

QUAY DEVELOPMENTS

COMPTROLLER AND AUTHORITY AGREE TO FUNDING ON PIER A PLAZA

By Matthew Fenton

The Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) has reached an agreement with City Comptroller John Liu that will allow construction to resume on the plaza in front of Pier A, at the community's southern border. Work stopped on the plaza in September, because of a funding disagreement between the Authority, which is redeveloping Pier A on behalf of the City's Economic Development Corporation (EDC), and Mr. Liu's office, which has the authority to veto capi-

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A beautiful view of Mercury and Saturn in the eastern, predawn sky on Tuesday, November 26. EarthSky Facebook friend Jann Peter Normann captured this over Oslofjord, Norway.

SONG OF THE MORNING SKY WITH FOUR PLANETS

On a singing clear morning a gem of light is to be found in the soft blue blanket that is Earth's atmosphere. It is planet Jupiter, visible rather high in the west until quarter to 7, when it is overwhelmed by daylight. Best to locate the namesake of the king of the gods earlier so that you may enjoy the challenge of finding it in daylight, just before sunrise. The sun rises at about 7 in the coming days.

Find Sirius the Dog Star, the brightest true star visible in the Northern Hemisphere, close to the horizon below and left, south, of Jupiter at about 6:20. The second brightest star in our skies, red-orange Arcturus, is opposite Jupiter, quite high in the east and visible into twilight.

Planet Mars, not so bright, is best seen by 6:20, a tawny radiance mid-sky in the south, at the top of a diagonal line of dignitaries. Bright star Spica shines below and to the left of Mars followed by planet Saturn, which is low to the southeast horizon. Below Saturn, at the end of the diagonal span, shines Mercury, brightest of all. Saturn recently began to climb into the morning sky, whereas Mercury is near the end of its morning apparition. The messenger of the gods persists even as the horizon brightens to a pale peach with the sun's approach.

Comet ISON, the visitor from the outer edge of our solar system that brought sky gazers back to celestial mornings, did not survive its turn around the sun. It was anticipated to appear, perhaps to the naked eye, near Mercury and Saturn in early December. Find an unobstructed view to the east-southeast horizon under clear skies to revel with the planets and the memory of the once-deemed Comet of the Century.

—Judy Isacoff natureturn.org

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

CRUISE SHIPS IN THE HARBOR



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	INBOUND	OUTBOUND	
Tuesday, Dec 3	<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	7:15a	4:30p Nassau
Wednesday, Dec 4	<i>Norwegian Gem</i>	9:15a	4:30p Samana
Sunday, Dec 8	<i>Norwegian Breakaway</i>	7:15a	3:30p Nassau
Wednesday, Dec 11	<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	7:15a	4:30p Nassau
Thursday, Dec 12	<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	7:30a (Bayonne)	4:00p Labadee
Friday, Dec 13	<i>Norwegian Gem</i>	9:15a	6:30p Cruise to nowhere
Saturday, Dec 14	<i>Norwegian Gem</i>	9:15a	4:30p Samana
Sunday, Dec 15	<i>Norwegian Breakaway</i>	7:15a	3:30p Nassau
Thursday, Dec 19	<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	7:15a	4:30p Nassau

CALENDAR

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WED 4

Money for Nothing: Inside the Federal Reserve

Screening and Q&A with Producer/Director Jim Bruce and Dr. Richard Sylla. 100 years after its creation, the power of the Federal Reserve has never been greater. Markets around the world hold their breath in anticipation of the Fed Chairman's every word. Yet the average American knows very little about the most powerful financial institution on earth. "Money For Nothing: Inside The Federal Reserve" is the first film to take viewers inside America's central bank and reveal the impact of Fed policies - past, present and future - on our lives. As Ben Bernanke's tumultuous tenure comes to a close, join Paul Volcker, Janet Yellen and many of the world's best financial minds as they debate the decisions that led the global economy to the brink of collapse and ask whether we might be headed there again. \$5. 5:30pm-7:30pm. Museum of American Finance, 48 Wall St. www.moaf.org

Lola Bensky

Author Lily Brett in conversation with Liel Leibovitz, senior writer, Tablet Magazine. Australian rock journalist Lily Brett rubbed elbows with Mick Jagger, Jimi Hendrix, and The Who, but started her life in a German DP camp- the child of Auschwitz survivors.

Brett explores this unusual trajectory in her autobiographical novel Lola Bensky. Free; donations welcome. 7pm. Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust. www.mjhnyc.org

Muriel Rukeyser Centennial

Recipient of the 1935 Yale Younger Poets Prize for Theory of Flight, Muriel Rukeyser (1913-1980) exploded notions of what poetry could do, pushing poetics into the realm of the political. Mentor to Alice Walker, Anne Sexton, and many others, she helped to usher in a new era for women writers through her own passionate example. \$10, \$7. 2pm-5pm. Poets House, 10 River Terrace. www.poetshouse.org

THU 5

Holiday Tree Lighting

Cheery annual neighborhood get-together, with lots of singing and treats. Bring a gift for Stockings with Care. Free. At South Cove 5:45PM. www.bpcparks.org

Britten Concert

Trinity Wall Street Music and the Arts is proud to focus its fall programming on the versatile and prolific composer, Benjamin Britten, in honor of his 100th birthday. Today, Benjamin Britten Quartet No. 3 for Strings, Op. 94 ; Alban Berg Lyric Suite; Debussy: Owen Dalby, violin; Anna Elashvili, vi-

olin; Meena Bhasin, viola; Claire Bryant, cello. At Trinity Church. Free. 1pm. www.trinitywallstreet.org

FRI 6

Chinese Opera Society

Go to the Pace Shimmel Center web site for information. 8pm. schimmel.pace.edu

SAT 7

Gingerbread House Workshop

Annual fundraiser for families. Also at 4pm. \$95. 2:15pm. Church Street School for Music and Art, 74 Warren St. www.churchstreetschool.org

Sky High Views

After a spin around the exhibition SKY HIGH, children will envision super-tall views of New York City's skyline. Inspired by the exhibit's models, renderings, and computer graphics, kids will create their own city of towers. Ages 4+. \$5. 10:30am-11:45am. Skyscraper Museum, 39 Battery Place. www.skyscraper.org

Christmas in Italy

Come celebrate the family tradition of the great songs of Italy with award-winning singer/PBS host Cristina Fontanelli. Hear mandolins playing! See children dancing!

Experience the joy of Christmas Italian style! \$62.50; \$57.50; \$52.50; \$45; \$40. 3pm. Tribeca Performing Arts Center, 199 Chambers Street. www.tribecapac.org

Handel's Messiah

Messiah and Trinity have a long history - Trinity presented one of the first performances of the work in North America in 1770, and the Trinity Choir and Trinity Baroque Orchestra are still widely regarded as some of the greatest interpreters of the work. \$95, \$75, \$45. 7pm. Also Dec. 8 at 3pm. Trinity Church. www.trinitywallstreet.org

SUN 8

Christmas at Sea

A special program in one of NYC's historic landmarks. Carols, both old and new at John Street Church, 44 John Street. Hosted by the New York Packet. Suggested donation \$5. 3pm-5pm.

TUE 10

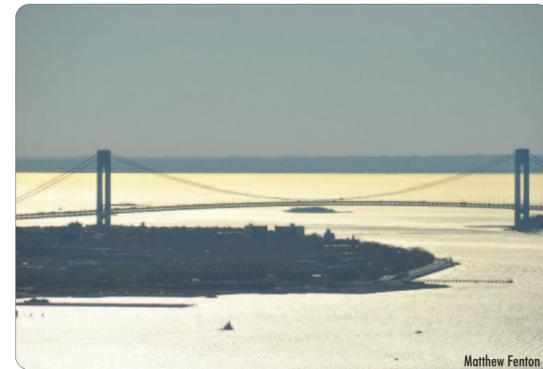
Pen Parentis Holiday Author Mingle

Featuring two acclaimed novelists known for their keen insights into human relationships. Gabriel Roth and Daphne Uviller will read from their work and join in discussions about writing and an active family life. Prior to the readings, and periodically throughout the night, salon-goers will be serenaded by live jazz. Past readers and friends of Pen Parentis are likely to make an appearance. Free. 7pm. 75 Wall Street. www.penparentis.org

Building Seagram

Author Phyllis Lambert will present her new book Building Seagram, published by Yale University Press. The presentation will be followed by a conversation with Museum Director Carol Willis. The Seagram building rises over New York's Park Avenue, seeming to float above the street with perfect lines

of bronze and glass. Considered one of the greatest icons of twentieth-century architecture, the building was commissioned by Samuel Bronfman, founder of the Canadian distillery dynasty Seagram. Bronfman's daughter Phyllis Lambert was twenty-seven years old when she took over the search for an architect and chose Mies van der Rohe



Looking south from the top of Four World Trade Center, an observer could be forgiven for imagining that the view is so vast as to make visible the curvature of the Earth. This is an illusion created by the arched deck of Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. But that span is so long, and its towers so tall, that they do take into account the planet's roundness: Its twin spires are slightly more than 1.5 inches farther apart at the tops than at their bases.

(1886-1969), a pioneering modern master of what he termed "skin and bones" architecture. Free. 6:30pm-8pm. Skyscraper Museum. 39 Battery Pl. www.skyscraper.org

WED 11

Experiencing Death: An Insider's Perspective

For millennia, human beings have wondered what happens when we die. What is the first-person experience of dying and being brought back to life? Technological advances in resuscitation science have now

added an intriguing new chapter to the literature of "out of body" or "near death experiences" by eliciting detailed and vivid accounts of those who have approached the threshold of death. However we might seek to explain such phenomena, it is no longer tenable to simply dismiss this accumulating body of firsthand experiences. What can we

THU 12

Rhode Island's 1772-1773 Gaspee Affair

Presented by Steven Park. For details on this lecture, please visit the Fraunces Tavern Museum web site. \$10. 6:30pm. www.frauncestavernmuseum.org

The Nutcracker

The Gelsey Kirkland Academy brings its version of the perennial holiday classic to the Schimmel. Set to Tchaikovsky's iconic and emotional score, The Nutcracker is a richly symbolic story about a young girl's journey through fear and darkness to the light of love, guided by her godfather, Drosselmeyer. Follow Marie as she is menaced by dark forces and ultimately rescued by the Nutcracker who leads her up the Christmas tree into the land of snow and beyond...into his kingdom. December 13 at 2pm and 7:30pm, December 14 at 7:30pm and December 15 at 4pm. \$30, \$40, \$55. 7:30pm. Michael Schimmel Center for the Arts. schimmel.pace.edu/

FRI 13

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's Open Studios

Visit with visual and performing artists who have been working at Building 110: LMCC's Arts Center at Governors Island since August. This afternoon will feature behind-the-scenes access to 20 visual artists' studios and performing artists Luciana Achugar and Ishmael Houston-Jones. RSVP required. For more information, please visit web site. www.lmcc.net

Steven Mandis on "What Happened to Goldman Sachs"

Steven G. Mandis worked at Goldman Sachs from 1992 to 2004 in its investment banking, private equity and proprietary trading areas. Post-Goldman, he co-founded a multibillion-dollar global alternative asset management firm that was a trading and investment banking client of Goldman Sachs. During the financial crisis, Mandis was a senior adviser to McKinsey & Company before accepting a senior executive position at Citigroup. 48 Wall Street. www.moaf.org



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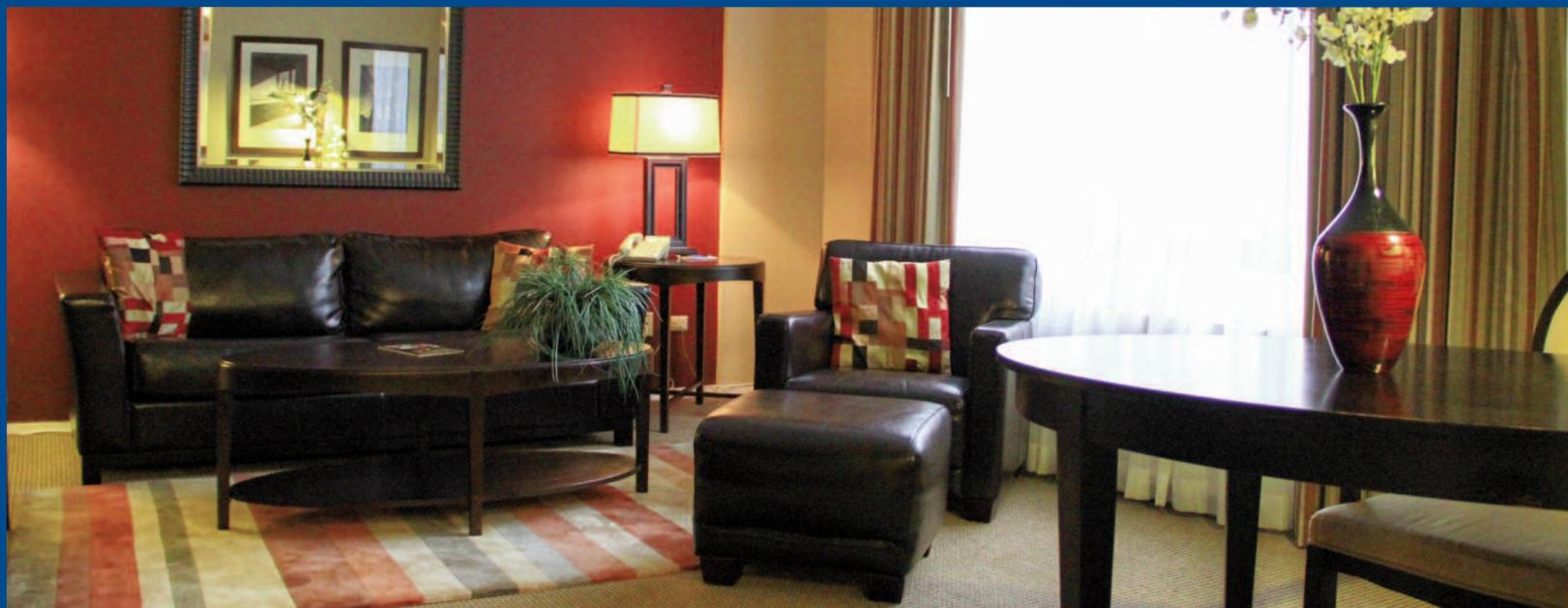
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