

1 REASON TO VISIT | NY THIS MONTH

Barbecue has long been a quintessential American food, as representative of Midwest cowboy mettle

and Southern hospitality as Levi's and apple pie. In Kansas City, the ribs are sweet and saucy. In rural Tennessee and Alabama, the art of smoking pork has been perfected. But in New York City, where there is no indigenous BBQ culture, a curious phenomenon has occurred. The meat-mad owners of Blue Smoke restaurant have for the past five years been offering authentic 'cue flavors from around the country, along with lip-smacking sides and a hearty serving of jazz music seven nights a week. If you've got barbecue novices or a budding Louis Armstrong in your fam, the Jazz for Kids Sunday brunch (1-3 p.m.) is a great way to learn about big-band classics. Hand clapping, foot stomping, and gorging are required (Blue Smoke; 116 E. 27th St.; 212-447-7733; jazzstandard.com). —F.M.

the LOOK

Jemma Lampkin, Nyack

Commercial real-estate salesperson and yoga teacher

(Photographed on Broadway and Main Street in Nyack)

Where are you headed?

A job interview.

How would you describe your look?

Classy, sexy, very Banana Republic.

Who's your fashion icon?

Sienna Miller dresses pretty well, although I'm a bit boring.

Love the scarf. Where did you find it?

I picked it up somewhere in Chinatown.

How Jemma got her look: The leather gloves and boots are Bloomingdale's brand, the coat is from Anne Klein, the purse came from Banana Republic, and the jeans are Red Engine brand (from Hip Chik; 5 S. Broadway; Nyack; 353-3644). —J.H.



A closet makeover: before (inset) and after.

Clean Your Closet!

Here's the fantasy: You wake up, stumble to your closet, and everything's in its place—no jumbled shoes, no crumpled clothes. Guess what? This can be your reality if you follow some tips from Janis Kowalski, co-owner of Organizers to the Rescue (753-8080; organizerstotherescue.com). —J.M.

1. Assess the problem: Take everything out and ask yourself: Do I love it? If you

haven't worn it in the last year, set it free.

2. Organize by length and color. Length will allow you to fit a shoe rack underneath. Color makes it easier to coordinate outfits.

3. Make everything visible. If you can't see it, you'll never wear it. This includes taking the plastic off your dry cleaning.

4. Take a photo. Stick it to the back of the door for future inspiration (so you can remember how the closet is supposed to look).



Carson McCullers

The author's visibility soared when her book, *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*, was picked for Oprah's Book Club.



Edward Hopper

The realist painter stays alive at Nyack's Hopper House Art Center and in many takeoffs of his iconic *Nighthawks*.



Lotte Lenya

The actress got a mention in "Mack the Knife," and was in a Bond film—the 1963 stinker *From Russia with Love*.