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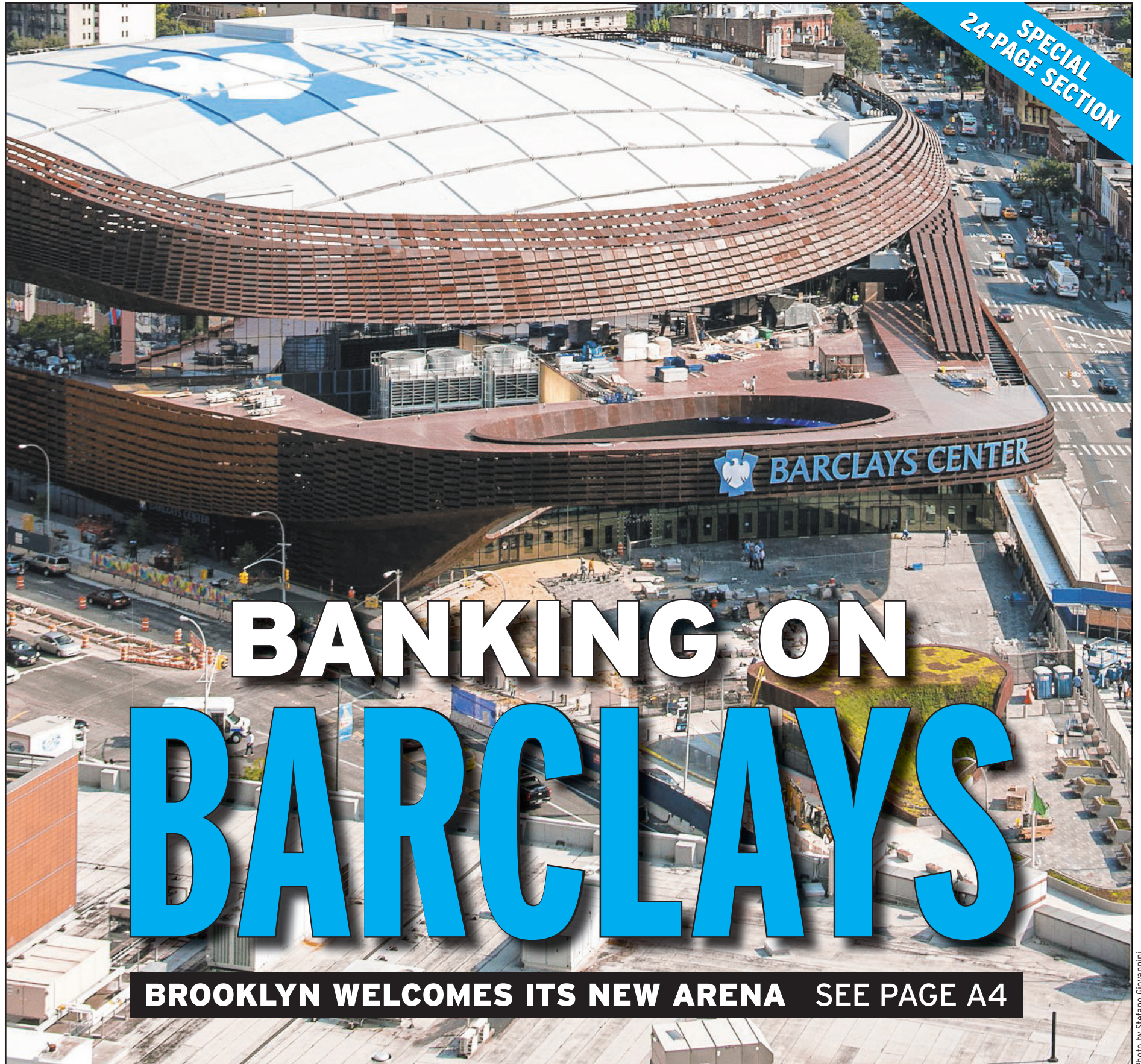
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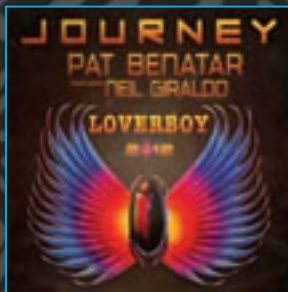
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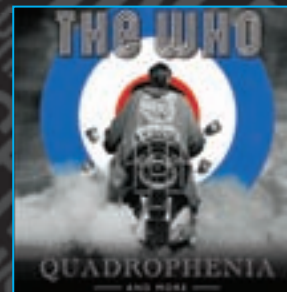
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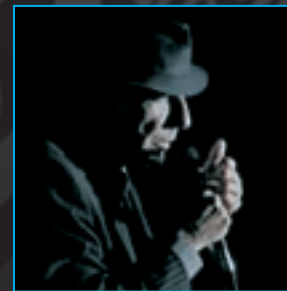
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We're celebrating this exciting and historic time with a special pull-out section packed with informative reports, schedules, and tidbits about the thrilling concerts and events heading your way, starting on Sept. 28.

The stellar lineup includes a dozen boxing events promoted by ring great Oscar De La Hoya, a Disney ice extravaganza, and a blockbuster fall season loaded with must-see bands, including the Who, Journey, Rush, and the Smashing Pumpkins, who are set

## Breaking down the Barclays Center

Fun facts about Brooklyn's biggest entertainment destination

Did you know that the Barclays Center contains more than 18,000 seats, four bars, three clubs, and 54 restrooms? Here are some other fun facts about Brooklyn's newest, and biggest, entertainment destination.

### The arena:

- Has 18,200 seats split between an upper and lower bowl.
- There are 4,400 club seats.
- It has 101 suites named "Brownstone," "Loft," and "Vault" suites, with four party suites and two conference suites.
- Has 54 restrooms.
- Located below street level, so elephants will have to take

elevators to get to it when the circus is in town.

### Retail

- There will be eight street-accessible retail stores, including the Nets Team Shop.
- Three novelty merchandise outlets can be found throughout the arena — two fixed stands on the main concourse and one portable location on the upper concourse.

### Exterior

- The weathering steel facade of the arena is made up of 12,000 steel panels.
- More than 600 tons of steel

sheets were used to create these unique panels.

- Approximately 1,900 light-emitting diodes are installed within the panels to illuminate the facade at night.
- There is a 360-degree marquee on the "oculous," or eye at the entrance to the arena.

### Concessions, restaurants, and bars

- There are 23 concession stands and 27 concession carts peppered throughout the stadium.
- There will be four bars, four lounges, three clubs, and a restaurant.

to seize the stage for a spooktacular Halloween howl-fest.

It's astounding that it's been nine years, one month, and 20 days since developer Bruce Ratner announced that he was considering buying the Nets and relocating them to Brooklyn as part of a larger revitalization project.

That was back on Aug. 3, 2003, and despite the obstacles — let's face it, there have been enough of them to fill a basketball court! — the spectacular vision for a Brooklyn sports team to play in a Brooklyn arena, complemented by world-class entertainment, refused to waver or diminish.

We invite you now, our faithful readers without whom our hard work would cease to matter, to enjoy the read as much as we enjoyed writing it, and join us in extending a hearty Brooklyn cheer to our newest collective asset — the Barclays Center.

# Brooklyn banking on Barclays!

Neighboring businesses excited by influx of foot-traffic – and income

BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

The Barclays Center will be a boon to Brooklyn businesses when it opens next week, say neighboring merchants who plan to stay open longer and open stores closer to the arena in anticipation of the expected surge in visitors flocking to the sports and entertainment complex.

“We’re considering adjusting our hours,” said John Pflug, director of Marketing at P.C. Richard, whose store at Atlantic and Flatbush avenues is opposite the future home of the Brooklyn Nets. “There might be an opportunity for folks that are attending to stop in and give us a look.”

The Atlantic Terminal and Atlantic Center Mall is calling in extra troops.

“We’re increasing staff on event nights, and most of the tenants are preparing for increased business by adding staff and bringing in extra products,” said spokeswoman Laura Dolan.

The Downtown Brooklyn Partnership is also getting its game on by distributing discounted coupons to some of the 500 coupons it oversees to Barclays Center visitors.

“You’re going to have thousands of people coming to Brooklyn, and we want to encourage them to stay and shop in Downtown,” said Vivian Liao, director of Marketing and Strategic Partnerships.



One place sports fans can stock up on Nets regalia is across the street at Modell's Sporting Goods, which has done brisk business since unveiling the team's colors and logo this summer.

“On that first day alone, we sold more Brooklyn Nets gear at the Atlantic Avenue store than we did chain-wide last year,” said spokesman Jason Karlowski, adding that the store is getting a makeover to attract more customers.

At least one pro-active food vendor has already

opened an additional store to serve Barclays Center attendees seeking a late-night snack — washed down with discounted beer from Brooklyn's own Sixpoint Brewery.

“We’re going to be experiencing a busier time,” said Marcello Bucca of Zito's Sandwich Shoppe in Park Slope, who invested in a new satellite eatery on Fifth Avenue and Union Street where he'll cater food to kitchen-free bars during away games. “This is all being done with the idea of creating a sense of commu-



(Clockwise from above) Modell's employees (from left) Lamaesha Gibson and Carla Clarke are excited about selling more Brooklyn Nets gear once the Barclays Center opens. Billy Gnad, district manager at P.C. Richards in Downtown Brooklyn. Enzo Conigliaro, co-owner of Zito's Sandwich Shoppe in Park Slope, with his signature pork braciolo sandwich!

Photos by Elizabeth Graham



nity and an environment where Brooklyn is the main theme, and the Nets are a big part of that now.”

The arrival of Barclays Center may be just the tonic for Brooklyn's ailing economy, say the experts.

“One of the most profound impacts that it is going to have is in the employment sector because Barclays is making a concerted and deliberate effort to hire Brooklynites,” said Professor Clifford Benton, who teaches business studies at Long Island University on Flatbush Avenue Extension.

Arena-goers will ultimately dictate the borough's cash-flow, added Scott Roth-

bert, who operates the website, “Finance Professor.”

“It's a matter of whether people are just going to the events, or dining before and after them,” he said.

It's guaranteed that Brooklynites will be coming to the Barclays Center, even if they're not Nets fans.

Besides the concerts and other highlights, Long Island University's Blackbirds will play three games at Barclays this season, squaring off against Minnesota State University's Moorhead Dragons during a doubleheader on Nov. 9. The Terriers from St. Francis College in Brooklyn Heights will also play St. John Univer-

sity's Red Storm team there on Dec. 15 in their first game together away from the Garden or Carnesecca Arena in 20 years.

“It's the first college basketball game ever at Barclays Center, and we're going to be a part of it,” said Long Island University spokesman Greg Fox.

Arts groups will be very much a part of the action as well.

The Brooklyn Academy of Music, Barclays' new artistic consultant, is hoping to attract spectacular, large scale arts events never before seen in the city, said president Karen Brooks Hopkins.

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# Before it was an arena...

A century ago, a meat market stood where the Barclays Center has risen

BY SHAVANA ABRUZZO

The corner of Flatbush and Atlantic avenues is home to Brooklyn's biggest entertainment destination — but the same couldn't be said for the intersection more than 100 years ago.

Back then, the Fort Greene Retail Meat Market was doing brisk business where the Atlantic Terminal and Atlantic Center Mall stands today — a far cry from what early 20th-century developers had in mind when they looked to increase the area's prosperity after construction of the Brooklyn Academy of Music ended in 1908, and the Williamsburgh Savings Bank Building opened two decades later.

Most of their grand projects fell prey to the Great Depression, and the neighborhood — a crossroads of commerce even at that bleak time — became the base of operations for the unglamorous meat-packing industry that kept Brooklyn's growling stomach at bay during World War II.

The market, which slaughtered its own meat, was one of the few legitimate food outlets that put porterhouse steaks, chops, and beef livers on American tables during a national food panic that spawned a thriving black market — a panic President Roosevelt's Office of Price Administration tried to quash by ordering Hollywood producers to eliminate shots of charging cattle from their Westerns to diffuse public despair over rations, which curbed access to dairy and canned goods as well.

The panic exploded into a full-blown riot on June 6, 1946, as more than 3,000 boroughites mobbed the market to claim their share of a 30,000-pound meat haul, with cops summoned to keep the peace — a riot documented by the local media.

"To add to the excitement, someone yelled 'Murder!' at the height of the disorder, and others took up the cry," wrote the now-defunct Brooklyn Eagle.

Prices eased after the war, and the market flourished.

"Scarce no more, yes, folks, that's beef and there's plenty of it at the Fort Greene Retail Meat Market," read a photo caption in the Eagle's July 10, 1946 edition.



(Above) The Brooklyn Dodgers may have stayed in the borough if owner Wallace O'Malley had had been given the go-ahead to build a new baseball stadium near where the Barclays Center is today (left).

The market relocated to Sunset Park in the late 1960s when the city began work on the Atlantic Terminal Urban Renewal Area, an arduous undertaking that actually compounded the blight of Fort Greene, according to urban geographer Winifred Curran who wrote an analysis of the neighborhood in 1998.

"The site was cleared and then left abandoned for close to 30 years, while attempts by the city to develop it failed to come to fruition," she said.

In the 1950s, the Atlantic Yards — a mixed-use commercial and residential development project whose crown jewel is the Barclays Center — could have been



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

the location of an entirely different sports home team if one of the borough's most hated men had been allowed his way.

Brooklyn Dodgers owner Walter O'Malley eyed the area near the site for his new baseball

stadium, before his dream was wrecked by master planner Robert Moses, who refused him access to the property.

The failing economy challenged the mettle of some of the region's hardest mom-and-pop

business owners. One of them was Martin Orlofsky, who opened Midtown Florist and Nursery on Flatbush and Third avenues in the early 1970s — a few blocks from where the Barclays Center would rise more than 40 years later.

"The neighborhood was terrible," says Orlofsky's son Mitchell, who took over the business. "It was abandoned, dark, with prostitutes hanging around. Everyone thought my dad was crazy moving in."

The elder Orlofsky was certainly on point with his bright forecast for the plagued district.

"He said this area's going to come back because it was the hub of Brooklyn, you have almost every train and bus stop there, and it's 10 minutes out of Manhattan," says Mitchell Orlofsky, whose father bought the building housing his floral shop after the city took it over and put it on the auction block.

"He did it to save his business," he said.

Today, the florist continues to operate under the same name, but with a different owner, at Atlantic Avenue, between Third and Fourth avenues — a busy crossroads with a colorful past.

The building containing the Vitamin Shoppe, across from the Atlantic Terminal Mall, was once the location of a Rexall pharmacy, plus a pair of brow-raising businesses.

In the early 1900s, a branch of Mechanics Bank — where "the books were cooked the night before the state banking inspectors were due to show up," reports Brownstoner — occupied the ground floor. And on the second floor, in the late 1800s, stood the office of a dentist known as "Painless Parker," who advertised his alleged Midas touch in large lettering in front of the building, promising a dental experience that was "Positively IT in Painless Dentistry."

Next week, hoop fans will be squaring up to make Barclays Center the new "IT" sports and entertainment venue in town — a Brooklyn milestone that Mitchell Orlofsky is looking forward to, heartily.

"I'm a Nets fan, and I plan to attend their games," he said.

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# Boxing is back

## Title fights return to Brooklyn at Barclays on Oct. 20

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

The Barclays Center isn't just about basketball — the bell will ring outside the squared-circle long before the first whistle is blown on the hardwood.

The arena has a deal with Oscar De La Hoya's Golden Boy promotions to bring up to 12 boxing events a year to Brooklyn — and the action starts on Oct. 20.

The title card — tagged "Brooklyn Pride" — will be a rematch between undefeated Philadelphia-born light welterweight champion Danny Garcia against the man he took the World Boxing Council belt from, Mexican fighter Erik Morales.

But the highlight of the night will be Bensonhurst native Paulie "Magic Man" Malignaggi's defense of the World Boxing Association welterweight title, against south-of-the-border challenger Pablo Cesar Cano.

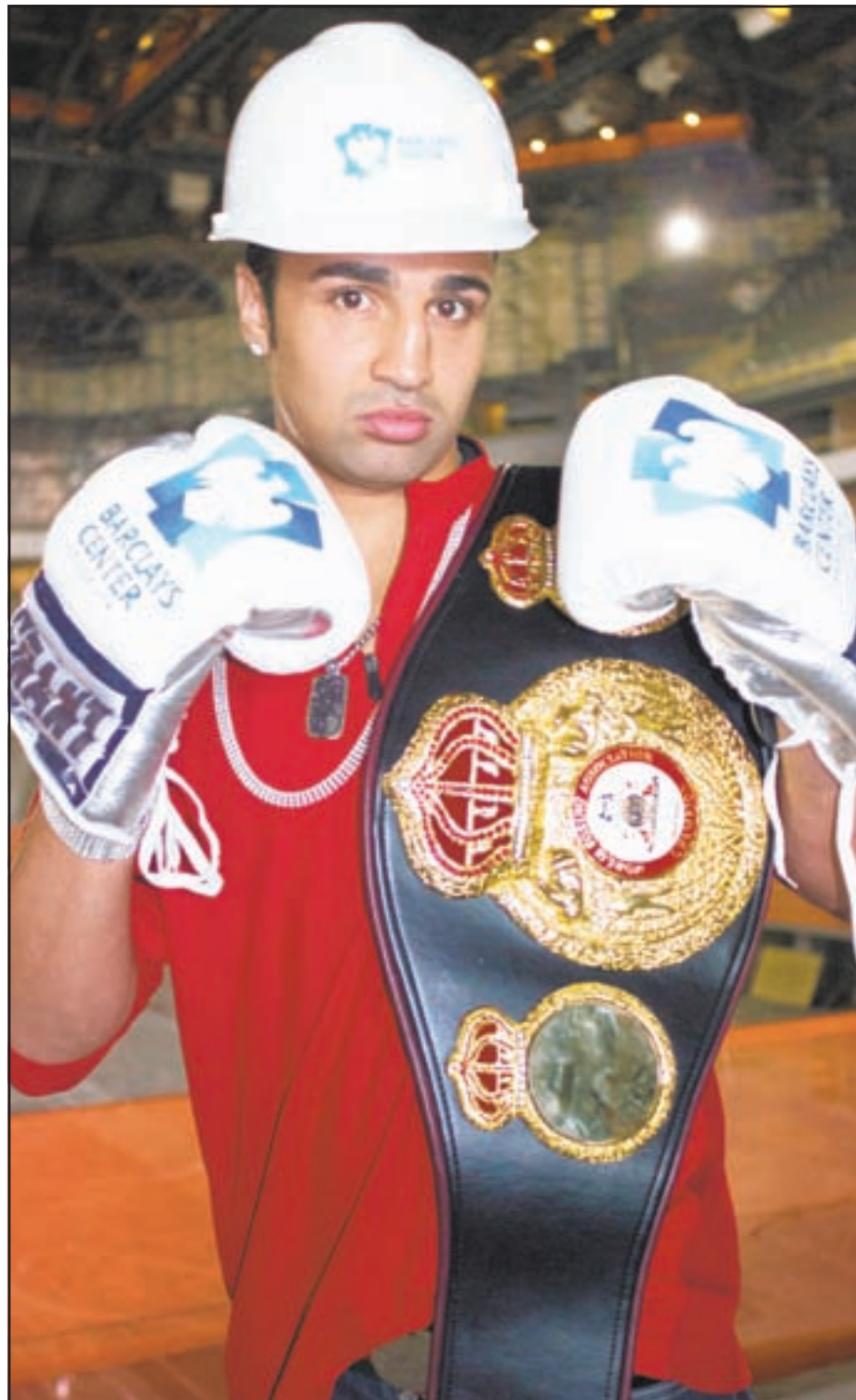
Also on the card will be Middleweight Peter Quillen versus French World Boxing Organization belt holder Hassan N'Dam N'Jikam in his first title shot.

The three bouts represent the return of world title boxing to Brooklyn after an 81-year absence — and up-and-coming pugilists couldn't be happier.

"I knew I had to win there so I could go on and have my first defense opening night at the Barclays Center," said Malignaggi, who was born just blocks from Barclays in Long Island College Hospital. "It's a big moment for me and my life and career, defending the world title in Brooklyn, in front of all the fans."

The last title fight in the borough was Maxie Rosenbloom's controversial decision victory over light heavyweight champ Jimmy Slattery at Ebbets Field in 1931.

The rest of the card reads like a who's who in Brooklyn boxing: Flatbush native Dmitriy "Kid Kosher" Sal-



Benonhurst's Paulie Malignaggi, the World Boxing Association welterweight title-holder, is set to defend his belt at the Barclays Center in October. Photo by Derrick Lytle

ita, who had been a favorite to fight Malignaggi before the Cano fight was signed; Brownsville-bred Daniel "The Golden Child" Jacobs,

who's coming off surgery for spinal cancer; and fellow former world welterweight titlist Luis Collazo, also from Brownsville. Bronx

native Eddie Gomez is also scheduled to fight.

Golden Boy has yet to announce the opponents for the undercard fighters.

## Boro's boxing history

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Brooklyn has been lacin' em up for decades — producing some of the finest practitioners of the sweet science the boxing world has ever seen. Here's a rundown of people and places to make their mark in the boxing world.

### Israel "Charley" Goldman

Born in Poland in 1887, Boxing Hall of Famer Goldman grew up in Red Hook to become a 5-foot-1 bantamweight contender at age 16. Coming up in an era when the regulations of the sport weren't clearly defined, Goldman claimed to have had over 400 fights and his first-ever bout — held in a neighborhood bar — was called a draw after cops broke it up at the end of the 42nd round. Goldman is most famous today for having trained heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano.

### Floyd Patterson

The youngest undisputed heavyweight champion of the world, Patterson was born in North Carolina in 1935 and came of age in Bedford-Stuyvesant where he took up boxing at age 11. Patterson became a New York Golden Gloves champion and an Olympic gold medalist at age 17, won his first world title at age 21, lost it at age 24, and recovered it a year later. Patterson retired at age 37 following a loss to Muhammad Ali, and served as chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission from 1995 to 1998, before dying in New Paltz in 2006.

### Mike Tyson

Arguably Brooklyn's greatest champion, Mike Tyson's notoriously troubled life began in Bedford-Stuyvesant and Brownsville. Nicknamed "the Baddest Man on the Planet," Tyson went undefeated for 37 fights, became World Boxing Council Heavyweight champion in 1986 at age 20 and undisputed Heavyweight Champion at age 21, and won the largest purse in history in 91 seconds, with a first-round knockout of Michael Spinks. Tyson is probably less famous today for his skill in the ring than for his erratic behavior and bankruptcy.

### Riddick Bowe

The last American to be called undisputed heavyweight champion, Bowe won the New York Golden Gloves at age 17 by knocking out an opponent in four seconds. The highlight of Bowe's career was his epic series against Evander Holyfield, where Bowe became the first fighter to ever defeat "The Real Deal" and the first to knock him out. Bowe was stripped of his World Council Boxing belt in 1992 for refusing to face British pugilist Lennox Lewis.

### Zab Judah

Brownsville native and the former undisputed welterweight champion, the "Super" southpaw came up through Starrett City Gym in East New York and won his first belt after defeating Micky Ward of "The Fighter" fame in 1998. Judah and was in talks to take on welterweight champion Paulie "Magic Man" Malignaggi on Oct. 20 at Barclays.

### Gleason's Gym

Founded by bantamweight Bobby Gleason in the Bronx in 1937, Gleason's moved to Manhattan in 1974 before current owner Bruce Silverglade brought it to Front Street between Wall Street and Old Slip in DUMBO in 1984. Tyson, Bowe, Judah, and Malignaggi all trained there.

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# Disney magic

Mickey's setting his sights – and skates – on Barclays

BY COLIN MIXSON

Your favorite Disney characters will be coming to the Barclays Center — and they'll be bringing their skates.

Brooklyn's newest entertainment destination will be hosting "Disney on Ice" from Jan. 23 through Jan. 27 — news that's sure to delight families looking for kid-friendly fun that's a lot closer than Long Island or New Jersey, show organizers say.

"We're very excited to be adding the Barclays Center to the mix," said Steve Yaros, vice president of event marketing and sales at Feld Entertainment, which is producing Disney on Ice. "Otherwise, folks in Brooklyn would have to go to New Jersey!"

The Disney on Ice show evolves annually to include different acts and different characters. This year's show is entitled "Rockin' Ever After," and will feature some of Disney's fairest ladies in waiting, in-



cluding Princess Merida from the recent Pixar film, "Brave."

Of course, the show will feature Mickey and Minnie

Mouse, Donald Duck and a host of traditional Disney stars, Yaros said.

The spectacular will include plenty of eye-dazzling

pyrotechnics and will emulate the format of modern talent shows similar to "American Idol," only instead of grumpy Simon Cow-

(Clockwise from above) Characters from "Brave," "Tangled," and "Beauty and the Beast" will sing and glide across the Barclays Center when it hosts "Disney on Ice." Courtesy Feld Entertainment

ell, Mickey will act as judge.

"The premise of the show is it's a talent contest, and Mickey's not in his traditional garb, he's more modern and edgy, and he's the MC for the whole show," said Kyle Rougeau, a tour coordinator for the show.

Each princess will get her shot at the spotlight, as they all perform favored numbers from their respective films to win Mickey's approval.

"It's like the greatest hits, for us to put all those scenes with the best music, and then translate that to an on-ice performance," Yaros said.

As much as kids will de-

light in seeing their favorite Disney songs performed live, fans of ice skating will be equally enraptured by the show's on-ice excellence, Yaros explained.

Skaters for the showcase hail from across the globe, proving once and for all that it really is a small world, after all, organizers said.

"Everybody on the show is a world-class skater, people from all over the world representing six different countries," said Rougeau. "Skating is their life."

"Disney on Ice" at the Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Downtown, (212) 359-6387, [www.barclayscenter.com](http://www.barclayscenter.com)] from Jan. 23 to Jan. 27.



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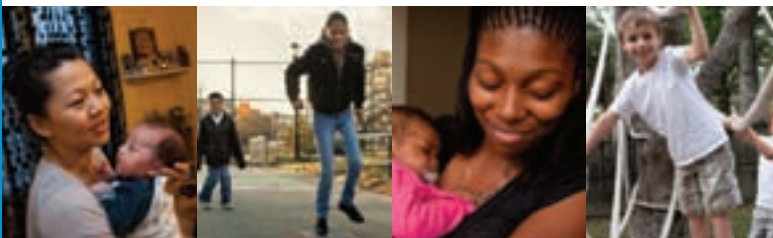
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BY NATALIE O'NEILL

Underprivileged Brooklynites will be able to see top-notch entertainment at the Barclays Center thanks to a partnership between a Downtown neighborhood group and the arena that will make sure folks without the funds get passes to a number of anticipated stadium events.

Downtown Brooklyn Neighborhood Alliance's complimentary ticket program will offer Brooklyn-

based non-profits, religious, and community groups up to 50 tickets per event — a service community leaders are hailing as a great opportunity.

"We're excited," said Herbert Daughtry, a pastor at The House of the Lord Church who helped launch the program. "It gives people access who wouldn't have had the chance."

Senior and youth groups — chosen by lottery — will be able to see performances

from artists such as Jay-Z and Barbra Streisand, Daughtry said.

The deal comes as part of the arena's Community Benefits Program, in which developer Bruce Ratner promised to provide thousands of jobs and services to Brooklynites.

Ratner says the community-centric ticket program, which includes access to Nets games, will allow the Barclays Center give something back to Brooklyn.



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Courtesy Barclays Center

"Barclays Center is going to positively impact this community in so many ways," he said in a statement.

Groups interested in obtaining free tickets to events can download an application via the Downtown Brooklyn Neighborhood Alliance website <http://www.thedbna.com/>.

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**AUG. 30, 2010:** A fleet of backhoes make some progress in the construction crew's frantic quest for bedrock.



**MARCH 25, 2011:** Up it goes! The Barclays Center's skeleton-like frame rises into the air on two sides.



**AUG. 29, 2011:** Progress on the frame continues, and a latticework of steel beams hovers overhead, primed to support the roof.



**FEB. 27, 2012:** The arena has come a long way. A large portion of the roof appears complete, and work has begun on the facade.



**AUG. 23, 2012:** What a beaut! With the roof finished, logos gleaming from the sides. The venue is nearly ready.

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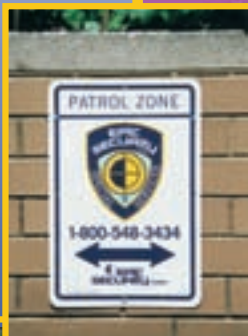


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# Eat, drink, & hang out

The lively neighborhoods around the Barclays Center are loaded with attractions

BY ELI ROSENBERG

Basketball games and concerts won't be the only action near the corner of Flatbush and Atlantic avenues when the Barclays Center opens this fall.

Hoops fans and music lovers who flock to the arena will find the bordering neighborhoods of Fort Greene, Park Slope, and Boerum Hill jam-packed with eateries, watering holes, and attractions that are worth a visit.

Here are the best places to dine, drink, and pass time before tip-off around the soon-to-open stadium:

## FOOD

### 8. Habana Outpost

This popular Fort Greene hangout serves tasty Latin American fare and cool drinks in an outdoor space featuring picnic tables and an old truck that's been converted into a kitchen.

757 Fulton St. at S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 858-9500.

### 1 & 16. 67 Burger

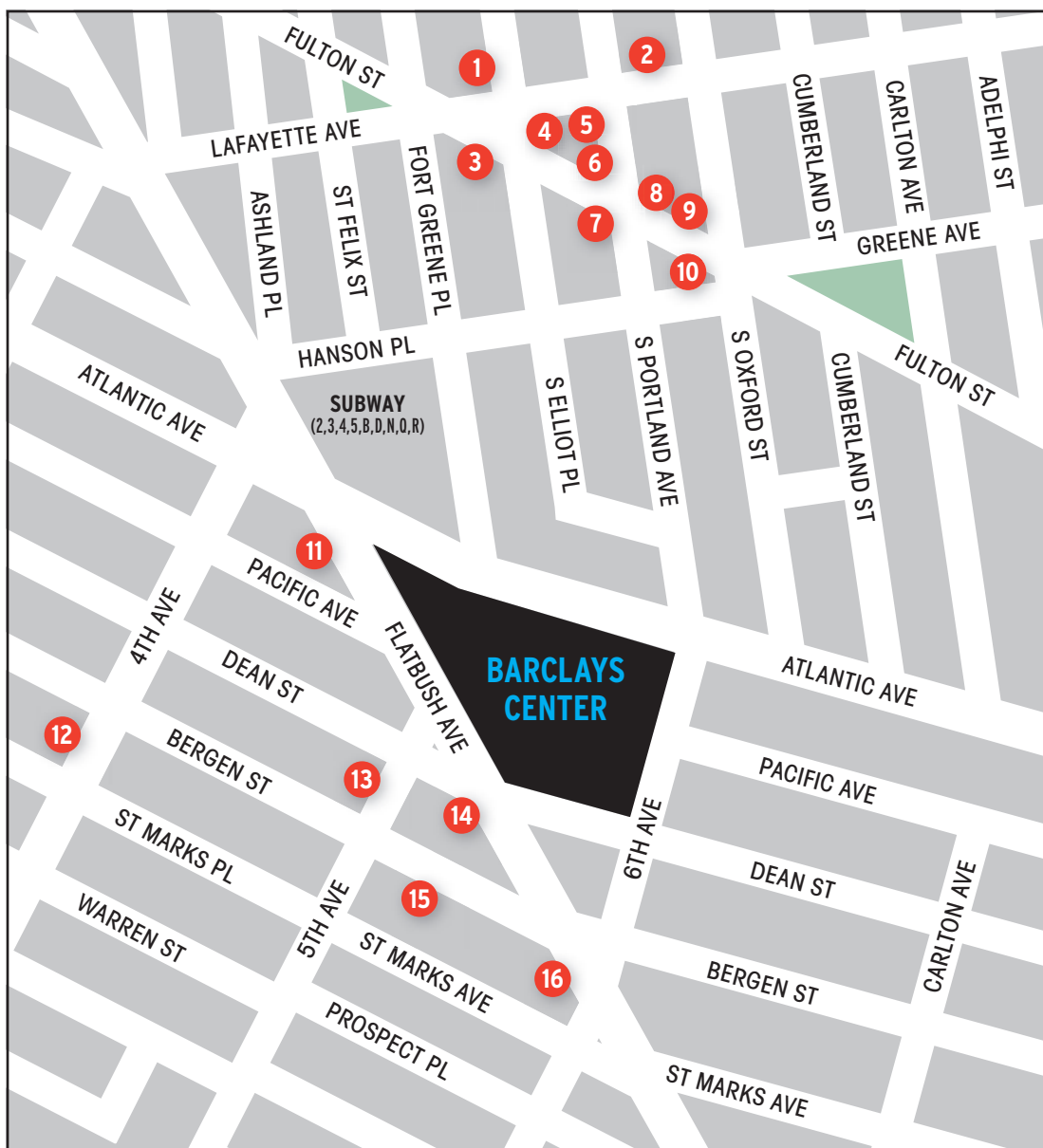
The two branches of this American food joint are the best bets for a quick burger and beer within a ball's roll of the stadium.

67 Lafayette Ave. between S. Elliot and Fort Greene places in Fort Greene, (718) 797-7150.

234 Flatbush Ave. between Sixth Avenue and Bergen Street in Park Slope, (718) 399-6767.

### 4. Smoke Joint

With a menu featuring pulled



**ALL STARS:** (Above, left to right) Learn how to duel on the checkered table at the New York Chess and Game Shop on Flatbush Avenue. Grab some barbecue at the Smoke Joint in Fort Greene. Habana Outpost in Fort Greene is always jumping with people enjoying Cuban sandwiches, tacos, and cheap beers.

Photos by Elizabeth Graham

pork, baked beans, and cornbread, this southern-style barbecue spot will satisfy any comfort food cravings.

87 S. Elliot Pl. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 797-1011.

### 6. Greene Grape Provisions

Planning a picnic before the concert? Stock up on gourmet cheese, sliced meats, and snacks at the Greene Grape — or just get one of its' delicious sandwiches.

753 Fulton St. at South Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 233-2700.

### 13. El Viejo Yayo

Old-school Dominican fare such as mofongo (plantains mashed with pork) and oxtail stew are sure to fill fans up before or after a game at El Viejo Yayo — literally, the old man or grandfather.

36 Fifth Ave. between Dean and Bergen streets in Park Slope, (718) 622-8922.

### 15. City Sub

Dozens of different oversized



Photo by Elizabeth Graham



Photo by Bryan Bruchman

**SLAM DUNKS:** (Above) 67 Burger's Ed Tretter showcases a blue cheese and bacon hamburger in front of his new arena-friendly location on Flatbush Avenue. (Left) Maegan Addis D'Amato beckons you to come to Der Schwarze Kolner in Fort Greene for a stout glass of Bavarian beer.

sandwiches and a no-frills attitude make this outpost a favorite of cops, firemen, and construction workers — and a great place for hoops fans to grab some grub before the game.

450 Bergen St. between Flatbush and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 398-2592.

## DRINKS

### 3. Frank's Cocktail Lounge

Frank's is a classic bar with an old-school vibe that will re-

mind some fans of a Nets bar back in the team's ABA era: think plush seating, sweet cocktails, and a thumping R&B soundtrack that sometimes sparks dance parties.

660 Fulton St. between S. Elliot Place and Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 625-9339.

### 5. Mo's

Get to know the neighbors at this pub, which, despite a minor name change, remains a popular Fort Greene watering hole.

80 Lafayette Ave. at S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 797-2849.

### 10. Der Schwarze Kolner

The impressive selection of Bavarian beers draws big crowds at this beer garden — and the sidewalk tables are the second hottest seats in town behind the Barclays Center's courtside offerings.

710 Fulton St. at S. Oxford Street in Fort Greene, (347) 841-4495.

### 12. Fourth Avenue Pub

The banging beer selection is the main attraction at this no-drama bar in Boerum Hill, which boasts 27 brews on tap, not to mention bottled suds.

76 Fourth Ave. between Bergen Street and St. Marks Place in Boerum Hill, (718) 643-2273.

## SHOPS

### 2. Stuart and Wright

Impress the luxury box crowd with designer duds from of-the-moment brands such as Rag & Bone and A.P.C. at this boutique.

85 Lafayette Ave. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 797-0011.

### 7. Greenlight Books

Did the game pique your interest in the 1-3-1 zone or the triangle offense? Head to Greenlight to pick up a book on basketball strategy — or scope out the fiction, non-fiction, and readings that have made this bookstore a neighborhood institution.

686 Fulton St. at S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200.

### 9. Diamante's Brooklyn Cigar Lounge

Smoke-filled rooms are usually where deals are made, but this small smoking parlor, owned by David Diamante — the voice of the Nets — is the perfect place to kick back with a big cigar and celebrate a big Brooklyn victory.

108 S. Oxford St. between Fulton and Lafayette avenues in Fort Greene, (646) 462-3876.

### 11. Modell's Sporting Goods

Rep the borough with the help of this big sports store, which has stocked up on a full array of Nets and Brooklyn-themed gear since the hoopsters came to town.

140 Flatbush Ave. between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Street in Downtown, (718) 399-6700.

### 14. New York Chess and Games

Directly across from the arena, a different kind of game reigns. Nerd out on chess at Kings County's premiere gathering place for the game of kings and queens.

192 Flatbush Ave. at Dean Street in Park Slope, (718) 398-3727.

# Barclays Center events guide

Whether you're looking for a showdown on the hardwood, in the ring, or if you're just looking forward to catching your favorite band on stage, you'll be able to find world-class entertainment at the Barclays Center, which opens on Sept. 28 with a concert by Grammy-Award winning rapper and arena stakeholder Jay-Z.

Jay-Z's three concerts are sold out, but there's plenty of other events just around the corner: out-of-this-world rock 'n' roll performances courtesy of Rush, Journey, the Who, and the alt-rock super group Smashing Pumpkins, who will be headlining the Barclays Center's first-ever Halloween blowout.

Other sensational singers gracing the Barclays Center's stage include Rihanna, Barbra Streisand in a poignant Brooklyn homecoming, and Justin Bieber.

The New York Islanders will take on the New Jersey Devils in the arena's first sporting contest, on ice or off, followed by World Championship Boxing pitting Danny "Swift" Garcia against Erik "El Terrible" Morales.

The Nets will begin their season on Nov. 1 with a home match against the New York Knicks.

Here's the complete rundown of games, concerts and events:

All events will take place at the Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Downtown, (212) 359-6387], [www.barclayscenter.com](http://www.barclayscenter.com).

## 2012

### Tues, Oct. 2

**New York Islanders vs. New Jersey Devils:** The New York Islanders will play the first-ever National Hockey League game at the Barclays Center. Tickets start at \$19.85. 6:30 pm.

### Sun, Oct. 7

**Harlem Globetrotters:** the Globetrotters will play in the borough for the first time ever when they bring their unique brand of family entertainment to Barclays Center. Tickets start at \$24.95. 6:30 pm.

### Thurs, Oct. 11

**Barbra Streisand in concert:** Streisand will be making a triumphant return to her native borough. Tickets start at \$104.05. 6:30 pm.

### Sat, Oct. 13

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### Sun, Oct. 14

**The Kings Men:** Barclays Center will host four of the most successful performers in gospel music history, Kirk Franklin, Marvin Sapp, Donnie McClurkin and Israel Houghton, for "The King's Men" tour. Tickets start at \$32.60. 6:30 pm.

### Sat, Oct. 20

**World Championship Boxing:** The main event will feature unbeaten Danny "Swift" Garcia



**BELIEBE IT OR NOT:** Pop star Justin Bieber will perform at the Barclays Center on Nov. 2. AP / Darryl Dyck

defending his WBA Super, WBC & Ring Magazine Super Lightweight World Championships against Erik "El Terrible" Morales. Starting at \$65.80. 6:30 pm.

### Mon, Oct. 22

**Rush:** The innovative rock band Rush will perform at Barclays Center following the release of its new album "Clockwork Angels." Starting at \$61.65. 6:30 pm.

### Fri, Oct. 26

**Sensation:** Internationally



**ONE HOT TICKET:** Barbra Streisand will be making a triumphant return to her native borough for two shows. AP / Eddy Risch

acclaimed dance and music phenomenon Sensation will make its U.S. debut when it comes to Barclays Center. Starting at \$170. 6:30 pm.

### Mon, Oct. 29

**John Legend:** John Legend, the nine-time Grammy Award-winning R&B superstar, will be the first artist to perform in concert at Barclays Center's Cushman & Wakefield Theater, an intimate setting within the new sports and entertainment venue. Starting at \$70.85. 8:30 pm.

### Tues, Oct. 30

**Journey in concert:** Since its formation in 1973 in San Francisco, Journey has earned 19 Top 40 singles and 25 gold and platinum albums. The band's Greatest Hits album is certified 15 times platinum, bringing Journey into the elite club of Diamond-certified album holders. Starting at \$36.70. 6:30 pm.

### Wed, Oct. 31

**Smashing Pumpkins in concert:** The multi-Grammy Award-winning rock band led by singer/guitarist Billy Corgan, will perform in concert at Barclays

Center in Brooklyn. Starting at \$59.55. 8 pm.

### Thurs, Nov. 1

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the New York Knicks at their first home game. Starting at \$15. 7 pm.

### Sat, Nov. 3

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Toronto Raptors. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

### Sun, Nov. 4

**How Sweet the Sound:** Grammy award-winning gospel great and Brooklynite Hezekiah Walker and his Love Fellowship Choir will be performing in his "A Night of Hope" concert at Barclays Center. To be announced. 6:30 pm.

### Mon, Nov. 5

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Minnesota Timberwolves. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

### Fri, Nov. 9

**Barclays Center Classic:** Grudge match between the University of Kentucky and the University of Maryland. To be an-

nounced. 6:30 pm.

### Sat, Nov. 10

**Comedian Russel Peters:** The Notorious World Tour features new material from the Brampton, Ontario raised comic. Starting at \$66.25. 6:30 pm.

### Sun, Nov. 11

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Orlando Magic. Starting at \$15. 3 pm.

### Mon, Nov. 12

**Justin Bieber in concert:** Bieber has more than 43 million Facebook fans, more than 22 million Twitter followers, and more than 2.7 billion YouTube views — he is by far the most popular YouTube artist of all time, and received the 2012 Billboard Music Award for Social Artist of the Year. Starting at \$48.90. 6:30 pm.

### Tues, Nov. 13

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Cleveland Cavaliers. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

### Wed, Nov. 14

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## Wed, Nov. 14

**The Who:** The legendary band will perform their iconic 1973 double album *Quadrophenia* in its entirety, along with a selection of Who classics. Starting at \$50.40. 6:30 pm.

## Thurs, Nov. 15

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Boston Celtics. Starting at \$15. 8 pm.

## Sun, Nov. 18

**Kellogg's Tour of Gymnastics Champions 2012:** Team USA's Olympic-gold winning gymnasts will come to Barclays Center as their national tour swings through the east coast. Starting at \$37.20. 6:30 pm.

## Mon, Nov. 19

**Legends Classic:** Georgetown, Indiana, UCLA, and Georgia will compete in the 2012 Legends Classic, which culminates with the Championship Rounds at the Barclays Center. Starting at \$19.85. 6:30 pm.

## Wed, Nov. 21

**Bob Dylan and His Band:** Dylan will perform with Mark Knopfler. To be announced. 6:30 pm.

## Fri, Nov. 23

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the LA Clippers. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.



**FIERCE FIVE:** U.S. gymnasts (from left) Jordyn Wieber, Gabrielle Douglas, McKayla Maroney, Alexandra Raisman, and Kyla Ross took home gold medals for the team competition at the London Olympics. AP / Gregory Bull

## Sun, Nov. 25

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Portland Trailblazers. Starting at \$15. 3 pm.

## Tues, Dec. 4

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Oklahoma City Thunder. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Wed, Dec. 5

**Andrea Bocelli:** After nearly a decade of performing annual concerts in Manhattan, one of the most popular classical singers in the world has chosen to hold his only New York City performance this year at the Barclays Center. Starting at \$92.85. 6:30 pm.

## Fri, Dec. 7

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Golden State Warriors. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Sun, Dec. 9

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Milwaukee Bucks. Starting at \$15. 6 pm.

## Mon, Dec. 10

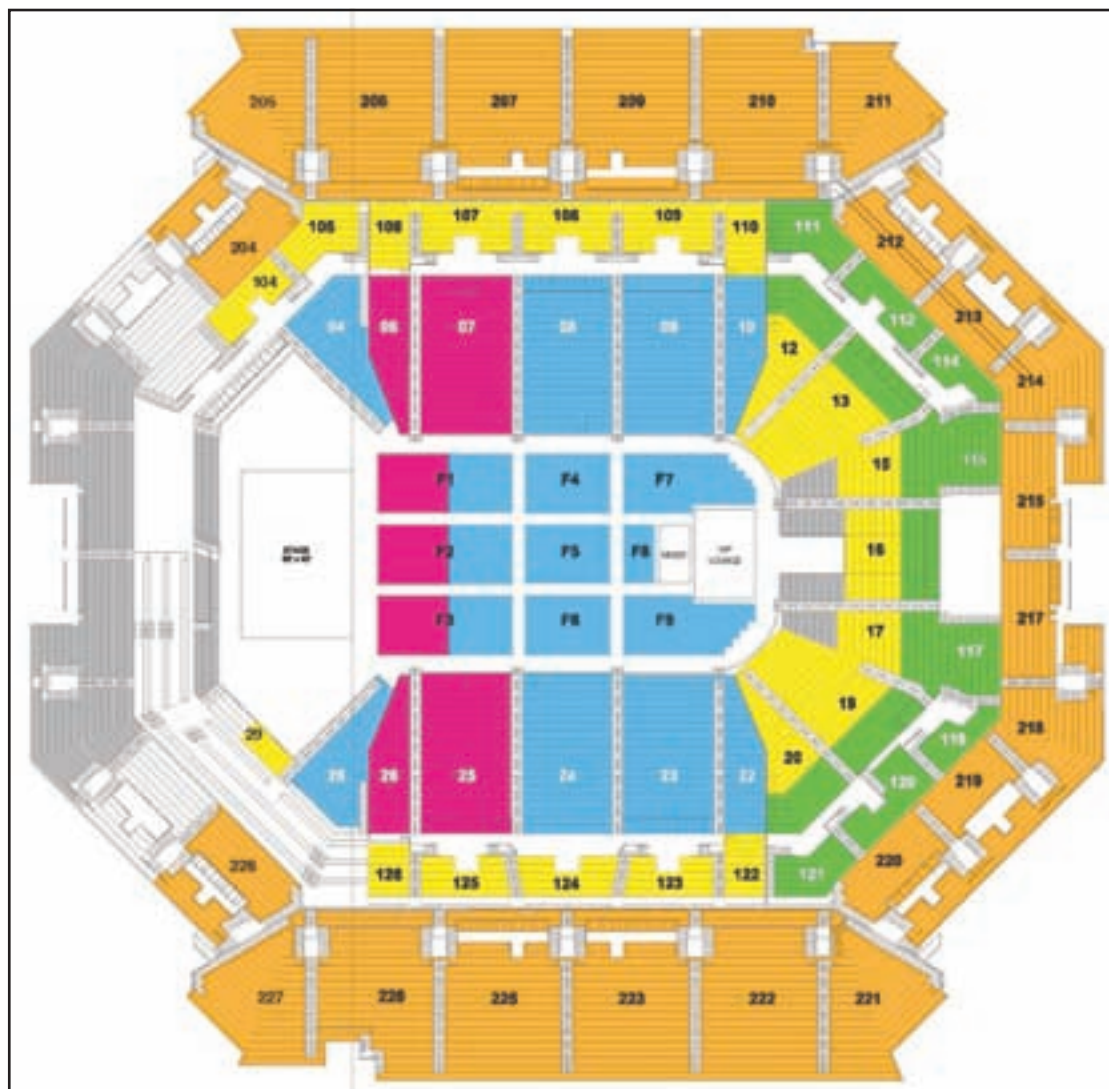
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## Wed, Dec. 12

**Sounds of Reggae:** International reggae artists Beres Hammond, Ali Campbell's UB40,



Going to a concert at the Barclays Center? Find out where you will be sitting with this handy concert chart.

Courtesy Barclays Center

Shaggy, and Maxi Priest will perform. Starting at \$95.40. 6:30 pm.

## Fri, Dec. 14

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Detroit Pistons. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Sat, Dec. 15

**College basketball:** Fordham vs. Princeton at 2:30 pm, St. John's vs St. Francis at 5 pm, and Michigan vs. West Virginia at 8 pm. Starting at \$21.35. 2:30 pm.

## Tues, Dec. 18

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Utah Jazz. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Thurs, Dec. 20

**Leonard Cohen:** The master songwriter of "Hallelujah" and "Suzanne," and member of Songwriters Hall of Fame, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and recipient of Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. Starting at \$37.20. 6:30 pm.

## Sat, Dec. 22

**College basketball:** Long Is-

land University vs. Seton Hall, and Manhattan vs. South Carolina, as a part of the Brooklyn Hoops Holiday Invitational. TBA. 6:30 pm.

## Sun, Dec. 23

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Philadelphia 76ers. Starting at \$15. 3 pm.

## Tues, Dec. 25

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Boston Celtics. Starting at \$15. 12 pm.

## Fri, Dec. 28

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Charlotte Bobcats. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Sat, Dec. 29

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Cleveland Cavaliers. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## 2013

### Sat, Jan. 5

**NBA Basketball:** The Brook-

lyn Nets take on the Sacramento Kings. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

### Fri, Jan. 11

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Phoenix Suns. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

### Sun, Jan. 13

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Indiana Pacers. Starting at \$15. 6 pm.

### Tues, Jan. 15

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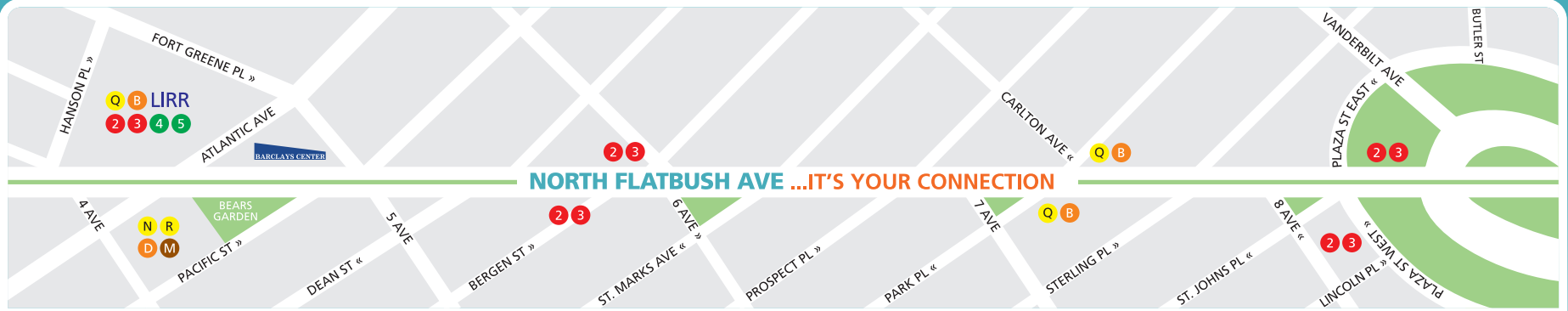
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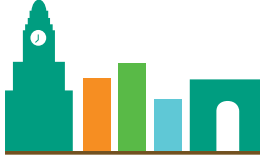
### Wed, Jan. 23

**Disney on Ice:** Presenting, "Treasure Trove," bringing to life your favorite Disney stories with the artistry of ice skating to create an unforgettable experience. TBA. 6:30 pm.

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## Thurs, Jan. 24

**Disney on Ice:** 1 pm. See Wednesday, Jan. 23.

## Fri, Jan. 25

**Disney on Ice:** 1 pm. See Wednesday, Jan. 23.

## Sat, Jan. 26

**Disney on Ice:** 1 pm. See Wednesday, Jan. 23.

## Sun, Jan. 27

**Disney on Ice:** 1 pm. See Wednesday, Jan. 23.

## Mon, Jan. 28

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Orlando Magic. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Wed, Jan. 30

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Miami Heat. Starting at \$15. 8 pm.

## Fri, Feb. 1

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Chicago Bulls. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Tues, Feb. 5

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the LA Lakers. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Sun, Feb. 10

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the San Antonio Spurs. Starting at \$15. 8 pm.

## Wed, Feb. 13

**NBA Basketball:** The Brook-

lyn Nets take on the Denver Nuggets. Starting at \$15. Time to be announced.

## Tues, Feb. 19

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Milwaukee Bucks. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Fri, Feb. 22

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Houston Rockets. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Sun, Feb. 24

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Memphis Grizzlies. Starting at \$15. 3:30 pm.

## Fri, March 1

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Dallas Mavericks. Starting at \$15. 8 pm.

## Fri, March 8

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Washington Wizards. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Tues, March 12

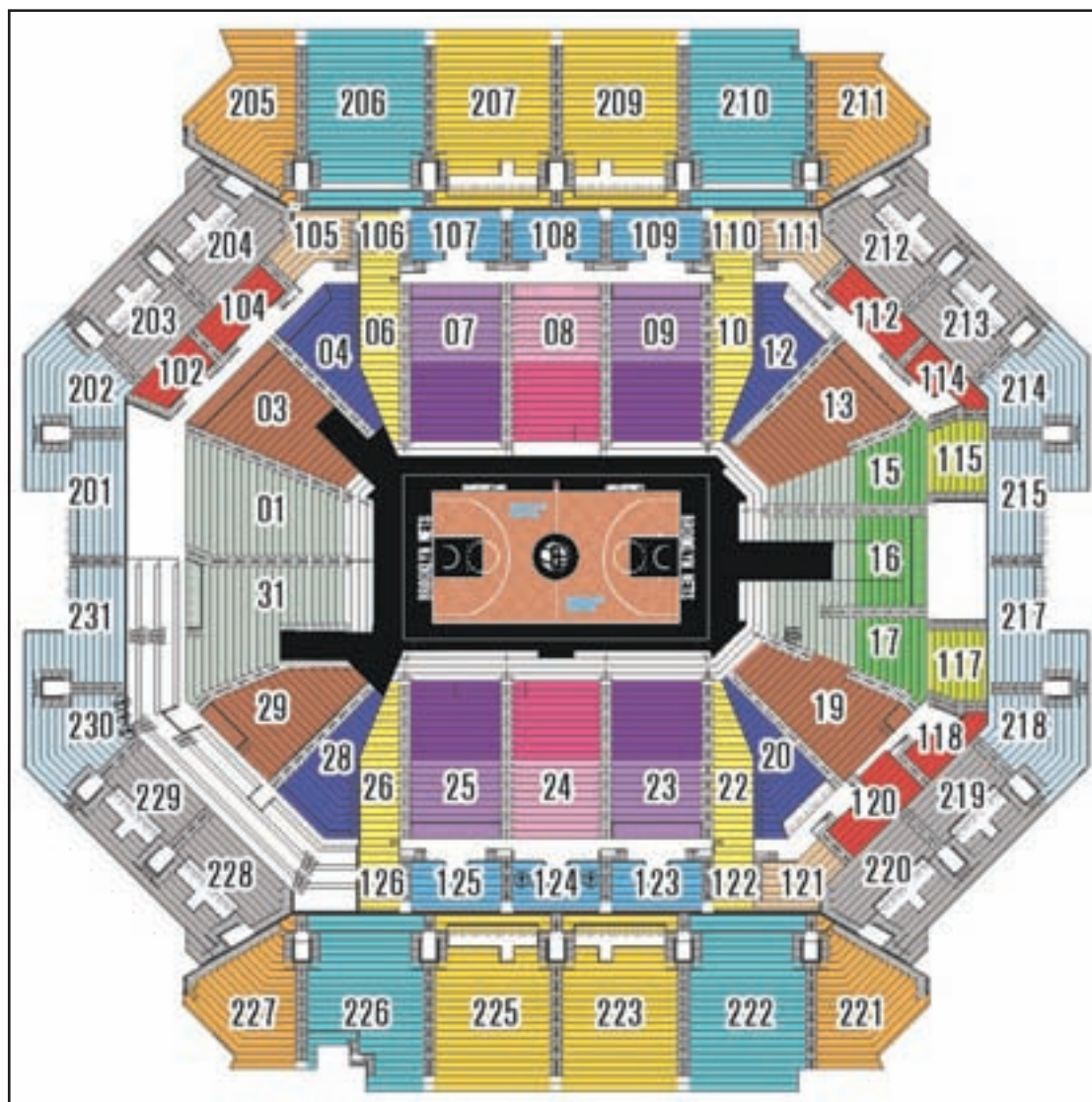
**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the New Orleans Hornets. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Thurs, March 14

**The Atlantic 10 championship:** See who gets to go to the NCAA men's basketball tournament. All session pass \$143. 6:30 pm.

## Fri, March 15

**The Atlantic 10 championship:**



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**ZIM'S IN:** Legendary rocker Bob Dylan will perform on Nov. 21.

William Claxton

1 pm. See Thursday, March 14.

## Sat, March 16

**The Atlantic 10 championship:** 1 pm. See Thursday, March 14.

## Sat, March 16

**The Atlantic 10 women's championship:** See the championship final game to see who comes out on top. TBA. 6:30 pm.

## Sun, March 17

**The Atlantic 10 championship:** 1 pm. See Thursday, March 14.

## Sun, March 17

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Atlanta Hawks. Starting at \$15. 8 pm.

## Thurs, April 4

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Chicago Bulls. Starting at \$15. 7 pm.

## Sat, April 6

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Charlotte

Bobcats. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Tues, April 9

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Philadelphia 76ers. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Mon, April 15

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Washington Wizards. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm.

## Wed, April 17

**NBA Basketball:** The Brooklyn Nets take on the Detroit Pistons. Starting at \$15. 8 pm.

## Thurs, April 18

**Golden Gloves final:** The nation's largest and most prestigious amateur boxing tournament will hold its two-day final event. TBA. 6:30 pm.

## Fri, April 19

**Golden Gloves final:** 6:30 pm. See Thursday, April 18.

## Wed, May 1

**Ringling Bros. and Barnum**

**& Bailey Circus:** "The Greatest Show on Earth" brings its world famous live action show of animals and acts to Brooklyn. TBA.

## Sat, May 4

**Rihanna:** The Grammy-award winning singer's "Diamonds World Tour." TBA. 8 pm.

## Thurs, Oct. 3

**Equestrian show:** The New York Masters is one of the most prestigious Masters competitions for the world's top 30-ranked riders and their best horses. TBA. 6:30 pm.

## Fri, Oct. 4

**Barclays Center, Equestrian show:** 1 pm. See Thursday, Oct. 3.

## Sat, Oct. 5

**Barclays Center, Equestrian show:** 1 pm. See Thursday, Oct. 3.

## Sun, Oct. 6

**Barclays Center, Equestrian show:** 1 pm. See Thursday, Oct. 3.

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