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# ***Arts & Events***

## *Red Carpet Dance School Awards*



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**VizzaV Events presented its Red Carpet Dance School Awards at the College of Staten Island with a show that entertained and highlighted the contributions of dance studio owners and their positive effect on the youth of Staten Island. A portion of the proceeds was donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and The Actors Fund. Pictured, from left, are VizzaV staff members Donna Savino, Joan Jeanne Lamberti and Angela Marie Franco.**

## Commemorating the 2011 arts scene, from A to Z

Sunday, January 01, 2012, 4:23 AM



**Michael J. Fressola**  
By



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Alan Aurelia

A is for Alan Aurelia, founder of the busy Richmond County Orchestra and Riverside Opera Co.

B is for Bruised Ego (shelled, whole), a foodstuff in the wittily bogus Jeffu Market art installation at SHOW Gallery, St. George

C is for collage, perfected by West Brighton artist Andrea Phillips at the Staten Island Museum

D is for Tashi Dhargyal, whose transcendent Tibetan paintings graced the Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art

E is for Eyes on Infinity, one of many interesting guests tapped by Musical Chairs Chamber Ensemble.

F is for the folk tale "The Bamboo Cutter," turned into a play with music by Wafoo, the Japanese-American jazzers.

G is for 50Gs, an overdue (\$50,000) prize last year for Island accordionist/composer Guy Klucsevsek.

H is for Helen Levin, the maternal half of "Gestures," a mother-son exhibit at the Staten Island Museum

I is for "If You Could See," open-hearted Alice Austen bio-play produced/commissioned by Sundog Theatre Co.

J is for Janice Patrignani, sculptor represented in a good group exhibit at Art at Bay, a weekend North Shore showcase.



K is for Kokomo Christmas: The Beach Boys hang 10 at the St. George Theatre.

L is for Lady Gaga, video-ing at Snug Harbor; also Legionnaires Disease, dreadful but not invincible.

M is for Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, where the sesquicentennial of Italian unification was honored.

N is for Nanki-poo et. al., brought to hilarious life in the S.I. Philharmonic's "The Mikado,"

O is for Opera Exposures, the city-wide recital series founded by North Shore impresario Edna Greenwich,

P is for Pat Passlof (1928-2011), abstract painter and beloved, elfin prof at the College of Staten Island

Q is for Valerie Quinlan, director of the irreplaceable Serenade Series at Christ Episcopal Church.

R is for rapacious Texas gals, immortalized in Paul Zindel's "Ladies at the Alamo," and revived by S.I. Shakespearean Theatre

S is for "Suddenly Last Summer," centerpiece of Sea View Playwrights' Tennessee Williams centennial celebration.

T is for Tara Mateik (and other artists) in "The Noise Carousel" at Snug Harbor's Newhouse Center.

U is for unseen: Noisy local entities judged the Brooklyn Museum's "Hide/Seek" show sight unseen.

V is for valuable: Music (sheet) donated to various recipients by the now-fully-retired S.I. Chamber Music Players.

W is for the Wesbys (Roger and Barbara) and the Wagner College choruses, in concert with Richmond Choral Society.

X is for crossed out: Staten Island Film Festival is canceled; the funding stream evaporated.

Y is for Yvonne Simons, Island-based boss of the Anne Frank Center, Manhattan.

Z is for soprano Julie Ziavaras, whose Greek songs opened the Music at St. Albans series this past fall.

## Mark Twain is the focus of Staten Island OutLOUD's 'The Big Read'

Thursday, January 12, 2012, 2:29 PM



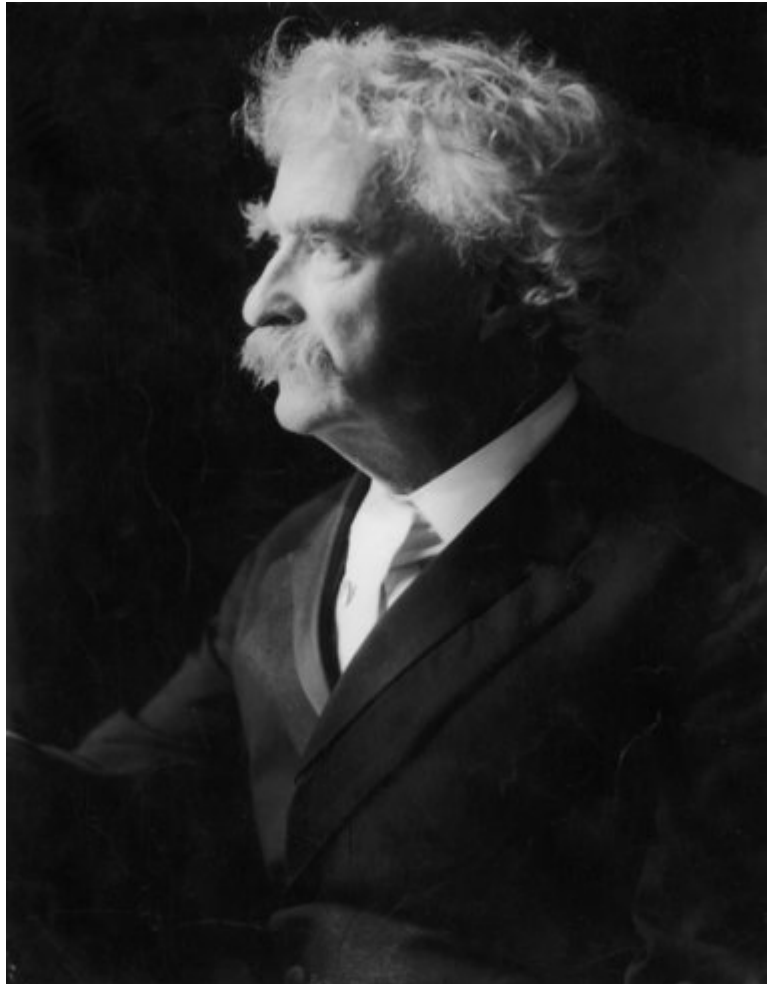
**Rob Bailey**  
By

So, you think Renee Graziano and "Big Ang" Raiola are loud? Well, VH1's tough-talkin' reality TV starlets ain't got nothin' on the original godfather of pop culture: Mark Twain.

"Actually, Tom Sawyer makes 'Mob Wives' look lame," says Elm Park's Doris Nielsen, a retired Tottenville High teacher and board member of the local literacy-awareness group Staten Island OutLOUD.

"Twain's plot has everything: Murder, hidden treasure, love and betrayal, a get-rich-quick scheme, menacing thugs, a town grieving for lost children, an outcast who becomes a hero. And, of course, there's that picket fence."

Which makes the legendary author — and his 150-year-old "Adventures of Tom Sawyer" — the surprising-but-ideal poster boy for "The Big Read," a two-month series of free events presented by OutLOUD in conjunction with The National Endowment for the Arts. The Island-wide program is designed to revitalize reading in American popular culture.



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Mark Twain is the focus of S.I. OutLOUD's "The Big Read"

The NEA's honor — OutLOUD is one of 76 organizations nationwide granted \$7,000 to participate — makes a sweet anniversary present for the typically forgotten borough's grass-roots dialogue and performance project.

"During its 10-year history, OutLOUD has developed a solid audience for literature and spoken-word performance," says Kathy Galvez, vice president of OutLOUD. "The NEA's award acknowledges that Staten Island isn't just about 'Mob Wives.'" "The Big Read" brings diverse communities around the country together to read, discuss and celebrate selected books from world literature.

"When the NEA chose us, they recognized that Staten Islanders deserve to be taken seriously as arts supporters," said Roger McClanahan, OutLOUD's board president. "OutLOUD has a big impact. We're proud that the NEA sees that Staten Islanders embrace good literature, and that we value our diverse community."

In the last decade, OutLOUD has served nearly 18,000 participants at over 600 free events conducted in 21 different languages. Programs are aimed at building S.I.'s communities and promoting cross-cultural understanding by inviting diverse neighbors to read world classics aloud together, in the process exploring differences, commonalities and shared history.

"The Big Read" will host more than 20 activities through , including: "Paint Tom's Fence" at the Richmondtown Library, a College of Staten Island symposium combining literary scholarship with performance art, a community dialogue on "Race Issues in Tom Sawyer," a Day de Dada performance recreating Tom's visit to his own funeral, an exhibit by Creative Photographers' Guild, a "Tom-Becky-Huck" look-a-like competition, concerts and film screenings, all presented in a variety of locations from shore to shore.

Sure, all this Twain business might sound a bit educational (and schools are participating thanks to top-notch teachers' guides supplied by OutLOUD), but its definitely not just for the kiddies.

"'Tom Sawyer' examines what makes a community tick, how neighbors treat one another, and how they treat outsiders," says Beth Gorrie, the silken-voiced executive director of S.I. OutLOUD. "The story is set in a waterfront town near a big metropolis. Sound familiar? Colorful characters, heroes and con artists with outrageous style — sound like anyone you know?"

"Tom Sawyer is filled with the same folks we see on the Ferry, in the pages of the Advance, at the Mall, and in the mirror."

*— Staten Island OutLOUD's programs are also made possible in part by a 2012 Encore Award from the Council on the Arts and Humanities for Staten Island, with public funding from the New York State Council for the Art, a Partnership for Parks grant from the City Parks Foundation and donations from generous individuals.*

## **THE BIG READ 2012:**

This is just a sampler of S.I. OutLOUD's sprawling event schedule. More events are yet to come at StatenIslandOutLOUDorg.

### **January 28, 1 p.m.**

**"Kickoff Celebration: Paint Tom's Fence"** —Tom Sawyer famously tricked his friends into doing a messy chore: Whitewashing a big ole fence. But at OutLOUD's fence-painting party, you won't splatter paint on your shoes. Instead, you can have fun decorating Tom's picket fence with art, quotes and poetry. Bring a favorite, create your own with provided art supplies, or opt for OutLOUD's selection of Twain quotes, poem and scenes of S.I. landmarks. Plus, meet "Mark Twain" in person and hear 19th-century music by Joan & Gary Moore and celebrity-guest-readings from "Tom Sawyer." The public is welcome to step up to the mic. Richmondtown Public Library, 200 Clarke Ave. (corner of Amber Street); NYPL.org.

### **January 29, 3 p.m.**

**"Race Issues In Mark Twain: A Community Dialogue"** — Since their publications 150 years ago, "Tom Sawyer" and "Huck Finn" have been controversial. They've been condemned, banned and sometimes yanked from library shelves. Originally, the books were criticized for presenting rebellious role models to kids. Today, some readers criticize their use of racial slurs in character narratives and dialects. Indeed, that language is very hard for contemporary readers to stomach. But is it fair to assert that these books condone racist language or behavior? Huckleberry Finn is a seminal American classic that confronted the race issue head-on. Twain himself was an Abolitionist, and he married into an active Abolitionist family. But how can we reconcile the impact of the books' racist slurs, the history behind those words and the pain they can still inflict? How should contemporary readers approach these issues? How should the books be taught to our children? OutLOUD invites neighbors ages 12 and up to engage in thoughtful conversation on these difficult questions. Excerpts will also be read. What chapters do you think are most important for this conversation. Email to cast your vote. Staten Island Community Charter School, 309 St Paul's Ave. (at Beach St).

### **Friday, Feb 3, 8 p.m.**

**"How Nancy Jackson Married Kate Wilson,"** -- Twain's intriguing short story, contrasted with a few "Becky Thatcher" excerpts from Tom SawyerHere's your chance to experience a Twain short story that's unfamiliar to many. Some commentators have criticized Twain's female characters as stereotypical.Indeed, Twain's most vivid characters are boys or men . . .But this story challenges Victorian rules about women. Or does it?During Twain's life, women's roles changed dramatically.This story invites us to reflect on women who forged their own paths.Who was Nancy Jackson?Who was Kate Wilson? We'll also read excerpts from Tom Sawyer --Isn't Aunt Polly a piece of work? What do you think about the Widow Douglas?Which "Becky Thatcher" chapters are your favorites? Email us and cast your vote! This reading is best enjoyed by adults (and teens 16 & older). Every Thing Goes Book Café, 208 Bay St., Tompkinsville.

### **February 4, 2:30 p.m.**

**March 10, 3 p.m.**

**"American Idol: A Fresh Look At Tom Sawyer"** — This educational symposium doesn't just welcome academics and artists, but all Islanders 14-and-up who are interested in Twain. On the docket: Professors Richard Currie (College of Staten Island), professor Ellen Goldner (CSI), professor/poet Marguerite Rivas (Borough of Manhattan Community College), artist/curator/educator Robert Bunkin (curator, Staten Island Museum; adjunct lecturer, BMCC) and performance Artist D. B. Lampman, who will present her new piece, "Tom And the River." More details TBA. Center for the Arts, College of Staten Island, Recital Hall, 2800 Victory Blvd., Willowbrook.

**March 11, 3 p.m.**

**"Tom & Huck In the Cemetery"**— They wanted to create a cure for warts, but they got more than they bargained for. They were surrounded by tombstones, and the dark, velvety night. It was quiet in the cemetery — quiet as the grave. But as they sat near a freshly-dug plot, they suddenly heard a noise. Who's there? Grave-robbers?! Dear Lord, did you see that?! What happened?! Something too frightening to tell anyone! Tom & Huck were the only eye-witnesses but are too terrified to talk. Now their old friend Muff Potter might hang for a crime he didn't commit. What would you do? Historic Lake Cemetery, 1688 Forest Ave

**March 17, 2 p.m.**

**"Party Cries In Ireland"** — Celebrate St. Patrick's Day (and Alice Austen's birthday) with a reading of this witty short story about life and politics in Northern Ireland at Alice's 18th-century waterside cottage. Maybe it will remind you of Aunt Polly's house in St. Petersburg as OutLOUD shares your favorite chapter from Tom Sawyer. Which one do you want to hear? Cast your vote via email. Alice Austen House Museum, 2 Hylan Blvd., Rosebank; AliceAusten.org.

**March 18, 2 p.m.**

**"Tom-Huck-Becky Lookalike Contest"** — Sure, this is lots of fun for kids, but we're betting adults can't resist impersonating Aunt Polly, Judge Thatcher, Muff Potter, and other dezens of Hannibal. If you can't arrange for full costume, get creative with a hat, an ascot, a mobcap, a parasol. Just a suggestion can be dramatic —Sometimes, less is more. Plus, prizes, music and a reading of a chapter from Tom Sawyer. What's your favorite? Email to cast your vote. Greenbelt Nature Center, 700 Rockland Ave., Egbertville.

## CSI sets Black History Month events

Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 11:45 AM



By **Mark D. Stein**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - **WILLOWBROOK**

- As part of a monthly "Celebrate Diversity" initiative, the **College of Staten Island** (**CSI**) announced its Celebration of Black History Month calendar.

A dozen events have been scheduled, and all events are free and open to the public, except where noted.

\* The series of celebratory gatherings begin this Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Center of the Arts (Building 1P) Concert Hall with the 5th Annual MLK

Jr. Step Up, Speak Out Family Summit, a forum to bring educational, health and community issues to the public. The event incorporates workshops, information booths, voter registration opportunities, and entertainment from the Pink Diamonds Steppers.

\* On Thursday, Feb. 9, the college's Williamson Theatre at the Center of the Arts will host its Black History Month Kick-off event from 1:45 to 3 p.m. The gathering allows members of the community to come together in the spirit of celebration, awareness and reflection.

\* The following Sunday, Feb. 12, includes a performance of "Four Scores and Seven Years Ago," a kid's musical celebration of the powerful tale between two men of different races set in the U.S. Civil War that exemplified bravery and loyalty. It's recommended for children ages 8 to 14. Tickets cost between \$10 and \$15.

\* And on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the college will host a gathering called the Black Entrepreneurs of Staten Island. This will include a panel discussion of successful black entrepreneurs from the Staten Island community. They will provide information on what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur. Learn from experts in the field about the difficulties that come with being an entrepreneur and which



The fifth annual MLK Jr. Step Up, Speak Out Family Summit is Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Center of the Arts (Building 1P) Concert Hall on the campus of the **College of Staten Island**. (Staten Island Advance File Photo)

resources can be utilized to help you in your venture.

Information on all Black History Month events at [CSI](#), as well as other gatherings at the school, can be found at [www.csitoday.com](http://www.csitoday.com) under the "Events Calendar" tab.

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## College of Staten Island offers full slate of activities for Black History Month

Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 7:11 AM



By **Staten Island Advance**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The **College of Staten Island** has announced its

. Part of a monthly "Celebrate Diversity" initiative hosted by the college, all events, except where noted, are free and open to the public.

On Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., The fifth annual MLK Jr. Step Up, Speak Out Family Summit, Center for the Arts (1P), Concert Hall. The forum is designed to bring educational, health, and community awareness that incorporates workshops, informational booths, voter registration, and entertainment from the Pink Diamonds Steppers.

Feb. 9, 1:45 to 3 p.m., Black History Month Kick-off Event, Center for the Arts, Williamson Theatre, featuring community members coming together in the spirit of celebration, awareness, and reflection.

Feb. 12, 3 to 4 p.m., Four Scores and Seven Years Ago, Center for the Arts, Williamson Theatre, a children's musical celebration of a powerful tale between two men of different races set in the Civil War that exemplifies bravery and loyalty. For children ages eight to 14. Tickets: \$10, \$12, \$15.

Feb. 15, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., "Harriet Tubman Herself," starring Christine Dixon, Center for the Arts, Recital Hall, an original play that tells the story of Harriet Tubman's life and how she brought hundreds of slaves to freedom. An informal discussion and question and answer session will follow.



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The **College of Staten Island** will hold a month-long Celebration of Black History Month in February. (Advance file photo)



Feb. 16, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., African Puppet Making Workshop with Vickie Frémont, Center for the Arts, West Lounge. Create your own African puppet from recycled materials and African fabrics and beads. This workshop is designed to promote cultural exchanges through art and awareness of the environment.

Feb. 17, 11:15 a.m. to 12:05 p.m., The Friday Morning Breakfast Club: Black History Month Trivia, Building 2A, Room 208, See how much you know about Black history in a trivia game with the NSO/CLUE mentors. Seating is limited, so please come early. Light snacks will be served.

Feb. 22, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Heritage Speaker Series: Barbados, Center for the Arts, Room 116, Michael Allamby, **CSI** student majoring in Accounting, will share the cultural background of his home country, Barbados. Mr. Allamby will introduce traditions and customs of his native country and discuss his perspectives on being Barbadian and how it ties to his life in the United States.

Feb. 23, 12 to 3:30 p.m., The sixth annual Tunnel of Oppression, Campus Center, Green Dolphin Lounge, a multi-sensory experience that is designed to increase awareness and sensitivity to various types of oppression and promote respect, diversity, critical thinking, and civic engagement. The first 100 students through will receive a free Tunnel T-shirt.

Feb. 27, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sandy Ground Historical Society: "Faces of the Underground Railroad," Center for the Arts, Room 116. Executive Director Sylvia D'Alessandro will give a lecture on the oldest community established by free slaves in North America, located on the South Shore. She will also present artifacts on this little known, but historically significant community and focus on a network of individuals who helped people who were escaping slavery.

Feb. 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Black Entrepreneurs of Staten Island, Campus Center, Green Dolphin Lounge, panel discussion of successful Black entrepreneurs from the Island community will provide information on what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur. Learn from experts in the field about the struggles involved with being an entrepreneur and which resources can be utilized to help you in your venture.

Feb. 29, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Louis Armstrong Slips into the Breaks: Poetry of the Invisible, Center for the Arts, Recital Hall, **CSI** Prof. William Bauer discusses the way that jazz scholars have addressed the issue of diversity in their research on this key figure in U.S. cultural history.

Feb. 29, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Russell Goings, Poetry Reading, Center for the Arts, Lecture Hall. The author of the epic poem, "The Children of Children Keep Coming," will read from his collection of poems and share his insights on his works based on his extensive knowledge on a variety of subjects from athletics to the history of Wall Street to the development of late 20th-century African American art.

All events are sponsored by the **College of Staten Island** Pluralism and Diversity Committee, and are CLUE-

certified for **CSI** students. For more information, contact the Pluralism and Diversity Committee, Building 2A, Room 208, (718) 982-2597, or visit [www.csi.cuny.edu/pluralismanddiversity](http://www.csi.cuny.edu/pluralismanddiversity).

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## Black History Month Events

Tuesday, 31 Jan 2012, 1:27 PM EST

MYFOXNY.COM - New York City salutes Black History Month with a jam-packed calendar of events in every borough.

Patrik Henry Bass, senior editor of Essence magazine, talked about events happening around town for Black History Month.

**[www.essence.com](http://www.essence.com)**

### MANHATTAN

MACY'S CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH, MANHATTAN

Feb. 9, 2012

[www.macys.com/campaign/sitelets/blackhistory/index.jsp](http://www.macys.com/campaign/sitelets/blackhistory/index.jsp)

DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM OPEN HOUSE, MANHATTAN

Feb. 12 - May 6

<http://dancetheatreofharlem.org/>

THE STUDIO MUSEUM IN HARLEM

The Artist's Voice: Ishmael Houston-Jones

Feb. 2, 2012, 7 pm

[www.studiomuseum.org/](http://www.studiomuseum.org/)

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[www.nyhistory.org/](http://www.nyhistory.org/)

HARLEM STAGE

Aaron Davis Hall Presents Stolen Moments: The First 100 Years of Jazz

Feb. 7, 2012, 10:30 am

<http://harlemstage.org/>

### BROOKLYN

BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

FREEDOM RIDERS: TESTAMENT TO HISTORY FILM SERIES

Feb. 16, 2012, 6:30 pm

[www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org)

BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: VIN DIESEL'S SHORT FILM, MULTI-FACIAL  
Feb. 1, 7 pm  
[http://brooklynhistory.org/exhibitions/crossing\\_borders.html](http://brooklynhistory.org/exhibitions/crossing_borders.html)

BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM  
Feb. 25, 2012, 2:30 pm  
[www.brooklynkids.org/](http://www.brooklynkids.org/)

WEEKSVILLE HERITAGE CENTER TOUR  
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## QUEENS

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[www.louisarmstronghouse.org/visiting/sg\\_tours.htm](http://www.louisarmstronghouse.org/visiting/sg_tours.htm)

## THE BRONX

BRONX MUSEUM OF THE ARTS  
Feb. 3, 2012, 6 pm  
[www.bronxmuseum.org/](http://www.bronxmuseum.org/)

WOODLAWN CEMETERY MADAM C. J. WALKER TRIBUTE  
Feb. 26, 2012, 1 pm  
[www.thewoodlawncemetery.org/women.html](http://www.thewoodlawncemetery.org/women.html)

## STATEN ISLAND

THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND  
Black Entrepreneurs of Staten Island  
Feb. 28, 2012, 6:30 pm  
[www.csi.cuny.edu/](http://www.csi.cuny.edu/)

# ***Faculty & Staff***

## Dr. Tomas D. Morales is the Louis R. Miller Business Leadership Award winner

Sunday, January 01, 2012, 5:25 AM



By **Staten Island Advance**



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Dr. Tomas D. Morales

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- When you want to make things happen, Dr. Tomas D.

Morales is your man. The president of the **College of Staten Island** has in four years' time literally transformed **CSI** from a small community public place of learning to a top-notch institution with an increasingly strong international reputation that simply makes all Islanders proud.

Located at 2800 Victory Blvd., in Willowbrook, the **College of Staten Island (CSI)**, part of the City University of New York has a modern, 204-acre campus -- the largest in the CUNY system -- that

offers lush, beautiful surroundings coupled with advanced learning facilities supporting its 14,200 students and 2,000-employees on an \$84 million dollar budget.

**CSI** offers 43 undergraduate and 14 graduate programs leading to associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees. Doctorate degrees also are offered in conjunction with the Graduate Center of the City University.

But as good as it sounded on its own, **CSI** still needed something more. That something more was Dr. Morales. Since taking over as the school's third president the changes he has implemented are nothing short of amazing. So for his intelligence, his dedication to education and his unquenchable fire to make **CSI** one of the best small college's anywhere, Dr. Morales has been selected as the latest Louis R. Miller Business Leadership Award recipient in the Not-for-Profit Category.

Since taking the helm in 2007, undergraduate enrollment has increased by 13 percent; graduate enrollment by 15 percent, the number of freshmen meeting baccalaureate requirements has increased by 57 percent, and the conferring of baccalaureate degrees has increased by 22 percent -- and that's just to start.

The school gave away \$240,000 in scholarship money this year. Donations are up by 75 percent. The school is also home to a supercomputer designed to benefit students and faculty and is currently the most powerful one in the CUNY system.

CSI is also now attracting professors from top-notch institutions and graduates have advanced to prestigious medical schools, graduate and doctoral programs as well as to premier law schools. And the list of achievements goes on and on.

"I am passionate about what I do here as the president," said Dr. Morales, also CSI's first Hispanic president.

When asked how all this happened so quickly, he is too modest to put his name across the banner.

"It's we, that's the operative word here, it's not me. It's we. It's the college, the community, it's the faculty, it's the staff and it's the students who really move the institution forward," he said

For his part, Dr. Morales likes to say his job as CSI president is "to go out and tell the CSI story to anyone who cares to listen."

While there are still some obvious challenges, Dr. Morales is a man whose ambitions and accomplishments to improve CSI seem endless. To that end, there's a \$257 million, 10-year master plan to enhance the school.

There's also the recent release of CSI's comprehensive "Many Voices, One Vision" Strategic Plan 2011-2016.

Dr. Morales' 36-year career in education is extensive. He is one of the few higher education administrators in the country to have held senior administrative positions at the three largest public university systems in the nation: CUNY, The State University of New York (SUNY), and the California State University system.

During his time at California State Polytechnic University, he served in various capacities, including Vice President for Student Affairs, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor of Education and principal deputy to the president.

At CUNY, he served as Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students with The City College. His time in the SUNY system includes having served as Assistant Dean, School of Education, and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, State University of New York at New Paltz.

Dr. Morales said he loves seeing how CSI has made a strong impression. He said you can't enter a physical therapist or doctors' office, a school, a hospital, or other places here without running into a CSI graduate.

"That's the impact," he said. "When you think about the College of Staten Island, you have to think about

the 55,000 alumni of which 22,000 live on Staten Island. That's phenomenal. That's a great give-back to the community."

While he serves the entire college community, his deepest drive comes from students. "Students are really what drives me," he said. "I love to interact with students. I love walking around the campus talking to students, faculty and staff."

Born in Puerto Rico and raised in the Bronx, Dr. Morales came from humble beginnings.

As a young teenager who delivered papers, he recalls an incident with one of his customers, helped define him. The building superintendent, who had a bad back, offered Morales one dollar a floor to mop the floors inside of the two, four-story buildings he was in charge of. Dr. Morales said it was easy money, but the moment was revelatory for him.

"I realized there was nothing wrong with mopping halls, but I also realized that in order for me to be able to make the kind of contributions I needed to make, I needed to go get me some education. I realized that very early on. But in the same token, I can not forget where I came from."

A resident of Todt Hill, he lives with his wife of 39 years, Evy. The couple has three children and three grandchildren.

### **Tomas Morales at a glance**

#### **Life philosophy**

"I think it's about giving back to the community. When I leave this world I want to leave it a better place than it was. I think that in every place I've been at my 36 years in education, and I started my career in 1975, that I've left that institution or left that program I was responsible for in better shape than when I arrived. I am a dedicated family man. I have a very close relationship with my parents, my siblings, my children, my grandchildren. I value that. I am a very loyal friend. I have relationships with people for a very, very, very long time. I think I have the best job in the world. There are tough days and better days (than others) and I get up every morning and I work very, very, very long hours, but I enjoy it and I am moving the institution with the faculty and staff in a positive way and contributing particularly to the Staten Island community. So my overall philosophy is to continue to affect the lives of young people."

#### **Goals**

"I want the very best for the students, faculty and staff of the College of Staten Island. I want to have the resources to realize our aspirations as a college community. To me that is so important."

#### **Education**



Graduate, James Monroe High School, Bronx; graduate, bachelor's degree cum laude in history (secondary education), the State University of New York (SUNY) at New Paltz; graduate, master's degree and doctorate in Educational Administration and Policy Studies, State University of New York at Albany.

**Marital status**

Married, 39 years, to the former Evy Solano.

**Family**

Two sons, Thomas and Omar Morales, one daughter, Amanda Jiminez; parents, Omar Morales and Elsie Maldonado; two brothers, Robert and Steven; three grandchildren, Isabella Rose Morales, Sophia Lily Morales and Danica Noelle Jiminez.

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## Michael R. Daniels Puts a Student Spin on Alumni Relations

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Spend a few minutes with Michael R. Daniels and you quickly get a sense of someone who is totally at home within the world of higher education. He should be, because that's what he's been doing in one way or another for his entire life!



Daniels joined the St. John's University family last October as Associate Director of Alumni Relations for Academic and Student Programs. He is responsible for the initiation and coordination of all programs involving interaction between the Office of Alumni Relations and the academic schools and colleges of the University, particularly those that foster a connection between current students and alumni, such as the Alumni Insider's View...Program (AIV).

"In the few months that I've been here I've come to realize that St. John's has very dedicated and successful alumni, many of whom enjoy the opportunity to share their particular expertise with our students," he said. "My goal is to make AIV the best program that it can possibly be. The interaction between our alumni and students is what makes this program so special, and the more we can bring them together the easier it will be for both groups to form a relationship that is meaningful and productive over a period of time. AIV is a wonderful program, and I see it getting better and better every semester."

No stranger to working with students, Daniels has spent his professional life in roles in which student engagement was the primary focus. His career began taking shape while he was earning his undergraduate degree in American Literature from the State University of New York

(SUNY) at Brockport. Daniels returned to Brockport for his Master's Degree in Higher Education, and after graduation began working in student services that included positions at SUNY Geneseo and SUNY Farmingdale. He spent 17 years at the College of Staten Island, a branch of the City University of New York, where he served as Dean of Students and Interim Vice President for Student Affairs.

After a brief period of retirement, Daniels came to St. John's to resume his profession, bringing his extensive student service experience into the Office of Alumni Relations.

"The whole idea of service is very appealing to me, and it's one thing that makes the University such a unique place," he noted. "The students that come to St. John's are very eclectic. Walking around, I see a lot of students who are maybe first generation college students. I walk through the D'Angelo Center and I'm a student affairs guy, so I'm not shy about engaging students. I talk to them and they tell me that because the University gives out so much help in grants and financial aid, the opportunity that they've been given means so much to them. They're determined to do whatever they need to make the most of their time here."

Daniels is quick to point out that the similarities between the University's students and alumni far outweigh any of the obvious differences that exist among them. He notes that his current position is unique in that it allows him to make good use of his talents in ways that make a difference for both groups within the St. John's family

"I want to make the connection between our alumni and students holistic, because I know that both of those groups can really benefit from each other," he said. "That's a nice way for students to realize that St. John's made an important difference for them, and that we in the Office of Alumni Relations were a part of that difference. It's also a great way to keep our alumni connected, because by making a difference for the students they're really making a difference for their University, and probably for themselves as well. It's always a nice feeling to know that you've done something important for somebody else."

Daniels considers himself an educator rather than an administrator, and is grateful that throughout his life he has enjoyed many opportunities to serve as a mentor to both colleagues and students. He plans to continue in that role for as long as possible.

"To have an opportunity to work in higher education is something to be cherished," he said. "It's a calling rather than just a job. We do what we have to do because it makes sense, and because it makes a difference for others on some level. I hope that at some point down the road people will think of me as a role model, because I've really tried to spend my life doing positive things for people. And you know what, I've really had fun doing it!"



## Beijing Rejects Death Claims

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The denial comes amid criticism over violence that followed a mosque demolition in a northwestern Chinese village.



Reports said clashes between Hui Muslims and police led to a number of deaths in Tongxin county.

Chinese authorities have dismissed reports of deaths in clashes last week between Hui Muslims and police over the demolition of a mosque in northwestern Ningxia region as Beijing came under rare criticism from a key global Islamic group over the violence.

According to a Hong Kong-based rights group, hundreds of Muslims in Ningxia's Taoshan village clashed with police in a bid to prevent the demolition work, and the ensuing violence caused several deaths.

Hundreds of residents in Taoshan village confronted police armed with tear gas, truncheons and knives, Hong Kong's *South China Morning Post* reported.

An official who answered the phone at the Tongxin county government, which oversees Taoshan village, denied that any deaths had occurred.

"No, nobody died," the official said in an interview on Tuesday.

But he didn't deny that the incident had occurred, nor that people were injured.

"They were all taken to the hospital," he said. "I'm not sure of the exact number. I don't have the figures."

Repeated calls to the Tongxin county police department were answered and immediately cut off on Tuesday.

And repeated calls to the Hexi police station, near where the clashes are reported to have taken place, went unanswered during office hours on Tuesday.

### **Illegal**

The initial report from the Hong Kong-based Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy said two people were killed and more than 50 injured in the disturbances.

The group said the violence between local Muslims and roughly 1,000 armed officers began after police declared a newly built mosque to be illegal, and moved in to demolish it.

One Taoshan resident told Reuters he was away at the time of the clash, but that his relatives in the town believed five people had been killed.

The resident, Jin Haitao, said villagers believed the dead included two elderly women, a young man, and two people from nearby areas.

Residents of nearby areas complained that telephone links with Taoshan had been cut, making it impossible to verify what had happened.

Jin told Hong Kong's Cable Television that local Hui Muslims had spent more than 8 million yuan (U.S. \$1.27 million) on the mosque, only to have it torn down by the authorities.

"They told us that the mosque was illegal, and they said our gathering was an illegal activity," Jin said.

"They beat us with police batons and bayonets, and the villagers gave no resistance."

"My grandmother, an old lady of 80, had already stopped breathing when they were done beating her."

### **'Deep concern'**

The violence drew rare criticism on Wednesday from the 57-nation Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

"The [OIC] spokesman expresses his deep concern over reports of a clash between local villagers and police resulting in numerous casualties and the destruction of a Mosque in Taoshan village ... in the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China," the Saudi Arabia-based group said in a statement on its website.

It said the clashes took place following a police raid on a re-inauguration of the 1987-built mosque,

following recent renovations.

"The apparent heavy-handed response of local authorities appears to have resulted in several deaths, as well as approximately 50 injured and 100 arrested," the group said.

"The OIC expresses its concern at the destruction of a place of worship and the loss of life, which is deeply regrettable," it said.

The group called on China to respect the rights of Muslims to construct and maintain their places of worship, and to attend religious services freely.

Professor Xia Ming, a political science teacher at the College of Staten Island in New York, said the Chinese government is tightening control over ethnic minority regions, including the troubled region of Xinjiang, home to the Uyghur Muslim minority.

"The Chinese Communist Party is trying to eradicate the influence of religion and its power structures in ethnic minority regions, because it is pursuing a policy of atheism," Xia said.

"This is doing great harm to ethnic minorities," he said. "Clashes are inevitable."

He said if Beijing refuses to recognize religious diversity among China's ethnic groups, and denies them freedom of religious belief, such clashes will only intensify in the future.

China's Hui ethnic minority numbers around 10 million people, making it the country's biggest Muslim group.

### **Islamic customs**

The Hui are culturally more similar to mainstream Han Chinese than Xinjiang's Turkic-speaking Uyghur people, but retain some Islamic customs like avoiding pork and circumcising male children.

Ethnic tensions have nonetheless flared in recent years, notably in riots following a 2004 car accident involving a Han Chinese and a Hui Muslim in the central province of Henan.

And in 1993, a cartoon ridiculing Muslims led to police storming a mosque taken over by Hui in northwestern China.

China's atheist ruling Party maintains a tight grip on religious activities, in spite of promising freedom of religion via the Constitution, allowing only officially recognized religious institutions to operate.

In Xinjiang, Uyghur children are banned from attending mosques until they reach 18, and are forced to eat during the fasting month of Ramadan, Uyghurs say.

Xinjiang Party religious affairs officials involve themselves in every aspect of religious life, including approving sermons in mosques and dictating which interpretations of the Quran will be used.

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## Cyberbullies insult the memory of Amanda Cummings, tragic Staten Island teen hit by bus

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By **Staten Island Advance**

By **JOHN ANNESE and JILLIAN JORGENSEN**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Even after her suicide, Amanda Diane Cummings is being tormented by bullies.

Only these bullies aren't to be found in her New Dorp High School classrooms, or any other brick-and-mortar locale, and they don't care about the emotional damage they're doing to her family.

On Wednesday night and early yesterday morning, hundreds of profane comments and images flooded onto a Facebook tribute page dedicated to Miss Cummings, mocking her, and enraging her friends and loved ones.

### HUNDREDS AT WAKE

The chilling Facebook messages continued even after hundreds of teens and adults -- including Assemblyman Michael Cusick (D-Mid-Island) and Rep. Michael Grimm (R-Staten Island/Brooklyn) -- gathered yesterday in South Beach for the 15-year-old's wake.

The posts came after a call to arms posted on the "/b/" forum of 4chan.org -- a website that's home to the Internet's most noxious hackers and cyberbullies.



**Enlarge**

**Bill Lyons**

Friends and relatives of Amanda Cummings arrive at A. Azzara Funeral Home, South Beach, for her wake. (Staten Island Advance/Bill Lyons)

**Mourners pay respects to Staten Island teen Amanda Cummings**  
gallery (9 photos)

Just before midnight, a 4chan user mocked Miss Cummings as "an hero" for committing suicide, then called on others to post on a Facebook tribute page to her: "So /b/, I please ask that you respect her memory, and write a thoughtful paragraph or too so that all of the teenage candy-asses can feel like heroes by writing how sad they are that the girl is bullied is dead."

**Friends remember Staten Island teen who committed suicide, Amanda Cummings, at wake**

Friends and mourners remember Amanda Cummings as a kind girl who gave every bit of herself and condemned the cyber bullying that proceeded after her death on Facebook.

Miss Cummings was carrying a suicide note, police say, when she jumped in front of a city bus at the intersection of Hylan Boulevard and Hunter Avenue in Dongan Hills on Dec. 27. She died six days later,

on Monday. Family members attribute her death in part to years of bullying by her peers and classmates, compounded by a breakup with an older teen.

A river of venomous, anonymous comments followed on 4chan, including profane, digitally altered images, with one commenter bragging about setting up a fake account under Miss Cummings' name on Facebook.

"Photoshopped pics of her for me to dump would be appreciated," the commenter wrote.

Sure enough, comments and photos started showing up on the Facebook tribute page from people with fake names, sparking outraged responses.

Those 4chan posts have now been deleted, but screen captures catalog hundreds of similar comments, with some users bragging they were able to pin the attack on a rival anonymous message site 9gag.com. A search of that rival site shows two entries about Miss Cummings, but both have since been deleted.

"We set up memorials, they bash the memorials," said Keith Cummings, Amanda's uncle, as he arrived at A. Azzara Funeral Home yesterday afternoon. "It's not bullying, it's cowardly. You want to bully, you show yourself."

On her Facebook page, Miss Cummings' sister, Dawn Weber, called out three teens by name, including the older teen they believe she had a relationship with.

A law enforcement source said yesterday that detectives have so far found no proof, online or off, of bullying instances. Still, an NYPD investigation into the matter remains open, police officials confirmed yesterday.

Keith Cummings said he wants to point fingers but has been dissuaded by authorities -- "they're saying that's wrong, that there's no proof," he said. "If I'm hearing it, then it's proof enough for me."



He also said that a Facebook post written in the name of Cecile Weber, Miss Cummings' mother -- "This is to all you evil son of a bitches that picked on, talked about and threatened my baby. I HOPE YOU DIE and I HOPE YOU SUFFER" -- was actually written by someone else who had access to her Facebook account.

New Dorp High School senior Mike Leckow of Grymes Hill said that though he didn't see evidence of bullying firsthand, he could tell something troubled Miss Cummings.

"She was always happy, but you saw something was wrong," he said.

Leckow expressed anger over her death, and the Internet taunting -- "I just want to beat the [expletive] out of whoever did this to her."

And several of Miss Cummings' classmates railed against the comments spurred on by 4chan.

"They planned to make that page and bash on her death. They do it because they try to get their self-esteem up. It's from everyone all over the world. There's no control and stopping them," said Alyssa Vanderhoef, 15, of Dongan Hills. "It just made me furious, because she didn't deserve anything that happened."

Added Jerrell Freeman, 15, of Mariners Harbor, "I hope the people that wrote that stuff on Facebook, they find them and send them to jail."

Users of 4chan, many of whom identify with the hacker collective "Anonymous," are notorious in Internet circles for taunting and bullying teenagers and, often, taking revenge on critics of the site.

They typically hail from across the globe and hide behind shrouds of digital anonymity -- using proxies and other methods to mask their true identities and Web addresses.

In July 2010, the site's users posted the real name, phone number and address of an 11-year-old girl who was featured in an Internet video that went viral.

And when the Gawker blog network took 4chan to task in stories on its website, members responded by calling for a war against the blog network, leading hackers to breach Gawker's user accounts and steal more than a million usernames and passwords.

One of 4chan's most vocal critics, cyberbullying expert Parry Aftab, ended up the subject of a year-long harassment campaign that culminated in a prank call to police that sent a SWAT team to her New Jersey home.

Dr. Katie Cumiskey is an associate psychology professor at the College of Staten Island who conducts research into mobile technology and social media. In the shroud of online anonymity, people are more likely to behave in ways they wouldn't in person -- known as the online disinhibition effect.

Dr. Cumiskey said that, coupled with American culture's glamorization of meanness and brutality over traits like empathy and kindness, can lead to situations like the vitriol posted on Miss Cummings' memorial site.

"To brutalize family and friends in the community who are already hurting from the loss of a loved one is really sick and inhumane," Dr. Cumiskey said. "It should make us think about what are our values as a society."

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## Fuhgeddaboutit: New York accent may be dying out

THE traditional New York accent – where residents pronounce coffee "cawfee" among other things – could be on the wane, it has been claimed.

Kara Becker, an assistant professor of linguistics at Reed University, in a recent article for the New York Post, wrote that "Current linguistic research finds that many of the defining features of local speech are losing ground".

"Research shows that not all accents are created equal in the US," she writes. "When Americans are asked to rank locations in descending order from most to least 'correct' speech, the New York City accent is rated second to last (only the South rates lower). Speakers of the New York City accent, it turns out, are associated with a number of negative attributes, like being unfriendly and unkind."

She adds that New Yorkers themselves suffer from "linguistic insecurity".

As a result, recent research has shown that there are "big differences" across age groups in New York, where older speakers have the classic New York accent – "fuhgeddaboutit" – but younger speakers did not replicate it.

The present day New York accent comes from a varied history. The area has seen settlers from the Netherlands, England, Germany, and still maintains a prominent Italian, Irish and Jewish population. The influence of Yiddish is apparent.

George Jochnowitz, emeritus professor of linguistics at the College of Staten Island, Long Island, told The Times: "Both Yiddish and Italian did not make a distinction between the pronunciation of 'ng' in singer and finger."

Long Island for example, was "Lawn Gyland". But, he claims such sounds have now faded from New York City.

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## Mac's Layup Drills: Quin's contributions too many to count

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**Cormac Gordon**  
By



Photo courtesy of Quin family

Jeff Quin, left, a behind-the-scenes Island sports legend, gets together with his godson, former major leaguer Terry Crowley.

Sometimes the names of even the most deserving of local sports folks slip away in the fog of time.

The photos of Fred Muche and Lou Marli hang in the Staten Island Sports Hall of Fame, for instance, and rightfully so.

But you'd probably be hard-pressed to find an Islander under 50 who understands what those local sports-world activists accomplished for the people of this borough without ever hitting a home run or winning a big race.

For decade after decade from the 1950s to the 1980s, Jeff Quin, now at the grand age of 92 and living in a retirement community in New Jersey, was one of those local guys who gave sports in our town an incredible boost.

First as the police department's borough PAL director, the person responsible for finding a hundred different ways to keep

kids off the streets and headed in the right direction even when the kids themselves were often hell-bent on other outcomes.

Then as a quiet, stabilizing force in the College of Staten Island athletic department, a place not particularly famous in those days for peace or stability.

Quin ran activities at the chronically underfunded PAL, everything from baseball at long-gone Merrill Field in West Brighton to teen nights at the organization center in Tottenville.

He was also the person who drove the results of the track meets and bowling competitions to the Advance offices so kids could see their names in the paper the next day, just as he was the one working behind the scenes at Cromwell Center when that was one of the few places kids could go and play hoops on the Island.

When he left that job, and the NYPD, in the late 1960s, it was as the Island's "Mr. PAL" and everyone knew it.

From there, Quin, who in a typical old-time Island sports connection happens to be big leaguer Terry Crowley's godfather, found himself taking a job for almost no pay in the athletic department at what was then Staten Island Community College.

The job description was pretty much blank at the new school, which gave the now middle-aged man the ability to mold his work into days and evenings of helping out coaches and players in all the almost invisible ways that are necessary to get sporting events off the ground.

"An incredible guy," says Evan Pickman, who coached the Dolphin men's basketball team to six straight CUNY titles at one point in a career that included a 127-42 record. "Jeff would set up the gym, run the clock, be a friend to the kids. And all in a quiet, gentlemanly way that made him a role model just by being around.

"He was the person you went to at the college if you wanted to get something done," recalled Pickman. "He was a great friend who always had the coaches' backs."

A quarter-century after Quin first took the CSI job, Jeff Ford, a 1,000-point scorer at Curtis High School and one of his several ballplaying grandchildren, was a guard for the Dolphins and their brand new young coach, Tony Petosa.

Now, with that half-century of good works indelibly stamped on his resume, it's 13 great grandchildren that the former Island PAL director keeps track, just as he used to keep an eye on everyone's else's kids all those years ago.

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Give the Yankees front office credit for thinking big in the Michael Pineda-for-Jesus Montero deal.

The name of the game is always pitching, and if Pineda is the arm they think he is, Friday's trade is a mighty plus for the next couple of seasons in the Bronx.

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You don't have to know much about things like teamwork and loyalty and professionalism to know that what's going on with the Jets is toxic.

Or that the people responsible for making the comments they made about Mark Sanchez don't deserve to collect a paycheck in the NFL.

But make no mistake. Rex Ryan is guilty, at least in part, for creating the undisciplined, tell-all atmosphere.

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In many ways, it's all about Eli Manning in Green Bay this afternoon.

And that's probably the good news part of the equation for the Giants.

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Could there be anything more damning to the idea of a college football championship game than, well, the last two college football championship games?

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The young and scrappy Wagner College Seahawks are off the program's best start since the first term of the Eisenhower Administration.

If you consider yourself an Island hoop fan, you might want to make sure this run on Grymes Hill doesn't pass you by.

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## Chinese Envious of Taiwan's Democracy

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Netizens in China seek greater debate after watching polls in self-governing Taiwan.



AFP

Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou's supporters gather in front of their Kuomintang party's campaign headquarters in Taipei, Jan. 14, 2012.

Many Chinese netizens are openly calling for active public participation in politics in the mainland as they applaud the re-election of Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou.

Ma, who belongs to the Kuomintang (KMT) party and is a pioneer of a series of cross-straits trade and travel agreements with rival Beijing, beat China-skeptic challenger Tsai Ing-wen of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) in hotly contested weekend polls.

The election was witnessed for the first time by mainland Chinese tourists, as well as widely followed on China's microblogging services.

A news posting announcing Ma's win from the cutting-edge Guangzhou-based newspaper *Southern Metropolis News* was retweeted more than 10,000 times on the popular Sina Weibo microblogging platform, garnering more than 2,000 comments.

Many netizens appeared envious of the level of democracy enjoyed by their "Taiwan compatriots."

"So the people of Taiwan are happy," wrote user @denglaixiaotudetuma. "What about the people on the mainland, then?"

User @nantianyoulong agreed, adding: "We are human too. The people of China should also have the right to be happy."

"It reminds me of a saying when I was a child, that two-thirds of the world's population live in great suffering," wrote @feichangdao11171314. "There is a second half to that saying; that two-thirds of the world's people live in mainland China."

While many netizens welcomed Ma's victory as being more likely to lead to eventual reunification, others were impressed by Tsai's reaction to the poll result.

Tsai, who had been vying to become the island's first female president, announced her resignation after the defeat.

"We apologize deeply for disappointing everybody, and we will undergo a deep reflection and inquiry," she said.

"As for the responsibility of losing, I take that fully upon myself, and hereby announce my resignation as chairwoman of the DPP."

### **'Best speeches'**

On Sina Weibo, user @shifuweibodaren said Tsai's speech was one of the best speeches of the entire election. "This shows the true spirit of leadership, and a huge amount of spiritual strength," the user wrote.

Ma, who cut his teeth as the head of the then KMT cabinet's Mainland Affairs Council in the 1990s, promised that his presidency would see further rapprochement with Beijing, which regards Taiwan as a breakaway province with which it will "reunify" by force if the island ever declares formal independence.

"In the next four years, relations across the Taiwan Strait will be even more harmonious and mutually trusting, with less likelihood of clashes," Ma said.

"I will ensure that Taiwan has a lasting peaceful and stable environment," he said, using two of Beijing's favorite political buzzwords: stability and harmony.

Taiwan has been governed separately from China since Chiang Kai-shek's KMT forces fled there in 1949 after losing a civil war with Mao Zedong's communists on the mainland.

Official mainland Chinese media welcomed Ma's victory, saying it vindicated the signing of a 1992 cross-straits consensus on the island's future.

"Intending to separate Taiwan from China is totally unrealistic at present," the *Global Times* newspaper, which has links to the ruling Communist Party, said in an editorial on Monday.

"Parties within Taiwan have become unable to mobilize voters by advocating 'Taiwan independence,' and it is difficult for international forces to use this slogan to gain support."

But it called for a cautious policy of peaceful rapprochement, rather than putting Taiwan under "undue"



pressure to reunify with its larger neighbor.

"The mainland should keep the momentum rather than seeking to dominate cross-Straits politics," the paper said.

### **Resounding answer**

An analysis in the Party mouthpiece, the *People's Daily*, said the Taiwan electorate had delivered a resounding answer to the question of greater independence or closer ties with China, via the ballot box.

It quoted political scholars as saying that the election result marked a profound political shift on the island, making pro-independence politics a thing of the past.

Chang Ling-chen, politics professor at Taiwan University, said Ma's re-election had paved the way for further economic cooperation between Taiwan and mainland China, as well as a possible peace treaty.

"The peace treaty can't all be negotiated in one sitting," Chang said. "I believe that during the next four years, Ma Ying-jeou should do as the mainland's Taiwan Office official Wang Yi has said, and create the conditions for a peace treaty to be concluded."

But she added that the earlier negotiations over further economic ties and trade links would be easier than the political negotiations which could come after them.

Meanwhile, retired Nanjing University professor Sun Wenguang said he believed Ma's victory was linked to his policy towards the Chinese mainland.

"He has consistently upheld the policy of no reunification, no independence and no military force, and brought great stability to cross-straits relations," Sun said. "The people of Taiwan have now given their support for further rapprochement and continued cooperation."

Professor Xia Ming, a political science teacher at the College of Staten Island in New York, told a symposium on Taiwan's future that China had now extended its influence into every area of life in Taiwan.

"In Taiwan right now there is nowhere that is not influenced by the mainland," Xia said. "Taiwan's media, academics, and intellectuals are already beginning to show fear of the mainland and we can already see the effects in Taiwan today."

He called on Ma's ruling Kuomintang (KMT) to recognise a potential threat inherent in closer cross-straits ties.

"They must pay attention to ensuring that trade and economic interests don't end up damaging the island's core democratic values," Xia said.

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## NOTICIAS

### ENTREVISTA CON RAFAEL DE LA DEHESA. El Estado y los movimientos LGBT: encuentros y desencuentros\*

- La idea es que el Estado monitoree y evalúe a las ONG, y éstas evalúen y monitoreen al Estado, afirma investigador
- En Brasil, Cardoso imaginaba un Estado poroso en el cual la sociedad civil puede actuar como parte del Estado; explica

Alejandro Brito



Portada del más reciente texto del investigador  
 ministerios del Estado, mientras se paralizaba totalmente la agenda legislativa del movimiento LGBT.

**México DF, enero 17 de 2012.**

Para el movimiento de la diversidad sexual, el sector salud se ha vuelto una 'alternativa tecnocrática' a los partidos políticos. Los ministerios de Salud son la primera puerta, y a veces la única, que se abre a las poblaciones altamente estigmatizadas. Por miedo a los costos políticos, los partidos se niegan a representarlas. En contraste, la alternativa tecnocrática que ofrecen las instituciones de salud pública no solo crea cierto velo que atenúa dichos costos sino que legitima, por así decirlo, una causa que no goza de mucha popularidad. Quien sostiene lo anterior es Rafael de la Dehesa, doctor en Ciencia Política por la Universidad de Harvard. En entrevista con este suplemento, el autor del libro *Queering the public sphere in Mexico and Brazil: sexual rights movements in emerging democracies* explica que le ha impresionado particularmente el papel jugado por el Programa Nacional de VIH/Sida de Brasil en la articulación del activismo lésbico, gay, bisexual y transgénero con los diferentes

El Estado brasileño, explica el politólogo, ha jugado un papel muy destacado en la promoción y articulación de la sociedad civil. En 1999, a través del proyecto SOMOS en conjunto con la Asociación Brasileña de Gays, Lesbianas, Bisexuales y Transexuales, establece cinco centros regionales de apoyo técnico donde se capacita a las organizaciones comunitarias y se crean nuevas en las localidades donde no existía organización alguna. Este proyecto expandió el área geográfica del movimiento, y por ende de las políticas públicas de prevención. ¿Eso quiere decir que de alguna manera las organizaciones civiles ahora forman parte del Estado?, preguntamos a Dehesa y responde *in extenso*:

"Eso tiene que ver con la llamada 'construcción de capacidades', manejada desde las agencias internacionales y, particularmente, desde proyectos de salud pública y de VIH/Sida. Esa idea refleja una nueva forma de pensar la ciudadanía, que tiene un trasfondo neoliberal y de rearticulación del Estado en base a las agencias internacionales. En 1988 el Banco Mundial publica un artículo de discusión que habla de esta idea de 'construcción de capacidades' como una inversión radical de la transferencia de tecnología en los proyectos de desarrollo que antes se hacía de arriba hacia abajo. A través de este nuevo concepto, la transferencia tecnológica se vuelve más local y se crean bases para la sustentabilidad de los proyectos. Cardoso imaginaba un Estado poroso en el cual la sociedad civil puede actuar como parte del Estado y afirma que el ejemplo máximo es el movimiento de VIH/Sida porque dice que están totalmente fusionados ambos. Ahora, me parece que esas articulaciones público-privadas entre la sociedad civil y el Estado levantan una serie de dilemas. Hay tensiones en esas articulaciones, en las cuales los activistas pueden incluso cambiar las dinámicas dentro del Estado."

¿Un movimiento social no pierde su función y su identidad fusionándose de esa manera con el Estado?, volvemos a preguntarle, a lo que el profesor del College of Staten Island de la Universidad de Nueva York responde: "El movimiento social es heterogéneo. Y sin duda ha cambiado desde que surgió en los años setenta, y parte de ese cambio tiene que ver con la profesionalización y la *onegización* de muchos sectores. Hay activistas que dan un discurso totalmente enyesado, institucional, que reproducen palabra por palabra lo que dicen los funcionarios, pero también hay activistas que son muy críticos con el Estado y que trabajan en organizaciones que reciben recursos públicos".

La fusión sociedad civil-Estado es tal que incluso hay activistas que con toda la facilidad dan el salto y se convierten en servidores públicos, le comentamos. “Sí, una antropóloga brasileña habla de la *onegización* del Estado que refleja parte de esta fusión”, nos responde.

En otro momento de la entrevista, De la Dehesa nos comenta que dentro de la administración pública se maneja el término “burocracia representativa”, haciendo juego con el concepto de “democracia representativa”, para designar a la posibilidad de que un sector de servidores públicos, sin ser electos, pueda representar a ciertas poblaciones minoritarias y marginadas y responder a sus necesidades. ¿De qué estamos hablando, de conquista de espacios de interlocución o de cooptación por parte del Estado?, volvemos a la cargada. Y de nuevo se expalta en la respuesta:

“Honestamente, veo las dos cosas. Existe una vertiente, que viene del Banco Mundial, que postula la incorporación de la sociedad civil al Estado por las razones de que, por su compromiso vital, las organizaciones sociales no solo son mano de obra barata sino de buena calidad. Pero también existe otra vertiente que, en Brasil por ejemplo, responde a todo un movimiento sanitarista, ligado a la oposición de izquierda a la dictadura militar, que plantea algo similar en relación a la participación social, pero desde el papel del control social.”

Rafael de la Dehesa piensa que el movimiento de la reforma sanitarista en Brasil -que tuvo como grandes logros la incorporación del derecho a la salud en la Constitución en 1988 y la creación del Sistema Único de Salud (SUS)-, donde se crearon consejos de salud a nivel municipal, estatal y nacional, tuvo una influencia directa en lo que fue la respuesta a la epidemia del VIH, en donde las organizaciones sociales fueron en muchos sentidos responsables de la dirección de las políticas de prevención, gracias a ese modelo sanitarista de control social. Y eso es lo que explicaría, en parte, la enorme distancia que existe si hacemos la comparación con la respuesta a la epidemia del VIH en México.

En su investigación Dehesa hace un análisis comparativo del activismo LGBT y su articulación con el Estado en México y en Brasil, en particular de sus relaciones con los partidos políticos y sus alianzas con el sector salud. Si bien existen paralelismos entre ambos activismos políticos, una diferencia importante es el papel que juega la ABGLBT en Brasil como interlocutor poderoso frente a los diversos poderes políticos, le comentamos.

“La ABGLBT se creó en 1995, y desde entonces consolidó un peso político muy importante a nivel nacional que dio voz unificada a la interlocución a nivel federal y abrió espacios. Pero hay gente que se queja porque margina otras voces del movimiento”, nos explica. Pero se trata de una representación propia y autónoma del movimiento. En cambio en México esa representación la ostentan los partidos políticos (PRD) o recae en la ‘burocracia representativa’ (Censida), replicamos. Y esto es lo que nos contesta:

“Mi impresión es que el movimiento ha heredado ciertos vicios del PRI, de la izquierda, de sectarismo, de ciertas dinámicas de personalismo, quizás la ausencia de una red magnifica esos problemas, pero también esos problemas me parece que se deben a una cuestión más amplia de cultura política, y la cuestión partidaria también pesa, porque son notables las diferencias que existen entre ambos países en, por ejemplo, procesos electorales y legislativos. En México se ha promovido una estrategia de candidaturas externas con partidos principalmente de izquierda, y eso refuerza divisiones dentro del movimiento. Y la dinámica de candidaturas externas ha fomentado estos vicios de la izquierda que se han reproducido dentro del movimiento. Crea expectativas y ambiciones políticas muy fuertes que pesan en la división del movimiento, lo que ha contribuido a la imposibilidad de crear redes nacionales como la ABGLBT brasileña.”

La articulación-fusión del activismo LGBT con el Estado, o lo que Rafael de la Dehesa llama ‘la alternativa tecnocrática’, impone una dinámica de competencia por los recursos públicos, y convierte a los activistas en proveedores de servicios al Estado. Se lo comentamos y nos responde que muchas de las personas del movimiento de la diversidad sexual que ha entrevistado reconocieron los riesgos de asumir el papel de prestadores de servicios y hablaron del control social como una contrapartida a esa posibilidad, de que el papel adecuado para las ONG es el de monitorear al Estado para que funcione bien.

Tú retomas un concepto que viene mucho al caso, ‘la dictadura de los proyectos’, le recordamos. “Sí, y se refiere a la manera en que técnicas administrativas cambian las dinámicas activistas, que de alguna manera corta la temporalidad del activismo enfocado ahora a cumplir metas. Impone medidas cuantificables. Y el control social de alguna manera es parte del mismo modelo técnico. La idea es que el Estado monitoree y evalúe a las ONG, y éstas evalúen y monitoreen al Estado. A mí no me gusta colocar esta relación en blanco y negro, si estás cooptado o no estás cooptado. Me parece que hay estructuras en las que las ONG tienen qué navegar y que esas estructuras fomentan ciertas técnicas de activismo. Hay organizaciones, por ejemplo, que garantizan su sobrevivencia con los proyectos y eso les permite seguir en el activismo político”, finaliza el profesor Rafael de la Dehesa, quien ahora tiene planes de establecer un diálogo entre las experiencias del movimiento LGBT con el movimiento de las mujeres en su investigación en curso. Explorar los cruces entre ambos movimientos le resulta particularmente interesante porque, afirma, hay amnesia histórica sobre la génesis del movimiento de liberación homosexual, que nace al lado y dentro del feminismo, le debe muchísimo al feminismo y “ya no se ve esta asociación histórica entre ambos movimientos”, concluye.

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## 'The City Dark' Looks at Effects of Too Much Light

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By **Cynthia Fuchs**

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### Something I Couldn't Name

I would go nuts if I couldn't have the dark night sky. There's a whole universe up there.

—Jack Newton, Astrophotographer

"It's a crappy night. We sometimes call it schmutz: that's a local expression." For astronomer Irve Robbins, local is New York. An astronomer at the [College of Staten Island](#), he still likes to head out to Jones Beach, where he can best see the night sky. In the city, he laments, the view is limited by light pollution, and he likes to see more. "When you look at the sky," he says, "It really is the sum total of everything around you."

As charming as Professor Robbins' enthusiasm may be, his point is actually complicated, both obvious and abstract. It's the sort of complication that characterizes all of *The City Dark*, Ian Cheney's meditation on the night sky. Opening this week at [New York's IFC Center](#), the documentary is alternately poetic and angsty, clever and banal.

This mix of affects emerges plainly in the film's overuse of time-lapse imagery, as lights play over surfaces, dissolve into the sky. But it's more compelling in Cheney's voiceover. "I live in the city, a big city with 8 million people," he says at the start. The camera follows him along the Manhattan sidewalks as he looks up at the sky, trying to count the stars. "On most nights," he says, "I can count only a few dozen stars." The reason, Cheney explains, is "light pollution," too much artificial light, especially light that spins off into space. The effects of that excess might seem self-evident—say, that schmutzy sky—but they're also unknown. When he was a child in rural Maine, he says, "I never stopped to wonder what those dark starry nights meant to me. But when I moved to the city, I felt at once like I was at the center of the world under all those lights and like I'd left something important behind, something I couldn't name." He adds on the vaster question, "What do we lose when we lose the night?"

To start, Cheney talks to (and drives around with) people who have given the matter some thought, from Robbins ("I need to go farther and farther to see the sky, to be part of the universe") to Washington Heights Boy Scouts leader Matty Holzhacker, who makes a point of taking his urban-based scouts out in the woods. "I can't tell you that I'm very familiar with the stars," he smiles, adding, "My son knows, but he never goes on any of the damn trips, so..." He turns to the scouts gathered before him, their number, following some cancellations, now down to five. They head out: the mountains are grand, the trees are tall. And when night falls, the kids look up: "My God," says one, "There's like 100 stars!"

This episode illustrates the film's point about the losses caused by light pollution, that next generations' experiences are changed in ways they can't even know. Its other arguments are less spiritual, more concrete. "It's only the last 120 years," says University of Connecticut epidemiologist Richard Stevens, "where the masses of people have had their night period dramatically eroded through the use of electric lighting." He believes this may have to do with that most concrete effect: cancer.

The case in point is Suzanne Goldklang, who used to work the night shift on TV, selling jewelry and clothing. Some 10 years after she left this job to pursue journalism, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Tulane University's David Blask, a cellular biologist, says his research indicates shift workers like Suzanne show a greater incidence of breast cancer, in particular. While the doctor speaks briefly on the circadian disruption brought on by nighttime light (it has to do with the suppression of melatonin by light), the film notes in passing that the World Health Organization in 2007 called shift work a "possible carcinogen." Suzanne sums up, whatever direct causes might or might not be found, "Working overnights is extremely difficult on your body... you feel like you're moving through molasses."


The general (possible) alarm sounded by Suzanne's specific story exemplifies the movie's imprecise approach. A little like Cheney's previous film, *King Corn*, it presents loose, if logical connections between likely causes and effects, structured as a kind of road trip, as Cheney pursues one question after another. The answers range from scary to cute: in Hawaii, he meets astronomers looking for dark-enough skies in order to spot killer asteroids headed toward earth (cosmologist Chris Impey calls the observatories there "The gold standard, like once you've smoked the very best weed or had the very best whiskey, you can't really go back").

In Florida, Cheney accompanies a team of scientists with infrared cameras to watch sea turtle hatchlings trying to find the sea; and in Chicago, he follows Bird Collision Monitors, butterfly nets in hand, who collect birds who have become disoriented and smashed into buildings. An ornithologist reports that a billion birds hit buildings each year; the film shows dozens of flat drawers full of dead birds, stuffed and tagged in a rudimentary, and fairly unnerving, accounting system.

These scenes don't come together so much as they offer a series of impressions, circling around the idea that light pollution is bad. Still, the film allows, that's not to say darkness is good: as criminologist and ex-cop Jon Shane drives Cheney through Newark NJ, he points at the black night and says, "Darker areas tend to be backfilled by offenders and they like that, because then they can operate under the concealment of darkness they can hide guns they can hide drugs they can wear dark clothing and recede into the recesses of the alleyways." That logic also seems clear, underlined by residents who point out: "It's a lot safer now."

And so the film sets up expected but not easily reconciled tensions. This as Cheney insists on the most lyrical element in his quest, his desire to understand what it means to be disoriented, and in turn, to be oriented.

## Tel Aviv Emerges As Top Gay Tourist Destination

By [ARON HELLER](#) 01/24/12 09:46 AM ET Associated Press 

TEL AVIV, Israel -- Tel Aviv has long been a gay paradise, one of the few places in the Middle East where gays feel free to walk hand-in-hand and kiss in public.

Now, thanks to its balmy climate, vibrant nightlife and a creative government-backed branding campaign, the city has become one of the world's top gay tourist destinations.

As always in the Middle East, however, conflict is never far away, and some critics have accused Israel of using such tolerance as a way to divert attention from alleged transgressions against Palestinians.

Tel Aviv devotes about \$100,000 – more than a third of its international marketing budget – to drawing gay tourists. Though no exact figures exist, officials estimate that tens of thousands of gay tourists from abroad arrive annually.

"We are trying to create a model for openness, pluralism, tolerance," Tel Aviv Mayor Ron Huldai told The Associated Press. "Live and let live – this is the city of Tel Aviv."

The city's first openly gay-owned hotel was opened recently and numerous city-backed travel sites direct gay visitors to the hottest clubs, bars and resorts in town.

"We've long recognized the economic potential of the gay community. The gay tourist is a quality tourist, who spends money and sets trends," said Pini Shani, a Tourism Ministry official who has been involved in the campaign. "There's also no doubt that a tourist who's had a positive experience here is of PR value. If he leaves satisfied, he becomes an Israeli ambassador of good will."

That's exactly what Israel's opponents fear. They derisively call the embrace of gay culture "pinkwashing" – a conscious attempt to play down what they call violations of Palestinian human rights by Israel behind an image of tolerance.

Human rights groups accuse Israel of various violations against Palestinians, such as arresting minors, demolishing Palestinian homes built without permits, seizing Palestinian land in the West Bank, detaining Palestinians for months without charge, and failing to prosecute soldiers for wrongdoing in Palestinian areas. Israel says it respects human rights and that its practices in the Palestinian areas are solely due to security concerns.

"Increasing gay rights have caused some people of good will to mistakenly judge how advanced a country is by how it responds to homosexuality," Sarah Schulman, a lesbian activist and professor at the [College of Staten Island](#), City University of New York, wrote in a New York Times op-ed in November.

The column drew an angry rebuke from James Kirchick, a contributing editor at The New Republic. Kirchick, who is gay, accused Schulman and her supporters of having an "ulterior agenda."

"So consumed are they by hatred of Israel that they are willing to distort the truth about the horrible repression of homosexuals in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. If there's any cleaning of dirty laundry going on here, it is Schulman's whitewashing the plight of Palestinian gays," he wrote in the online magazine Tablet.

Tel Aviv has in fact become a haven for homosexual Palestinians, who can face ostracism or persecution at home in the West Bank, as well as ultra-Orthodox Jews, who escaped their repressive homes for the freedom of the big city.

Behind its image of a society struggling with religious coercion and the constant threat of war, Israel is one of the world's most progressive countries in terms of gay rights.

Gays serve openly in Israel's military and parliament, and the Supreme Court has granted gays a variety of family rights such as inheritance and survivors' benefits.

Israel is the first country to feature a same-sex duo on its version of the television competition "Dancing with the Stars" and gays, lesbians and even a transsexual are among the country's most popular musicians and actors.

Officially, there is no gay marriage in Israel primarily because there is no civil marriage. All weddings must be done through the Jewish rabbinate, which considers homosexuality a sin and a violation of Jewish law. But the state recognizes same-sex couples who marry abroad.

Gay adoption is officially illegal but couples can get around the law and surrogacy or adopting abroad is an option for many same-sex couples. The partner of a parent can adopt the child of his or her partner.

Aeyal Gross, a law professor at Tel Aviv University, noted the huge strides made in Israeli gay rights. But he also accused the government of "co-opting" the gay community to deflect attention away from violations against Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and African migrants who seek refuge in the Jewish state.

"The more Israel brands itself as a liberal democracy, the less pressure will be on it internationally," Gross said. "If you care about gay rights, then you should also care when the rights of others are abused."

Such concerns seem far from the minds of visitors in Tel Aviv. The city holds a festive annual gay parade, rainbow flags are often seen flying from apartment windows and it has a community center for gays.

The city was recently recognized by readers of the travel website GayCities and American Airlines customers as "Best Gay City of 2011," ahead of New York, Toronto and London. The competition said the "gay capital of the Middle East is exotic and welcoming with a Mediterranean c'est-la-vie attitude."

Dennis Muller, a 22-year-old tourist from Berlin, agreed.



"You enter Tel Aviv and you are in the gay dream," Muller said on a recent weeknight inside the packed Dreck nightclub. "It's like entering a bubble of peace for homosexuals or LGBT people in the Middle East."

Omer Gershon, 37, a veteran of the Tel Aviv gay club scene, said tourists are drawn to the city's "crazy" night life.

"The need for escapism is very high, so people go out every night to celebrate life," he said, adding that tourists find Israeli men "very exotic."

Things are very different just an hour away in Jerusalem, where two-thirds of the city's 800,000 residents come from the ultra-Orthodox Jewish or Arab sectors.

In 2005, an ultra-Orthodox protester stabbed three marchers at a Jerusalem gay parade. A few years ago, a lawmaker from the ultra-Orthodox Shas party suggested in parliament that earthquakes were divine punishment for homosexual activity.

Tel Aviv has not been immune to such violence. In 2009, a masked gunman opened fire at a center for gay and lesbian youth, killing a 26-year-old male counselor and a 17-year-old girl. It was the worst assault against Israel's gay community. The gunman was never caught.

Generally, though, Tel Aviv's atmosphere is so liberal that certain clubs now refer to themselves as being "straight-friendly," said Leon Avigad, who owns Brown, an urban boutique hotel that caters to international guests.

"Tel Aviv is so gay that you don't need to declare yourself as a gay institution in order to attract gays," said Avigad, 40, who is married to a man and has a young daughter. "The Western world loves this mixture of Eastern warmth and the urban life of a big metropolis and the Western finesse and fine things in life."

He said he's not concerned with the country's precarious politics.

"Because Israel is doing things that I personally may not agree with does not mean that it cannot be very interesting as a gay destination for foreign travelers. It just adds to the spice," he said.

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## Bulls Head English prof publishes first book of poetry

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - **BULLS HEAD** -

Author, poet and Bulls Head resident

**Linda Principe** says she'll never forget the first lines of poetry she wrote, back in first-grade, when she was 7-years-old: "An ant is an insect that crawls on the ground. He hurries and scurries without making a sound."

The poem was published in the school's literary journal. She still has the book.

In 40-plus years that have passed since she wrote her first rhyme, Ms. Principe has penned hundreds more poems. A good selection of her work is included in her latest book, and first poetry collection, "Tangible Remains."

The slim paperback volume was published in November by Full Court Press, and contains more than 90 of her poems, in no particular order.

Among the author's favorites are those she wrote about her childhood on Staten Island, growing up in New Brighton. There are poems about the fresh mint in her grandmother's garden, and about the wine her grandfather made each year. "Picking Peaches" is a delightful account of the



Bulls Head author and poet Linda Principe is the author of the poetry collection "Tangible Remains." (Photo Courtesy of Linda Principe)

summer ritual of shaking down and collecting the prickly peaches off the family's peach tree. "New Brighton Snowfall" tells of walking in solitude down the middle of Glen Avenue while the snow is falling.

In "Enter At Your Own Risk" Ms. Principe tells of how the borough has changed since her childhood, lamenting the days "when penny candy actually cost a penny" and a cent could buy you a chunk of Bazooka bubble gum at the neighborhood candy store, "when it was safe to walk home alone, and your friends were your friends."

"As I prepared the poems for this collection, I tried to choose those that reflect, most honestly, the roads I've walked, a view that encompasses the New Brighton streets that shaped me, as well as the moments of love, laughter and loss, that strung together, represent life as I've known it," Ms. Principe explains in her forward to "Tangible Remains."

After graduating from Moore Catholic High School in 1979, Ms. Principe went on to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in English from the College of Staten Island (CSI), Willowbrook, where she has taught writing and literature as an adjunct professor for the last 25 years.

The idea for a collection of her poems came about not long after her first book was published in 2003.

"Surviving Murder: A True Crime Memoir" is her account of how her uncle and aunt, Anthony and Ann Camerlengo, were brutally murdered by their adopted son, Thomas Camerlengo, on June 26, 1990, in the family's Willow Road East residence in Graniteville. Camerlengo was sentenced to 50 years to life for the murders.

After "Surviving Murder" she said, "the time seemed right to do something completely different." Gathering together and sorting through the poems – some which had been published previously in literary journals – gave her an opportunity to reflect on her life, she said. "I was about to turn 50, so I looked at this as a sort of mid-life project."

As a professor of English and literature, she's often asked for advice on writing by her students at CSI. "I tell them to write for themselves first," she said.

The author said she is currently working on another collection of poetry, penned while she was vacationing in Vermont.

"Tangible Remains" (Full Court Press, \$12.95) is available online through amazon.com and Barnes&Noble.com and at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in New Springville.

## Bulldozers poised to rumble over Staten Island's Crooke's Point

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The appearance of trash bins at cherished Crooke's Point in Great Kills this week came as a blow to borough environmentalists, who have fought to put a stop to the National Park Service's plan of denuding the natural oasis so as to rid the area of invasive plants.

The tip of the 28-acre peninsula at the end of the Gateway National Recreation Area has been cordoned off, and bulldozers are set to begin clearing paths 8 to 10 feet wide in a designated two-acre plot that will serve as a pilot for the project.



Staten Island Advance/Anthony DePrimo

The appearance of trash bins at Crooke's Point has agitated borough environmentalists, who say the area is being robbed of its natural beauty and have fought to stop a plan to bulldoze swaths of the peninsula to wipe out invasive plants.

Next month, herbicide will be used to rid the area of remaining vegetation, according to Gateway.

"This project will replace non-native and invasive plant species with native trees and shrubs that will nurture a more diverse wildlife population at the coastal area," according to Gateway. "The National Park Service (NPS) is partnering with New York City Department of Parks and Recreation and MillionTreesNYC."

Meanwhile anglers and environmentalists, led by the Protectors of Pine Oak Woods, are working furiously to conserve the sliver of land, which has remained untouched for more than five decades, and thrives as a home to migrating birds and butterflies and numerous species of plants, including some on the endangered list.

"We're not finished yet; we haven't given up yet," said Ellen Pratt of Protectors, encouraging folks to contact their legislators. "We are very concerned about the herbicides polluting the water below and the fisheries nearby."

On Tuesday, the group filed a formal complaint with the state Department of Environmental Conservation over the possible impact of herbicide on the sandy, porous soil.

The Parks Department has yet to indicate which herbicide will be used to clear the foliage, and there has been no publicly available environmental impact study of the plan. But during a series of meetings with Parks officials, local stakeholders said they learned the herbicides to be used will likely be Garlon 4, Accord XD or Accord Concentrate.

**Staten Island's Crookes Point may face danger from National Parks Service amid inconclusive studies**

The National Parks Service started the removal of invasive plants at Crookes Point in Gateway National Recreational Area as part of a makeover. Geologist Dr. Jane Alexander, who was tapped for soil studies, says the herbicides the agency typically uses may pose a threat to marine life. The NPS has partnered with the New York City Department of Parks as part of a tree initiative that would see the invasive plants replaced with vegetation that are native to the environment. The project will be completed in 2013.

In a paper that looks at previous findings on the compounds, Dr. Jane Alexander, an environmental scientist at the College of Staten Island, points to their potential impact on surrounding avian and aquatic life, as well as the possibility the herbicide could seep through the loose soil into

groundwater.

"From the information available, I can't say that the use of the herbicides is either safe or unsafe; however, there are definite areas of concern, and there should be a more detailed investigation before these herbicides are used," she said.

Gateway defended the project, saying work will be done in stages so as not to displace an entire habitat or population, and will be minimally disruptive.

The timeline for the pilot area's restoration concludes in October 2013, when MillionTreesNYC will donate trees and shrubs sourced from local populations. Herbaceous and grass species will be planted as well. If the pilot area is judged to be a success, the project will expand to other sections of Crooke's Point.

"Crooke's Point has so much potential as a natural area, but that potential is being smothered, literally, by invasives," said Superintendent Linda Canzanelli. "With our partners, we can turn a good park into a great park for wildlife and environmentalists alike."



## Dr. Morales pushes to strengthen C.S.I

By Terrance Ross

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Photo courtesy of the College of Staten Island

The president of C.S.I. has been working tirelessly to improve the college.

Dr. Tomás Morales, president of The College of Staten Island, has been selected as the latest Louis R. Miller Business Leadership Award recipient in the Not-for-Profit Category.

He has undertaken the task of transforming the college to a top of the line public education institution in just four years.

Since being inaugurated as the school's third president in 2007, Morales has implemented various plans in an attempt to improve the college's stature.

This culminated in the release of CSI's comprehensive five-year plan entitled "Many Voices, One Vision" Strategic Plan 2011-2016.

As a student at the State University of New York, he received his Bachelor of Arts in History, Morales recalled how he made the most of his college experience, citing a passion for leadership as his motivator.

"I was a very active student leader at the State University of New York. I was a peer counselor, peer tutor and worked with orientation as upperclassman."

However, he says it was his post grad experience that really sparked his interest in higher education.

Upon graduating he was offered the opportunity to work for the educational opportunity program in 1975.

"That was the real determining factor and that's how I got involved in higher education," Morales mentioned.

Having worked at a multitude of schools over the years, Morales had the unique opportunity to learn from a variety of different experiences culminating his in presidency in 2007. Morales attributes these different experiences as well as his passion for students to his success.

"I moved from one institution to another strategically throughout the course of my career and I picked up different things each time. What really drove me then and now as an educator is to work with students and help them reach their own dreams and aspirations."

With the recent CUNY protests grabbing all of the headlines last semester in the wake of the \$300 tuition hikes over the next five years, Morales has remained calm.

"It's interesting because the CUNY system is a system that is dependent on tuition revenue in order to round out our budget and relatively speaking the CUNY tuition is low compared to others, but at the same time we are very committed to ensuring that any increase in tuition will not hinder students access to CUNY."

To this point, Morales and the staff at the **College of Staten Island (CSI)** have made it their mission to cater to students' needs.

**CSI** provides students with a litany of services all aimed and helping them through the college experience.

They provide top of the line day care services for students who may have children and extensive financial aid help when needed. Morales was adamant about the importance of caring for every student, making sure that any hindrance to their higher education could be eradicated if possible. "As a president I am very dedicated to working with the financial aid office to make sure students have everything need I have a dedicated staff that really care about students

It's about a constant effort to make sure students are approaching their career as an undergraduate in a way that they are taking advantage of the services afforded to them," Morales stated.

Amidst heaping praise from his counterparts and peers alike Morales remains as modest as ever, often highlighting his high achieving staff as the real reason behind his and his college's success over the recent years.

"You don't do anything by yourself you accomplish your goals with the help of a lot of people. The accomplishments of the college are really the accomplishments of the people who work here," Morales stated.

The implementation of the extensive 2011-2016 **CSI** master plan has everyone at **CSI** working together on a common goal and Morales couldn't be more ecstatic as the prospects for what remains as the only public university in the borough are brighter than ever.

"I see the college in the future growing and moving. We are looking at we are hoping to break ground on two residential life buildings and we are looking to build a high performance computing center. "

As a former student who once had to deal with all the pressures of college life, he left some parting words for current CUNY students.

"Work hard. Get the most out of the experience. Take advantage of all the services and get to know your faculty and staff personally. But above all, work hard. "



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## The Algorithm Method

Making news decisions in a clickocracy

By Michael Schudson and Katherine Fink

Journalists relate to their audiences differently in the age of online news, according to C. W. Anderson, in recent articles in *Journalism* and the *International Journal of Communication*. Both articles are based on research Anderson conducted in Philadelphia newsrooms. (Anderson is a professor of media culture at the [College of Staten Island](#) and blogs for NiemanLab; he received his PhD at Columbia's journalism school where—full disclosure—he studied with Michael Schudson.)

According to Anderson's research, the journalist-audience relationship has changed in part because it's now easier to comment on news stories in a fast and public way. Letters to the editor can be e-mailed rather than snail-mailed. Online letters stand a much better chance of being published, and with less editing, than the small percentage selected for print. And while letters to the editor are often hidden away in the op-ed section, where reporters can ignore them, online comments tend to be affixed right to the end of offending articles.

And reporters are not thrilled. "Philadelphia is really full of a bunch of boorish jerks," one reporter told Anderson after perusing comments on an article. That reporters often dismissed the comments as the work of "losers," surely unrepresentative of the news audience as a whole, squares with earlier newsroom studies. What's different now, Anderson contends, is that reporters aren't surprised when they get audience feedback—they expect it, even if they often aren't happy with it.

What's also different is that audiences now provide feedback unintentionally through online metrics (the running tally of which articles get clicked on the most). Reporters—who fear that a lack of clicks could cost them their jobs—watch these tallies, as do editors and publishers, because higher metrics mean higher online ad revenues. To that end, news organizations have enlisted the assistance of online-tracking software and programmer analysts to monitor the ongoing flow of data. Despite substantial doubt about the validity of click data (see Lucas Graves and John Kelly, "[Confusion Online: Faulty Metrics and the Future of Digital Journalism](#)," 2010, a report for The Tow Center for Digital Journalism), metrics have come to occupy the imagination of journalists and their organizations.

Still, if audience feedback, albeit in an aggregated click form, plays a bigger role in news decisions than it used to, could that mean that journalism is becoming more democratic? It

# ***Sports***

## Other top Staten Island sports stories of year covered the spectrum

Sunday, January 01, 2012, 7:15 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**



Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores

Tottenville High School receiver Alvin Cornelius repeated as the Al Fabbri Award winner and committed to play at Syracuse.

\*Tottenville's Alvin Cornelius commits to Syracuse and then becomes the first player to win the Al Fabbri Award -- given annually to the top scholastic football player on Staten Island -- unanimously in consecutive seasons.

\*Jim Bradley is named the fourth head coach in Monsignor Farrell's storied football program.

\*Curtis swimmer William Middleton finished fourth in the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke and earned All-American consideration during the state championships.

\*New Dorp Beach resident Kevin Labanc was accepted into USA Hockey's prestigious National Team Development Program and also gave a verbal commitment to accept a scholarship from Notre Dame.

\*Victoria McFarland leads Tottenville girls' basketball to PSAL A semifinals and PSAL softball championship.

\*McKee/S.I. Tech takes SIHSL Tournament for first time with 57-54 win over St. Peter's.

\*St. Joseph Hill wins Archdiocesan soccer championship.

\*Moore Catholic girls' basketball beats St. Peter's for CHSAA Archdiocesan championship but loses in Catholic state AA quarterfinals.

\*Tottenville edges Cardozo to win second consecutive PSAL girls' gymnastics city championship as freshman Gina Tucker captures PSAL girls' gymnastics all-around title.

\*Susan Wagner girls' volleyball coach Marco Altieri nets 100th win en route to fourth straight undefeated season for SW. Falcons win fourth straight Island PSAL division and earn fourth straight city semifinal berth.

\*Tottenville fails to repeat as city baseball champ, losing to George Washington in the PSAL championship.

\*Tottenville boys' and girls' bowling teams both go 12-0 and earn top seeds for playoffs only to lose in championship to No. 2 New Dorp.

\*Monsignor Farrell and St. Joseph by-the-Sea begin to build hockey rivalry after two regular-season games and meeting in CHSHL A division best-of-three semifinal series.

\*Curtis wrestler Rosemary Flores wins the USA Wrestling Women's Cadet Nationals (124 pounds) and then the Women's Junior Freestyle Nationals (125 pounds) and won silver at 60 kg in the 2011 Fila Cadet Pan American Championships in Campeche, Mexico.

\*College of Staten Island swimming team places school-best 13th at the NCAA Division III Swimming Championships, but CSI swimming coach and aquatics director Oleg Soloviev is dismissed by school for alleged improprieties and promised a vigorous appeals process and possible federal lawsuit.

\*CSI's softball team earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament after capturing the CUNY title. The 26-13 Dolphins dropped two games at a regional tourney. It was the school's fifth NCAA appearance, all under head coach Stella Porto.

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## Women's Basketball Sweeps Empire 8 Weekly Awards

**ROCHESTER, N.Y. (January 2, 2012)** – Senior Dawn Garcia (**Brooklyn, N.Y.**) and freshman Vicki Zucker (**New City, N.Y.**) of the Stevens Institute of Technology women's basketball team were named the Empire 8 Player and Rookie of the Week, respectively, for their play in the Ducks' win over the **College of Staten Island** on Friday. Garcia led all scorers with 19 points and Zucker reached double digit points for the first time in her collegiate career.

Garcia poured in three three-point baskets during the Stevens win, made all four of her free-throw attempts and added five assists. She also grabbed six rebounds and shot at a .462 rate. Her total of 19 points was a new career high.

Zucker shot 44 percent from the floor, including two hits from behind the arc to total 10 points as the Ducks snapped a mini four-game skid. The freshman also chipped in with two assists on Friday.

Garcia, Zucker and the rest of the Ducks will be back in action on January 4 as they host Rhode Island College at 6 p.m.

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# CSI men, women begin CUNY stretch

By JIM WAGGONER  
STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

You can bet that at the top of the New Year's wish list of both Tony Petosa and Marguerite Moran would be a CUNY Conference basketball championship.

A couple of them, in fact.

The men's and women's teams at the College of Staten Island jump into the heart of their conference seasons tomorrow night at home against Medgar Evers, starting a stretch of action at the Sports and Rec Center. Petosa and Moran are the veteran head coaches with visions of March titles.

## Island sports bulletin board

### Basketball teams wanted

The CYO Men's Unlimited Basketball League has room for teams for leagues starting on Sunday, Jan. 15 and Tuesday, Jan. 17. Call or text Pat Linn at 917-846-0113.

The Dolphin men (1-0 CUNY, 7-4 overall) play six of their next seven at home, including three consecutive Saturday matinees, while the women (1-0, 4-6) launch a five-game homestand.

Medgar Evers (0-1, 8-5) brings back a bad memory on the men's side. The Cougars outlasted CSI last March in a physical CUNY Tournament championship game, 62-56, at City College. In that game, point guard Thomas Tibbs suffered a broken hand and forward Jordan Young a broken nose. Both players remained in the game and are now seniors coming off All-CUNY first-team seasons.

The Dolphins believe they are poised for a return trip to the finals. They had wins at Montclair State and Stevens Tech during a recent six-game win streak and battled a talented Illinois Wesleyan team hard in a 90-79 loss in the championship game of the Tournament of Heroes.

They have every reason to believe they'll be in the hunt for the CUNY crown.

CSI's women (1-0, 4-6), meanwhile, take a four-game losing streak into tomorrow night's game against Medgar Evers (0-1, 2-7).

The Dolphins face an uphill climb against the likes of four-time defending champion Baruch (1-0, 5-4), Brooklyn College (1-0, 6-4) and Lehman (1-1, 5-7). They dropped a 71-55 decision at Stevens Tech last Friday night and are struggling offensively, averaging 55 points per game and shooting at a 33 percent clip.

**NOTES:** A post-game brawl during a Lehman at Hunter men's game resulted in multiple player suspensions. Lehman won the game 62-60 ... Tomorrow's women's game starts at 5:30 and the men's game at 7:30 ... Medgar Evers' men's lineup includes All-CUNY first-team pick Jovan Deare and Winston Douglas, a pair of junior forwards, and sophomore point guard Tony Sims.



## College of Staten Island runs past Medgar Evers, 93-66

Thursday, January 05, 2012, 12:09 AM



By **Jim Waggoner**



Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores

CSI's Javon Cox goes up to block a shot by Jarrel Deare of Medgar Evers.

The classic rematch was anything but classic.

Bloochy Magloire led an explosive attack with 25 points and the College of Staten Island broke out to a 50-23 halftime lead as it crushed Medgar Evers 93-66 Wednesday night in a rematch of last year's CUNY Conference Tournament championship game.

Both teams have most of the key players back from a year ago, but CSI (2-0 CUNY, 8-4 overall) seems to have made more progress since the 62-56 defeat in the conference final last February.

The Dolphins' improved depth was evident in the 15-point, 10-rebound performance by freshman forward Javon Cox, who got his first starting assignment because sophomore Matt Van Manen injured his right knee in Monday's practice.

Cox, a bouncy 6-foot-3 product of McKee/S.I. Tech, blocked three shots, had an assist, a steal and took a charge.

"The sky's the limit with his (Cox) talent," said CSI senior point guard Thomas Tibbs, who had 19 points and nine assists. "Javon's a phenomenal kid with a work ethic that's ridiculous. He has a pretty high basketball IQ for a freshman. The kid is going to be a star."

Magloire and Tibbs combined to sink 7 of 11 shots from 3-point territory, while senior center Jordan Young had 12 points, nine rebounds, three steals and three assists. Dylan Bulger, a 6-11 junior, provided a first-half spark in the middle.

"We should be better in our halfcourt offense because of Dylan," said **CSI** coach Tony Petosa. "And (Cox) is very quick off his feet and around the basket. He competes hard and we hope he's flexible enough to be able to play three positions in future seasons."

Van Manen, the 6-5 center out of St. Peter's HS, was on crutches Wednesday night. He's due for an MRI today and the Dolphins can only hold their breath.

"Matt has been playing very strong," said Petosa.

Tibbs, also a St. Peter's product, said he's convinced that Van Manen will be back.

"He's one of the toughest kids you'll ever meet," said Tibbs. "I don't care what the exam says."

**CSI** closed out the first half with a 30-9 run over the final 10 minutes as Tibbs nailed three 3-pointers and Magloire hit a pair of long-distance jumpers.

"I think we shot the ball as well as have ever shot the ball," said Petosa, whose team sank 58.8 percent of their first-half shots and finished at a 53.2 percent clip. "In the big picture, it's one game. I think Medgar Evers came out flat."

Tibbs seemed to agree with his coach.

"I think we came out hot," said the point guard. "I don't think this game is indicative of how good they (Cougars) are. That team is still the best in the CUNY as far as I'm concerned."

NOTES: Medgar Evers was led by Jovan Deare's 19 points while Winston Douglas had 14 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots ... The Cougars dropped to 0-2 and 8-6 ... **CSI** hosts Brooklyn on Saturday at 3 p.m. The Bulldogs improved to 2-0 and 8-2 with Tyshawn Russell's driving layup at the buzzer in last night's 77-75 win over York.

MEDGAR EVERS (66)

Ja. Deare 2-10 1-2 5, Sims 1-7 4-4 7, Douglas 5-10 1-2 14, Jo. Deare 6-17 7-9 19, Cornish 5-11 3-4 13, Prime 0-0 0-0 0, Porter 0-3 0-0 0, Johnson 4-5 0-1 8, Williams 0-1 0-2 0.

Totals: 23-64 16-24 66.



CSI (93)

Taranto 3-7 0-0 7, Tibbs 7-10 2-3 19, Magloire 9-16 3-3 25, Cox 5-9 5-6 15, Young 5-11 2-4 12, Bulger 2-5 0-0 4, Valdes 2-2 4-4 9, Jenkins 0-0 2-2 2, Granata 0-0 0-0 0, King 0-1 0-0 0, Albano 0-1 0-0 0, Manesy 0-0 0-0 0, Maccarone 0-0 0-0 0, Husslein 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 33-62 18-22 93.

Halftime: 50-23, CSI.

Three-point goals: ME 4-14 (Sims 1-4, Douglas 3-5, Jo. Deare 0-1, Cornish 0-2, Porter 0-2); CSI 9-16 (Taranto 1-4, Tibbs 3-4, Magloire 4-7, Valdes 1-1). Rebounds: ME 36 (Douglas 10); CSI 41 (Cox 10, Young 9). Assists: ME 10 (Sims 5); CSI 18 (Tibbs 9). Turnovers: ME 16, CSI 17. Total fouls: ME 20, CSI 19. Fouled out: none.

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## **CSI women blast Medgar Evers as Hepworth leads way with 20 points, 60-30**

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**Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**  
By

**College of Staten Island** junior forward Katelyn Hepworth had 20 points, 10 rebounds, six assists and four steals to lead the Dolphins to a 60-30 CUNY Conference victory Wednesday night over visiting Medgar Evers.

**CSI** (2-0 CUNY, 5-7 overall) snapped a four-game losing streak by pulling away from a 25-16 halftime lead with a 35-14 second half.

Olivia Tierno and Nikki Fabozzi added 12 points apiece for the Dolphins, who had 23 steals and 15 assists.

Medgar Evers (0-2, 2-10) had 48 turnovers and shot 27 percent from the floor. Senior forward Chantel Biscette led the Cougars with 10 points and 26 rebounds.

**CSI** hosts Brooklyn (2-0, 7-4) Saturday at 1 p.m.

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## CSI hosts Brooklyn College today in CUNY basketball doubleheader

Saturday, January 07, 2012, 7:55 AM



By **Jim Waggoner**



Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores

CSI sophomore guard Bloochy Magloire leads the Dolphins in scoring.

The **College of Staten Island** hosts Brooklyn College this afternoon in a pair of key early-season CUNY Conference showdowns featuring four teams with perfect league records.

The women's game tips off at 1 p.m. with Brooklyn (2-0, CUNY, 7-4 overall) featuring a pair of Staten Island products in senior guard Lauren Plagainos (Curtis HS) and freshman guard Nicole Francomano (St. John Villa) in the starting lineup.

Plagainos tops a balanced Bulldogs attack with 10.5 points per game and ranks second in the CUNY with 26 three-point baskets. Francomano ranks second with 4.5 per game and 19th among NCAA Division III players in assist-turnover ratio.

**CSI** (2-0, 5-6) counters with junior forward Katelyn Hepworth (Notre Dame Academy), who averages a team-best 11.9

points and 7.7 rebounds, and freshman guard Nikki Fabozzi (Susan Wagner HS), who averages 10.8 points and 4.8 rebounds.

The 3 p.m. men's contest pits Brooklyn (2-0, 8-2) against the host Dolphins (2-0, 8-4) in a battle for sole possession of first place in the South Division.

The high-powered Bulldogs are riding a three-game winning streak after edging York 77-75 on Wednesday night. Senior guard Tyshawn Russell ranks second in the CUNY with a 23.1 ppg scoring average. He recently joined the 1,000-point club.

Senior guard Amil John scored his 1,000th career point earlier this season and averages 15.7 points, 7.1 rebounds, 4 assists and 3.4 steals per game.

CSI counters with a a balanced attack paced by guard Bloochy Magloire (17.4 ppg), point guard Thomas Tibbs (16.4 ppg and a CUNY high 6.2 assists per game), and forward Jordan Young (14.6 ppg, 6.4 rpg).

Both teams like a fast-paced game, so the scoreboard operator should get a workout.

NOTES: CSI freshmen Javon Cox (McKee/S.I. Tech) and Fabozzi earned CUNY men's and women's rookie-of-the-week honors.

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## College of Staten Island survives road test on Tibbs' long bomb, 53-49

Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 12:47 AM



By **Jim Waggoner**



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**CSI** senior point guard Thomas connected on a desperation three-point shot as the Dolphins edged host FDU-Florham 53-49 on Monday night.

MADISON, N.J. — Senior point guard Thomas Tibbs sank a desperation 30-foot shot from a few steps inside the halfcourt line with 15 seconds remaining Monday night to help lift the **College of Staten Island** to a 53-49 non-conference basketball victory over FDU-Florham.

It was the only basket of the night for Tibbs, the CUNY Conference's preseason player of the year.

"It was a hurl," said **CSI** head coach Tony Petosa.

The Dolphins never trailed in the second half while running their record to 10-4, but the host Devils made them sweat down the stretch. The visitors clung to a 48-47 edge and ran an inbounds play from the side with two seconds left on the shot clock.

"Dale (Taranto) threw me a great pass," Tibbs. "I was in between the halfcourt line and the 3-point circle."

Petosa said the play was designed to go inside to 6-foot-11 junior center Dylan

Bulger, but Taranto opted for a pass to his fellow St. Peter's High School product.

Senior forward Jordan Young paced the Dolphins with 13 points and 13 rebounds, while sophomore guard Bloochy Magloire netted 16 points, including a pair of free throws that provided the final margin with eight seconds remaining.

Neither team shot well with **CSI** checking in at 37 percent and FDU-Florham at 36.7 percent. The Dolphins sank 10 of 11 free throws, however, and enjoyed a slim 36-31 rebounding edge.

Derek Hall paced the Devils (6-7 overall) with 16 points and 12 rebounds, while Adam Katz scored 16 points.

"We really didn't play well and were very fortunate to win," said Petosa. "(FDU) played some great defense on their part and I thought we did a lot of standing around tonight."

Said Tibbs: "FDU is a tough experienced team and they've been on a roll. We didn't get rattled."

NOTES: **CSI** swept the weekly CUNY awards with Tibbs named player of the week and freshman forward Javon Cox earning rookie of the week honors ... Sophomore center Matt Van Manen's knee injury will keep him on the sidelines for an estimated 3-5 weeks ... Senior newcomer Lameik Black had six points and four steals in limited duty in his second game with the Dolphins ... Magloire added seven rebounds ... **CSI** host Baruch at 3 p.m. Saturday.

**CSI** (53)

Cox 3-8 3-4 9, Young 6-12 1-1 13, Taranto 1-6 0-0 2, Tibbs 1-4 2-2 5, Magloire 5-12 4-4 16, Black 3-7 0-0 6, Valdes 1-3 0-0 2, Bulger 0-2 0-0 0.

Totals: 20-54 10-11 53.

FDU-FLORHAM (49)

Stress 1-4 5-6 8, Hall 8-10 0-0 16, Green 0-5 3-4 3, Katz 6-14 2-2 16, Sykes 1-6 0-0 2, Argudo 0-0 0-0 0, Furlong 1-3 0-0 2, Roberts 1-7 0-1 2.

Totals: 18-49 10-13 49.

Halftime: 25-18, **CSI**.

Three-point goals: **CSI** 3-16 (Taranto 0-4, Tibbs 1-3, Magloire 2-7, Valdes 0-2); FDU 3-14 (Stress 1-3, Katz 2-6, Sykes 0-1, Furlong 0-1, Roberts 0-3). Rebounds: 36 (Young 13, Magloire 7); FDU 31 (Hall 12). Assists: **CSI** 10 (Young 3, Taranto 3); FDU 10 (Sykes 3, Furlong 3). Fouled out: none.

## Blackbirds, Terriers Battling for Brooklyn and NEC Supremacy

by John Torenli ([sports@brooklyneagle.net](mailto:sports@brooklyneagle.net)), published online 01-11-2012

Two NCAA Tournament contenders in the same neighborhood are better than one.

Unless, of course, you're a fervent supporter of either the LIU-Brooklyn or St. Francis College men's basketball teams.

Two months into the new season, both local squads appear primed to make a serious push for the coveted bid for a spot in the NCAAs, but as we all know, only one team from the Northeast Conference will hold that distinction come March.

Reigning NEC champ LIU, predicted to finish first in the preseason coaches' poll, has more than lived up to those expectations thus far, winning 10 of its first 16 games, including a perfect 4-0 mark in conference play thus far.

As for the Terriers, who were tabbed to finish at or near the bottom of the league, second-year coach Glenn Braica has brought a renewed spirit and energy to a program that has languished in relative obscurity on Remsen Street, still waiting for its first-ever invite to March Madness.

With Saturday's 99-84 victory at Sacred Heart in Fairfield, Conn., St. Francis improved to 6-9 overall, but more importantly, boosted its NEC mark to 3-1 — good for a three-way tie for second place in the tightly packed circuit.

Sophomore sharpshooter Ben Mockford poured in a career-best 28 points, and senior forward Stefan Perunicic added 21 as the Terriers continued their best conference start in a decade. "We shot as well as we could shoot. It was unbelievable," noted Braica, who watched his squad make 58 percent of its shots, including an astounding 56 percent from 3-point range.

Mockford, a transfer from Iona by way of England, drilled eight long balls during the aerial assault and leads the conference with 3.2 3-pointers per game this season.

As for LIU, Jim Ferry's team pulled out its fifth straight win in Hamden, Conn., on Saturday afternoon, using a 25-point effort from junior forward Jamal Olasewere in a 79-75 triumph over Quinnipiac. Olasewere, who was named NEC Player of the Week on Monday, averaged 27 points and 11 rebounds over the weekend as LIU bested Sacred Heart and the Bobcats to remain tied with Central Connecticut State (4-0 NEC) atop the NEC standings.

Oddly enough, the Blackbirds were outrebounded 61-38 by Quinnipiac, but still managed to win their 14th consecutive NEC contest dating to last season. This left the Blackbirds six victories shy of the all-time conference record established by CCSU from 2001-03.

“They really bullied us,” Ferry admitted after losing the battle of the boards, but winning on the scoreboard.

“To end the game with 61 rebounds, I’ve never seen that. But we stayed poised and stayed focused. We have a grind-it-out mentality.”

The grind continues tomorrow night for LIU, when it welcomes Fairleigh Dickinson to the Wellness Center for a 7 p.m. tip before a quick turnaround for Saturday afternoon’s home tilt with Monmouth. The Terriers will be just a few blocks away tomorrow evening, hosting Monmouth and will greet FDU at the Pope Physical Education Center on Saturday at 4 p.m.

With both Brooklyn teams flourishing in conference play, the looming specter of a Feb. 8 post-Super Bowl showdown at Madison Square Garden between the rivals will generate even more attention than it already has.

Big-time basketball appears to be on its way back in our borough, and the Nets haven’t even shown up yet.

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The Brooklyn College men’s team suffered a blow to its CUNYAC South Division title hopes with a 72-58 loss at the College of Staten Island on Saturday.

Senior guard Tyshawn Russell and junior forward Kavon Baker scored 14 points apiece for the Bulldogs, who slipped to 8-3 overall and 2-1 in CUNYAC play, one game behind first-place CSI. BC will try to get back on track tonight against borough rival St. Joseph’s College at the West Quad Center at 7:30 p.m.

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The men of NYU-Polytechnic slipped to 0-9 on the season with Saturday’s 75-60 defeat at the hands of Purchase College, despite a team-high 20 points from freshman Evan Azzam and 16 by first-year Brooklyn native Jethro Auguste.

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On the women’s side, Ashley Palmer achieved the inevitable for LIU-Brooklyn.

The senior forward scored a game-high 30 points in Monday night’s 74-64 victory over Quinnipiac in Hamden, Conn., becoming the all-time leading scorer in Blackbirds history.

Palmer, who also pulled down 13 rebounds for the Blackbirds (13-3, 2-2 NEC), moved past former LIU star Tamika Dudley (1999-2003) with 1,772 points for the program.

A leading candidate for NEC Player of the Year honors, Palmer wasn’t alone in attacking the record books Monday. Senior Kiara Evans handed out seven assists to pass former teammate Connie James (2006-10) for second on the school’s all-time list with 360, only 10 back of Dudley — arguably the best all-around player in Blackbird history — for first place.



LIU will kick off a three-game homestand at The WRAC on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. against Monmouth.

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Freshman forward Jaymee Veney had eight points and a career-best 11 rebounds, but struggling St. Francis fell to Sacred Heart, 62-22 in Fairfield, Conn., on Monday evening.

Sophomore guard Jasmin Robinson put up six points for the Terriers, who slipped to 1-14 and 0-4 in NEC play.

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The Lady Bulldogs of Brooklyn College had a two-game winning streak snapped with Monday night's 65-40 non-conference loss at Rutgers-Newark.

Lauren Plagianos had 13 points and fellow senior Justine O'Callahan added eight for BC, which dropped to 8-5 overall.

The Bulldogs will be back on the hardwood today at 5:30 p.m. against visiting Albertus Magnus College in another non-CUNYAC matchup.

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The NYU-Polytechnic women climbed into third place in the Skyline Conference with Saturday's 57-53 win at Purchase College.

Senior Margaux Pickell dominated the action with 19 points and 16 rebounds for the Lady Jays, who improved to 6-4 on the season and 2-1 in league play.

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It's not all about hoops this time of year, as evidenced by defending NEC champion LIU-Brooklyn's performance at Friday's Metro Coaches Invitational at the Armory in Manhattan.

Senior Jessie Gaines started the year with a bang, recording three first-place finishes.

Gaines took the top spot in the 60-meter dash, recording a time of 7.58. The Chesapeake, Va., native went on to finish first in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.6, followed by a leap of 12.42 meters in the triple jump.

Senior Torrie Saunders crossed the line third in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.72, while classmate Jazmin Waller was fourth with a time of 7.85. Freshman Bryanna Williams was seventh at 8.03.

On the men's side, senior Robert Barnes came in fourth in the 500-meter dash with a time of 1:04.2. Junior Jamal Roberts and freshman Andi Augustin were seventh and eighth, clocking in at 1:05.72 and 1:05.76, respectively.

The Blackbirds are back in action Friday at the NYU Gotham Cup, also taking place at the Armory.

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Eddie Owens, who completed a record-breaking career in track and field at Joralemon Street's Packer Collegiate Institute last June, is already making the grade at Princeton and abroad during his freshman season as a collegiate runner.

Owens, the defending national champion in the 2,000-meter steeplechase, was selected to run for Team USA in this month's 2012 Bupa Great Edinburgh Cross-Country International Challenge in Scotland.

Owens' squad will compete in men's and women's junior and senior races against teams from Great Britain, Northern Ireland and Europe at Holyrood Park in historic Edinburgh.

Owens goes in to the event with great momentum after winning silver at the Junior Pan-American steeplechase in July.

"I'm very pleased that Eddie has been selected to compete for Team USA in the upcoming international meet in Scotland," noted Princeton cross-country coach Steve Dolan.

"It's quite an honor for Eddie, and we are extremely proud to have a member of our team here at Princeton represent the United States in the competition."

At Packer, Owens won the NYSPHSAA NY State Championship in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and posted the fastest time in the U.S. for the event last season, when he came in at 8:59.53 at the Larry Ellis Invitational on April 22, the fourth-fastest high school mark ever.

"Running tests you more than any other sport," Owens said last year. "It's taught me dedication like no other sport I've played has been able to teach me."

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Off the track and into the pool, Brooklyn College's James Marty was named the CUNYAC Rookie of the Week swimming to two second-place finishes and taking first once during the Bulldogs' meet at Lehman College last Thursday.

Marty took first in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 6:31.70 before taking runner-up honors as part of BC's 200-yard medley relay. He also posted a time of 2:36.44 in the men's individual medley for another second-place showing.

The BC swim team will be back in action Saturday at Old Westbury.

## Alma mater to honor **CSI** coach Mike Mauro

Thursday, January 12, 2012, 8:47 AM



**Jim Waggoner**  
By

Mike Mauro remembers the day as if it was yesterday, even though more than 20 years have passed. He was a young baseball player getting ready for his second season as a Detroit Tigers farmhand and had stopped by the **College of Staten Island** baseball field one spring afternoon in 1991 to say hello to an old friend and mentor.

"It was a very emotional day," said Mauro, who showed up at the Sunnyside campus to see John Jay coach Lou DeMartino. "I remember we hugged in the dugout before the game and I broke down a little bit. We both teared up."

Mauro, a retired police officer who's now preparing for his fourth season as the **College of Staten Island's** head coach, helped DeMartino, who had health issues, on the long walk across the diamond as they chatted.



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Mauro, now 42, had been a standout infielder on three of DeMartino's teams, batting .434 with 174 hits. He also stole 88 bases during that stretch, including 45 consecutive swipes, to catch the eye of pro scouts. He was a two-time NCAA Division III All-America second-team shortstop.

DeMartino's health slowly deteriorated and he eventually retired following the 1999 season and died on Feb. 1, 2002 at the age of 62. He won 424 games during 24 seasons (1974-99) at the Manhattan school.

Mauro learned recently that he will receive the school's Distinguished Baseball Alumni Award during the 10th annual Lou DeMartino Memorial Baseball Dinner on Jan. 28 at John Jay.

"Lou led by example," said Mauro. "He was such an important influence in my life. He talked scouts into coming out and watching me play and he made a ton of calls. More than that, he was the sweetest man, right along with (former McKee/S.I. Tech baseball coach) Bob Steele, in my sports life."

"This award means a great deal to me. It brings back a lot of great memories."

When DeMartino died, Mauro was working at the Bensonhurst precinct across the street from the funeral

home. He spent most of two days paying his respects.

And he eventually decided to follow in his old coach's footsteps.

"I'm doing what he was doing," said Mauro. "It gives me a feeling of fulfillment. I only hope that in 20 years some of my kids come up to me and share some of those same emotions."

**NOTES:** Sal Agostinelli, the director of international scouting for the Philadelphia Phillies, will receive the Lou DeMartino Lifetime Achievement Award ... The dinner is a fundraiser for John Jay's baseball team and tickets are \$85 (\$40 of which is tax deductible) per person. All RSVPs are due at the school by Jan. 16. ... Mauro led CSI to a school-record 31 victories in 2010.

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## College of Staten Island hosts Baruch today in CUNY basketball double-header

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By **Jim Waggoner**



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**CSI** senior forward Jordan Young continues to climb the school's career charts with 1,424 points and 635 rebounds.

Recent history has not been kind to the **College of Staten Island** in its basketball rivalry with Baruch College, although under the lens of CUNY Conference all-time play, the Dolphins still reign.

The teams get together Saturday for the only time of the current season, with the three-time defending champion Baruch women (3-1, 7-7) facing **CSI** (2-1, 5-7) at 1 p.m., followed by the Baruch men (2-2, 8-8) against South Division-leading **CSI** (3-0, 10-4) at 3 p.m.

Both games at the Sports and Rec Center in Willowbrook are free of charge.

Baruch has won the last 10 meetings against the Dolphins in the women's series, with last year's 101-52 rout in Manhattan the highest margin of victory

for the Bearcats. But the league kingpins suffered graduation losses from last year's championship team, and a recent double-digit loss to Hunter has given hope to the rest of the CUNY.

The Dolphin women, in fact, come in encouraged despite last weekend's 54-43 home loss to Brooklyn College, which is trying to muscle ahead of Baruch. The Dolphins still own a 23-15 all-time series lead, but the last triumph came eight seasons ago.

One thing's for sure: Baruch will try to speed up the tempo (it ranks in bottom 25 percent among NCAA Division III schools in points allowed); while **CSI** will try to slow it down (it ranks in bottom 25 percent in scoring offense at 54.8 ppg).

On the men's side, **CSI** enjoys a whopping 43-17 all-time series lead, although Ray Rankis, the dean of CUNY coaches, has won nine of the last 12 meetings, including three of the last four at **CSI**.

The Dolphins won last year in a memorable 109-107 triple-overtime classic in Manhattan, with point guard Thomas Tibbs sinking a jumper at the final buzzer.

Senior starters Jordan Young, Dale Taranto and Tibbs have returned from that squad, along with sophomore guard Bloochy Magloire, who averages a team-leading 16.8 points per game.

At 10-4, the Dolphins should be on the threshold of the soon-to-be released Atlantic Region rankings. After losing their first two games of the season in overtime at a Pennsylvania tourney — the first because of a length-of-the-court shot at the regulation buzzer — they have won 10 of 12 against a healthy schedule.

The last loss, in fact, was to Illinois Wesleyan in the finals of the Tournament of Heroes, 90-79. The Titans entered the national rankings at No. 25 this week.

The Dolphins are holding opponents to 63.1 ppg (which would be the second-best single-season total ever) and to 38.4 percent shooting (first in single-season history).

NOTES: Lehman's men lead the Northern Division with a 4-0 record ... Tibbs ranks 11th nationally with six assists per game while the Dolphins are 15th offensively with a 49.5 percent shooting accuracy ... The 6-foot-4 Young has 1,449 points (ninth all-time) and 659 rebounds (11th) but is a longshot to join Jay Zieris in the exclusive 1,000-point, 500-rebound, 300-assist club. He has 239 assists and needs 61 more — an average of about four per game. ... Magloire has 32 3-pointers this season and needs three more to reach 100 in his short career ..

Junior center Katelyn Hepworth has 711 career points and ranks ninth in **CSI** women's history with 554 rebounds ... Jaclyn Tocco's 3.8 steals per game ranks 38th nationally.

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## Another late shot by Tibbs sends **College of Staten Island** past Baruch, 70-69

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By **Jim Waggoner**

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**CSI** guard Thomas Tibbs splits Baruch defenders Justin Giryluk and Mickey Abbatiello (1) for the basket and the foul.

Thomas Tibbs broke Baruch College's heart again and took associate head coach John Alesi along for the ride.

Tibbs, the **College of Staten Island** senior point guard, sank a 15-foot jump shot with 15.8 seconds remaining Saturday to lift the Dolphins to a 70-69 victory over the visiting Bearcats.

"A great player made a great play," said Alesi, a Grymes Hill resident and former 1,000-point scorer at Baruch. "It often comes down to that in basketball."

The 5-foot-8 Tibbs has made it his business the last two seasons of providing last-second heroics against both Baruch and Alesi. Last season, he hit a long jumper at the final buzzer as **CSI** survived a 109-107 triple-overtime thriller over the Bearcats in Manhattan. Two weeks earlier, his tying 3-pointer at the regulation buzzer led to a 71-65 overtime win over Hunter.

The Hunter coach? Alesi, of course.

Baruch (2-3 CUNY, 8-9 overall) had the Dolphins (4-0, 11-4) on the ropes after using a 27-8 run spanning both halves to erase a 12-point deficit and take a 52-45 lead with 11 minutes remaining.

The Dolphins still trailed 60-54 when Lameik Black's dunk off a Jordan Young pass started a 12-3 run that was capped by Tibbs' driving layup and three foul shots when he fouled on a trey.

The 66-63 advantage didn't last long.

Baruch senior guard Chris Beauchamp hit a floater in the lane and his 15-foot jumper put the Bearcats up 69-68 at the 1:30 mark.

That's when Tibbs took over, taking freshman guard Rob Goldstein off the dribble and drilling the winning shot to the right of the free-throw line. Freshman forward Javon Cox stole the ball from a dribbling Goldstein on Baruch's final possession and Tibbs ran out the clock in the backcourt.

"I tried to create, not necessarily to shoot, and the freshman (Goldstein) is a great defender," said Tibbs, who scored a game-high 19 points and had a team-high seven rebounds. "They were sending double teams later in the game. Fortunately, I made the shot."

Said **CSI** coach Tony Petosa: "They had a hand in his (Tibbs) face. Tommy made a very tough shot. He saved the game for us."

Baruch shot 51 percent from the floor, outrebounded the Dolphins 33-28, and shared the ball in the halfcourt offense. Beauchamp scored 16 points, while CJ Jurewicz-Johnson had 13, Mickey Abbatiello 12 and Goldstein 11.

"They moved the ball very well," said Petosa. "They were very crisp. We were in a lot of trouble for awhile there."

Alesi also tossed a compliment in **CSI's** direction.

"They're an excellent team," he said of the 11-4 Dolphins. "They've proven themselves time and time again this season."

"I thought our guys really competed. I was real happy with their focus. We executed what we wanted to and we took away some things they like to do. I think we took a step forward today."

"If we had another 30 seconds, maybe we would have hit the winning shot."

Instead, it was Tibbs who seems to have the market on those honors.



NOTES: Baruch head coach Ray Rankis missed his first game of the season while attending an athletic directors' conference at Indianapolis ... Magloire scored 18 points and Young 15 in winning cause, while Black contributed eight points off the bench ... **CSI** takes a four-game winning streak into tomorrow's 1 p.m. home game against Kean.

BARUCH (69)

Abbatiello 5-9 0-2 12, Goldstein 4-9 0-0 11, Yapar 3-7 0-0 6, Beauchamp 6-13 2-3 16, Giryluk 2-3 0-0 4, Berliner 2-6 0-0 4, Elfassi 1-1 0-0 2, Jurewicz-Johnson 6-9 0-0 13, McMahon 0-0 1-2 1.

Totals: 29-57 3-7 69.

**CSI** (70)

Taranto 2-4 0-0 5, Tibbs 5-8 7-10 19, Magloire 7-15 0-0 18, Cox 1-2 1-2 3, Young 6-10 3-5 15, Black 4-9 0-2 8, Valdes 0-2 0-0 0, Bulger 0-1 2-2 2.

Totals: 25-51 13-21 70.

Halftime: 41-38, **CSI**.

Three-point goals: Baruch 8-21 (Abbatiello 2-3, Goldstein 3-8, Yapar 0-2, Beauchamp 2-5, Berliner 0-1, Jurewicz-Johnson 1-2); **CSI** 7-18 (Taranto 1-3, Ribbs 2-3, Magloire 4-11, Valdes 0-1). Rebounds: Baruch 33 (Yapar 8); **CSI** 28 (Tibbs 7). Assists: Baruch 11 (Beauchamp 3); **CSI** 17 (Young 6, Tibbs 5). Turnovers: Baruch 14, **CSI** 11. Total fouls: Baruch 16, **CSI** 10. Fouled out: none.

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## Baruch runs past CSI women in CUNY basketball, 77-51

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**Kevin Flood**  
By

The College of Staten Island surrendered a season-high 51 points in the first half and fell to visiting Baruch 77-51 Saturday.

"We have a young team and I think they were a little intimidated by the Baruch name," said CSI coach Marguerite Moran. "They really are not as powerful as they have been in the past few years, but my players came out very tentative and you can't do that against a good team."

"We took ourselves out of this game in the first half by giving them too many second chances. They scored a lot of points off put-backs in the first 20 minutes."

The Bearcats (4-1 CUNY) continually beat the Dolphins down the floor in the opening six minutes and took a 15-3 lead.

Junior Olivia Tierno was the only Dolphin to take the offensive against the taller Bearcats, scoring nine points in the first half. But the visitors spread the wealth as nine players got on the board.

Jessica Duleba connected on three treys, Sheridan Taylor controlled the boards, and when halftime finally arrived Baruch led 51-26.

CSI (2-2) played better defensively to start the second half and held the visitors to five points over the first 10 minutes to close the gap to 14 points.

"We didn't do anything different, the girls were just playing with more confidence," Moran added. "But we already sealed our fate in that first half. I really was not happy with our effort today. We need to be much more aggressive the rest of the season."

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## Bloochy Magloire rips the nets for 31 as College of Staten Island routs Kean, 75-54

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By **Jim Waggoner**



Staten Island Advance file photo by Hilton Flores

**CSI** sophomore Bloochoy Magloire scored a game-high 31 points in an easy win over Kean on Monday.

Bloochoy Magloire scored the first 11 points of the game on his way to a 31-point performance Monday in leading the College of Staten Island to a 75-54 non-conference basketball victory over visiting Kean.

Magloire, a 6-foot-3 sophomore guard, sank a pair of 3-point shots to open the Martin Luther King Jr. Day matinee, converted a fastbreak layup on a pass from point guard Thomas Tibbs, and buried another long-range jumper from the left wing.

The scoreboard should have read: Magloire 11, Kean 0.

"I'm never surprised with Bloochoy," said Tibbs. "He puts in a lot of work during the summer months. I should know because I'm right there with him. He has a real love for the game."

Kean opened the game with a 2-3 zone and then alternated with a 3-2 and 2-1-2 zones and even tried man-to-man and a box-and-one on the explosive and creating Tibbs.

Whatever the Cougars tried, nothing seemed to work.

The 12-4 Dolphins, meanwhile, held the New Jersey Athletic Conference visitors to five first-half baskets with their trademark man-to-man defense and took a 35-13 halftime lead on the way to their fifth consecutive victory.

Magloire had 19 points at the break, sinking 7 of 10 shots and 5 of 8 from downtown. He finished with a 11-of-15 line, hitting 6 of 10 treys, while Dale Taranto (seven assists) and Tibbs (six assists) were triggering the efficient offense.

"We played great defense in the first half," said **CSI** coach Tony Petosa, "and when Bloochy is shooting like that, he can carry us. We played very unselfishly and he got a lot of open looks and made his shots."

The Dolphins kept rolling early in the second half, using a 13-4 run to take a 48-17 lead. They were still coasting at 56-26 with nine minutes left when Kean senior Andrew Kirey (24 points) caught fire from the perimeter to make the final score more respectable.

"We saw that zone at the beginning, and we know how to run our zone offense," said Magloire. "I don't know if that's the best idea against us."

Magloire has grown in more ways than one. He stood 5-9 as a Susan Wagner junior and returned for his senior season at a rail-thin 6-2. His first contact with Petosa following that season went so poorly that Magloire didn't find a spot on the **CSI** roster until last season.

"He's certainly matured in the past few years," said Tibbs, who has coached the shooting guard on an AAU squad. "He definitely made a big freshman-to-sophomore jump."

NOTES: Magloire leads the balanced Dolphins with a 17.8 points per game average and 42 3-pointers. He's shooting 42 percent beyond the arc while hitting 40 of 49 free throws ... **CSI** hosts City College (0-3 CUNY, 1-14 overall) tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. The women's game follows at 7:30 ... The second annual Matty White Alumni Game is scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m., prior to **CSI's** CUNY game against John Jay at 1 p.m. The prelim honors the late assistant coach who spent 17 seasons on **CSI's** bench following a lengthy high school coaching career that included induction into the CHSAA Hall of Fame. White died in May 2010 of kidney cancer at the age of 74.

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## Young scores 33 points as **College of Staten Island** routs City College for sixth straight win, 98-54

Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 11:36 PM



By **Jim Waggoner**



Staten Island Advance file photo by Hilton Flores

**CSI** senior Jordan Young had 33 points and 11 rebounds in a rout of City College.

Jordan Young's steady climb up the **College of Staten Island's** basketball career statistical ladder has the 6-foot-4 senior forward nearing some interesting peaks.

One target would be the all-time scoring record, which belongs to former **CSI** guard Michael Stewart at 1,819 points. That's likely out of reach for Young, who scored 33 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as the 13-4 Dolphins routed City College, 98-54, Wednesday night in Willowbrook for their sixth straight win.

But sitting at No. 3 on the scoring list is head coach Tony Petosa, who tallied 1,635 points during his playing days. Young's big night brought him to eighth on the all-time list and has him breathing down the necks of John Cali, Jay Zieris, Kirk Staine and Ron Chase in his pursuit of Petosa.

"That would definitely be a good one to shoot for," said Young, a four-year starter who has 1,475 points and eight regular-season games remaining, with a smile. "It would be nice to pass Coach."

Young, however, isn't known as a prolific scorer. He is known as an accurate shooter, nearing 60 percent for the season and his career, and averages 14.1 ppg. He also has 666 career rebounds, moving into 11th on the list with a realistic chance to get to No. 7.

Last night didn't start well for Young.

Petosa pulled Javon Cox and Young just two minutes into the game.

"I didn't like what I was seeing," said the coach. "Jordan is too good not to take over."

Back in went his starters and it didn't take long for an early deficit against the struggling Beavers (0-4 CUNY, 1-15 overall) to disappear in an avalanche of **CSI** layups. Young had 24 points and seven rebounds by halftime, when the Dolphins had built a 52-27 lead. He would have easily surpassed the single-game scoring record of 42 points by Cyrus Deas in the 1984-85 season if not pulled with 10 minutes remaining.

The lead grew to 57-27 early in the second half and 78-38 with 11 minutes remaining while reserve guard Louis Valdes scored a career-high 19 points on 6-for-6 shooting, hitting all four of his 3-pointers.

City College is coached by Tom Green, who had a 407-351 record during 26 seasons at Division I Fairleigh Dickinson, where he coached the Knights to seven 20-win seasons and four NCAA Tournament appearances.

Green took the CUNY Conference job in August and said he's looking to build the program on the back of a couple of recruiting campaigns.

"I'm used to winning and having talented players," said Green, who learned this month that he will be inducted into the Northeast Conference Hall of Fame. "I'm very thankful for this opportunity and look forward to pulling the program up. I knew we would struggle this year.

"Tony (Petosa) has the best team in the conference. He has great balance with a good point guard, shooters and guys inside who can play."

NOTES: The Dolphins are the lone CUNY unbeaten team with a 5-0 record ... Terence Johnston paced CCNY with 14 points while Jordan Ortega added 13 ... **CSI** senior guards Thomas Tibbs (nine assists) and Dale Taranto (eight assists) kept feeding Young and others for easy baskets ... **CSI** championship teams from baseball, softball and women's soccer seasons were honored last night between the men's and women's games ... **CSI** hosts John Jay at 1 p.m. Saturday in the second annual alumni game in honor of late assistant coach Matty White.

CCNY (54)

DeSilva 1-5 0-0 2, Vickers 4-10 1-4 10, Johnston 2-8 10-14 14, Williams 3-5 2-2 8, Ortega 5-13 3-3 13, Nasser 0-0 1-1 1, Faso 0-6 0-0 0, Siriban 1-1 0-0 2, Backus 2-6 0-0 4.

Totals: 18-54 17-24 54.

CSI (98)

Taranto 2-8 2-2 6, Tibbs 1-4 0-0 3, Magloire 2-6 0-0 5, Cox 3-6 1-1 7, Young 15-19 3-4 33, Black 3-4 1-2 7, Valdes 6-6 3-3 19, Bulger 5-6 0-0 10, Gamea 0-1 0-0 0, Jenkins 0-0 0-0 0, Granata 0-0 0-0 0, King 1-2 0-0 3, Albano 0-0 0-0 0, Manesy 1-1 0-2 2, Maccarone 0-3 0-0 0, Husslein 1-1 1-2 3.

Totals: 40-67 11-16 98.

Halftime: 52-27, CSI.

Three-point goals: CCNY 1-13 (DeSilva 0-2, Vickers 1-4, Faso 0-4, Backus 0-3); CSI 7-14 (Taranto 0-3, Tibbs 1-2, Magloire 1-4, Valdes 4-4, King 1-1). Rebounds: CCNY 28 (Johnston 6); CVSI 41 (Young 11). Assists: CCNY 10 (Vickers 5); CSI 28 (Tibbs 9, Taranto 8). Turnovers: CCNY 20, CSI 15. Total fouls: CCNY 13, CSI 24. Fouled out: none.

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## Dolphins fall to Adelphi in swimming action at College of Staten Island

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By **Staten Island Advance**

The College of Staten Island was swept by Adelphi University in both men's and women's swimming and diving in non-conference action last night in Willowbrook.

Despite a wins in 1-meter (152.47 points) and 3-meter diving (176.85) by Stephanie Collyer, the CSI women dropped a 77-66 decision to fall to 3-5 overall. Also, the 400-yard medley relay team of Lauren Overeem, Vasiliki Stergioula, Shannon McCormick and Patricia Velloza captured firts in a time of 5 minutes, 38.47 seconds; and Natasha Caicedo placed second in the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 18:53.



Staten Island Advance

Stephanie Collyer in action in this file photo.

The Dolphin men fell to 3-3 overall with an identical 77-66 setback to Adelphi. Mitchell Lovell, Andrey Tarasov, Danila Novikov and Timur Rakhimov won the 400 medley relay (3:36.38); and Rakhimov was second in the 50 free (23.28).

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## CSI basketball women edge CCNY, 52-50

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By **Staten Island Advance**

Freshman guard Nikki Fabozzi scored 25 points and Olivia Tierno hit two key free throws in the final seconds as the **College of Staten Island** held on last night for a 52-50 CUNY Conference victory over City College.

The visiting Beavers (0-4 CUNY, 2-15 overall) held a 28-19 early in the second half before Fabozzi triggered a comeback. A 12-2 run featured nine points from the Susan Wagner HS product that gave **CSI** a 34-33 lead.

Leading 45-39 with 7:38 remaining, the Dolphins (3-2, 6-8) went cold. CCNY cut the deficit to 49-48 with a Simone Tharkur basket with 25 seconds left before Tierno sank two free throws and the Beavers opted for an inside hoop down by three with seven seconds left.

Fabozzi hit one free throw before missing the second as CCNY was unable to get a final shot attempt off.

Fabozzi added six rebounds, four assists and two steals.

**CSI** hosts John Jay on Saturday at 3 p.m.

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## CSI alumni game to honor former assistant coach Matty White

Friday, January 20, 2012, 11:58 AM



**Jim Waggoner**  
By

Matty White's legacy lives on in the way he left his imprint with a multitude of his former basketball players.

Many of those men will gather tomorrow for the second annual Matty White Alumni Game at the [College of Staten Island](#), where White was an assistant coach for the good part of two decades.

"Everybody loved him as a coach," said Craig Sleaf, a 33-year-old NYC firefighter and former Dolphin point guard. "Our favorite practice of the year was the one (head coach) Tony Petosa didn't attend late in the season. It became a tradition that he'd skip one practice and Matty ran things. We all remember the fun we had with Coach White."

White, who is inducted in both the Staten Island Sports Hall of Fame and the Catholic High School Athletic Association (CHSAA) Hall of Fame, died of kidney cancer in May 2010 at the age of 74. He retired from his coaching position in 2005 after 17 seasons as Petosa's top aide.

"I think a teacher and a coach measures success later on when they see students and athletes become productive adults," White told the Advance in a 2001 interview. "My belief has always been that the last guy on the bench is just important as your best player."

White adhered to simple values and refused to bend the rules or put career growth over more basic family concerns. His personal and basketball contacts could have led to a job in the NBA or major college ranks, but he chose to coach in high school and then at his hometown [CSI](#) while finishing his career as an elementary school teacher.



Advance file photo

Matty White accepts an award at the Staten Island Advance All-Star dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn, June 19, 2008.

"We got together the day of his funeral," remembered Sleaf, "and somebody said we should have an annual game in his memory. There was great feeling not only that everybody wanted to do it, but that we absolutely were going to do it."

Ex-**CSI** standout Brian Gasper, who spent the 2002-03 season as head coach while Petosa was on a one-year sabbatical, is expected in from Coral Springs, Fla. The list of former Dolphins goes back to Jay Chazenoff, the class of 1965, and includes former coaches Evan Pickman and Butch Aponte.

The game is scheduled to start at 11 a.m., with a full luncheon reception following the game. The **CSI** men's varsity game against John Jay will start at 1 p.m., with the women's varsity game to cap the day at 3 p.m.

Matt White Jr. and Kenny White, sons of the late coach, are expected to return to coach one of the alumni teams.

Sleaf has been a point man on the organizational end, along with ex-teammate Matt Franzreb and **CSI** associate athletic director Dave Pizzuto. Forty former players signed up last year for the first alumni game, and Pizzuto said they anticipate another hardy group of ex-Dolphins tomorrow, with many registering in the morning prior to the game.

Matt White Jr. was asked what his father's response would be to the alumni game in his honor and a gymnasium filled with his former charges.

"He wouldn't say much, anybody who knew my father knows that," said Matt White Jr., a school teacher in southern California. "He'd say 'Thank you?' and he would smile. He was never a guy for much fanfare or putting himself in the limelight.

"One more thing: I think he'd say 'See you all at Jimmy Max,' for pizza and a beer afterwards."

**NOTES:** **CSI's** men's team takes a sizzling six-game winning streak into the John Jay game. The Dolphins are 5-0 in CUNY play and 13-4 overall ... Senior guard Dale Taranto quietly has taken aim at **CSI's** all-time record for steals. He has 173 and needs four more to pass John Cali at No. 2 on the career list, while setting his sights on all-time leader Greg Whitehead (class of 1983) and his 207 total ... **CSI** freshman forward Javon Cox was named CUNY rookie of the week for the third consecutive week.

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## College of Staten Island routs John Jay, 104-84, but Matty White Alumni Game steals the show

Saturday, January 21, 2012, 7:47 PM



By **Jim Waggoner**



Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores

The second annual Matty White Alumni Game had a lot more suspense than the College of Staten Island's 104-84 rout of John Jay this afternoon at the Sports and Recreation Center.

The Black team squeaked out an 83-80 victory over the Blue in a spirited prelim with two-time CUNY Conference Tournament MVP John Cali sinking a pair of clinching free throws in the closing seconds.

The losing alums failed to get the ball into the hands of 42-year-old Fred Marinaccio, who drained one of the most memorable shots in CSI history, a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to stun Wagner College 81-78 during the 1989-90 campaign.

"That was a lifetime ago," smiled Marinaccio, an Annadale resident and finance manager with three children. "Yeah, someone will mention it from time to time, but I like to say that Jim Long, Rob Roesch and Scott Davidson were the leaders on that team.

"It's a memory that brings us back to a great time and a great team."

CSI senior forward Jordan Young had 30 points and 20 rebounds Saturday in a 104-84 win over John Jay.

For the record, CSI's all-time leading scorer Michael Stewart took the last shot, and the Brooklyn schoolteacher still wore

his million-dollar smile afterward at the luncheon reception despite the rare miss.

"Coach (Matty) White did a lot for us and to come here today to honor him is a privilege," said ex-Dolphin Brian Gasper, a Coral Springs, Fla., policeman who turned 36 yesterday. "He was a great person and a great mentor. The camaraderie and lifetime friendships are what school is all about."

Gasper, a former All-CUNY first-team selection as a forward, drained four perimeter jumpers during one stretch of the alumni game, much to the amazement of his old teammates.

"I've been practicing back at home," he smiled while showing off 6-year-old son Jaeden, by all reports an up-and-coming Florida point guard.

The main event wasn't nearly as competitive.

Senior forward Jordan Young turned in a 30-point, 20-rebound performance against a smaller John Jay lineup, although he managed to throw a scare into the Dolphins when he banged knees with an opponent during first-half action and was helped to the trainer's table.

"Iced it for about five minutes and got right back in there," said Young, who passed Cali and Jay Zieris to climb to No. 6 on the program's all-time career scoring list with 1,538 points. "There was a lot of great basketball history in this gym today and we want to add to it with a championship of our own."

CSI won its seventh straight game while improving to 6-0 in the CUNY and 14-4 overall. The Dolphins are unbeaten in NCAA Division III Atlantic Region play, and figure to get a high ranking when the first polls are released soon.

Bloochy Magloire hit five 3-pointers and tallied 19, while point guard Thomas Tibbs (15 points, eight assists) and center Javon Cox (14 points, 15 rebounds) helped lead an assault that began to shake the Bloodhounds (1-5, 8-10) for good in the final 10 minutes.

Still, head coach Tony Petosa wasn't totally satisfied with the showing.

"We had an opportunity in the first half to put them away," he said, "and we let them back in the game.

"It was a great day though with all the former players coming back. Even with the bad weather we had a nice turnout and I think everyone really enjoys getting together again."

The Dolphins shot 55.3 percent from the floor, held a commanding 51-30 rebounding edge, and outscored the Bloodhounds 60-32 in the paint.

NOTES: Matt White Jr. and his brother Kenny White coached the winning team, while George Wonica (Class of 1973) and Jay Chaznoff (Class of 1965) directed the Blue bench ... Local basketball legend Tom Konchalski, a longtime evaluator of New York area high school hoop talent, attended the game for the second straight year. He was a personal friend of the late Matty White ... The Dolphins visit Lehman on Wednesday night and Hunter on Friday night as they try to close out an undefeated month of January ... All-CUNY second-team returnee Jerome Alexander paced John Jay with 28 points and Isaiah Holman added 25 points, eight rebounds and four assists.

JOHN JAY (84)

Holman 8-15 4-5 25, Clarke 2-6 0-0 4, Padell 1-8 0-0 2, Alexander 10-21 8-10 28, Owens 4-9 0-0 11, Alleyne 2-6 3-4 8, Branch 0-1 1-2 1, Duran 0-1 1-2 1, Nazire 2-3 0-0 4.

Totals: 29-70 17-23 84.

CSI (104)

Taranto 4-6 0-0 9, Tibbs 6-9 1-1 15, Magloire 6-15 2-4 19, Cox 6-12 2-2 14, Young 13-25 5-10 31, Black 2-2 1-3 5, Jenkins 0-0 0-0 0, Valdes 2-3 1-2 5, King 0-1 0-0 0, Husslein 1-1 0-0 2, Bulger 2-2 0-0 4.

Totals: 42-76 12-22 104.

Halftime: 48-35, CSI.

Three-point goals: JJ 9-29 (Holman 5-9, Clarke 0-2, Padell 0-6, Alexander 0-2, Owens 3-7, Alleyne 1-2, Duran 0-1); CSI 8-17 (Taranto 1-1, Tibbs 2-4, Magloire 5-11, Valdes 0-1). Rebounds: JJ 30 (Holman 8); CSI 51 (Young 20, Cox 15). Assists: JJ 16 (Holman 4); CSI 24 (Tibbs 8). Turnovers: JJ 10, CSI 16. Total fouls: JJ 20, CSI 17. Fouled out: Owens. Technical foul: JJ coach Fenn.

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## College of Staten Island women top John Jay, 61-42

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**Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**  
By

College of Staten Island freshman Nikki Fabozzi led a balanced attack with 19 points as the Dolphins improved to 4-2 in CUNY Conference action with a 61-42 victory over John Jay on Saturday.

The host Dolphins (7-8 overall) used a 28-8 run early in the second half to break away from the Bloodhounds (2-4, 5-1), who trailed only 26-22 at halftime.

Fabozzi added five rebounds, five steals and two blocked shots.

Katelyn Hepworth had 13 points and eight rebounds and Olivia Tierno 11 points to the winning attack, while the Dolphins' pressure defense contributed to 35 John Jay turnovers.

Jamie Forsythe paced the Bloodhounds with 18 points and a game-high 14 rebounds.

CSI travels to play Lehman on Wednesday night at the Borough of Manhattan Community College.

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## College of Staten Island leads the CUNY Conference, but Petosa has his worries

Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 6:15 AM



By **Jim Waggoner**



Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores

CSI head coach Tony Petosa listens to assistant Chris Peterson. Petosa's Dolphins are unbeaten in the CUNY heading into Wednesday night's game against Lehman.

As the victory total starts rising, so too does the anxiety index of College of Staten Island men's basketball coach Tony Petosa.

"I know we're pretty good," said Petosa, "and that's what worries me."

CSI heads into the final month of the CUNY Conference season 6-0 in league play and 14-4 overall, taking a seven-game winning streak into Wednesday's 8 p.m. road game against Lehman.

The game will be played at the Borough of Manhattan Community College, the temporary site for Lehman's home games while repairs are completed at the Apex Center in the Bronx.

"Never played there; never seen the gym," said Petosa. "A bigger concern is that other teams are going to be gunning for us, taking their best shot against the first-place team."

Adding to Petosa's late-season worry is that CSI plays its final five CUNY contests on the road, including a Friday night game at Hunter. The only home game remaining is a non-conference test next Thursday night against Berkeley College.



"We want to maintain our intensity and stay healthy," said Petosa, who's trying to capture his first CUNY tourney title in a decade. "We're almost getting ready for the stretch run and we just have to worry about ourselves right now."

There's plenty of statistical evidence for **CSI's** dominance. The Dolphins lead the nine-team CUNY in both scoring offense (76.4 ppg) and scoring defense (63.5 ppg), while carrying the torch in both shooting accuracy (49.7 percent) and field-goal percentage defense (39.2).

Petosa's troops also lead in rebounding margin, assist/turnover ratio, assists and 3-point shots made per game.

And if senior point guard Thomas Tibbs and senior forward Jordan Young are legitimate CUNY MVP candidates, sophomore sharpshooter Bloochy Magloire can't be far behind.

The 5-foot-8 Tibbs averages 14 points and a league-leading six assists per game, and there's no question the St. Peter's HS product is the penetrating motor that drives the engine.

Young, the CUNY player of the week, had a 31-point, 20-point game last weekend in a 104-84 rout of John Jay and continues his climb in the Dolphin record book. He ranks sixth all-time with 1,539 points and ninth with 697 rebounds.

NOTES: Sophomore center Matt Van Manen could return to the lineup next week after sitting a month with an ankle injury. The two-year starter will likely be eased back into the rotation. "Matt will be OK," said Petosa. "Javon (Cox) and Lameik (Black) have stepped up and we have some real depth inside. It's a good problem to have." ... Lehman is 5-2 in CUNY play and 9-9 overall ... **CSI's** women (4-2, 7-8) begin Wednesday night's doubleheader at 6 p.m. against Lehman (4-3, 9-10) ... Dolphin freshman Nikki Fabozzi (Susan Wagner HS) was named CUNY rookie of the week for the second time. She scored 25 points in a 52-50 win over City College and 19 points in a 61-42 win over John Jay ... NYU has jumped to No. 17 in this week's NCAA Division III men's national poll. The 14-1 Violets are coached by Huguenot resident Joe Nesci, who earlier this month became the program's winningest coach with his 410th victory.

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## College of Staten Island rallies past Lehman for eighth straight victory, 89-75

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**Jim Waggoner**  
By



Staten Island Advance file photo by Hilton Flores

**CSI** freshman forward Javon Cox, left, had 13 points and teamed with senior Lameik Black for some solid interior defense in Wednesday night's 89-75 road victory over Lehman in Manhattan.

Lameik Black is fitting in nicely with the **College of Staten Island** basketball team.

Black, a 26-year-old former college wide receiver making the most of his final season of athletic eligibility, came off the bench Wednesday night to score 13 points and grab six rebounds as **CSI** remained unbeaten in the CUNY Conference with a 89-75 victory over Lehman at Borough of Manhattan Community College.

"I've been trying to teach these guys a little something, and not just about basketball," said Black, the proud father of 4-year-old Lameik Black Jr. "I go home and life is serious. My son is my pride and joy right now."

The muscular 6-foot-3 senior forward decided to take one last shot at collegiate sports as a basketball player. The former football Advance All Star hadn't played organized hoops since his days at Port Richmond HS.

"I'm having fun," he said. "We all have the same mindset and that is to win a championship."

Senior point guard Thomas Tibbs led six Dolphins in double figures with 23 points and added seven assists as the visitors improved to 7-0 in CUNY play and 15-4 overall with their eighth straight triumph. Dale Taranto scored 15 points, Javon Cox and Black followed with 13, Bloochy Magloire with 11 and senior forward Jordan Young had 10 points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

It was a game of long-range marksmanship from the opening tap.

Lehman junior Mathias Raggiotto sank 7 of 11 shots from 3-point range, including 6 of 7 in the first half. Tibbs responded by sinking 5 of 7 treys before intermission and Taranto found his comfort zone with a 4-of-6 night from downtown.

In all, the teams made 21 of 38 3-point attempts.

The Lightning (5-3 CUNY, 9-10 overall) shot out to a 28-19 lead in the first nine minutes and sank 9 of 11 treys in the first half. But the Dolphins started finding the range and a pair of Taranto bombs in the final minutes put them up 48-45 at the break.

"We settled down defensively in the second half," said CSI coach Tony Petosa of his team's 41-30 scoring advantage, "and our interior passing on offense was really sharp."

Black and Cox started hounding Raggiotto in the second half — he scored 22 of his game-high 31 in the first half — and Tibbs triggered a transition game that helped the Dolphins slowly pull away. An 11-3 run keyed by Magloire's backdoor slam dunk off a Tibbs bounce pass and Young's layup off a Magloire no-look pass made it 79-66 with a little under six minutes to play.

"Teams are going to give us their best shot and I thought Lehman really came out on fire," said Petosa. "We played as well as we can play in the second half. They had control early and we were fortunate to get some things done."

Black's presence in the paint definitely made things easier.

"We know he's a very good offensive player," said Petosa, "and tonight he really had an impact on the game defensively."

Black said his decision to return to school and finish up work on a sociology degree is about more than just basketball.

"I'd like to go back to Port Richmond High School," he said. "There are a lot of kids with a lot of talent on Staten Island, and I want to help keep them off the streets and in school."

NOTES: **CSI** visits Hunter tomorrow night in another CUNY game ... Lehman is playing its home schedule at BMCC because of damage to its campus court in the Bronx ... George Nimmons and Phil Ductan had 10 points apiece for Lehman. Ductan added seven rebounds, seven assists and three steals ... Magloire had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

**CSI** (89)

Cox 6-8 1-2 13, Young 3-9 4-5 10, Taranto 5-7 1-2 15, Tibbs 8-12 2-2 23, Magloire 5-16 0-0 11, Black 5-6 3-4 13, Valdes 1-5 0-0 2, Bulger 1-2 0-0 2.

Totals: 34-65 11-15 89.

LEHMAN (75)

Raggiotto 11-22 2-2 31, Nangle 3-7 2-2 9, Odedina 2-4 0-2 4, Nimmons 4-10 3-4 12, Ductan 3-10 5-7 12, Velazquez 0-0 0-0 0, Gil 1-1 0-0 3, Kazadi 0-1 0-0 0, Pessoa 2-6 0-0 4.

Totals: 26-61 12-17 75.

Halftime: 48-45, **CSI**.

Three-point goals: **CSI** 10-21 (Taranto 4-6, Tibbs 5-8, Magloire 1-6, Valdes 0-1); Lehman 11-17 (Raggiotto 7-11). Rebounds: **CSI** 39 (Young 10, Magloire 10); Lehman 33 (Raggiotto 7, Ductan 7). Assists: **CSI** 19 (Tibbs 7, Young 6); Lehman 12 (Ductan 7). Turnovers: **CSI** 10, Lehman 10. Total fouls: **CSI** 15, Lehman 15. Fouled out: none.

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## Lehman's late hoop caps comeback win over CSI women, 64-63

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**Jim Waggoner**  
By

Lehman senior center Jalessa Gordon's rebound layup with 1.2 seconds remaining capped a furious comeback from a 16-point comeback in the final 11 minutes as the Lightning edged the College of Staten Island 64-63 in CUNY Conference action last night at the Borough of Manhattan Community College.

The Dolphins (4-3, 7-9) led 57-41 on a night when junior forward Katelyn Hepworth had 21 points and 14 rebounds and Olivia Tierno added 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Lehman (5-3, 9-11) went on a 18-2 run to draw even at 59-59 on Jasmin Castro-Lopez's only basket of the game.

CSI's last lead came on Hepworth's jumper from the circle, 53-62, with 1:20 left.

The Dolphins actually defended Leslie Mencia's last-second drive in the lane, but the forced shot found Gordon under the hoop for the game-winning layup.

CSI called a timeout and a long pass found Fabozzi, whose 35-footer at the buzzer missed the mark.

Menica topped Lehman with 23 points, while Gordon added 14 points and 10 rebounds. Danielle Kartalis had 11 points and seven rebounds for CSI, which travels to Hunter tomorrow night.

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## College of Staten Island tops Hunter for ninth straight win, 83-66

Friday, January 27, 2012, 11:48 PM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

Senior forward Jordan Young scored 23 points and sophomore guard Bloochy Magloire added 21 as the College of Staten Island won its ninth straight basketball game with Friday night's 83-66 victory over host Hunter in Manhattan.

The Dolphins used a late 14-3 run to take a 42-31 halftime lead and shot 55.8 percent from the floor while improving to 8-0 in the CUNY Conference and 16-4 overall.

The visitors built its largest lead at 73-49 points with nine minutes remaining in the game.

Freshman center Javon Cox had 17 points in CSI's balanced attack, while Anthony Uter topped Hunter (4-3, 9-10) with 21 points.

Young climbed to fifth on CSI's all-time scoring list with 1,572 points, passing Kirk Staine. He also has 708 rebounds, ranking No. 9 on the career list, and 262 assists.

Senior guard Dale Taranto had three steals to move into second place in program history with 178, passing John Cali.

And Magloire needs 160 more points to become the 16th player to tally 500 in a single season.

The current nine-game winning streak is CSI's longest since a 10-game streak during the 1996-97 season.

CSI (83)

Taranto 3-8 1-3 7, Tibbs 3-8 2-2 9, Magloire 5-9 8-8 21, Cox 6-7 5-6 17, Young 9-13 5-8 23, Black 3-5 0-0 6, Jenkins 0-0 0-0 0, Valdes 0-1 0-0 0, King 0-0 0-0 0, Husslein 0-0 0-0 0, Bulger 0-1 0-0 0.

Totals: 29-52 21-27 83.

HUNTER (66)

Courtien 6-9 0-0 15, Daza 0-4 0-0 0, Koutsoloukas 2-3 2-2 6, Brown 1-4 1-2 3, Uter 7-12 7-10 21, Sokolovsky 0-0 0-0 0, Hunter 2-5 0-0 5, Kippins 1-2 0-0 2, Cerda 1-6 1-2 3, Akinyemi 3-5 1-2 7, Carpenter 2-5 0-0 4.

Totals: 25-55 12-18 66.

Halftime: 42-31 **CSI.**

Three-point goals: **CSI** 4-13 (Taranto 0-4, Tibbs 1-4, Magloire 3-4, Valdes 0-1); Hunter 4-10 (Courtien 3-4, Daza 0-2, Brown 0-1, Hunter 1-1, Cerda 0-2). Rebounds: **CSI** 34 (Black 7, Taranto 6); Hunter 31 (Akinyemi 5). Assists: **CSI** 18 (Cox 5, Magloire 4); Hunter 14 (Cerda 7). Turnovers: **CSI** 16, Hunter 18. Total fouls: **CSI** 15, Hunter 21. Fouled out: Uter. Technical fouls: Daza, Carpenter, Hunter bench, Magloire.

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## Markoe helps spark Hunter past **CSI** women, 62-48

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By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

Hunter sophomore forward Kristen Markoe had a major impact on Friday night's 62-48 victory over the **College of Staten Island** despite a cool shooting game at the Sportsplex in Manhattan.

Markoe had 12 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists as the Hawks (6-1 CUNY Conference, 8-11 overall) broke open a close game in the second half against the Dolphins (4-4, 7-10).

The McKee/Staten Island Tech product and reigning CUNY rookie of the year sank only 3 of 15 shots, but the visitors from **CSI** connected on only 15 baskets on 27.3 percent shooting for the night.

Hunter led 23-20 at halftime and outscored the Dolphins 39-27 after intermission, as Megan McKenna scored a game-high 21 points while Shatira Hamlet and Markoe added 12 apiece.

Freshman guard Nikki Fabozzi topped **CSI** with 14 points while Olivia Tierno added 12. Katelyn Hepworth had eight points, nine rebounds, six assists and four steals.

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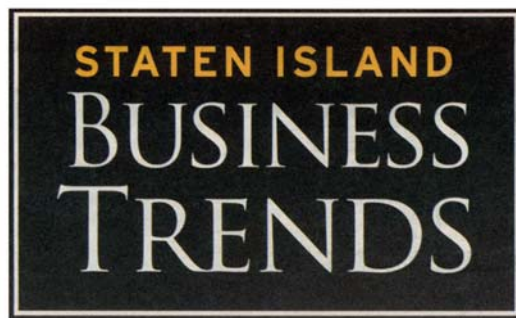


depends on what you mean by “democratic.” Anderson examines three types of “outsider” media, each of which relate to the audience differently and each of which, he suggests, encapsulates a different conception of democracy. Those in “algorithmic” media relate to their audience in an aggregated, big-data kind of way. In his prime example of that, **Demand Media**, news outlets generate articles to suit what people search for online. “How to Build a Tractor Plow” and “How to Cut Egg Shells With a Laser Beam” are a couple of market holes waiting to be filled with articles from Demand Media writers.

But is this democracy? Of a mechanized, marketized sort, yes. This “democracy,” with its “algorithmic audience,” is worlds away from the public-journalism movement (Anderson’s second example of outsider media), which envisioned a sort of journalist-mediated giant town hall, with a “deliberative audience.” It’s also vastly different from the participatory form of democracy embraced by citizen journalism outlets like **Indymedia** (Anderson’s third example), which encourage their audiences to “be the media.” To be sure, algorithmic media also require audience participation—but only in an automated, aggregated clickocracy. There’s no opportunity for algorithmic audiences to explain why they clicked, whether they’re glad they did, or whether they’d click on something similar in the future.

How might algorithmic media influence public life? If algorithms come to dictate news decisions, how does that change what we read, and what sort of democracy we might have or want to have? Some media executives told Anderson that algorithmic journalism empowers audiences. Keep several grains of salt handy for that one! Perhaps the real power rests with journo-geeks—the reporter-programmers who create the algorithms, and whose analysis of the resulting data drives news decisions down uncharted paths.

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Professional boxing is coming to Staten Island this month, with an evening of pugilism at the Hilton Garden Inn that includes bouts featuring Staten Island lightweight Nicky "Lil Nicky" DeMarco (3-2, 2 KOs), as well as Staten Island super middleweight Tim O'Neill (9-2-3, 5 KOs). Pictured at a press conference announcing the event are, from left, boxers Jorge Diaz, DeMarco and Mikey Faragon, and boxing promoters Gregg Cohen and Sal Musumeci.

# Prez 'optimistic' for borough

With two years left in office, James Molinaro has a bright outlook for the Island

By TIM RONALDSON  
Business Trends

James Molinaro is in full-fledged prep mode.

As he is about to enter the second half of his third and final term as Staten Island's borough president, Molinaro wants to make sure that, before he leaves office, some long-discussed projects are off the ground for the next leader. He has a strong outlook for the borough in general and thinks Staten Island could be primed for a banner year in 2012.

"I think there are some great opportunities for Staten Island. I am very optimistic," he said. "I think the economy is better, in a sense. And there's a number of things that are just hanging up there by a little push to come over the finish line."

Molinaro's wish list for the remainder of his term focuses on three areas: alleviating traffic, building community, and improving the overall quality of life for Island residents.

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Like many others, the borough president believes that traffic is Staten Island's biggest problem. With little to no public transportation options, especially on the weekends, residents are forced to hop in their car if they want to leave their house. About 18 percent of all registered vehicles in New York City are in Staten Island, even though the borough accounts for only about 5 percent of the city's population. Every new home that gets built also adds 2.5 cars to the road on average, Molinaro said.

Studies are currently being conducted to improve the borough's "poor" bus service, but in the meantime, Molinaro is working to modernize Staten Island's roadways with the use of smart lights. The first use of such technology was installed recently at the College of Staten Island, and results have already shown an improvement of traffic traveling eastbound of 17 percent and westbound of 14 percent.

"Right now, the light directs the traffic. What I'm trying to institute is when the traffic directs the light," Molinaro said.

Adding to the overburdened roadways is the fact that Staten Island lacks true downtown communities, or "walkable" places for people to congregate, he said. As such, some of the projects the borough president is most encouraged by, and focused on helping, are a proposed apartment and hotel complex at the former Coast Guard base adjacent to the Ferry Terminal; The Pointe, a luxury condominium complex with waterfront and bridge views; and a renewal of interest in the Stapleton community, which will be fueled by the construction of the Homeport project.

"My intention was always to make St. George 'Battery Park City West' - to make it a self-sustaining community," Molinaro said. "I think everyone is convinced that we should do that in St. George."

While not all of these projects are approved and ready to go - the Economic Development Council still needs to sign off on the Coast Guard base project, which has

been in the works for seven years - Molinaro is optimistic that they can at least get off the ground before he leaves office.

"I like to look at the glass as being half full," he said. "I'm very hopeful. I think we can get a lot done in the next two years."

Molinaro said he would like to spend his remaining time in office continuing to focus on the overall quality of life in Staten Island, including an area he is especially proud of - the borough's dedication to preserving parkland. Roughly one-third of Staten Island is permanently protected from development. In total, 13,000 acres of the Island are dedicated to parks, with more likely on the way in the near future.

"(Staten Island) is a wonderful place to live, a wonderful place to raise your children, and a wonderful place to be so close to the greatest city in the world," Molinaro said. "I think we have a great borough. We have the most giving people that I've ever seen. Whenever there is a need, they respond. Whenever you call upon the people of Staten Island...they respond. That's something that makes my job so much easier."

### **CSI hosts accounting fair for students**

The College of Staten Island held an accounting fair to introduce CSI accounting students to many accounting firms in the area.

The event is held every year in late September to coincide with the accounting industry's need for recruiting prior to the busy tax season.

In all, nine firms were in attendance, including the Internal Revenue Service, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Integrated Financial Services as well as DeSantis, Keifer, Shall, & Sarcone, and Cicero & LaVerde from Staten Island.

Joining the firms were 65 College of Staten Island accounting students seeking internships and full-time career positions.

The fair was hosted for a small, targeted group to ensure that all of the students in attendance received equal time with the firms. Professor Cynthia Scarinci of the business department was instrumental in enlisting all faculty in identifying potential student candidates for the fair and then collaborated with the Career and Scholarship Center to prepare them for the event.

### **Students benefit from CSI Celestial Ball**

College of Staten Island students were the beneficiaries when the Third Annual CSI Celestial Ball succeeded in raising more than \$500,000 for student scholarships and support.

A diverse group of nearly 250 people, comprising community and business leaders, students, faculty, staff, friends of the college, and honorees and their family members, attended the event at the Richmond County Country Club. CSI President Tomás D. Morales presented the President's Medal, with the assistance of Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs William Fritz, to the Ball honorees who were Denis Hughes (Hon. '11), president of the New York State AFL-CIO; Dr. Mary O'Donnell, associate professor and chair of the Department of Nursing; and Rose Volpe, community activist, founder of the Friends of CSI, and widow of Edmond L. Volpe, the first president of the College of Staten Island.



## Hall Avenue proposal gets another 'nay' vote

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**Mark D. Stein**  
By

WILLOWBROOK -- Plans to build on unmapped Hall Avenue in Willowbrook were shot down by the Community Board 2 yet again, this time by the full board.

The plan called for building 18 townhouses on undeveloped Hall Avenue, a 34-foot-wide street that would run from Hawthorne Avenue, which currently dead-ends, to Willowbrook Road. It is near the **College of Staten Island**.

The decision on Dec. 20 was unanimous, according to Debra A. Derrico, district manager of Community Board 2. She declined to provide additional comments.

To build along a mapped street that doesn't exist yet, a builder must obtain a variance from the city's Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA). That meeting has not been scheduled, the BSA said last week.

Longtime nearby Hawthorne resident Brian Frayne, a member of the Bayberry Woods development, which borders the property, was thrilled when the Land Use Committee of Community Board 2 shot down plans earlier last month.

He said the full board meeting was "very successful" and that again, the property owner did not appear.

The builder's architect, Sanna & Loccisano Architects, P.C., and the owner of the property, declined comment on the proposed plans.

Frayne and other nearby homeowners are worried about traffic and the effect construction could have on a stream that cuts in back of the property and a gas pipeline that runs underground.

Sometime after the initial proposal to build on the property that was once home to one house and a little garage, the pipeline needed to be dug up and inspected, added Frayne.

The next significant step for Frayne and other residents is attending the BSA meeting.

The owner of the property tried developing 27 units — 20 townhouses and some one- and two-family homes — but that plan was rejected by the city in 2003.

For the BSA meeting almost a decade ago, Frayne and a few neighbors rented a school bus to head into Manhattan. This year, they plan on doing something similar.

"We'll give points and let the BSA know how we feel," he said.

"We'll do the same thing and try to get some people together to go in there and voice our concerns and see what happens," Frayne continued. "We've been successful so far. We're going to continue to be vigilant."

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## **Entrepreneur and Massage Therapist Doreen Zayer Signs Publishing Deal With CelebrityPress**

*By Celebrity Press Publishing*

*Dated: Jan 06, 2012*

*Doreen Zayer, business owner and entrepreneur, recently signed a publishing deal with CelebrityPress, a leading business book publishing company, along with other leading experts to release the book, "Women Who Mean Business."*

Doreen Zayer, Owner of Relax On Cloud Nine, and a select group of leading businesswomen from around the world have joined together to co-write the forthcoming book titled, Women Who Mean Business. Nick Nanton, Esq. along with business partner, JW Dicks, Esq., recently signed a publishing deal with each of these authors to contribute their expertise to the book, which will be released under their CelebrityPress™ imprint.

In her home community of Staten Island, N.Y., Doreen Zayer has earned a well-deserved reputation for both philanthropic generosity and world-class business prowess.

Doreen, a former Peace Corps volunteer, launched her enterprise, Relax On Cloud Nine, in 1995 as a dollar-a-minute massage store in the Staten Island Mall. The modest venture has since grown into one of the largest and most respected businesses of its kind in the New York metropolitan area. It has been highlighted in Time Out New York magazine as "homey, peaceful and unlike anything you can experience in Manhattan."

Concurrent with the growth of her enterprise, Doreen has continually supported her community, helping to raise money for local schools, houses of worship, and charitable and cultural foundations, such as Eden II, an organization that assists children with autism and their families; the Staten Island Zoo, and the Historic Richmond Town village and museum complex on Staten Island.

Women Who Mean Business, will feature top women in the business world revealing strategies that can help women grow their business, profits and lifestyle. The book is tentatively scheduled to be released in the spring of 2012.

To learn more about Doreen and Relax On Cloud Nine, please visit <http://www.RelaxOnCloud9.com>

More about Doreen Zayer:

In 1997, just two years after starting her business, Doreen purchased a magnificent Victorian residence within the Staten Island neighborhood of West Brighton.

A year later, following extensive renovations and remodeling of the historic 1800s structure, she relocated Relax On Cloud Nine to its new luxurious home.

Upon arrival, Doreen's massage therapy endeavor embraced a wide range of additional top-notch services, transforming Relax On Cloud Nine into one of the most alluring and highly touted day spas in New York City.

Today's visitors to Relax On Cloud Nine can opt for any number of pampering and wellness-inspired spa services, ranging from massages, facials, body scrubs and acupuncture to Vichy showers, sauna or steam showers, mud/seaweed wraps and air-brush tanning, to name just a few.

Over the years, Doreen has been recognized numerous times for her entrepreneurial accomplishments and community commitment, including such honors as:

The Staten Island Chamber of Commerce’s Louis R. Miller Business Leadership Award (2010); American Express Open’s Make Mine a \$Million Business Award (2006); New York State Small Business Hall of Fame “Extraordinary Entrepreneurial Spirit” Award (2006); Small Business Development Center Hall of Fame (2005); Outstanding Women-Owned Small Business, presented by the Small Business Development Center at the College of Staten Island, City University of New York (2004).

Relax On Cloud 9 is located at 694 Clove Road, Staten Island, NY. 10310-2707. The spa may be reached by phone at 718-448-3412 and visited online at [www.relaxoncloud9.com](http://www.relaxoncloud9.com). Doreen may be contacted directly via email at [doreen@RelaxOnCloud9.com](mailto:doreen@RelaxOnCloud9.com).

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## **College of Staten Island (CUNY) – First Year Experience Librarian (Assistant Professor)**

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## New MTA head Joe Lhota advises Staten Island he is sympathetic, but agency is broke

Thursday, January 12, 2012, 10:33 AM



By **Tom Wrobleski**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. --- New Metropolitan Transportation Authority chief Joseph Lhota says he "gets it," Staten Island.

He just doesn't have the money to give it.

Lhota told the Advance Editorial Board yesterday he understands that Island commuters have been underserved by mass transit.

"I do know how important transportation is to Staten Island," he said. "I've known it for 20 years. I am aware of the problems."



Staten Island Advance/Anthony DePrimo

Although Joseph Lhota, new MTA Chairman, says the economy has to turn around before he can begin enhancing bus service on Staten Island, he did unveil a new system, being introduced here first, that will let Islanders track the location of buses on their computers and hand-held devices.

Lhota has an insight into the borough's "psyche" that few others in his position have had, thanks to the years he served as deputy mayor for operations, finance commissioner and budget director for former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who has an enduring bond with the Island.

"I do have a feel for the needs of Staten Island," said Lhota, confirmed this week for the \$332,500-a-year MTA post.

But Lhota said service can't be restored or expanded here, or anywhere, until the economy rebounds.

"I don't know when things will get better at the MTA," he said.

But Lhota did come bearing a gift for the borough yesterday, **unveiling a new system, being introduced here first, that will let Islanders electronically track the location of buses on their computers and hand-held devices.**

But Lhota said the fiscally strapped authority can't expand its service onto the **College of Staten Island** campus unless city or state lawmakers provide the funds.

The S93 bus currently terminates outside the **CSI** gates on Victory Boulevard. Advocates want the line rerouted to the center of the campus.

Lhota, a CUNY trustee and chair of the CUNY Finance Committee, said he has started discussions over whether the Island's City Council or state Legislature representatives could provide the funding through the member-item process.

"If we can get the funding," Lhota said, "we'll do it."

MTA president Thomas Prendergast, appearing with Lhota, said making the change would cost between \$250,000 and \$1 million, but added that "the justification is there" for expanding the service.

In recently passing its \$12.6 billion budget, the MTA board voted down a request from Island board member Allen Cappelli for \$20 million to restore some of 2010's bus cuts and for **CSI** bus service.

But Lhota said approving the \$20 million would necessitate cutting the budget elsewhere to make up for it. The MTA has to make another \$50 million in cuts this year beyond those previously mandated, Lhota said.

And Lhota said the MTA will be further hamstrung by the reduction in the amount of MTA payroll taxes paid by businesses and schools.

"When we start to see a turnaround, we're going to start to be able to do things," Lhota said.

Touching on another key Island concern, Lhota said he worries about the impact that steeper tolls have on commuters and businesses. He acknowledged that "there is a point of no return with taxes and tolls" after which they are counter-productive.

But he said he hasn't thought about what that ceiling would be for the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, whose undiscounted toll is \$13.

"There's gotta be some level of cap on it," Lhota said.

Looking ahead, he said the MTA is "evaluating the viability" of a North Shore rail line that would link up with light-rail service across the Bayonne Bridge. But he said he deems a bus rapid transit system more economical for the North Shore than rail.

Lhota said the authority is also looking at the possibility of replacing MetroCards with "tap and go" payment technology. Prendergast said that after 15 years in service, MetroCards have come to the "end of their useful life. We have to upgrade or replace MetroCard."

Lhota said the MTA is also looking at creating more gateless toll crossings for E-ZPass, and at possibly allowing New Yorkers to use E-ZPass to also make purchases at places like McDonald's and Starbucks.

The MTA would also like to increase ridership on the Staten Island Railway.

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## Get up and Slim Down

Monday, January 16, 2012, 1:14 PM



By **Andrea Boyarsky**

Staten Islanders looking to get healthy in the new year now have a boroughs worth of support at their fingertips. The second Staten Island Slim Down starts this weekend, offering free help to residents looking to lose weight and avoid the ailments associated with being overweight or obese.

The kickoff will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Joan and Alan Bernikow JCC in Sea View. The day will include information on the 10-week program, health screenings and an appearance by Alfredo (Frado) Dinten of Todt Hill, a former contestant on NBC's The Biggest Loser and a Slim Down ambassador.

There were numerous changes in the contestants from last year, said Dr. Maureen Becker, co-founder of the event along with Tony Books Avilez. There were people who got off their blood pressure medication or diabetes medication, people who lost anywhere from two to 10 inches on their waistline.

The Slim Down includes weekly exercise sessions at both the [College of Staten Island](#) and JCC, online coaching, walking groups at the Staten Island Mall, a guided shopping tour at Stop & Shop to learn about healthier food choices and nutrition workshops at ShopRite.



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The second Staten Island Slim Down kicks off this Sunday and will feature weekly exercise sessions over the course of the free 10- week program.



In the above left photo, Elaine Gil of Bubbles Playhouse in Grasmere, directs last year's Staten Island Slim Down participants in a Zumba lesson.

### 10 POUNDS OR 100

The founders explained that the event is for those ages 18 and up looking to improve their life, whether they have 10 pounds to lose or 100. Last year, about 430 Islanders competed in the inaugural event, which offered a \$2,000 grand prize, and more than 700 additional people participated.

The winner was Terrance (Terry) Toner of Bulls Head, who lost 50 pounds over the 10 weeks. Although it wasn't necessarily the most pounds shed, the judges deemed that Toner exhibited the greatest overall transformation.

We never emphasized getting on the scale and how many pounds were lost, said

Dr. Becker, director of clinical education for the **College of Staten Islands** Physical Therapy Doctoral Program. Its more about the transformation, how the person is feeling.

This years Slim Down will feature a few changes, the biggest being the naming of two winners, one male, one female. Each will take home a monetary prize and assortment of merchandise. The top five men and top five women also will win prizes.

Additionally, more attention will be paid to group entries, which consist of four to eight people, with a winner in that category as well. Contestants also can expect to see some new workout routines for the fitness surprises, the weekly in-person exercise classes that are kept secret until participants show up for them.



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Tony Books Avilez and Dr. Maureen Becker, founders of the Slim Down, flank last year's winner, Terrance (Terry) Toner. Also joining them is Slim Down ambassador Alfredo (Frado) Dinten (right), runner-up on Season 10 of "The Biggest Loser"

The founders hope to get at least 1,500 participants this year. Those wishing to compete must submit a before picture, holding a copy of the Staten Island Advance by Jan. 29.

At the end of the 10 weeks, they will take a similar photo showing off their new physique. Contestants also will be asked to submit a 250-word- or less essay that tells how their life was transformed by the event. The winners will be announced in April.

Those who wish only to participate — and not be in the running for prizes — also are welcome to join and do not have to take photos or submit an essay. They still will have access to all the activities and online coaching.

Avilez, a fitness trainer, noted that those who did the best last year participated in both the exercise challenges and the online offerings, which include information on nutrition and exercise, and videos that take them through week-by-week

lifestyle modifications.

The key to this program is were not doing it with isolated instances, Avilez said. We want as many people in the community as possible to be involved.

For more information or to register, visit [statenislandslimdown.com](http://statenislandslimdown.com).

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## Staten Island Kennel Club faces final curtain

Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 6:40 PM



**Deborah E. Young**  
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Years ago, the monthly meetings of the Staten Island Kennel Club were standing-room only affairs. Borough dog owners knew the Kennel Club as the place to boast about their beloved pets, share ideas about their feeding, training and care, and discuss how to ensure a robust future for their favorite breeds.

The annual June dog show hosted by the club would regularly draw thousands of canine enthusiasts from around the region, who would set up camp for two days of good-spirited competitions. Last year, nearly 1,000 people came to the **College of Staten Island** for the event, which also included the popular agility and obedience trials.

But the 50-plus year old club may hold its last meeting tomorrow night if the dwindling and graying core members vote to disband -- a move that would cancel the June dog show and mark an end to a once-vibrant part of borough life.

"It really is a labor of love and a hobby; but I can't tell you how hard it has been to get members; it's not just here, there is less interest everywhere, maybe due to the economy," said Dr. Bernard McGivern, who has for more than four decades been one of the Kennel Club's most active members, holding all the officer positions, currently vice president.



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At the 55th All Breed Dog Show by the SI Kennel Club on June 25, 1995, Kathy LaRosa and her dog 'Callie' Rotweiler took 1st as Novice B, and Aurea Vega and her dog 'Zippy' an Italian Grayhound took 2nd place Novice B.

[Staten Island Kennel Club: Through the Years](#) gallery (7 photos)



The Todt Hill resident has bred champion Vizslas, and often judges shows countrywide, including the Westminster Dog Show. But as he edges into his mid 70s, he said he can no longer muster the time or energy to do what it takes to keep the club robust.

"I'm hoping maybe we can save this club," he said, noting the club's annual dues are just \$5, and the membership defies the stereotype of dog clubs as snooty or elitist. "You don't have to show dogs to be a member, just love dogs."

The club is one of 5,000 similar groups nationwide affiliated with the American Kennel Club, the umbrella organization that promotes and provides information on breeds, and also sponsors competitions, including Westminster and other major, televised shows, backed and by pet product vendors.

"Each club is obviously its own organization; they come to the American Kennel Club to get a license to hold a dog show, and they hold dog shows according to our rules and regulations," said Lisa Peterson, a spokeswoman for the AKC.

She said she has not heard of any club from the region disbanding for at least a quarter century, especially well-established all-breed groups, such as that on Staten Island.

AKC has staff to work with clubs and struggling clubs have the option of taking a hiatus, and suspend the dog show for a year, while they regroup. Disbanding would require the club to forfeit the designated date for its annual dog show.

According to the AKC regulations, a club can dissolve if three quarters of active members vote to do so. A preliminary poll sent out to Staten Island Kennel Club's 13 core members, found 10 were in favor of simply giving up, said McGivern.

"There are records of Staten Island Kennel Club having dog shows way back when, to see it die is a tragedy, because of its age, it's an old and honored thing," said Roberta Berman, of Great Kills, who has a Manchester Terrier and oversees the agility and obedience parts of the show. "Kennel clubs, most of them are dying, the membership is old and getting very gray; young people don't join," said Ms. Berman, adding dog owners, even breeders, prefer companionship and training activities over the more formal AKC clubs. "It's the economy; it's the nature of the beast, people do different things."

The club has enough money to continue for another year if indeed there is a decision to soldier on, she said. If the club disbands, that money must be donated to a not-for-profit organization dedicated to bettering the lives of canines, according to AKC rules.

"If we could get an influx of people coming to say we'll work, we'll do this we'll do that, I would love to hang on," she said. "We have been trying to keep the ship afloat because we don't want to see it die."

The meeting is tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Corner House in Grant City. For more information call 718-356-7515 or go to the **Staten Island Kennel Club** Web site.

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## They're still in grade school, but students at PS 41 are already plotting a path to college

Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 10:38 AM



**Diane Lore**  
By



First-graders at PS 41 with Ben Kaplan, the author of 'How To Go To College Almost for Free.' (Staten Island Advance/Irving Silverstein)

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - **NEW DORP** -

There's an old saying: "If you don't know where you are going, you will probably end up somewhere else." It certainly doesn't apply to students at PS 41. They are quite clear about where they are headed: To college.

The elementary school on Clawson Avenue has kicked off its unique "We're Going to College/Vamos a la Universidad" initiative with a rallying cry to students and parents that it's never too early to start thinking about college and setting career goals.

The school has partnered with the non-profit, PENCIL ([www.pencil.org](http://www.pencil.org)), to promote college and career readiness for all students, beginning in kindergarten. PENCIL is an organization that pairs volunteers from the business and corporate sector with the city's public schools, to provide resources and funding for special programs.

The PS 41 college initiative is aimed at boosting academic achievement by encouraging students to set goals for themselves and by recognizing and rewarding them for achievement. Teachers will be incorporating college-themed activities into lesson plans and the curriculum. Activities might include reading age-appropriate books about going to college; researching careers; writing about a famous college graduate, or identifying a list of well-known colleges on a map. Group activities in the works include a field trip to the College of Staten Island in March, and a career day in May.

"We want to inspire students to dream big, to plant the idea of achieving a higher education and give them the resources they need to prepare them for success," explained PS 41 **Principal Elise Feldman**.

Celebrated author and Harvard University graduate **Ben Kaplan** ("How to Go to College Almost for Free")

kicked off the initiative, addressing students and parents in separate sessions last week, speaking about his own college experience and why doing homework, maintaining good attendance and striving for good grades matter, even in elementary school.

Addressing students, Kaplan told them to view academic success as a sport that they can "train for" by studying and applying themselves, and aiming to do their "personal best"

"When you work hard and pursue your dreams it feels so good. When you dream big, it feels like climbing an amazing mountain. Awesome!" he declared.

## **FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES**

After Kaplan had fired up students, they returned to their classrooms for more college-themed activities.

In teacher **Jackie Filecia's** first-grade class, students were gathered in a circle reading "Mahalia Mouse Goes to College" by actor/author John Lithgow. The classroom was decorated with college pennants and photographs of college campuses.

"What can we do today that will help us get to college?" Mrs. Filecia asked her class of 6- and 7-year-olds. Their hands shot up.

"Listen in class and learn a lot," said **Alexandra Perazzo**.

"Always do your best. Do your homework. If you don't understand something, ask for help," said **Jeffrey Maskovsky**.

"Your brain is a muscle and you have to exercise it by reading and learning a lot," said **Haileigh Basile**.

The class discussed well-known people who are college graduates. Mrs. Filecia showed students photos of President Barack Obama, a graduate of Columbia University, along with a photo of comedian/actor Adam Sandler, a graduate of New York University.

She asked students what they would like to be when they graduate college. Answers included a veterinarian, an astronaut, an author and artist, and "the first woman President."

Mrs. Filecia, who said she has other college-themed activities planned for her class, said the idea is in tune with the new state core-curriculum standards aimed at getting students ready for high school and college.

Parents, too, applaud the college initiative. **PTA President Maria Lombardi**, mom of 4-year-old **Lucas**, who is in pre-k, and 7-year-old **Augie**, a second-grader, called the emphasis "awesome."

"It's never too early to get them started and on the right track," she said.

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## Your Soap Box: James Haynes III, Bay Terrace

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By **Staten Island Advance**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - **James Haynes III**, the Commander of the United Staten Island Veteran's Organization, was asked to offer his opinion about the current state of veterans' affairs.

With Commander James Haynes III of the United Staten Island Veterans Organization (USIVO) on watch, veterans will "never be forgotten." Haynes, along with officers of the 17 Staten Island's Veterans' Associations, makes sure vets and their families receive attention, assistance and other services.

Haynes believes veteran's associations are here "to welcome home veterans and to offer veterans' services." Although education and other benefits have been reduced since World War II, he said "the government continues to be helpful."

Medical assistance is obtainable at the VA Medical Center, 1100 South Avenue, Bloomfield. Education services are provided at the College of Staten Island, 2800 Victory Blvd., Willowbrook.



James Haynes III, Bay Terrace

The USIVO is available for information and it helps with paper work for disability benefits, loans and other needs. The vets are considering the former Pavilion on the Terrace in New Brighton for a new recreation, entertainment and social facility, among other uses.

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Organization, under Frank Brown, assures that families of vets "receive the services they deserve" and, "if needy, can obtain food and clothing." In the event of loss of a service man or woman, there are all types of support, with assistance from Joe Di Giovanni of the Purple Heart Organization and others.

Joe Calabria and the Korean War Veterans (KWV) believe this conflict is the forgotten war. Through their determination, they are finally being recognized. William Reilly and the Marine Corps League will never forget a Marine. Charles Greinsky and the Jewish War Veterans are doing their part.

"It's great to see the community come together and provide the unity to build a home for Brendan Marrocco," said Haynes.

Leon Wallace of the 369 Black Veterans' Association has taken on the task of visiting schools, teaching what students don't learn about our wars.

Haynes contends, "They took a lot of history out of schools. Children should learn how American veterans, from World War I on, protected their right to have freedom."

"It is not fair for veterans to have a parade while their brothers and sisters are still fighting over there. There will be a parade when the time is right; perhaps never. However, this coming Memorial Day Parade will be dedicated to the war on terror going back to the attack on the USS Cole and the downing of the Lockerbie flight," said Haynes.

He fervently hopes the public and the politicians do not forget the sacrifices of the veterans. He said he is appreciative of attention from Councilmen Oddo and Ignizio, as noted in an Advance article.

He requests only one thing from the public, "Just remember to stop and say 'thank you' to our service people," he said.

For information about these groups, call Haynes at 917-270-4570.

**- Pearl Minsky**



## Virtual tour of **CSI** available on Web

Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 2:22 PM



**Mark D. Stein**  
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - **WILLOWBROOK**

- **The College of Staten Island (CSI)** is a big place to navigate. With some 13,000 students enrolled, there are plenty of classroom buildings, athletic sites, parking lots and more.

With the spring semester beginning in two days, visitors should be aware of a new helpful feature provided by Google.

The Google Street View team announced earlier this month that a ground-level view of **CSI** is now available online on Google Maps via the Street View Partner Program.



"Whether you're a current student trying to familiarize yourself with campus, an applicant assessing your options, or an alumnus feeling nostalgic, the Street View feature in Google Maps can be your virtual tour guide," said Paige Schnoknecht, a spokesperson for Google.

**CSI** is the only member of the City University of New York system to be featured by the Internet juggernaut.

Several dozen universities are profiled by Google, including two in Denmark, 10 in Great Britain, and over 25 in Japan and the United States.

For more updates on Google's Earth and Maps team, visit [www.google-latlong.blogspot.com](http://www.google-latlong.blogspot.com).

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## Staten Island toll relief 'on radar,' says Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy

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**Judy L. Randall**  
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- We have his attention.

Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy said Staten Island — and its one-of-a-kind bridge toll burden — is on Gov. Andrew Cuomo's "radar."

He also called the recent Port Authority toll reduction for multi-trip users a "first big step in the right direction," and said Cuomo is "looking for ways to save money" for Island commuters in the future. But he couldn't say when more reductions might be in the offing.

"It's the first step," Duffy told the Advance after an appearance at the College of Staten Island last night. "The step was taken. It wasn't talk."

Duffy said the Cuomo administration is also looking to "work out a resolution" for truckers using the New York Container Terminal at Howland Hook — which is threatened with closure because of high tolls — and a "reduction in truck [tolls] during off-peak hours."

"I don't want to put forth what is next," said Duffy. "Staten Islanders should know they have the governor's attention. ... They are on the radar screen of the governor."

Duffy likened Cuomo's first year in office to the first quarter of a football game, and said the P.A. toll reduction was among Cuomo's accomplishments in his first 13 months in office, adding, "He didn't create these problems."

He also noted the bi-state nature of the P.A., and that changes need to be made in partnership with New



Staten Island Advance/Anthony DePrimo

Lt. Governor Robert J. Duffy discusses Gov. Cuomo's 2012 Executive Budget during an appearance at the College of Staten Island in Willowbrook.

Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

Duffy, a former mayor of Rochester, was on the Island to talk up the Cuomo administration's 2012 agenda, including Cuomo's budget plan awaiting passage by the state Legislature. During his 40-minute presentation, before a friendly audience of about 75 people on the Willowbrook campus, Duffy brought up the hot-button toll issue.

"There is no question that this is a huge issue on Staten Island," said Duffy. "The governor has made a change to reduce the burden. It might not hit everyone's expectations. But it is huge progress that will give back \$1,800 a year" to commuters.

Duffy said the figure comes from P.A. estimates. But it remains unclear exactly how much of a savings there will be. Weekend users of the Goethals and Bayonne bridges and Outerbridge Crossing won't get any toll rebate at all, and regular commuters, who use one of the spans 20 times in 30 days, already get a half-fare discount under the Staten Island Bridges plan.

The toll reduction plan the P.A. approved last month, which takes effect Feb. 1, will have E-ZPass users with non-commercial plates paying \$47.50 for 10 trips in a 30-day period, with the \$4.75 per-trip cost half of the \$9.50 full fare price. But Islanders have to sign up for the plan, and won't get a refund if they don't take all the trips they planned to.

Duffy's appearance here comes just days after Cuomo right-hand man and Huguenot resident Joe Percoco convinced Island elected officials to sign on to a favorable press release hailing the governor and the modest P.A. toll break.

Duffy and Cuomo cabinet members have been making the rounds across the state to pitch the governor's agenda and budget plan, an off-shoot of Cuomo's State of the State address earlier this month.

Duffy said the governor's plan includes closing the \$2 billion budget gap, with no increases in taxes or fees, by cuts in state agency operations and aid to localities. He also highlighted hoped-for infrastructure and energy improvements, streamlining overlapping state aid programs, Medicaid and pension reform and an overhaul of the state's education system.

Borough President James Molinaro — the lone elected official in attendance — introduced Duffy, heaping praise on the Cuomo administration for returning "hope" to Albany.

Meanwhile, Duffy said he and Molinaro are working to get Wegmans, an upscale food market, interested in opening a store on Staten Island. Both declined to name a possible location. Wegmans was founded in Duffy's native Rochester.

Among the notables present were Staten Island Chamber of Commerce CEO Linda Baran; Staten Island

Economic Development CEO Ceasar Claro; Community Board 1 chair Leticia Remauro and borough Democratic Party chair John Gulino.

Duffy's appearance at CSI was his only stop on the Island yesterday.

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## Staten Island Borough President James Molinaro to deliver State of the Borough address tonight

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**Staten Island Advance**  
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Borough President James P. Molinaro is set to deliver his seventh State of the Borough address tonight.

The speech will take place 7 p.m. at the Center for the Arts at the **College of Staten Island**, Willowbrook.

Molinaro, who is serving his third term, is expected to update Islanders about on-going projects and initiatives, and to lay out what he hopes to accomplish in his last two years in office. Molinaro is term-limited out of office at the end of 2013.



Advance file photo

Borough President James Molinaro is expected to lay out what he hopes to accomplish in his last two years in office.

Mayor Bloomberg is expected to be in attendance tonight, as are a host of borough, city and state officials.

Check SILive.com tonight for coverage.

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## Staten Island Borough President Molinaro looks to cement his legacy

Friday, January 27, 2012, 12:16 AM



**Tom Wrobleski**  
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- From the North Shore to the South, from the East to the West, Borough President James P. Molinaro last night laid out an ambitious plan to complete or begin a host of cultural, recreational, business and transportation projects across Staten Island before his term expires in 2013.

Delivering his seventh State of the Borough Address to close to 450 community leaders at the Center for the Arts at the [College of Staten Island](#), Molinaro said that time is of the essence, with just 704 days left in his administration.

Among the luminaries who also spoke were Mayor Michael Bloomberg, U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) and City Council Speaker Christine Quinn.

On the North Shore, Molinaro announced that the city and Triangle Equities have agreed on terms of a deal to redevelop the former Coast Guard site in St. George with retail space and residential housing.

And work on foundations for the Stapleton home port redevelopment project should begin by July, Molinaro said.



**Enlarge**

**Anthony DePrimo**

Mayor Michael Bloomberg takes the stage before Staten Island Borough President James Molinaro, left, delivers his address. (Staten Island Advance/Anthony DePrimo)

**Borough President James Molinaro's State of the Borough**  
**address** gallery (20 photos)

When the projects are completed, he said, "tourists and residents will have two great shopping destinations within walking distance of the ferry terminal."

Molinaro said that with technical issues ironed out, owners of the St. George Theatre would now move forward on a design for a new marquee for the theater, adding to the area's luster as an entertainment mecca.

He also said that \$13 million in city funds would go toward new attractions at the Staten Island Zoo, the Children's Museum, Snug Harbor Cultural Center, the Staten Island Museum and Historic Richmond Town.

Construction of Faber Skate Park in Port Richmond will also start this year.

## **EAST SHORE**

On the East Shore, which he dubbed the "Fun Coast," Molinaro said construction would begin in March on new attractions adjacent to the Freedom Circle in Midland Beach, including an entry plaza, a 104-space parking lot and a "Splash Zone" for children.

And right next door will be the new home for the venerable Victory Diner, the vintage eatery that has been in mothballs. The diner will be a Parks Department concession and will be attached to a new building with a kitchen and comfort station. He said construction on that project would begin later in the spring.

In addition, the South Beach Boardwalk will be the first location to feature Wi-Fi Internet service through AT&T and the city.

Construction of a new indoor horse stable and arena for special-needs children on the East Shore will also begin this year.

Molinaro said that Parks had pledged to complete the Freedom Circle projects, the stable and the \$70 million Ocean Breeze indoor track by the end of his term.

Molinaro said he would allocate \$500,000 from his budget to preserve Pouch Camp. He said Councilmen James Oddo (R-Mid-Island/Brooklyn) and Vincent Ignizio (R-South Shore) would pony up another \$250,000 each, bringing the total to \$1 million.

"We must save it," Molinaro said of the Boy Scout camp.

## **WEST SHORE**

Molinaro called the West Shore the "Jobs Shore," where businesses will be encouraged to flourish but no new housing built.

#### **Staten Island 2012 State of the Borough Address**

Borough President James Molinaro delivers his 2012 State of the Borough address to an audience at the CUNY College of Staten Island in Willowbrook, where he outlines plans for the near future, and in the works, to improve job creation, infrastructure, services and green space.

He announced that the liquefied natural gas tanks in Rossville, long an eyesore and impediment to economic development, will be demolished by year's end.

The tanks were never used following a 1973 explosion at LNG tanks in Bloomfield that killed 40 workers.

"So you could say developing this property will soon be a tank-less task," Molinaro said.

Also, Celerant Technology, a retail software company, has received approvals to expand its facility on Arthur Kill Road.

"It's a regular microchip off the ol' block," Molinaro said.

He also said that a Request for Expressions of Interest would be issued for companies looking to build wind or solar power facilities in Freshkills Park. He also said that roads inside the former landfill would be opened to reduce traffic on the South Shore.

A new animal shelter will begin construction in April, including the Tommy Monahan memorial surgical unit. Completion is expected in March 2014.

#### **SOUTH SHORE**

The South Shore will benefit from some of Molinaro's transportation initiatives.

He said that a major improvement to the intersection of Amboy Road and Annadale Road would begin in April. Molinaro is also looking to remake Amboy Road in Eltingville into more of a "town square."

Smart-light technology will be installed at three new locations: Brielle Avenue in front of Seaview Hospital; South Avenue and the West Shore Expressway Service Road, and Boscome Avenue at the entrance of the Korean War Veterans Parkway.

Also on the books is a plan to widen Travis Avenue from Richmond Avenue to Park Drive North, including new curbs and sidewalks for pedestrians, and on-street parking for residents.

"This will not only enhance the New Springville Greenway but improve the safety of pedestrians and bike riders," Molinaro said.

Highlighting his commitment to families struggling with autism, work has started on a \$1.5 million community center at On Your Mark, and construction is set to begin next month on Eden II's autism center, the first such facility on the Island. It could be open as soon as September.

Construction will begin soon on the G.R.A.C.E. Foundation's education space at Seaview.

"There may not be a legal obligation to help these children but there is certainly a moral one," said Molinaro, who has long called for and funded increased autism services.

#### **PRAISE FOR B.P.**

While Molinaro thanked local and city officials for working with him on Island projects, others praised Molinaro.

"Nobody works harder for the borough," Schumer said. "Nobody works more efficiently."

Bloomberg said that Molinaro had helped the administration reduce crime, improve education and boost small business here.

"This borough is phenomenally well served by this guy," Bloomberg said.

Ms. Quinn, a Democrat who is eyeing a 2013 run for mayor, said that she and the Conservative Molinaro had transcended their political differences to forge a strong bond.

"I have learned so much from him about not judging people based on political labels or what other people tell you," she said.

Island elected officials lauded Molinaro's speech for its scope.

"He's going to be a dynamo until his last day in office," said Oddo, who will run to succeed Molinaro as borough president in 2013.

"Jim Molinaro did what he always does," said state Sen. Diane Savino (D-North Shore/Brooklyn). "He focused on the nuts-and-bolts things to make Staten Island a better place."

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## Worker in Nov. scuffle with cop at College of Staten Island died from accidental overdose, medical examiner rules

Monday, January 30, 2012, 3:17 PM



**John M. Annese**  
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- A cocktail of three prescription drugs caused the death of a Texas fugitive who **collapsed after a November struggle with an NYPD officer** on the College of Staten Island campus, according to autopsy results released today.

Patrick Dotson, 40, died of an accidental overdose -- acute intoxication by the combined effects of cyclobenzaprine, a muscle relaxant often sold under the name Flexeril, and the painkillers morphine and hydrocodone, said Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the city medical examiner's office.



A dramatic cell phone picture of the College of Staten Island altercation was widely circulated after the incident.

Dotson -- who went by the name Corey Holmes -- was smoking pot Nov. 29 in a restroom on the north end of the college campus when a member of the NYPD's Staten Island Task Force walked in to take a bathroom break while on duty, according to police sources.

Dotson fled the bathroom, and struggled with the officer -- witnesses saw Dotson battle the officer for control of his gun, and though no shots were fired, at one point the gun's slide pulled back, ejecting a live round, sources said. Several passers-by rushed to assist the officer and restrain Dotson, who went into apparent cardiac arrest and died.

Police had initially released his name as Corey Holmes, 39, of the Bronx, but **his true identity was confirmed about two weeks later**. He had been working under the name Holmes as a cafeteria porter for the College of Staten Island for about a decade.

Court records show Dotson was on eight-year probation from a 1998 assault with a deadly weapon case in Houston, Tex., when he was arrested in 1999, in connection with a second assault with a deadly weapon arrest.

Dotson, who had worked as an aide at several nursing homes, was deathly afraid of going back to jail, said his bail bonds agents back in Texas, Brian and Deborah Carlisle, who lost the \$100,000 bond they secured for his release.

In one of the arrest cases, Dotson responded to an insult against his sister by firing bullets, they said.

Holmes was the name of his girlfriend's brother, Ms. Carlisle said, and they thought he had fled to Louisiana before disappearing.

"He was pretty doggone elusive, I'll tell you that," Ms. Carlisle said. "He made up his mind he wasn't going to prison."

Dotson's girlfriend was jailed at one point because authorities believed she had information on his whereabouts, Ms. Carlisle said, and they tried to get information from his mother, but she was "just off," and would often say she had conversations with Elvis about the case.

"We had people on the mother at work," Ms. Carlisle said. "We had a \$10,000 reward on him... We were at his mother's for every holiday for three or four years."

Had he faced his court cases, he would have faced seven years behind bars, and "with the overcrowding in our prison system, he would have been out in a year."

Ms. Carlisle said she feels sorry for Dotson's family, and especially feels for the police officer who walked in on him. "He's lucky to be alive," she said. "You never know what you're going up against."

The Houston, Tex. cases have since been dismissed against Dotson, with the court filings, dated on Dec. 2, listing the reason in a single, handwritten line: "Defendant died in custody in New York."

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## **College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Student Psychological Counselor**

**January 30, 2012**

### **GENERAL DUTIES:**

Provides student counseling services as a member of a team.

- Provides psychological counseling to individuals and groups of students
- Performs crisis intervention for emergency situations
- Performs intake and assessment for personal counseling services
- Consults with instructional and administrative staff regarding student mental health issues; may prepare and present outreach initiatives and workshops
- Participates in recommending improvements that will impact the counseling center's effectiveness
- Performs related duties as assigned.

### **CONTRACT TITLE:**

Higher Education Associate

### **FLSA:**

Exempt

### **CAMPUS SPECIFIC INFORMATION:**

The College's faculty, administration, and staff are committed to educational excellence as they instill in students an enduring love of learning and respect for pluralism and diversity. The College community recognizes its responsibility to strive for the common good, including an informed appreciation for the interdependence of all people, as well as providing students with the opportunities for successful future careers.

Reporting to the Director of the Counseling Center, the Student Psychological Counselor will work with a broad spectrum of psychological issues, including but not limited to individual and couples counseling, walk-in coverage and crisis intervention, consultation services for faculty and staff, supervision of graduate trainees, outreach programming, and participation on college-wide committees.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

A Doctoral degree in Psychology to include Ph.D. and Psy.D. programs

OR

A Master's degree in an appropriate discipline for person or psychological counseling and a New York State license as a mental health practitioner (social work, psychology, or mental health counseling).

In addition, six years' professional experience is required for all candidates.

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:**

Doctorate degree preferred in clinical or counseling psychology. NY State license as a mental health practitioner (psychologist, social work, psychology or mental health counseling) preferred. Previous training and experience in a college or university counseling center desirable. Well-developed counseling and clinical supervision skills, an understanding of student development, a collaborative spirit, the energy to flexibly manage the demands of a challenging caseload and other professional responsibilities. A demonstrated commitment to multicultural competency and excellent oral and written communication skills are required.

**COMPENSATION:**

\$68,024 – \$82,299

**BENEFITS:**

CUNY offers a comprehensive benefits package to employees and eligible dependents based on job title and classification. Employees are also offered pension and Tax-Deferred Savings Plans. Part-time employees must meet a weekly or semester work hour criteria to be eligible for health benefits. Health benefits are also extended to retirees who meet the eligibility criteria.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

To apply, please go to [www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu); select "Employment", "Search Job Listings", "More Options to Search for CUNY Jobs", then enter the Job ID# in the "Job Opening ID" field.

**CLOSING DATE:**

February 24, 2012

## Volunteers to count the homeless tonight

Monday, January 30, 2012, 6:10 AM



**Kiawana Rich**  
By



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About 150 volunteers will conduct the boroughwide Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) tonight, between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 4 a.m.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Staten Islanders will fan out tonight in pursuit of an elusive quarry -- their fellow citizens who melt into doorways and shanties in search of respite from the cold.

Though this winter has been uncommonly mild to date, and the city says that the number of homeless is trending down, the annual count remains an indispensable planning tool. The city Department of Homeless Services uses the data to determine the effectiveness of its outreach services and ways in which it can improve.

The 150 Island volunteers will conduct the boroughwide Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 4 a.m.

"We will have a good showing," said the Rev. Terry Troia of Project Hospitality. "Every year, Staten Island comes through with flying colors."

A year ago, the volunteers counted 128 homeless, down from 175 in 2010, a 27 percent decrease. A 45 percent reduction has been achieved since 2005,

according to DHS.

The agency attributes the improvement to its use of low-threshold housing: Smaller, more private facilities, with fewer rules and regulations.

Despite the good numbers, Rev. Troia emphasized that homelessness is a persistent threat to a fragile population. At least three fires in the last year, two of them in Port Richmond, left numerous people homeless.

The good news, said Rev. Troia, is that the Island has a "wonderful church network," eight of which provide shelter here to the homeless every single night.

The churches are: The Church That Never Closes, Prince's Bay; St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Richmond; Holy Rosary Church, South Beach; Sts. Joachim and St. Ann Church, Pleasant Plains; Unitarian Church of

Staten Island, New Brighton; Christ Episcopal Church, New Brighton; St. Philip's Baptist Church, Port Richmond; Olivet Presbyterian Church, West Brighton; Shiloh A.M.E. Zion Church, West Brighton.

Among those churches and organizations participating in tonight's count are: St. John's University; the College of Staten Island; St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Port Richmond; Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Benedicta Church, West Brighton; Church of the Assumption/Chapel of St. Paul, New Brighton; Mount Sinai United Christian Church, Tompkinsville; Christ Episcopal Church, New Brighton; the Port Richmond Anti-Violence Task Force, and the Port Richmond Improvement Association.

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## Talking tolls

Monday, January 30, 2012, 7:30 AM



**Staten Island Advance Editorial**  
By

Gov. Andrew Cuomo's second in command, Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy, was on Staten Island the other night, and clearly, a big part of his mission was to reassure residents of this borough that we have the governor's attention on the issue of tolls.

Mr. Duffy, speaking at the College of Staten Island, noted the Port Authority's implementation of a new toll discount program that allows frequent users to cross 10 times in 30 days for \$47.50 and emphasized, "It's the first step. The step was taken. It wasn't talk."

He also pledged that the Cuomo administration is seeking to "work out a resolution" on the issue of sharply increased tolls for trucks that travel over the P.A. bridges to and from the New York Container Terminal at Howland Hook. Specifically, he spoke of the possibility of a cut in truck tolls during off-peak hours, but said he could not disclose any more than that.

In general, he said, "Staten Islanders should know they have the governor's attention . . . They are on the radar screen of the governor."

All this is encouraging, especially in light of the meeting, also last week, between Port Authority Executive Director Patrick Foye and Island lawmakers on the same issue. That Mr. Foye sought out the legislators is a welcome sign of his concern.

Still, we can't help but note that being on these officials' radar screens and a \$9.50 full-price toll will get you across the bridges, at least at this point. The repeated reassurances seem a little wan more than four months after these crippling toll increases went into effect.

There is no doubt that Mr. Cuomo has restored a large measure of stability and respectability to the state capital. He has earned the plaudits and high poll numbers he continues to receive. But Staten Island is a long way from Albany - on many levels - and people here have not exactly been feeling much of this positive wave the governor has brought to other parts of the state.

To be blunt, it was clear from his recent State of the State and budget addresses that there are lots of things on the governor's radar. And the toll increases he so freely saddled Staten Islanders with back in August didn't even warrant a single mention in either of those speeches.

As they say, talk is cheap and professions of concern are no more than talk. People in this borough are accustomed to pleasing promises that yield no real results. A quick look at the catalog of the “don’t-hold-me-to-it” promises put forth by top officials through the years includes a tunnel to Manhattan, a garbage dump that was supposed to be open just five years, a passenger rail line to New Jersey, a fast ferry to the South Shore and a National Lighthouse Museum, among others.

No, these weren’t Mr. Cuomo’s promises and yes, many pre-date his time as a public official. But this pattern has made Staten Islanders highly suspicious - and rightly suspicious - of officials’ talk of “good first steps.”

In fact, the “first step” on toll relief Mr. Duffy talked about is meaningless to most of Staten Island: If you take the P.A. bridges 20 times a month, you’re already getting the Staten Island Bridges discount; and if you don’t take the P.A. bridges at least 10 times a month, there’s no point in subscribing to the new discount plan because it won’t save you a dime. It’s unlikely many people will subscribe to it.

Toll relief for truckers is important to keep New York Container Terminal and other Staten Island businesses flourishing. So where is it?

Just as important, in our book, are the needs of everyday Staten Islanders for whom the Port Authority bridges are vital links to off-Island business, shopping, work, family, friends and recreation, perhaps not 10 times a month, but often enough so the high tolls hurt. Again, these officials have known about this issue for months, but have not done anything meaningful about it.

Until that happens, it’s pretty much all talk, isn’t it?

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## Celestial Ball Raises Money for College of Staten Island Students

College of Staten Island students were the beneficiaries of the Third Annual CSI Celestial Ball, which succeeded in raising more than \$500,000 for student scholarships and support.

A diverse group of nearly 250 people, comprising community and business leaders, students, faculty, staff, friends of the College, and honorees and their family members, attended the event at the Richmond County Country Club. Everyone at the Ball provided crucial support to CSI students, as the scholarships and support made possible by this event provide students with the opportunity to complete their degrees, and gain the confidence and tools that they need to successfully enter the job market and affect positive change in their communities and beyond.

CSI President Dr. Tomás D. Morales presented the President's Medal, with the assistance of Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Fritz, to the Ball honorees who were Denis Hughes, president of the New York State AFL-CIO; Dr. Mary O'Donnell, associate professor and chair of the Department of Nursing; and Rose Volpe, community activist, founder of the Friends of CSI, and widow of Dr. Edmond L. Volpe, the first president of the College of Staten Island.

Thirteen CSI scholarship recipients were on hand to show their appreciation for the support that they have received, and to serve as examples of the positive effects of scholarships at the college.

Among the distinguished guests present were Dr. Christine Cea, New York State Board of Regents member.#

# ***Students & Alumni***

# ***Students***



## Staten Island Jihadist Blows Lid Off Plotter Network

1-02-12 | robert spencer

**Monday, January 02, 2012**

Abdel Hameed Shehadeh wanted to join the U.S. Army so that he could turn and kill American soldiers. Instead, he has exposed a jihad network of impressive proportions that, if his assertions are true, should end the rush toward politically correct self-deception in the way law enforcement officials approach the problem of jihad terrorism in the United States.

The criminal complaint against him says that he “and several other individuals” were being charged “in connection with a plot to travel overseas and wage violent jihad against the United States and other coalition military forces.” Shehadeh had planned to wage this jihad from within the U.S. military: in 2008, he went to a recruiting station in Times Square and attempted to join the Army, so that he could, according to law enforcement officials, get training that he could use “to fight beside fellow Muslims against their enemies, including United States military forces.”

But things didn’t work out that way. Shehadeh got caught, and quickly began cooperating with authorities. He gave FBI agents a lengthy interview that fills a 22-page report that his lawyers are now trying to deep-six: although Shehadeh gave the interview in an attempt to get a better deal for himself, he quickly started worrying about “how much I incriminated myself,” and so now wants the report suppressed.

Those he named no doubt also want his report suppressed. According to the New York Daily News, Shehadeh was “a fount of information.” Among the jihad plotters he mentions in the report are “Brooklyn teachers of the Islamic orthodoxy Salafism” and Muslims who “delivered pro-jihadist speeches at mosques or ranted in online chat rooms.”

Salafism is a form of hardline Islam that calls for the imposition of Islamic law in its fullness, including stonings, beheadings, amputations, and warfare against unbelievers. Salafis just made a strong showing in Egypt’s elections. But in the U.S., the Islamic establishment insists that all Muslims happily accept constitutional freedoms and pluralism, and that anyone who suggests otherwise is a venomous “Islamophobe.” If Shehadeh’s claims are true, however, Salafism is being preached in Brooklyn, and pro-jihad sermons are being preached in mosques in the New York area – and the Islamic establishment claims about the Muslim community in the U.S. are false.

Shehadeh’s claims are really not all that surprising, even though they go against the view of the government, the mainstream media and Islamic spokesmen in America. In 1998, Sheikh Muhammad Hisham Kabbani, a Sufi leader, visited 114 mosques in the United States. Then he gave testimony before a State Department Open Forum in January 1999, and asserted that 80% of American mosques taught the “extremist ideology.”

Then there was the Center for Religious Freedom's 2005 study, and the Mapping Sharia Project's 2008 study. Each independently showed that upwards of 80% of mosques in America were preaching hatred of Jews and Christians and the necessity ultimately to impose Islamic rule.

And in the summer of 2011 came another study showing that only 19% of mosques in U.S. don't teach jihad violence and/or Islamic supremacism.

Shehadeh also named as jihad plotters "a livery cab driver, an Ethiopian Muslim in the U.S. Army and a College of Staten Island student who attended a fund-raiser at Brooklyn College for a terrorist." He even identified "a reputed member of the terror group Hamas who lives in Syracuse." Then there was the "homeless husband-and-wife — she comes from a wealthy family and he drives a luxury BMW sedan — who watched a beheading video with Shehadeh."

Shehadeh says that in 2008 he went to "a lecture at the Brooklyn Islamic Center in 2008 with someone named 'Omar' and a second man who peddled pro-jihad T-shirts. 'Almost everything [Omar] and his friend . . . talked about was jihad.'"

The range of occupations and situations in life of the jihadis Shehadeh claims to have come into contact with suggests that jihadist sentiments are far more widespread among Muslims in the United States than most analysts have been willing to acknowledge. Even conservative anti-jihadists make it their primary concern to tell comforting fictions about Islamic texts and teachings, and to insist on the necessity of refraining from telling the whole truth about the jihad and Islamic supremacism in order to support moderate Muslims, who in reality are so few in number as to be almost wholly ineffective against the jihadis.

Meanwhile, the Obama administration has brought to its logical culmination a policy of ignoring and downplaying the beliefs, motives and goals of America's jihadist enemies that began during the Bush administration. After a series of "exposés" in leftist media journals about alleged "Islamophobia" (i.e. truthful and accurate analysis of how Islamic jihadists use the texts and teachings of Islam to justify violence and supremacism) in terror training materials used in the FBI and other agencies, aghast Obama administration officials promised to scrub training materials of anything that connected Islam with Islamic jihad terrorism, and to reeducate agents who had been exposed to such materials.

Now the revelations from Abdel Hameed Shehadeh suggest that this was just the opposite of what should have been done. Law enforcement officials should have deepened their study of Islam's jihad doctrine, and stepped up surveillance of mosques and Islamic centers.

So will the report of his interview, if it is not suppressed and is proven correct, end the rush toward the adoption of politically correct fictions by government and law enforcement officials — fictions that hamper our ability to understand, and hence to defeat, our jihadist enemy?

Of course not.

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## In gauge of Staten Island's economy, 50 jobs are offered and 400 turn out to apply for them

Friday, January 13, 2012, 1:52 AM



**Kiawana Rich**  
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Amid the gloom of an economy that has shown scant evidence of bouncing back anytime soon, some Staten Islanders caught a ray of employment sunshine last night via a jobs fair hosted by Community Resources, one of the borough's largest employers.

By night's end at the organization's Travis headquarters, more than 400 Islanders had applied for the 50 available positions, said Dana Magee, executive director and CEO of the agency, which is one of the borough's premier providers of services for the developmentally disabled.



Staten Island Advance/Bill Lyons

Tabatha Rexach of Westerleigh fills out paperwork prior to her interview.

"We are thrilled," said Magee, "because we need folks, and good folks, right away."

Positions included registered nurses, qualified mental retardation professionals, direct care workers, Medicaid service coordinators, recreation aides, drivers, and more, said Teresa Claro, director of human resources. She said the attendees constituted "an excellent application pool."

"It's sad that so many people are looking for work," said Ms. Claro, "but it's good for our agency because we will be able to have qualified people to serve our consumers."

Applicants ran the gamut in terms of age, nationality and walk of life. And despite Magee's impression of the applicants' being "patient, polite and hopeful," there was an understandable undercurrent of anxiety.

"I feel a little anxious, with so many people applying for so few positions," said Tabatha Rexach, 41, of Westerleigh. Ms. Rexach was recently laid off from her job as a pharmacy technician at Walgreen's. Prior to

that, the mother of two had worked for 10 years as a paralegal. That avenue is essentially closed now, she said, as many lawyers have filled those jobs. She hoped Community Resources would take her on as a direct care worker.

Jared Perez, 20, of South Beach, is looking for work while studying at the College of Staten Island. "I am concerned," he said. "The economy is very bad, and the jobs I have applied for, I've gotten no callbacks."

**Staten Island facility draws more than 300 applicants**

Community Resources holds a job fair in Travis to fill 50 full and part-time jobs.

Diane Pollak graduated from high school at a time when a college sheepskin didn't seem necessary for a comfortable, middle-

class life. She worked as an administrative assistant to vice presidents at Wall Street firms for 10 years, then spent 28 years as a homemaker and mother. Now, she said, she faces "a whole new world."

"I had great jobs," said Mrs. Pollak, "but now my husband is retired and it's not enough to live on his retirement, so I would like to get a job to have a little something to live off of."

For the fortunate 50 approved after the necessary state background checks, the good news gets even better, said Magee. By next week, he expects all of them to be working.

That fills some, like Perez, with hope: "I'm a little optimistic. I got a good feeling about this place."

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## Party on Staten Island raises funds for anti-bullying foundation

Saturday, January 14, 2012, 1:05 AM



**Kiawana Rich**  
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- There was a party last night at a Midland Beach establishment called the Exquisite Lizard that featured live music, plenty of food and drink and good company. About 100 people turned out.

But the person in whose honor the party was given wasn't there.

Tragically, Amanda Diane Cummings' life ended at the tender age of 15, when, reportedly carrying a suicide note, she stepped in front of a Hylan Boulevard bus on Dec. 27 and died after lingering for six days.



Staten Island Advance/Bill Lyons

Jessica Gaudio, Ashley Cummings, Brendin Cummings, Katie Chisholm, Rachel Thorpe, Russell Chisholm and Charli Balducci wear T-shirts memorializing Amanda Cummings during a fundraiser at Exquisite Lizard in Midland Beach to stop bullying. The tee shirts were on sale to raise funds.

Family and friends said Miss Cummings, of Dongan Hills, was tormented and bullied at New Dorp High School, and in the days after her death, Internet trolls piled on and desecrated a Facebook tribute page.

Proceeds from last night's affair will go toward counteracting the kind of bullying that apparently cost Miss Cummings' life.

It was organized by her family and promoter Russell Chisholm, said Ashley Cummings, daughter of bar owner Keith Cummings, Amanda's uncle.

The evening included raffles and performances by the bands Chopped Broccoli, Dukes of Gravity and Rat Salad, who donated their talents, said Chisholm.

Keith Cummings said there are plans to create a foundation against bullying in Amanda's name.



"These kids being bullied need to speak up. You can't keep it in," pleaded Cummings. "It will build up and something bad will happen, and the schools have to get the message out there."

Cummings said he has already spoken to state Sens. Diane Savino (D-North Shore/Brooklyn) and Jeffrey D. Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester); the latter has introduced legislation against cyberbullying in the Senate.

And Cummings said former Gov. David Paterson reached out to him: "Anything you need," was the message. "He [Paterson] said he was bullied a lot because he was legally blind."

Ashley Cummings and family friend Lauren O'Brien, 51, of Dongan Hills, said they feel cheated of seeing a beautiful, sincere, talented and vibrant young person coming into her own.

"She was very much becoming her own person," said Ms. O'Brien.

Said Ashley: "It gets me frustrated she couldn't confide in me, because we were very close."

And yet, for every tragic case like that of Miss Cummings', there are hopeful ones. Eddie Sharp, 24, of Grasmere, said he's one of the lucky ones. Sharp said he was relentlessly bullied and beaten up while attending high school but against all odds managed to survive.

"You just go on with your life. There are always people out there trying to get one up on someone to make themselves feel better," he said. Now Sharp is in the GED program at the College of Staten Island and plans to study psychology.

"Maybe I will be able to help kids like her someday," he said.

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**EN ESTADOS UNIDOS**

## **La conspiración yihadista perdura en las mezquitas**



Por Robert Spencer

Es ya política gubernamental estadounidense oficial que el islam no tiene nada en absoluto que ver con el terrorismo, y que por tanto cualquier examen detenido del presunto móvil u objetivos de los terroristas de la yihad islámica es constitutivo de "islamofobia" y debe ser censurado, así como castigado por la ley. Pero nuevas revelaciones conocidas esta semana acerca de un conspirador yihadista confeso apuntan que es la legislación totalmente contraria la que se debió de haber adoptado.

Un joven musulmán que responde al nombre de Abdel Hamid Shehadeh trataba hace poco de alistarse en el ejército, no por patriotismo sino como parte de un plan para sorprender a los soldados estadounidenses y matarlos en nombre del islam y la yihad. Pero fue sorprendido, y empezó a cantar; si parte de la confesión a los detectives es precisa, él habría sacado a la luz una red yihadista de proporciones colosales que debería acabar con el autoengaño políticamente correcto del enfoque de las fuerzas del orden sobre el problema del terrorismo yihadista en Estados Unidos.

Shedadeh proporcionó al FBI suficiente información para llenar un auto de 22 folios que es tan incriminatorio para él a nivel personal que su defensa intenta que no sea tenido en cuenta como prueba. A aquellos cuyos nombres también facilita también les gustaría sin duda que fuera desestimado como prueba. Según el New York Daily News, Shehadeh es "una fuente de información". Entre los conspiradores cuyo nombre facilitó se encuentran "unos profesores del salafismo islámico ortodoxo de Brooklyn" y musulmanes "que pronuncian discursos yihadistas en mezquitas o diatribas en salas de chat".

La institución del activismo islámico en Estados Unidos insiste en que todos los musulmanes de este país aceptan felizmente las libertades y el pluralismo Constitucionales, y que cualquiera que insinúe lo contrario es "un islamófobo" virulento. Si las confesiones de Shehadeh resultan ser ciertas, sin embargo, el salafismo, una forma de islam fundamentalista que pide la institución de la ley islámica en su totalidad, lapidaciones, decapitaciones, amputaciones y guerra contra los infieles incluidas, se está predicando no solamente en Arabia Saudí, Yemen o Irán, sino también aquí

mismo en Brooklyn.

Y aunque el estamento políticamente correcto de los medios exige que aceptemos que las mezquitas estadounidenses son el equivalente a iglesias y sinagogas, nada más y nada menos, Shehadeh afirma que los sermones yihadistas se están pronunciando en mezquitas de la zona de Nueva York. Esto no es sorprendente del todo, a pesar del hecho de que va en contra del dogma férreo suscrito por el estado, los medios convencionales y los portavoces islámicos en América. En 1998, el jeque Mohammed Hisham Kabbani, un líder sufí, visitó 114 mezquitas estadounidenses. Más tarde prestó testimonio en el State Department Open Forum, en enero de 1999, y afirmó que el 80% de las mezquitas norteamericanas están impartiendo "la ideología fundamentalista".

El estudio del año 2005 del Centro para la Libertad Religiosa y el estudio del colectivo Mapping Sharia Project del año 2008 ratifican sus conclusiones. Cada uno demuestra por separado que más del 80% de las mezquitas de América predicen el odio a los judíos y los cristianos y la necesidad final de imponer el estado islámico. Hace poco, en el verano de 2010, salió a la luz otro estudio más que demuestra que sólo 19 de cada 100 mezquitas en Estados Unidos no imparten la violencia yihadista y/ o la supremacía islámica.

Shehadeh también facilita nombres de conspiradores yihadistas, junto a "un taxista muy dinámico" y "un estudiante del College of Staten Island" que organiza un acto de recaudación de fondos en el Brooklyn College "en honor a un terrorista" y un musulmán etíope "del ejército estadounidense". Pero por supuesto constituye el culmen de "la islamofobia" hacer preguntas a los musulmanes del ejército estadounidense a efectos de sus lealtades. Él hasta identifica a "un destacado miembro del grupo terrorista Hamás que está residiendo en Syracuse". Shehadeh afirma que en el año 2008 asistió a "una conferencia del Centro Islámico de Brooklyn" con alguien que responde al nombre de "Omar" y un segundo caballero que repartía camisetas a favor de la yihad. "Casi todo lo que decían [Omar] y su amigo... tenía que ver con la yihad".

Todo este testimonio sugiere que la opinión yihadista está mucho más generalizada entre los musulmanes de Estados Unidos de lo que la mayoría de los analistas vienen estando dispuestos a reconocer. Hasta los conservadores anti-yihadistas cuentan ficciones reconfortantes de los textos y las enseñanzas islámicas e insisten en abstenerse de contar abiertamente la verdad del islam, con el fin de apoyar a los musulmanes moderados, tan contados en realidad como para ser prácticamente ineficaces contra los yihadistas.

¿Conducirán las confesiones de Shehadeh, si resultan ser ciertas, al abandono de las ficciones políticamente correctas relativas al islam y la yihad?

No cuente con ello.

## More Curtis HS students earning international baccalaureate diplomas

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Curtis High School has long been known as the only one in the borough offering the International Baccalaureate program. But when Dr. Aurelia Curtis became principal in 2004, just bits and pieces of the program were being taught.

"By the time I got there, students were not really getting their (IB) diplomas," Dr. Curtis said. "We were not implementing the diploma program as we should have been."

Less than a decade later, that's changed — the program is attracting more and more students, and producing many more IB diplomas.

Last year, of 56 graduating IB students, 40 earned their IB diploma in addition to their high school one — a rate that's above the national average, Dr. Curtis said.

The success comes after a lengthy reauthorization process and overhaul of the program that began in 2004. By 2007, the program was in full swing, and in 2009, 17 of 56 IB students were able to earn the program's diploma. In 2010, it was 32 of 55 students.

The IB Diploma Programme is an international curriculum for high school juniors and seniors, who must study six rigorous IB courses in key academic areas.

Additionally, there are three other core requirements — an extended essay involving independent research;



Some of the students in the IB program -- from left, in front, Fatma Akcay, Naomi Edwards, Chana Peel, Susannah Dolinar, Serena Rivera and Corinne Birchard, with, in back, Andrew Alvarino, Krista Cocozello, Ninaad Dave, Cheyenne Vandyke, Danielle Santucci, Saad Baig, Amasis Geisler, Anthony Parisi and Brittany Sheridan.

### **Curtis High School's International Baccalaureate program attracting more students**

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a theory of knowledge course; and a “creativity, action, service” project where students learn through experiences outside the classroom.

For years, the IB offerings at Curtis had dwindled, but the school now offers 17 courses — more than enough for students to meet the diploma requirements, and for students outside the program to try out an IB course, too. Not every student will score high enough on evaluations to earn a diploma, and students don’t find out until the July after they graduate.

But just being an IB diploma candidate is enough to get colleges interested in prospective students, said Margarita Fernandez, IB coordinator.

“Because of the rigors, because of the intrinsic journey that the students are asked to take with the IB, that’s why the colleges want them,” Ms. Fernandez said.

## GLOBAL CITIZENS



The IB program's logo reflects its international perspective. "To know your work gets sent out of the U.S., it's intimidating," says senior Chana Peele, who had one of her exams graded in Kenya.

The program pushes teenagers to be scholars, not students — inquiring, taking risks, communicating in their native language and a second one, and leading their communities.

The program also seeks to grow students into caring, principled individuals who are better global citizens, Ms. Fernandez said.

“It asks the kids to expand who they are,” she said. Teachers are trained for the IB course work, Ms. Fernandez said, but those teachers also have other classes and the techniques they learn seep into the

education of non-IB students, too.

“That, we have found, has really raised the level of education of the whole school,” she said.

Last week, Joe Sicilian taught a senior Theory of Knowledge class that saw students discussing weighty topics they came up with themselves, like affirmative action, for presentations they will make next month to juniors.

Sicilian said IB training helped him come to new realizations about how teenagers learn — and how he should teach them. He provides the skeleton of a lesson, he said, and they flesh it out.

"They have to chew what they learn," he said. "They can't just swallow it and spit it back up."

## **OVERSEAS GRADING**

The IB evaluations students must take are then graded by other trained teachers across the globe who don't know them.

"Our students are assessed by other people and that gives even more validity," Dr. Curtis said.

Senior IB student Chana Peele said one of her exams was graded in Kenya.

"To know your work gets sent out of the U.S., it's intimidating," she said. She said she felt like she represented not just herself and her school, but her country.

For the majority of the IB students at Curtis, the program is what drew them there — it's one of just 8 in the city. Anthony Parisi, a senior, was accepted to the Staten Island Technical High School, but opted to come to Curtis for the IB program instead.

"It's a different type of program," he said. And he said there was no sugarcoating it — it's difficult.

But the academic rigor is what attracted him, and others.

Naomi Edwards recalled being assigned a project in freshman year, before the program even began, that was designed to help prepare students for what was to come.

"I cried," she said.

But with time, she realized that working so hard in high school would make college easier to handle.

"When you get to college, there's not going to be someone there helping you write a 3,000-word essay," she said.

The international aspect is what attracted Fatma Akcay, a Turkish immigrant who plans to return there someday. Unlike the Advanced Placement program, IB credits are recognized worldwide.

"I want to be able to be recognized for the work I did while I was here," she said.

Krista Cocozello's creativity action service project will bring her abroad — to Guatemala City, where she will work in a garbage dump and help build homes. But not every student's project will take them to far-flung corners of the globe.

Naomi organized a book drive for a giving library at her church, collecting 600 titles at Curtis. Fatma worked

on pigeon behavior research with a professor at the College of Staten Island.

Corinne Birchard said the service aspect of IB is what attracted her to the program.

“You can help better the community around you, not just during school but during your free time,” she said.

### **SETTING THEM APART**

Other draws for students, they said, were the possibility of earning a year of college credit, and the way just being in the program sets them apart from others applying to college.

Similarly, the program sets Curtis apart. But Dr. Curtis said she hopes Curtis blazes a trail for other schools.

“While I am thrilled that we were the first to recognize the value of IB, I would be even more ecstatic if even more schools on Staten Island and in NYC could recognize the value of the IB,” she said.

Dr. Curtis said the IB program has recognized the strides Curtis has made — Curtis often hosts worldwide visitors curious about IB, and for the last three years Dr. Curtis has been the program’s U.S. and Canadian representative.

The Curtis program was also featured in Hamish McRae’s book, “What Works?”

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# ***Alumni***



## David Larsen of Tewksbury challenging Rep. Leonard Lance for seat in Congress

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**Terry Wright/Hunterdon County Democrat**  
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Rep. Leonard Lance will have at least one challenger in this year's Republican primary for Congress.

Tewksbury Township resident David Larsen announced this week that he will run against Lance.

Calling himself a "conservative Republican," Larsen seeks to oust Lance, who he calls an "establishment" Republican, in the June primary.

Larsen also challenged Lance in the 2010 primary, which Lance won with 16,890 votes, followed by Larsen with 9,381 votes; Lon Hosford, 2,491; and Bruce Baker, 1,429.

Larsen lives with his wife and children in Oldwick, their home for the past 16 years, where they raise American quarter horses. A strict Constitutionalist, Larsen said he believes in smaller, less intrusive government, lower taxes, protection for the unborn and market-based solutions to strengthen our economy."

He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y.; his parents are Norwegian immigrants who came to America after the liberation of Norway from the Nazis in World War II. His dad founded Larsen Windows & Doors, a small manufacturing business in Brooklyn.

"After briefly attending Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, I returned to New York City to attend the College of Staten Island where I majored in biology and business administration," he said.

"During this time, I founded my own construction and home improvement company, which I sold six years later to take over the rapidly growing family business. Over the next three decades I oversaw the growth of the company my father started into a successful business that was instrumental in helping to employ hundreds of people."

For more information, go to [davidlarsenforcongress.com](http://davidlarsenforcongress.com) or visit David Larsen on Facebook and Twitter.



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