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We're thrilled to share that Jibreel Jalloh, founder and executive director of The Flossy Organization, recently had the incredible honor of participating in a roundtable discussion with President Barack Obama as part of the Obama Scholars Program at Columbia University. This inspiring conversation focused on the power of community leadership, civic engagement and creating lasting change.

Moments like these underscore the importance of our work at The Flossy Organization and motivate us to continue advocating for equity and empowerment in our communities.

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#### **Winter Trivia**

- 1. What is the coldest temperature ever recorded in the United States?
- a. -50 degrees
- b. -60 degrees
- c. -70 degrees
- d. -80 degrees
- 2. What phobia is an extreme fear of the snow?
- a. Hydrophobia
- b. Chionophobia
- c. Cryophobia
- d. Thermophobia
- 3. The first winter Olympic Games were held in which country?
- a. Italy
- b. United States
- c. France
- d. Canada
- 4. Which other planet experiences snowfall?
- a. Mars
- b. Mercury
- c. Pluto
- d. Uranus

Answers:

1: D, 2: B, 3: C, 4: A

#### **Quinn Minute – Holiday Traditions**

By Rix Quinn

One of my favorite stories is "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. How many other tales feature a miser, four ghosts, tombstones and a goose?

Actually, before I read this story I thought it was about somebody named Carol. See, I once had a girlfriend I called Christmas Carol, because we broke up every December.

But if you haven't read this fantastic Dickens classic, here's a brief synopsis:

Ebenezer Scrooge is a crochety old geezer working Christmas Eve with his clerk Bob Cratchit. When his nephew Fred invites him to Christmas dinner, Scrooge says it's a waste of a workday, and tells the nephew to leave.

But when Scrooge gets home that night, he's visited by the ghost of his deceased partner, Jacob Marley, who also lived a selfish life. He warns Scrooge that he'll soon be visited by three ghosts who might be able to save him.

The Ghost of Christmas Past more reminds Scrooge he could have rixqu married if he had not chosen BEST money over matrimony. The Ghost line.

of Christmas Present transports Scrooge to the Cratchit household, where he sees a happy family enjoy the evening. (Sadly, they couldn't watch television, because 18th century TV offered few channels.)

Next, the scary Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come takes Scrooge to a graveyard, where he views his gravestone and hears negative comments about himself from acquaintances.

Christmas morning finds Scrooge a changed man, who helps Cratchit and suddenly becomes friendly and generous. This story reminds us that (1) a selfish life is a sad one, (2) it's impossible to find Christmas movies on a 200-year-old TV and (3) giving money away brings a happier day.

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Unscramble the letters to find words Answers: that relate to the Christmas season.

1. Present

1. RENPTSE

2. Holiday

2. HIYADOL

3. Joyful

3. JULYOF

4. Snowflake

4. NSWOKELFA

5. Mistletoe

5. TOELSMITE

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#### **Brownsville**

#### Man Fatally Stabbed, No Suspect in Sight

By Lloyd Mitchell

A man is dead following a stabbing in the rear of Mucho Loco Deli on Tuesday, December 17th.

Officers from the 73rd Precinct responded to 441 Sutter Avenue, near Junius Street, around 6:40 a.m. where they found Najee Berry, 34, of Crown Heights, suffering from multiple stab wounds to the torso and back.

Paramedics rushed the victim to Brookdale Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Circumstances leading up to the stabbing are unclear as of press time. Detectives were seen going through store surveillance for more details on the suspect.

No arrests have been made, and an investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding this stabbing is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 888-57-PISTA (74782). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers Website at crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/, or on X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.





#### East Flatbush

### Scrapyard Catches Fire Yet Again







#### **By Lloyd Mitchell**

Firefighters quickly knocked down a fire in a scrapyard at 5601 Preston Court on Friday, December 20th.

Units from the 15th Division arrived to find heavy smoke showing from the Auto Gobbler Parts store around 11:30 a.m. Members deployed three hose lines to knock down the fire. Searches were negative, and there were no injuries. The fire was placed under control at 12:15 p.m.

#### **East New York**

#### Fire Kills One and Critically Injures Another

By Lloyd Mitchell

An early morning fire at 516 Vermont Street, off of Dumont Avenue, left a man dead and another critically wounded on Tuesday, December 17th.

Firefighters arrived at the location around 1:20 a.m. and quickly found the men through heavy smoke and surrounded by fire while searching the first floor of the mixed-use building. They began pre-lifesaving CPR before taking them to Brookdale Hospital.

About 60 firefighters from 12 units used three hose lines to knock down the main body of fire. A neighbor who said he was in disbelief, told the *Canarsie Courier*, "The smoke was so bad it started drifting into my house. I thought my place was on fire."

Searches of the upper floor were negative.

As of Tuesday morning, members of the FDNY Fire Marshal's office were sifting through the debris and searching the building to determine the origin and cause of the fire. They removed a propane tank and motorcycle from the building.





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**By Gabriel Pariente** 

Local residents gathered on Tuesday, December 17th, for a Holiday Party sponsored by the Marine Park Community Association (MPCA) in alliance with the Madison-Marine-Homecrest Civic Association (MMHCA) for food, well-wishes and an update on serious issues facing the community. The event took place at the Carmine Carro Community Center, at 3000 Fillmore Avenue.

A large turnout of residents were in attendance, and many were very vocal about the recent passage of the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity proposal that passed in the City Council by a vote of 31-20 on December 5th, despite "no" votes from Councilwomen Farah Louis and Mercedes Narcisse, as well as opposition from several community boards.

The rezoning plan, which could lead to more highrise building developments across the five boroughs, includes building more homes above stores, allowing homeowners to build apartments on single-family lots and changing parking mandates. It has sparked serious concerns among residents who fear these changes will have significant effects on the quality of life in Marine Park and surrounding areas.

"Parking is already an issue, and high-rise projects could lead to an overflow of residents, possibly empty storefronts, reduced parking and affect our schools which already suffer from overcrowding if more kids are in classrooms," said Lucy Brincat, a local resident.

Brincat, who is a member of a boat club in Sheepshead Bay, also spoke about how development has altered the landscape of that area and not for the better.

"I don't even recognize Sheepshead Bay anymore. It was a beautiful fishing community but now it's full of high-rises. A lot of the old diners and fishing supply stores are gone, and the increase in bike lanes have taken away parking, and motorbikes and electric bikes speed down the bike lanes creating hazards for drivers."

Her fears were echoed by MPCA President Robert Mazzuchin, who has also been a fierce opponent of the City of Yes. "We don't want high-rises to alter the area and possibly the park as well," he said.

Residents also asked about the changes that the NYC Sanitation Department is imposing regarding garbage pickup. Starting this past November, all residential buildings (consisting of one to nine units) must place garbage in plastic bins with secure lids that are 55 gallons or less outside their homes.

After a warning period, residents who don't follow the rules will have to pay an initial \$50 fine being enforced by the city starting on January 2, 2025, followed by a \$100 fine for the second offense and \$200 fines for any additional offenses.

"Sanitation doesn't respond to e-mails, but we will continue to try and get someone from Sanitation to speak to us in the spring, Mazzuchin said.

In addition, board members also spoke about being wary of potential scams during the holiday season, particularly with gift cards coming by mail. Residents were warned to avoid using any mailboxes that feel sticky when placing mail inside them.

The next meeting of the MMHCA and MPCA will be held on January 21, 2025, at the Carmine Carro Community Center.





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#### **Gerritsen Beach**

#### Stargazers See Shooting Stars at Seba Park

By Brian Moreno

With a clear night sky, stargazers gathered on Friday night, December 13th, at Seba Park, located on Gerritsen and Seba Avenues, to view the Geminids meteor shower and other celestial objects.

The Marine Park Alliance organized the event in coordination with Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Jones, Scout Troop 396, who provided the telescope and binoculars to see the night sky. People also used an app called Star Tracker Lite to identify the objects they were looking at.

This meteor shower, the Geminids, is observed during mid-December each year. At its peak, more than 100 meteors can be seen per hour under perfect conditions. However, the Geminids are a unique meteor shower as they come from an asteroid, 3200 Phaethon, as opposed to other meteor showers, which come from comets.

"It was great to show people the universe," said Jones. "I'm very happy that we had a great crowd and a lot of kids and people saw the planets for the first time with their own eyes, and it was incredible to see."

With the Celestine motorized telescope, the stargazers saw our planetary neighbors. Attendees saw Venus right before it set, Jupiter and four of its moons, the rings of Saturn and, at the very end, Mars, rising above the horizon.

"This is kinda like a once-in-a-lifetime thing; how often are you going to be able to see so many shooting stars? I could make all my wishes tonight," said Demetra Philippou of Mill Basin. Her daughter agreed with mild excitement.

The cold weather didn't keep a group from gathering in awe to view the meteor shower with their very own eyes.

"You'd think, 'Oh, it's too cold,' but no, people enjoyed it," said Margot Perron, MPA board member. "If they dress well and are ready for it, families will bring their kids; it's an outing for them. Personally, I think the park is a special place at night and the more programs that we can do like this, the better. People experiencing the park at night is uncommon, but it was amazing and fun."

The last Festival of Lights event— "Winter Solstice"—will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 21st, at the field behind Seba Playground, at Gerritsen and Seba Avenues. The Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year and with more telescopes on hand, residents are invited once more to see the stars.



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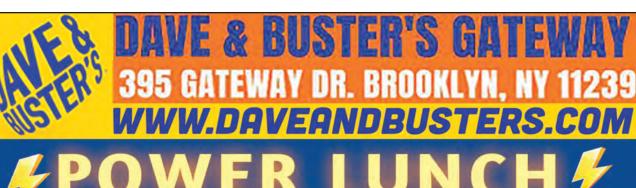


#### By Baqir Ahmad

State Senator Roxanne Persaud hosted her "Annual Toy Distribution and Much More" event in partnership with Assemblywoman Jaime Williams at the Senate 19th District office, located at 1222 East 96th Street, on Sunday, December 15th.

Excited children and their parents lined up outside the District Office starting at 2 p.m., waiting patiently to receive a gift. In addition to selecting a toy of their choice, the event provided over 300 families with hats, gloves, coats and other essentials. There were also dance performances and holiday greetings from celebrity guest Sergio Delavicci.

Persaud wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.



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Bergen Beach

#### Holiday Tree Lighting Honors Terri Cadet-Donald with Heartfelt Tribute

By Robert Pearl



The Bergen Beach community came together on Tuesday, December 17th, for a magical Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at the John Malone Community Center, 2331 Bergen Avenue, dedicated to the loving memory of Terri Cadet-Donald. On an unusually warm winter evening, the outdoor venue could not have been more suitable for this gathering, as if the spirit of her presence brought good weather to the people she loved so much. Organized by Millennium Development and the Bergen Beach Youth Organization, it was a moving tribute to a beloved community leader that continues to inspire

Millennium Executive Director Paul Curiale led the event as master of ceremonies, introducing all the guest speakers, notable attendees and performers. Cadet-Donald, a vibrant presence in the Bergen Beach neighborhood and greater community, was remembered for her tireless dedication to youth and her heartfelt service. Her husband, mother and other family members were present and warmly welcomed for the touching ceremony. The eight-foot tree planted in Cadet-Donald's honor stood tall, symbolizing her enduring impact, with an expectation to grow 30 to 40 feet in the coming years.

As part of the festivities, kids from all over the neighborhood gathered by the tree and stood in line to hang homemade Christmas ornaments. With care and excitement, they decorated its branches before the tree was illuminated, bringing a sense of youthful participation in the evening's ceremony.

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse addressed the attendees with warm remarks, highlighting Cadet-Donald's compassion and commitment. "Terri was a beautiful soul, taken from us far too soon, and her absence is felt every day," she said. "Her spirit lives on in this community, and we will always be here to support her family,"

A particularly poignant moment came when Ashley, one of Cadet-Donald's protégés, wrote and recited a heartfelt poem dedicated to her memory. She then per-







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formed a soulful song, leaving many in the audience visibly moved. Ashley's performance was a testament to Cadet-Donald's nurturing mentorship and the lives she touched.

Community Board 18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow also attended the ceremony, reflecting on her work with Cadet-Donald and praising her unwavering commitment to the community. Alex Gurevich, of the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, shared memories of Cadet-Donald's warmth and advocacy, emphasizing her pivotal role in local initiatives, as well as holiday

The ceremony also featured lively performances and holiday-themed entertainment by students from P.S. 236, P.S. 312 and I.S. 78, as well as a spirited dance routine by Elizabeth's Dance Image.

The lighting of the tree was the culmination of the evening, as Cadet-Donald's family gathered at the forefront. As Curiale led the family and crowd in the countdown, everyone fell silent as the tree was illuminated, its lights shining as a beacon of love, unity and holiday cheer.

The October 17th edition of the Canarsie Courier covered the Mill Basin Civic Association's October 8th tribute to Cadet-Donald's outstanding and dedicated service to her community (see "Mill Basin Civic Pays Tribute to Terri Cadet-Donald").

As the holiday season continues, the glowing tree at the John Malone Community Center stands as a lasting symbol of her light, inspiring all who see it to embrace her legacy of compassion and chart the future for so many young people Terri Cadet-Donald mentored.

Following the ceremony, attendees were invited inside for hot chocolate, cookies and other festive treats, continuing the celebration in warmth and togetherness.









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#### **Marine Park**

#### Celebrating Kwanzaa with Dancing, Joy and Unity

By Brian Moreno



Dr. Simanique Moody has volunteers light the kinara and recites the values of Kwanzaa.



Residents of Marine Park gathered at the Carmine Carro Community Center on Saturday afternoon, December 14th, to observe a pre-celebration of the upcoming holiday, Kwanzaa.

Organized by the Marine Park Alliance, with the support of other organizations and Brooklyn College's assistant professor, Dr. Simanique Moody, who taught attendees the origins and meaning of Kwanzaa.

Beginning on December 26th and ending on January 1st, Kwanzaa celebrates aspects of African-American and African cultures and promotes the values of community, hope and unity, the latter of which was a significant part of the event.

The ceremony began with a musical program performed by Arleen Griffith, Brother Mac and Baba Raheem. The three played shakers, yangban and djembe (African drums).

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse of District 46 was in attendance and announced her support for the MPA, the Kwanzaa celebration, and the community overall, and stressed the importance of unity during these times.

"The more you understand each other, you see how close you are. The more you spend time and understand what the person stands for, the easier it gets to work together," she said. "So, I am so grateful to be part of such an amazing club."

Moody did a libation custom as she poured water into a plant and repeated the name of an elder who had passed, as the attendees called out their names. She then explained the history of Kwanzaa and its significance today.

Maulana Karenga, an African-American activist, created the holiday in 1966, basing it on Pan-African values as well as African-American culture and how



Dr. Moody conducts a libation ceremony as attendees voice out names of elders who have passed.



Dr. Moody gives a lecture on Kwanzaa.

everyone in the community, regardless of race, can follow those values.

Afterward, Griffith conducted a dance workshop after the African dance, funga, a dance of hospitality, followed by everyone singing the hymn, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

"The people are welcoming and very friendly, and it's a wonderful, festive atmosphere. We appreciate having had the opportunity to serve the community," said Griffith. "I think the dancing made it even more lively. The music invigorates and no one can resist the drums, so we all dance enjoyment together."

Near the end of the ceremony, Moody invited volunteers from the audience to light the candles in the kinara, which in Swahili means "candle holder." The lighting begins with the black candle in the center and then moves from left to right. The color of the candles all represent something—black represents the African people, red represents the struggle of the African people and green represents future hope.

As there are seven candles in the kinara, there are the Nguzo Saba (seven principles) to Kwanzaa, which are — Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ulima (collective work), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity) and Imani— (faith).

As the event concluded, there was one more dance in which everyone in the center participated and expressed the principle of unity and joy.

"I was thrilled by the outpouring of community support, particularly seeing people of all ages and cultural backgrounds come together to learn about the history of Kwanzaa," said Moody. "The drumming provided by the Healing Drums Community ensemble truly created an atmosphere of Umoja, which is the first of the Nguzo Saba of Kwanzaa. I felt great pride and joy at seeing how enthusiastically the audience members participated in tonight's pre-Kwanzaa celebration, from dancing and singing to reciting the Nguzo Saba during the candlelighting ceremony."



The funga dance is a West African dance of hospitality that is sometimes performed at Kwanzaa celebrations.



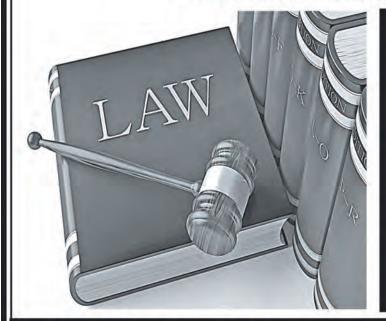
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Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse talks about unity in the community and how Kwanzaa promotes that value.

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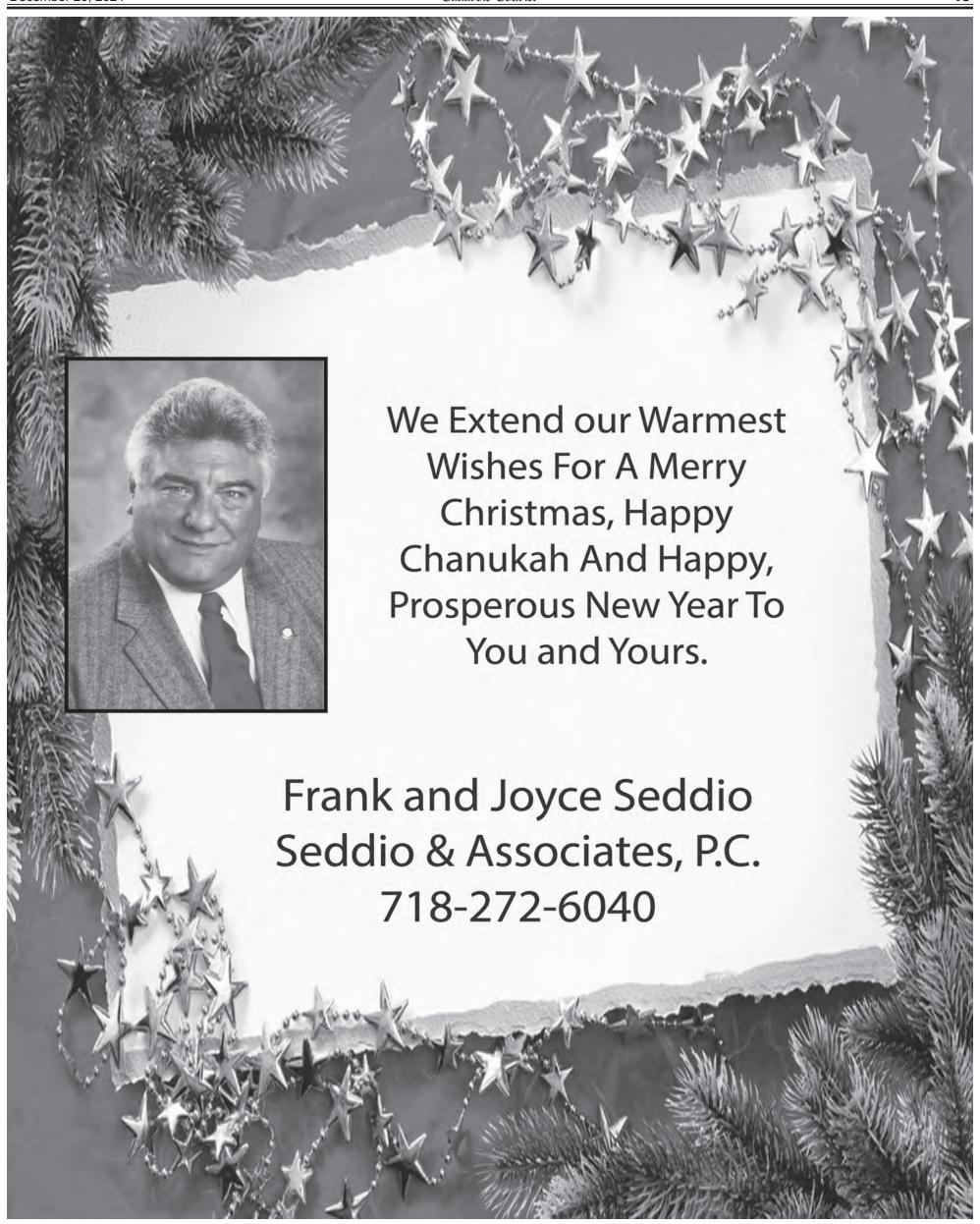


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#### **Marine Park**

#### **Knights of Columbus Hosts Successful Toys for Tots Drive**



Front entrance of the Sons of Flatbush Knights of Columbus at 3409 Avenue S.



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#### **By Robert Pearl**

The Sons of Flatbush Knights of Columbus Council #497 held a heartwarming Toys for Tots drive and Christmas party on Saturday, December 14th. Organized by Ron Canterino, Vice President of the Board of Directors, and Ray Hennessey, President of the Board, the event brought the community together to make a difference in the lives of underprivileged children.

Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 3409 Avenue S, the event encouraged attendees to bring unwrapped toys while enjoying food, drinks and camaraderie. The response was overwhelming, with 16 boxes filled to the brim with toys collected during the event. Organizers hope to surpass 20 boxes by the end of the collection period on December 18th.

Generous contributions came from community members, schools and local organizations, including Bagels Itty Bitty, Local 1109 and Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, who provided a generous donation of toys. "This has been a true community effort, and we are so grateful to everyone who has contributed," said Canterino.

The festive atmosphere reflected the spirit of giving, as attendees gathered to support a worthy cause while celebrating the holiday season. The Knights of Columbus thanked their members, neighbors and supporters for their efforts in ensuring no child is left without a toy this Christmas.

Happy Holidays from the Sons of Flatbush Knights of Columbus!



Christmas Tree at Knights of Columbus.



Ray Hennessey and Ron Canterino.



### Bergen Beach and Marine Park Christmas Displays Rival "Dyker Lights"

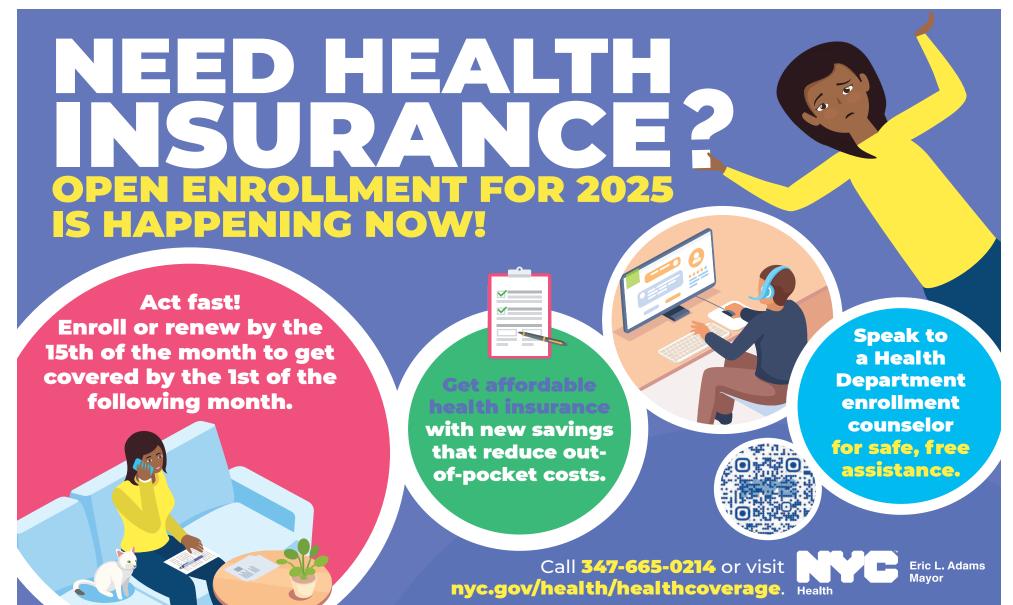
By Angela G. Nannetti

Although the "Dyker Lights" Christmas displays seem to get all the glory year after year, Marine Park and Bergen Beach have some impressive decorations too, and you don't have to sit in traffic or squeeze through throngs of people to see them. From life-sized reindeer to enormous inflatables, more traditional Nativity scenes and vibrant light displays, these lesser-known neighborhoods have it all if you are willing to do a little driving. Most of the displays stay up until January 6th, so there is still plenty of time to see them if you haven't already.



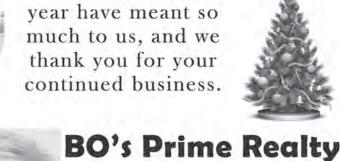


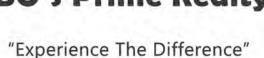






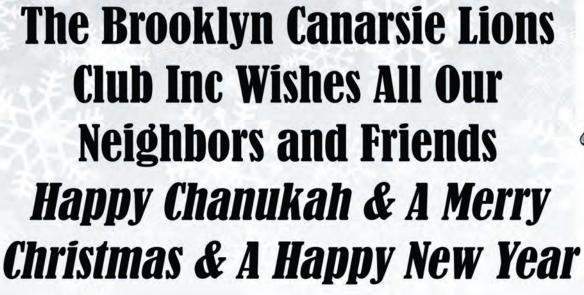






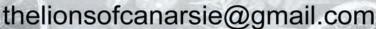
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- a. Doo wop
- b. Hip hop
- c. Jingle hop

2. From now on, your \_\_\_\_ will be out of \_\_\_\_.

- a. Happiness, mind
- b. Troubles, sight
- c. Cares, tune

3. Oh the weather outside is \_\_\_\_\_. But the fire is so \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Frightful, delightful

b. Terrible, nice

c. Cold, freezing

4. Said the night \_\_\_\_\_ to the little .

- a. Candle, light
- b. Reindeer, boy
- c. Wind, lamb

5. Sleigh bells \_\_\_\_\_, are you

- a. Fall, hearing
- b. Ring, listening
- c. Break, throwing

Answers:

1: C, 2: B, 3: A, 4: C, 5: B



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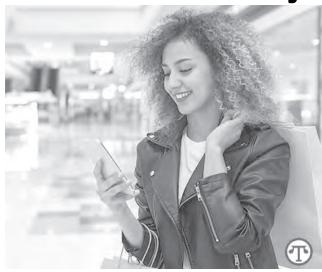


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(NAPS) - Shopping for the holidays is more Internet or leave the house to jot down your expensive than ever. With Americans carrying more debt than ever before, many are expected to spend \$18.5 billion using third-party buy now, pay later (BNPL) services for holiday purchases according to data firm Adobe

Today's shoppers want and need meaningful ways to save money without having to completely sit out the holiday season or being able to participate in the merriment of gift giving.

To help, here are six tips for saving on essentials that can let you put your hardearned money toward thoughtful holiday gifts for friends and family:

Tip 1: Make a list and check it three times — Take the time before you start surfing the gift ideas and keep an eye out for Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales, which can help spread out the shopping and hit to your bank account.

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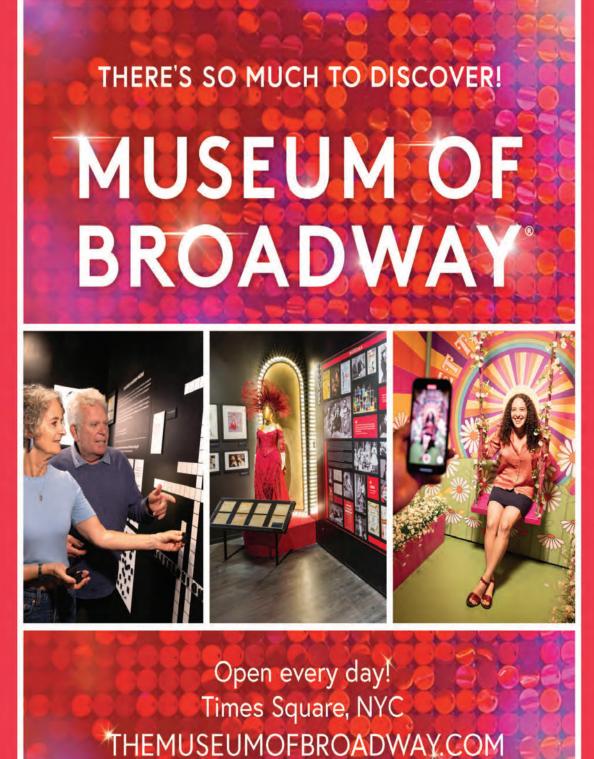


**Marine Park/Bergen Beach** 

#### Hanukkah Decorations a Symbol of Triumph



## train, have made their grand debuts on lawns and in driveways. Seeing Hanukkah decorations displayed with pride has been especially meaningful for some members of the Jewish community, who say they represent triumph against adversity and mark the end of what has been a difficult year, marred by vile cases of bigotry and rising antisemitism. Fun fact: There is more than one way to spell "Hanukkah" because the Hebrew word nice is no single, standard way to transliterate the sounds in the Hebrew word using the letters of the Latin alphabet. The most common spellings are Hanukkah and Chanukah, but





By Angela G. Nannetti
With Hanukkah just around the corner, members of the Jewish community, in the neighborhoods of Marine Park and Bergen Beach, have been busy decorating their homes for the eight-night Festival of Lights -- a celebration of freedom from oppression and religious expression that commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem as well as the sa-

It is fitting then that giant inflatable menorahs, teddy bears with dreidels, and even a Hanukkah Express

some say they have seen the word spelled more than

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#### **Diners Can't Get Enough of Flatlands Buffet**

By Brenda Cox

Anyone looking for a great spot to dine locally need look no further than Flatlands Buffet, located at 5614 Flatlands Avenue. The eatery, which opened on November 1st, serves a wide array of Asian and American cuisine aimed at satisfying even the most finicky palate.

The restaurant offers a seafood menu that includes assorted sushi rolls, pepper shrimp, spicy salmon, fried squid rings, snow crab legs and hibachi. It also serves fried chicken, mac and cheese, creamy spinach topped with cheese, as well as pizza, soups, salads and plenty of desserts.

According to Allen Li, who assists his older brother and proprietor, Michael Li, with the day-to-day operations of the restaurant, Flatlands Buffet offers over 200 items daily. On any given day, Monday through Friday, particularly around lunchtime, which is from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., a steady stream of patrons stops by to either eat in or take out.

However, the younger Li told the *Canarsie Courier* that the restaurant is always swarming on Saturdays and Sundays as that's when the church crowd comes in. He explained that they have rooms to accommodate such large groups and even for those celebrating a special occasion like a birthday or graduation.

The prices for the lunch buffet are \$12.99 for adults, \$6.49 for children, ages 6 to 11, and \$4.49 for children, 3 to 5 years old. Dinner follows from 3:30 to 10:30 p.m. for a slightly higher price. Adults pay \$17.99, children, ages 6 to 11, \$9.99, while the charge for those 3 to 5 years old is \$6.99.

The restaurant also offers All Day Buffet on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. The price for an adult meal is \$18.99, \$10.99 for children, 6 to 11, and for those 3 to 5 years old, \$7.99. There's also a takeout menu with items priced from \$5.99 to \$8.99 per pound.

Seniors, 65 years old and over, get 10% off their meals. On Sundays only, any adult gets to pay \$1.00 for one child's meal.

The *Canarsie Courier* spoke with several patrons including Judy and Heather, who were there for the third time. They all said the same thing, "The food is really good, and the price is cheaper than anywhere else. That's why we keep coming back."

See the advertisement for Flatlands Buffet on page 4.



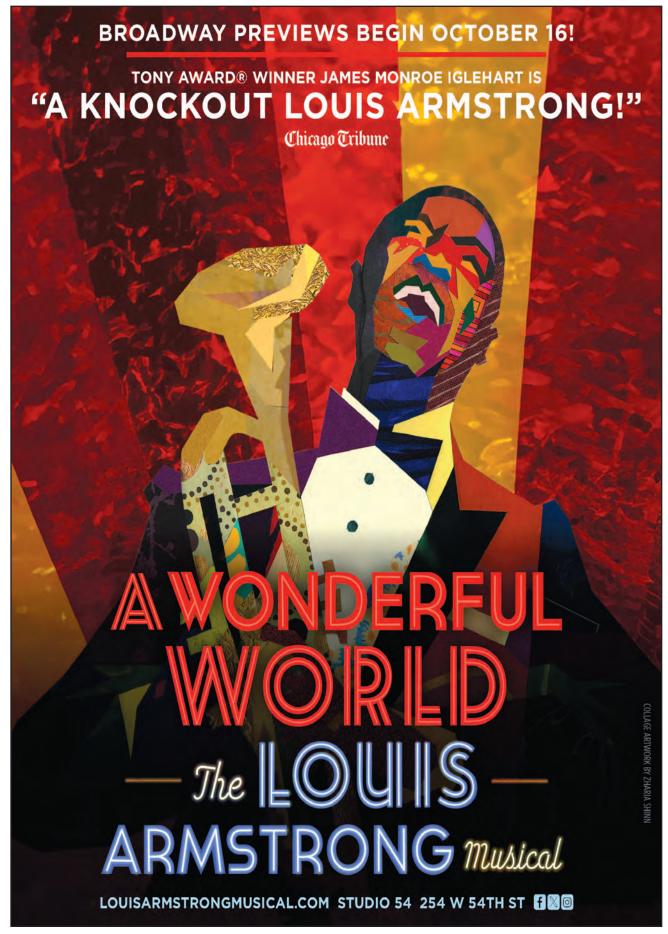
Exterior of Flatlands Buffet, located at 5614 Flatlands Avenue.



Allen and Michael Li attending to a customer.



Some of the delicious dishes served at Flatlands Buffet.









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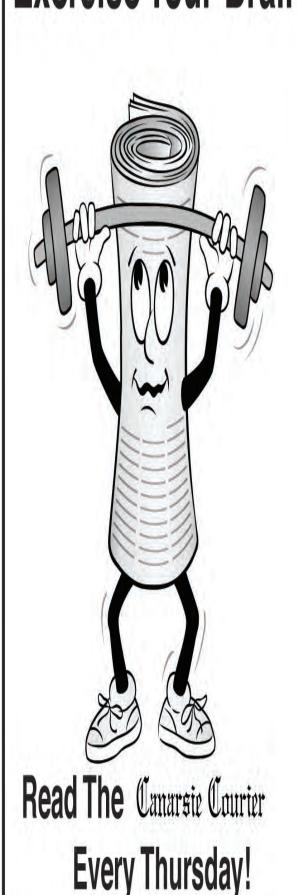
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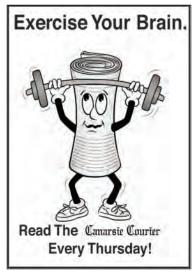
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Canarsie: Unfurnished, share kitchen/ bath, no pets/smoking, \$950. (718)

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#### **FURNISHED APT**

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All apartments are fully furnished, each apartment has 2 full bathrooms.

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Canarsie: Studio, all utilities included, back entrance, \$1,500. LIC Broker (347) 471-5034

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#### UNFURNISHED APT

#### **Apartments Available** Canarsie

2 BRs.....\$2,200

Ocean Hill

2 BRs .....**\$2,600 Programs Accepted** 

**Crown Heights** 

3 BRs.....\$3,500

**Programs Accepted** 

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> **Broker** (917) 445-1999

ENY: 1 BR, walk-up, very good condition, nice kitchen/bath, \$1,400. LIC RE Broker (347) 471-5034

Bergen Beach/Georgetown: 1 BR, near transportation/shopping, no smoking/pets, tenant pays electric, \$1,900. (516) 548-5495

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E Flatbush/Ave K: Newly renovated 1 BR, no smoking, near transportation/ shopping. (718) 859-3301

Brownsville: Newly renovated 2 Bedroom, \$2,400. FMM Premier Properties Omar (718) 825-6034; (718) 968-0029

Canarsie: Nice 2 BR, near all, Available Now! Broker (917) 690-0541

E35/Church Ave: COMPLETELY RENOVATED 2 BRs, LARGE LR, HWF's, EIK, ALL NEW APPLIANC-ES, close to SHOPPING & TRANS-PORTATION, B34, B44, buses, #2 & #5 trains, \$2,350. Curtis Chance Realty (718) 859-7300; (917) 679-3017

Canarsie: Large 2 BRs, excellent condition, new kitchen/bath, SS appliances, \$2,600. LIC RE BROKER (347) 471-5034

Rogers/Ave D: COMPLETELY REN-OVATED 2 BRs, LARGE LR, NEW STAINLESS STEEL APPLIANC-ES, close to TRANSPORTATION, B8, B44, B41 buses,#2 & #5 trains, \$2,400. Curtis Chance Realty (718) 859-7300; (917) 679-3017

Canarsie: 2 BR WI, gas included, 2 months security/1 months rent, Available January 1st. Text (917) 660-9045

#### **REAL ESTATE**



#### **UNFURNISHED APT**

Mill Basin: Newly renovated 3 BR, \$3,700. FMM Premier Properties Omar (718) 825-6034;(718) 968-0029

Canarsie: 3 bedroom, programs accepted, \$3,500. Fmm Premier Properties Omar (718) 825-6034; (718) 968-0029

Georgetown: 3 BRs, split Level, excellent condition, new kitchen/bath, HWFS, balcony, washer/dryer, \$3,200. LIC RE BROKER (347) 471-5034

Snyder/E54: COMPLETELY RENO-VATED NEW 3 BRs, LARGE LR, NEW KITCHEN, w/ STAINLESS STEEL APPLIANCES, HWF's, LOTS OF CLOSETS, NEAR B35 bus, PRO-GRAMS ACCEPTED, \$3,200. Curtis Chance Realty (718) 859-7300 )917) 679-3017

#### **UNFURNISHED APT**

Georgetown/Bergen Beach: 3 BRs, 1 1/2 bathroom, split level, \$3,500. Broker (347) 885-6164

E Flatbush: 4 BRs, Programs accepted, near transportation, newly renovated, new appliances, \$4,200. M P Realty- Leonard (646) 474-6640

Brooklyn College Vicinity: 4 BRs, newly renovated, freshly painted, near all, \$2,900. Instant Realty (718) 941-7480

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#### Canarsie

Great Investment Property! Huge legal 3 Family. Building features 3 Bedroom over 3 Bedroom over 1 Bedroom and studio/office. Huge driveway and garage. Main unit comes with huge enclosed balcony over garage. B103, B17 & BM2 right outside your door. House comes with solar. Close to Park, Athletic Complex, Yacht Club and Shopping. A MUST SEE!

Asking \$1,500,000

#### Canarsie

Canarsie: Huge 2 family brick house, 4 bedroom duplex with 2 1/2 baths over 1 bedroom apartment and garage over a full finished basement. Beautiful big back yard. Close to shopping and transportation. B103 and BM2 is right on the corner. Delivered vacant! Must See!

Asking \$1,199,000

