the poor, complete with installation, stand, and setup.

Harold DeLucia, cofounder of NYC-Trees.com, hoped the sparkling timbers would bring good cheer.

"The holidays are truly about helping others," he said. "For those not able to have a Christmas tree, it is the smallest gesture we can make to make Christmas a little brighter."

E-mail info@nycgtrees.com to nominate a family or individual in need.

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Toys for Tots

Participate in the **US Marine Corps' Toys for Tots** drive at **Aviator Sports and Events Center**, and give the gift of goodwill. Drop off new, unwrapped toys until Dec. 18. Also, enjoy breakfast with Santa and the Radio Disney road crew on Dec. 15.

Aviator Sports and Events Center [Floyd Bennett Field, Flatbush Avenue in Marine Park, (718) 758-7500, www.aviator-sports.com].

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Shaking it up

St. Francis College management professor **Dr. Barbara Edington** found a silver lining in the cloud when she co-authored



SUNSET PARK

Math teacher adds up

She's A plus and the tops of the times table.

Eleanor Terry, a math teacher at the **High School of Telecommunication Arts and Technology**, is this year's recipient of the Sloan Awards for Excellence in Teaching Science and Mathematics. Standing O pal Eleanor — who specializes in Math A, Math B, Integrated Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2-Trigonometry, Numeracy, Calculus, AP Statistics, and CUNY Mathematics — is the instructor every parent (including Standing O!) wishes for. The numbers wizard has a devoted following among her students for making brain teasing bogglers, such as Algebra and Geometry, fun and relevant, while showing them how math figures in our daily lives.

Eleanor's teens use math to conduct exit polling at elections, analyze baseball player salaries, and calculate the future impact of college loans. Trust Standing O, college loans is one heck of a lesson!

The award winner received \$5,000 as part of the award, and her school earned itself \$2,500 for its science and math programs.

High School of Telecommunication Arts and Technology [350 67th St. at Fourth Avenue in Sunset Park, (718) 759-3400].

"The Silver Lining of Project Management" with **Dr. Thomas Lechler** and **Ting Gao**. The self-help book focuses on discovering hidden opportunities while addressing business and organizational change, construction, information systems, product and service development, and research and development.

"We know that this research is breaking new ground and shaking up the common belief that uncertainty should be avoided," the good professor told Standing O. "But maybe project management standards need to be shaken up."

We're listening.

Dr. Edington, director of the Center of Excellence in Project Management, said it is critical for project managers to learn how to extract value from their uncertainties.

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● 'We are a young team this year, so we'll get it together.'

— Bishop Loughlin junior point guard Kiana Clark after her team's season-opening loss to Cardinal Spellman

● 'I've been blessed with amazing kids.'

— Coach Richard Sherry on Fort Hamilton's repeat-champion girls' volleyball team

Fort Hamilton scores 2nd-straight city title

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

When Fort Hamilton won its second-straight girls' volleyball city title at Hunter College last Tuesday, the teammate who may have contributed the most to the victory wasn't even on the court.

The girls had a picture taped to a seat on the bench of former team manager Eduard Nogay, who died of cancer last June. They also wore yellow ribbons in their hair, on their cheeks and on the back of their uniforms to honor Nogay, a former boys' volleyball player at Fort Hamilton who learned to play one-handed after he lost his right arm to the disease.

"Even though he lost his arm he kept playing," said Marlena Budna. "He loved the sport so much. That inspired us to keep going."

Top-seeded Fort Hamilton, which has won 33 straight matches, scored an impressive 25-18, 25-12, win over No. 2 Riverdale-Kingsbridge in the Public School Athletic League Class B final on Nov. 29, in a rematch of last year's title game.

The Fort Hamilton team dug deep when it needed to in the first set, before putting on a dominant performance in the second frame. Riverdale-Kingsbridge (15-2) got within 19-16 and 20-18 in the first set, and each time Fort Hamilton (19-0) was able to answer. Both times Buda came up with big kills.

Senior Sarina Rozek went on a 4-0 serve run to end the first set. Junior Alexandra Rivera produced a 9-0 service run in the second set, that included three aces to put her team up 16-6. Stephanie Rozek added 15 assists.

"I've been blessed with amazing kids," Fort Hamilton coach Richard Sherry said.

Fort Hamilton, off of another title, would like to go up to the Class A division next year, a promotion it thought it deserved this season.

It has certainly proved itself worthy with wins over A-division run-



ner-up Midwood and semi-finalist Susan Wagner. Fort Hamilton also beat the likes of Poly Prep and Brooklyn-Queens diocese runner-up Fontbonne Hall.

"Obviously, it's evident that we deserve to be in A," Rivera said.

To them, despite graduating a number of key players, a promotion doesn't mean they can't strive to keep the championships coming to a program that is just seven years old.

"Today it meant a lot winning two in a row," Budna said. "Hopefully, we go to A next year and do the same."

SPIKE: (Left) Fort Hamilton senior Sarina Rozek goes in for the kill in the win against Riverdale-Kingsbridge in the Public School Athletic League Class B final at Hunter College last Tuesday. (Below) The Fort Hamilton girls' volleyball team celebrates its second-straight championship.

Photos by Yinghao Luo



WHITE HOT: Left, Abraham Lincoln star Isiah Whitehead wants to bring home both the Public School Athletic League Class title and the state title. File photo by Ken Maldonado

These defending city champs now want state title

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The city championship won't be enough for Abraham Lincoln this year — nothing less than a state title will do.

"That's the most important part this year — to win a federation tournament," said senior forward Desi Rodriguez.

The Railsplitters team won its first Public School Athletic League Class AA title since 2009 last season, only to be unceremoniously ousted by Long Island Lutheran in the state Federation semifinals.

Seton Hall-bound guard Isiah Whitehead believes he and his teammates were too satisfied with just winning at Madison Square Garden.

"Last year was all about winning a city title," said Whitehead. "That's why we went out to states and played lackadaisically. We believed we won it all already, but we didn't."

Lincoln is the heavy

favorite to repeat as league champions. Now the goal is to go beyond that and bring home the school's first state title since 2008.

Railsplitters coach Tiny Morton was happy to hear of his squad's determination — especially from Whitehead. Morton has seen a growing maturity in his star that has carried over from the summer. Whitehead, who averaged 21 points and 8.5 rebounds in league play last season, is no longer letting what others think and say get to him. He thrived off a crowd calling him overrated at a scrimmage against St. Raymond.

"He doesn't go crazy, and just proves them wrong," Morton said.

Whitehead will have plenty of help, starting with Rodriguez, who broke out in the post season. His 16 points and 17 rebounds helped propel

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Hornets stung by Judges

Midwood watches first shot at volleyball title slip away

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Midwood did everything right — until it mattered the most.

The second-seeded Hornets team played some of its best volleyball of the season in the opening set of the Public School Athletic League girl's city final, and were three points away from putting No. 1 Benjamin Cardozo in an unfamiliar hole.

But two Midwood errors, a close call that didn't go its way, and the play of Judges star hitter Anja Malesevic kept that from happening.

The Hornets squad was unable to regroup in the second set of a 25-23, 25-12 defeat at Hunter College last Tuesday. It was Midwood's first appearance in the title game since 2001, but the school's first crown was not to be.

"If we had finished that first set we would have had them," Hornets setter Elizabeth Genis said.

Her team took a 22-17 lead thanks to a 5-0 service run from Genis, plus Alexandra Gordon hitting



SHES' A KILLER: Cardozo's star hitter Anja Malesevic, at left, kept Midwood from taking the title. Photo by Yinghao Luo

through a Cardozo block for a point, and the Judges' Alyssa McAdams hitting a ball out of bounds. They were able to keep Malesevic from getting in rhythm and defended against her well at the net thanks to Celine Walker.

Unfortunately for Mid-

wood, it would score just once more, on a kill from Gordon, to close out the set at 23-21.

Midwood, which took a set off Cardozo (14-0) during the season, thought it had the next point, but Malesevic's shot was ruled to have hit the backline.

Midwood coach Thomasina Lenzi disagreed with the call and saw the momentum shift. Her team hustled to help create long rallies, but Malesevic put down four more kills by the end of the set.

"We opened the door with the mistakes, and it was a bad call on that back row," the coach said. "It should have been overturned, but the lead official didn't see it."

Midwood (13-1) never recovered after that, and Cardozo jumped out to a 6-1 in the next set. The Hornets drew within 10-6, only to see Malesevic (19 kills), bat two balls down to increase the lead to 12-6.

The season was still an overwhelming success despite the loss in the finals. Genis was proud of what they accomplished. She noted that the Hornets roster is still young, even with the graduation of key seniors. This won't be the end of their run.

"I'm sure they are going to bring us back next year," Genis said.

More than a title at stake for Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln is again flirting with perfection — just one win away from a second undefeated Public School Athletic League City conference football title in the last three years.

More than just a trophy is on the line when the top-seeded Railsplitters face No. 3 Tottenville at Yankee Stadium at 5 pm on Dec. 10. A victory will earn Lincoln bragging rights as the city's top football program.

Consider the fact that Lincoln has made three trips to the final in the last four years. Prior to that it hadn't won since 1993.

"Getting to three championships in four years is a tremendous statement about everybody involved with this program," Lincoln coach Shawn O'Connor said.

The Coney Island program has produced two recent All-Americans — Ishaq Williams and Thomas Holley — and has dominated this season, outscoring opponents 474-125, averaging almost 40 points per game.

A victory over Tottenville is not a forgone conclusion. Sure, the Railsplitters beat Tottenville 26-7 in the regular season, but that was back in September. The Pirates squad is a different team. Tottenville quarterback Joshua Rainey is much improved, scoring nine touchdowns in the last two games.

They will also have to buck history. The loser of the previous year's final has won the last three titles, starting with the Railsplitters in 2011. Tottenville lost to Erasmus in last season's final.

If any team can handle the pressure it is this Lincoln team. It has been on a mission since prac-



JOE KNOWS

by Joe Staszewski

tices started in August. All of the players wear the number 13 on their practice jerseys to symbolize the title game.

"We try to treat every game like it is a 13th game," O'Connor said.

Quarterback Javon Moore and running back Antoine Holloman, Jr., lead a dynamic offense, combining for 55 touchdowns this season. The running game's development will allow Lincoln to do more passing to receivers Malik Andrews and Carlos Stewart.

"We are more balanced," O'Connor said.

Lincoln's defense will have plenty to contend with. Holley, who was cleared to play after a semifinal ejection, will need to put pressure on Rainey and help keep running back Andrew Russo from breaking free. Corner back Khen-dell Puryear will have to slow down Tottenville receiver Devin Martin, who scored three times against Erasmus.

If Lincoln performs like it has all season, it will be celebrating in the Bronx next week, having won not just a championship, but recognition as the city's top program.

Buzzer beater snaps Blackbird skid

BY RICHARD KAGAN

Long Island University broke its four-game losing streak in thrilling fashion last Sunday.

The Blackbirds won the game on a scramble after a Troy Joseph block, with senior point guard Jason Brickman feeding a pass up to Gerrell Martin, who dashed to the hoop and laid it in before the buzzer to give Long Island University a 74-72 win over Norfolk State at the Wellness Center on Dec. 1.

"Jason ran the lane and I knew he was going to find me," Martin said.

LIU trailed most of the game, and tied it up eight times, before finally getting the winning shot. Martin, who tallied a team-high 16 points, is seeing more playing time because of the loss

of key seniors and the knee injury to star forward Julian Boyd. Martin knew he would have a good chance to score on the final play.

"It was a great feeling," Martin said. "It was a crazy game. I'm proud of our team."

Blackbirds coach Jack Perri is mixing and matching his lineup with some junior college transfers and a few freshmen players. However, all five starters scored in double digits — notably Brickman. He added 10 points and 14 assists, his biggest coming in the game-winning play.

Landon Atterberry, a 6-foot-6 junior forward, is playing center for now and is out of position. He held his own against the 7-foot Brandon Goode. Atterberry had 15 points and grabbed



SCRAMBLE: Troy Joseph of Long Island University gets ready to run the offensive on his way to scoring 12 points.

Photo by Steve Schnibbe

six rebounds. Sophomore E.J. Reed had 13 points, and Joseph added 12 points.

The Spartans (5-3) return guard Pendarvis Williams, the reigning Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference

Player of the Year, who had 14 points. Norfolk State has eight seniors returning from its 21-win season a year ago. Guard Malcom Hawkins scored a game-high 21

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DODGEBALL: Loughlin's Skydajah Patterson is caught between Spellman's Danelle Gibson and Maria Backman.

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Bishop Loughlin loses first game

BY ANTHONY PARELLI

The Bishop Loughlin girls' basketball team saw a five-point fourth-quarter lead evaporate and watched Cardinal Spellman's Teresa Tartarone hit the game-winning three-pointer with 1.4 seconds remaining.

Michigan-bound wing Maria Backman, who was held to just 10 points, stole the ensuing inbound pass and scored at the buzzer to provide the final margin for Spellman.

Loughlin fell 59-55 to Spellman in both teams' season opener at Christ the King in a Catholic League crossover game on Sunday. The Lions started the fourth quarter down a point. It then used a 9-2 run to take the game before late turnovers did them in.

"We'll be okay," said Loughlin coach Chez Williams. "We made some mistakes that were the types of mistakes that happen in the beginning of a season, but we'll correct them."

After going back and forth for the first three quarters, Loughlin found itself behind 40-39 headed into the final frame. Senior guard Kayse Brown led them back. She scored 17 points, dished out assists, and collected five steals. Her three-point play put Loughlin ahead 48-43 with 6:30 remaining in the game.

From then on, the inexperienced team made small mistakes that cost it big offensively. Loughlin

was charged with a shot clock violation with 1:30 left and then called for a travel with 11 seconds left in the contest. That gave Spellman the chance it needed to secure a victory.

"We are a young team this year, so we'll get it together," said junior point guard Kiana Clark. "I was upset, but it happens. The mistakes are correctable and we're going to get it together."

Clark, the lone veteran, was seemingly everywhere for Loughlin as she stuffed the stat sheet with 15 points, nine rebounds, five steals and four assists. Sky Patterson contributed eight points and eight rebounds. Danelle Gibson led Spellman with 15 points, and Tartarone added 14.

"I think she played well," Williams said of Clark. "I want her to be more of a floor general, but she played well."

Clark said she and her teammates need to understand each other better on the court.

"We need to communicate more," she said. "We need to learn the offense a little bit better, and after that everything should flow perfectly fine."

Williams already had an idea of where he wanted to improve, but wasn't upset with his team's overall performance.

"We're going to have to learn how to play four full quarters," Williams said. "We'll get through it. It's better early than late."

Nets star hosts youth hoops camp

Brook Lopez flies home right after win to work with kids

BY BRANDON ROBINSON

Leftover turkey and holiday shopping couldn't keep kids from enjoying hoops action as Brooklyn Nets center Brook Lopez entertained more than 100 kids at his Citi Pro Basketball Camp at Queens College's Fitzgerald Gymnasium last Sunday.

The event hosted kids 7-18 years of age from all over the city, including Brooklyn. Lopez flew back to New York to attend his camp after the Nets earned a win in Memphis against the Grizzlies the night before. He had 20 points and nine rebounds on Saturday, but his concern on Sunday was providing a great experience for the kids.

"I really want these kids to realize how much fun sports can be," said Lopez.

During his camp, Lopez played games, signed autographs, took pictures and fielded questions from the kids. In his sixth season out of Stanford, he became a first-time NBA All-Star last season. This year he is averaging 20 points and six rebounds per game, and recently became the ninth player in Nets history to reach 6,000 points. His play has earned him plenty of fans.

"I know how to make a 3-pointer and I like Brook Lopez because he's my favorite basketball player," said Xavier Durant, a 7-year-old camper from Marine Park.



HAPPY CAMPER: Brooklyn Nets center Brook Lopez entertained more than 100 kids at his Citi Pro Basketball Camp at Queens College's Fitzgerald Gymnasium last Sunday. Associated Press / Kathy Willens

His mother Yesenia Vega said the basketball camp was a dream come true for her son and his pals.

"They get to see Brook Lopez, someone they do idolize," she said.

Parents like her believe the camp was a great chance for their kids

to have fun and learn some basketball. Having an NBA star like Lopez around is an added bonus.

"Getting to come to an event is a rare opportunity," said Williamsburg resident Samantha Steadman, whose son Elias participated. "He's enjoying it, he's soaking it all up, and I'm on the sidelines enjoying it, too."

Growing up in Fresno, Calif., the 7-foot Lopez idolized San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan and current Nets teammate Kevin Garnett. He called them two all-time great post players. Lopez recalled he and his twin brother Robin Lopez, a Portland Trailblazer, participating in similar basketball camps when they were younger. Now he's creating similar memories for other kids.

"I learned a lot of post moves," said Christopher Striker, an eighth grader at MS 366 in Canarsie. "It's helped me develop. When I go home I can go and practice the drills and everything he did. Hopefully I can make it to the NBA some day."

With an extended Thanksgiving holiday weekend spent eating lots of food, the camp created an environment for kids to stay active.

"It's great for kids looking up to a guy like Brook Lopez who's in season and willing to put on a clinic like this and spend three hours," said Pro Camps Senior vice president Eric Liebler.

Lincoln

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Lincoln to a win over Jefferson in the city title game.

Morton is also excited by the play of senior guard Anthony Williams, who provides energy on defense and an ability to get to the basket off the dribble at the point guard spot.

A number of transfers have added to the Railsplitters' core, starting with former Bishop Loughlin wing Elisha Boone, who comes in from Quest Prep in Las Vegas. Rykm Felder (Indian Land, S.C.) will give them added depth in the backcourt that lost Trevonn Morton. Mikohl Jenkins (Steel High, Pa.) bolsters a frontcourt that lost the

physical Elijah Davis to graduation. They give Lincoln multiple places to go for offense.

"We have more than one scorer," Rodriguez said. "Everybody thinks Whitehead is going to come and score and do what he has to do. We have him scoring, me and Elisha Boone."

All of that is music to Whitehead's ears. He believes this team is the best in the city, and capable of challenging for a state Federation crown, because of its depth. They just need to get used to playing with — and trusting in — each other.

"It's really about us jelling together," Whitehead said. "Everybody says 'I'm the star of the team.' It's whoever has the hot hand that day."



NOT CONTENT: Abraham Lincoln star Isaiah Whitehead won't be satisfied unless his team brings home both the Public School Athletic League Class title and the state title this year.

File photo by Steve Solomonson

LIU

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points, with seven coming in the second half.

Perri knew this would be a tough game, and it certainly was a close one. LIU struggled to contain the Spartans' quickness, but the Blackbirds team locked them down when it need to and was out-rebounded by just 35-32.

Long Island University (2-4) connected on 12 three-pointers to just seven for Norfolk State to help it squeak by. Perri said what was difference in the second half was the Blackbirds hitting on 14 of 27 attempts from the floor. LIU goes back on the road for three games and returns to home to face Lamar on Dec. 18.

"This team is still a work in progress," Perri said. "We're trying to get better and get ready for conference."

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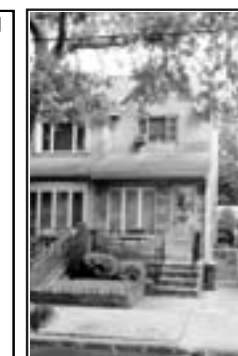


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pool with lg deck
around, fin. attic
(4th BR), 2 baths.
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