

## Dem Albanese backs Golden



Candidates for the state Senate in the new 22nd district — City Councilman Marty Golden (left) and state Sen. Vincent Gentile — debate in the offices of The Bay Ridge Paper. See excerpts on page 4.

## Says 'shameful' Gentile 'crossed the line of common decency'

By Patrick Gallahue  
The Brooklyn Papers

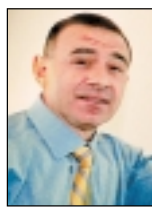
Former Bay Ridge Councilman Sal Albanese shocked area Democrats this week by endorsing Republican Councilman Marty Golden over his incumbent Democratic opponent, state Sen. Vincent Gentile, in the race for the new 22nd district seat.

In a letter distributed by Golden's campaign office, Albanese slammed the three-term incumbent Gentile for questioning the service record of Golden, a former police officer, during a live New York 1 debate.

Albanese wrote: "I am fiercely loyal to the principles of the Democratic Party and I do not make this decision lightly. However, at the end of the day, politics is first and foremost about people and the leaders they select to speak for them."

"Unfortunately, in the year's Senate race, Mr. Gentile has crossed the line of common decency and therefore I cannot support him."

Albanese, a former candidate for mayor who ran on the Working Families Party line against Rudy Giuliani and former Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger in 1997 after losing the Democratic Primary to Messinger and the Rev. Al Sharpton, also made an early but ultimately abortive run for the Democratic nomination for mayor in the 2001 election, dropping out of the race in late 2000 after failing to raise enough money to mount a serious challenge in a crowded and well-funded field that included Alan Hevesi, Mark Green, Peter Vallone and Fernando Ferrer. He is known for his warm relationship with the police department and police and corrections officers unions. In his endorsement of Golden



Sal Albanese BP / File Photo

Albanese wrote: "During my entire public career I have stood against police abuse and wrongdoing, but I think it's fair to say few have or will defend the good police officers

of the city as fiercely as me."

With each candidate given the opportunity to ask a question of their opponent during the Sept. 25 NY 1 debate, Gentile asked why Golden's records as a police officer were so secretive and referenced a Daily News article in which Golden said, "What they want is my disciplinary records and they're not going to get them."

Moderator Andrew Kirtzman pushed Golden to answer Gentile's question of just what he was disciplined for, and Golden said he was disciplined for losing his gun in 1978, when his mother threw out the weapon while he was away on vacation. Golden was penalized with the loss of five vacation days for his failure to safeguard the weapon.

"I know that [Albanese] developed an excellent relationship [with Police Commissioner Ray Kelly]. See **ALBANESE** on back page

## The Bay Ridge Paper endorses Marty Golden

Residents of the new 22nd state Senate District are privileged to be among the most sought-after voters in Tuesday's election, where an incredible sum — probably more than \$2.5 million — is being spent to either keep Vincent Gentile in Albany or send Marty Golden there.

While we like Gentile and have had rather pointed disagreements with Golden over the years, in this match, The Bay Ridge Paper prefers Golden.

To be a productive senator in that rigidly autocratic legislative body, a member must get along with the Republican leadership — something the GOP's

avish backing indicates Golden will have little trouble doing. Golden has the ear of three of the state's key players: Gov. George Pataki, state Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno and Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

This gives Golden an obvious edge. Gentile has little to compensate.

In a sense, Golden, as a councilman, was in Gentile's shoes — but he wore them with greater polish.

In the overwhelmingly Democratic City Council, Republican Golden got along — and brought home to his district valuable perks. For six years in the Republican Senate representing the 23rd District, Democrat Gentile, despite his best intentions, failed to deliver.

The vigorous, expensive backing of Golden by the state Republicans — besides the money, consider the multiple personal visits by the governor and mayor and the loan of expert political talent — has created a franchise candidate the GOP will seek to nurture in the future. As the only Republican senator from Brooklyn, Golden will be in position to help not just his district but all of Brooklyn.

Still, over the years, Golden has appeared as a lightning rod for divisiveness in Bay Ridge, attempting to ram through a number of questionable but perhaps well-intentioned projects. While it's hardly a cardinal sin for a councilman to seek ratification of his plans by a community board to which he appoints half the members, he must also remember that a purpose of the community board system is to permit an open airing of ideas.

Golden's biggest liability is not his association with political leaders like Pataki, Bruno and Conservative Party boss Michael Long, but with such supporters as Chuck Orey, who uses his venom-laced newspaper column to spew hatred against political foes real and imagined; and Jeffrey Kraus, the intolerant political operative who has long been on Golden's payroll and who we expect will continue to be.

Perhaps a victory on Tuesday will usher in an era of greater cooperation.

We've said before that we thought Marty Golden a gentleman whose heart was in the right place. We hope the 22nd state Senate district gives him a fresh opportunity to prove us right.

## Is senior deal a law breaker?

By Patrick Gallahue  
The Brooklyn Papers

One of the state's top Democrats, who is also a leading election lawyer, this week questioned the legality of an offer by the state Senate majority leader to fund a new senior center in Bensonhurst on the condition that Republican City Councilman Marty Golden be elected to the state Senate.

"That's an outrage," said state Senate Minority Leader Martin Connor, who is also Independence Party

candidate Tom Golisano's election law attorney, although he supports Democrat Carl McCall in that race.

"That's out and out blackmail with public money," Connor said. "It's probably illegal for [state Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno's] spokesman John McArdle] to say that."

Two weeks ago, McArdle told The Brooklyn Papers that the funding would be delivered should "there be a majority senator in that district."

Connor cited New York State Election Law section 17-142, subdivision 3, which states:

"Except as allowed by law, any person who directly or indirectly, by himself or through any other person, gives, offers or promises any office, place, employment or valuable thing as an inducement for any voter or other person to procure or aid in procuring either a large or a small vote, plurality or majority at any election district or other political division

of the state, for a candidate or candidates to be voted for at an election, or to cause a larger or smaller vote, plurality or majority to be cast or given for any candidate or candidates in one such district or political division than in another ... is guilty of a felony."

Told about Connor's charge, McArdle said, "There is no violation of law here. ... He, as the minority leader, can make a similar commitment of those funds. He should be making that commitment if it's a priority of his. It may not be."

Lee Daglian, a spokesman for the state Board of Elections, said, "That section, more or less, is designed to stop or make a violation of people saying, 'Here's five bucks, go vote' ... or, 'I'll give you a better job' ... or 'I'll give you a raise.'"

See **BLACKMAIL** on back page

## Senate Dem boss calls tie to Golden win 'blackmail'



Bishop Thomas Daily, center, arrives last June to give a deposition regarding John Geoghan, a defrocked priest accused of molesting more than 130 children in the Boston archdiocese. AP / Robert Maize

## Bishop knew priest OK'd man-boy sex

By Denise LaVoie  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Brooklyn Bishop Thomas Daily, formerly a top-ranking official in the Archdiocese of Boston, knew the Rev. Paul Shanley endorsed sex between men and boys but promoted him to head a parish in Newton, according to a deposition made public Monday.

Daily, who served as chancellor, vicar general and auxiliary bishop in the Boston archdiocese from

1977 to 1984, promoted Shanley to administrator and acting pastor at St. Jean's parish in Newton in 1984, where he allegedly went on to molest and rape boys.

Shanley, 71, was indicted in June on 10 counts of child rape and six counts of indecent assault and battery for allegedly sexually abusing boys from 1979 to 1989 while he was at St. Jean's. The boys were between the ages of 6 and 15. Shanley has pleaded innocent to the charges.

Daily gave sworn testimony in August. See **MAN-BOY** on page 6

## CROOKED JUDGE GETS NO MERCY



Former judge Victor Barron (left) listens to his attorney Barry Kamins after being sentenced to three to nine years. At right, Barron's wife, Joy, watches as he is led away in handcuffs. AP / Bobcat Anderson

By Patrick Gallahue  
The Brooklyn Papers

A disgraced former Brooklyn Supreme Court judge who pleaded guilty to extorting a six-figure bribe from an attorney, pleaded senility before his sentencing Monday. But Judge Nicholas Colabella wasn't buying it and sentenced Barron to three to nine years in prison.

In sealed court documents to which Colabella made reference at sentencing, Victor Barron allegedly claims he was in the throes of dementia when he demanded a \$250,000 kickback from an attorney representing a winning plaintiff in civil lawsuit.

Monday's sentencing proceedings were replete with apologies from Barron and his attorney, Barry Kamins. See **BARRON** on page 6

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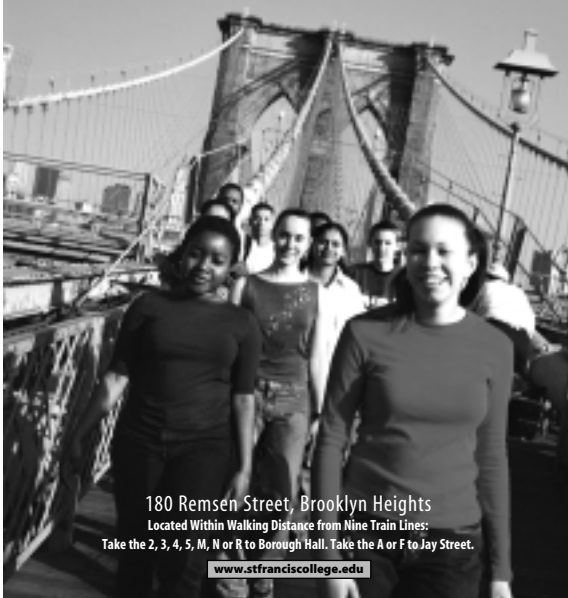
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## Boy's death sparks call to change B4 bus route

By Patrick Gallahue

Following the death of a 14-year-old boy who was struck and killed by a B4 bus while riding his bicycle, residents of Bay Ridge have reawakened the fight to reroute the bus off 77th and 78th streets.

On Oct. 17, at around 6 pm, Peter Milloy of Bay Ridge was fatally struck by a B4 bus traveling east on 77th Street while riding his bicycle near the corner of 78th Street.

The community expressed its grief in setting up a makeshift shrine at the corner of the tragic accident and collected money for his funeral and interment expenses, including a cost-free wake provided by the Clavin Funeral Home on Fourth Avenue, between 77th and 78th streets.

The neighborhood is also beginning to pull together in anger that a bus they have for years asked the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to reroute remains on the narrow residential streets.

"People have been trying to do this for years," said Lorraine Capparo, a neighbor of the Milloy family. "People are for this, everybody is going to get behind this."

In February, 2000, residents packed the Bay Ridge Manor to call for the B4's route to be changed, citing safety concerns on the single-lane streets, as well as their annoyance at the exhaust emitted by the buses. Their request was never heeded.

Robert Gaddahl, a resident of 78th Street, between Colonial Road and Narrows Avenue, was a leader of the fight a year and a half ago, but said it eventually fell flat when the MTA refused to change the route.

"The MTA is a very hard organization," he said. "I don't think you can get these guys to change their mind about what they're going to eat for breakfast in the morning."

As Gaddahl sifted through past surveys of the block, he said the primary concern listed among residents was that "a child could get killed."

One of those to first call for the change was Joseph

Keams, a 48-year resident of 78th Street between Third and Fourth avenues, who expressed grief and frustration that the long-denied bus route was the site of an accident.

"Between the environmental issues, the safety issues and the accident that left the poor child dead, I wish it was something that could be addressed," Keams said.

The B4, traveling westward from Bay Ridge Parkway makes a left onto Fourth Avenue and then heads to 78th Street where it proceeds west to Narrows Avenue. It then turns, to head east on 77th Street. Residents have called for the bus to be redirected to 75th Street, which is two-way.

The issue is currently being pursued on two separate and independent fronts, with Cap-

paro drawing up a petition and Gaddahl asking Community Board 10's traffic and transportation committee to hold a hearing on the matter.

The MTA, meanwhile, said it has not been presented with the suggestions as yet and so declined to comment on changing the route.

Both Councilman Marty Golden and state Sen. Vincent Gentile, who are running against one another for the 22nd state Senate seat, were confronted with the issue at a Bay Ridge Community Council candidates forum on Tuesday but neither made staunch commitments to fight the route, Gaddahl said.

"I don't know what the outcome of it will be," Golden told The Brooklyn Papers on Friday. "There are some people that want it moved, there

are some people on that block that don't want it moved. Whatever the community's wishes are, I will follow through on."

Meanwhile, residents have collectively mourned the loss of a boy they all described as humorous, good-natured and generous.

Friends and classmates of Milloy wrote a letter to Golden asking for the intersection to be renamed "Milloy Lane" or "Peter's Corner."

In the letter they wrote: "He was a dear friend to many people, he would always be there to cheer anyone up. He was the funniest kid you could ever meet, he would always put a smile on your face no matter what happened."

The collision was ruled an accident.

## Would-be Angels weigh new lines

By Patrick Gallahue

The Brooklyn Papers

They haven't yet won the vote in the current district, but the three candidates for the 38th Council District seat of Sunset Park and Red Hook are raising their voices against the proposed borders released last week by the New York City Districting Commission.

The proposed district — which if approved would take effect in 2004 — loses a large swath of northern Sunset Park and southern Park Slope, as well as Boerum Hill, the Columbia Street Waterfront District and a portion of Windsor Terrace.

What the district picks up appears to be classic gerrymandering, expanding the district out between roughly 60th and 68th streets from Seventh Avenue all the way across to 23rd Avenue, and cutting across the divergent neighborhoods of Dyker Heights, Bensonhurst, Borough Park and Gravesend.

The proposed district also takes in pieces of Borough Park, between 41st and 45th Streets going as far east as 12th Avenue, before jutting west to Eighth Avenue, between 50th and 56th streets.

One of the candidates, District Leader for the 51st Assembly District George Martinez, said of the loss of portions of Sunset Park and the South Slope, "If you move those Latino voters into a district where they'll be by far a tiny minority ...

[it will] lessen their capacity to have their vote affect the outcome of who they want in office."

One of his rivals for the seat, School Board 15 President Edward Rodriguez, said, "Most of the line-drawing is incumbent-driven and given that the community doesn't have a voice in the council, it doesn't have a voice in the process."

The 38th district lacks a council representative because Angel Rodriguez, no relation to Edward Rodriguez, resigned and then pleaded guilty to shaking down a Red Hook developer for cash and property.

"Especially with the increase of Latinos our district, in the coming years it will probably cheat us out of Latino leaders," said another candidate in the race, Sara Gonzalez, chairwoman of Community Board 17.

The South Slope and Sunset Park portions lost to the 38th district would be included in the 39th district, under the proposed reapportionment. That district, which now includes Park Slope, Carroll Gardens and Borough Park, is represented by Councilman Bill DeBlasio.

DeBlasio told The Brooklyn Papers last week that the maps were far from finalized. "When we have a council member from the 38th district they deserve to have real input into this process," he said. The proposed maps must still come before several more public hearings, and then will be

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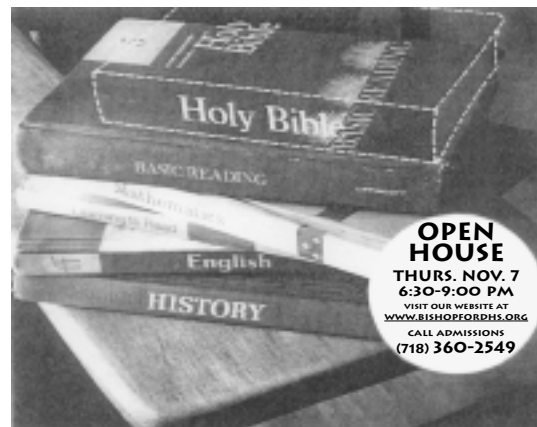
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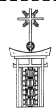
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# American Vets Pier named

By Patrick Gallahue  
The Brooklyn Papers

Veterans, residents and Bay Ridge Councilman Marty Golden officially renamed the 69th Street Pier the American Veterans Memorial Pier on Sunday.

Moe Donnellan, of Bay Ridge, a member of the American Legion Amity Post 791, who served in the Army in Germany during the Vietnam War, said the pier was where World War II veterans shipped off to Europe.

"The pier was one of the last things seen on the way to Europe and the first thing they saw on the way back," Donnellan said. "There's a lot of significance to the pier."

"It's a most appropriate place to pay homage and honor to our American veterans," said Golden.

The pier was closed in 1996 after city engineers discovered marine life had severely weakened the pilings. A \$6 million renovation began in 1998, after then-Borough President Howard Golden and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani pledged the funds, with additional money from state Sen. Vincent Gentile and Assemblywoman Joan Millman.

The pier was reopened in 2000, but was then hastily shut again when a skein of cracks was discovered to be spreading across the concrete surface. Officials shut the landing



for another four weeks as the cracks, which were described as a natural part of the pier's settling, were filled.

Community Board 10 unanimously approved the renaming proposal in June 2000, it passed the council and Giuliani signed the bill, dubbed Intro-564A, on Dec. 4, 2001.

On Sunday, about 40 community activists and veterans groups including the American Legion Amity Post, Col. Kewyn Williams, commander of the Fort Hamilton Army Garrison and the New York chapter of Rolling Thunder, a group of bikers who seek to promote the plight of prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action.

"Being a prisoner of war is not the worst thing that can

happen to you in wartime," said Joe Dager, president of the Rolling Thunder chapter. "Being forgotten is."

The pier currently features a blue-and-white kiosk at Shore Road and a green-with-white-lettering Department of Parks and Recreation plaque identifying the pier's new name.

"This community is home to a veteran's hospital, a Fort Hamilton Army base and numerous local VFW's and American Legion Posts filled with veterans who call Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Bensonhurst home," Golden said at the pier dedication. "They went to fight so that we can live, and while they perished, we as free Americans carry on their memory."



Brooklyn veterans were on hand for the dedication Sunday of American Veterans Memorial Pier. Pictured: (top left) Tommy Kane and Moe Donnellan; (top right) Howard Dunn, Philip Corfan and Vincent Buccigrossi; (above) Lugi Monao and Howard Dunn with Col. Kewyn Williams of Fort Hamilton, and Councilman Marty Golden.

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## Cops tell trucks to stay on track

By Patrick Gallahue  
The Brooklyn Papers

Police hit the brakes this week on trucks traveling illegally through Bay Ridge and Bath Beach.

Officers of the 68th and 62nd precincts on Friday set up checkpoints on Seventh Avenue between 92nd Street and Poly Place and at Crosey and 15th avenues. Trucks were stopped, and drivers questioned and in some cases given \$70 summonses for driving their rigs on prohibited residential roads.

Sgt. John Strype, of the 68th Precinct's community affairs office, said the checkpoints would be in place once or twice a week.

Trucks rattling homes and blasting noise through the residential streets has been an issue of considerable concern for Bensonhurst, Dyker Heights, Bath Beach and Bay Ridge residents for a number of years.

"This has been a recurrent and persistent complaint and problem, particularly for those people who live along Crosey Avenue," said state Sen. Vincent Gentile, who was out at one of the checkpoint and who noted that his office has received many complaints about wayward and noisy trucks.

"Because you can see as you go by Crosey, it's very narrow, the homes are very close to the road"

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State Sen. Vincent Gentile points out a truck's out-of-state address to a police officer from the 62nd Precinct at a truck checkpoint on 15th Avenue Friday.

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# GOLDEN VS. GENTILE

## The Bay Ridge Paper debate

The battle for the newly created 22nd state Senate district pits three-term incumbent state Sen. Vincent Gentile against two-term City Councilman Marty Golden, both of whom have largely represented the same constituency. The two candidates came to The Brooklyn Papers' Downtown offices for a debate on Friday, Oct. 25. Excerpts from the often heated exchanges are presented here.

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### Education funding

**BROOKLYN PAPERS:** Councilman Golden, you have a commercial running saying that Senator Gentile can't deliver — hasn't delivered — the goods, and you reference education and talk about the fact that three up-state cities have more funds than we have. Is it this actually the result of the Republican Senate refusing to give money to the city?

**MARTY GOLDEN:** No. The fact is that we don't have somebody there to deal with and negotiate and be able to work with the Senate and the Assembly and the governor to bring dollars here. I was a Republican working in a Democratic conference with the City Council. I brought in over \$100 million in goods and services to our community — whether it was new ferries, express bus service, schools, computers. He's not capable of doing that.

**BP:** But your Republican governor refused to accept the result of the lawsuit that would have equalized the funding.

**GOLDEN:** The governor has said and continues to say that he will support bringing dollars into downstate and I would work with him to do that.

**BP:** Do you agree with the governor's position on the Campaign for Fiscal Equity lawsuit?

**GOLDEN:** No. I can see what we'd have to be able to do to send more money into education and get more money into the classrooms. I think that's important.

*Shortly thereafter, the discussion shifted to rent control.*

### Rent regulations

**VINCENT GENTILE:** One of the biggest priorities we're going to have is the continuation of the rent protection laws that expire in June of 2003. [The Republican leadership has already said they want to end rent protections as we know them. That would be a disaster for 11 million apartments here in New York City.]

**BP:** Everybody more or less articulates a version of "keep rent control alive, maintain it the way it's been." On the other hand, there are people who maintain that rent control just isn't a good thing, that in the long run it is a disincentive to development. Do you have some insight about rent control in general?

**GOLDEN:** I believe in the bill Senator Bruno passed in the Senate to keep rent control in place. I voted for it on the City Council and I would vote again next year to make sure rent control and rent stabilization stays a part of the fabric of the City of New York. ... The present structure, the way it's set up now, I think it works.

**GENTILE:** Actually his [Senate Republican] conference is the biggest impediment to the continuation of the rent protections here. [State Senate Majority Leader] Joe Bruno was intent on eliminating all rent protections and it took us to midnight of the deadline in 1997 before we got an extension.

**BP:** Are you unhappy with the compromise that can afford a \$2,000-a-month apartment should be decontrolled?

**GENTILE:** Some of the provisions in the current rent protection law can be changed — should be changed — that's something we can talk about. In fact we wanted to pass the legislation now, this year, not wait until next June. [The Democratic-controlled] Assembly did the right thing, they passed an extension of the law. When it came to the Senate, Joe Bruno has refused to allow that piece of legislation to come to the floor and that tells me something. That tells me his refusal means we're in for a fight, the same kind of fight we had in 1997, with the majority of the Republican senators from outside New York City not affected by the rent control issue. Decontrol once your apartment reaches \$2,000 ... certainly in New York City, given the housing stock, we should not give incentives to landlords to increase or to hold apartments vacant and then increase, or to have the rent increased every time a tenant moves out, so that when you get to \$2,000 you have a decontrolled apartment. That provision needs to be eliminated.

**GOLDEN:** There'd be no rent control without Senator Bruno and the Republican Senate. They did vote for it.

**GENTILE:** We forced you to vote for it.

**GOLDEN:** And they're going to vote for it again next year. Vinnie's always looking for fights that haven't taken place yet. But rent control and rent stabilization will take place. And you're right — if somebody's paying \$2,000 a rent, do they need to have rent control? Give me a break. They should decontrol those apartments. ... Take the buildings [where] the people are suffering ... the people paying \$900 and \$600 and \$800 and \$1,200. Those people, they need rent control and they need rent stabilization and those are the people I'm going to fight for — not the millionaires who're fighting for.

**BP:** [To Sen. Gentile] How did the Democrats force the Republicans to vote?

**GOLDEN:** Yeah, this is a joke. **GENTILE:** In 1997, it came down to pressure [that didn't really affect Joe Bruno]. The pressure affected George Pataki and it was George Pataki who put the pressure on Joe Bruno to get a bill through the Senate. And that's what we're trying to do now. We're

trying to put pressure on the governor to call a special session of the legislature and call us back into session to vote on an extension of the rent protections. And we're saying, "Do this before Nov. 5."

**GOLDEN:** That's a good political play, five days before an election.

**GENTILE:** Do this before Nov. 5 so everybody knows.

**GOLDEN:** Except that's not going to happen. It sounds good for the microphone.

### Senior center

**BP:** Councilman, you've recently obtained \$225,000 for the Narrows Senior Center. However it was conditional. The effort was made out of your campaign office because the senior center is technically out of your council district. Is that correct?

**GOLDEN:** That's correct.

**BP:** If the issue was really to get a senior

**GOLDEN:** He's hogging the mike here.

**GENTILE:** And the fact is, when I award money to senior centers, when Assemblyman Abbate awards money to senior centers, we tell them that this money is there for them no matter what — win, lose or draw. To say that the money is contingent upon your candidate winning is the lowest form of politics. It's bribery, bribing people for votes and that's what this campaign has come down to really.

**BP:** Let me put my question again for you.

**GENTILE:** Well, let me finish what ...

**GOLDEN:** Now, did you not say, "We've been running on about — it is something about going to you for funding, that you didn't know that a senior center was in taxable in your district for the past three years. Shame on you."

**GENTILE:** No, we knew it was in trouble. You didn't come to us.

ally promised to renovate the Moose Lodge. ...

**GENTILE:** I've never heard Councilman Golden say that he told Joe Bruno that this is a worthy project for seniors. "You should give the money to the seniors, because it's a worthy project for the seniors." I've never heard Councilman Golden say that.

All I've heard Councilman Golden and Joe Bruno say is that OK, the money is there on the condition that Golden is elected to the Senate. That's outrageous. Absolutely outrageous.

**GENTILE:** On Nov. 5, when I get elected, I will deliver on that senior center.

**GENTILE:** It's a bribe. You're bribing seniors.

### State Island office

**BP:** Senator Gentile, what is Senator Lachman's campaign poster doing over your Staten Island district office? Has Senator Lach-

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At some point over the past several months, we found out that the Moose club was very much interested in negotiating and we went in there to make sure that the Moose club could become a part of the Department for the Aging program, to make sure that it could be funded. And I went to the state Senate, acting like a statesman, to find funding that would make the Moose club available as a senior center. And I went to the mayor. So right now it is proposed that Angel Guardian will be a senior center and Moose Lodge will get the opportunity as well so long as I can locate \$225,000 more which I am looking for. I understand there are elected officials out there that say they have \$100,000 and others that will come to the plate. And then we can make this a reality.

**GENTILE:** What he just said just points out so many problems with the way he operates. The fact is that he cannot work with others. Because if he could work with others and he needed state funding, you would think that he would go to the state senator and the state assemblyman, sit down with us. Absolutely not. We found out about the move of the Narrows Center after the fact.

**GOLDEN:** Shame on you. We're three years into the negotiation and you don't know about it? Well shame on you, senator.

**GENTILE:** Our city councilman never came to us and said there was funding required.

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**GOLDEN:** Here he goes exaggerating ...

**GENTILE:** They did it six years ago with 4-year-olds ... This time with senior citizens.

**GOLDEN:** That's number one. Number two, I've brought more funding home this year from the state Senate than you've brought home in the past six years. So why would I want ...

**GENTILE:** What do you mean it's not there? Express bus service was delivered. It's \$900,000. That's more money than you've brought to Brooklyn in the past six years.

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**GOLDEN:** Where's your contract? How do you sign a contract with no money?

**GENTILE:** This was a photo op for Marty Golden with no backup from the Department of the Aging and no backup or knowledge from the Moose Lodge.

**GOLDEN:** That doesn't work in my community. And you know it's not going to work because the people in that community of Bay Ridge and Dyker and Bensonhurst have seen me deliver over a \$100 million. I will continue to deliver for that community whether it's express bus service, ferry service, new senior centers, and everybody knows that you can't deliver. Vinnie, so stop the charade.

**BP:** Getting back to the senior center. It might be right across the street from your district but most of the people who live in the senior center are in your district. Why not just get the funding unconditionally from the state Senate?

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**GENTILE:** You haven't.

**GOLDEN:** My colleague has allocated nothing. And his other guy, McAbbate, who is running around saying that he has \$100,000, allocated no dollars either. So what they are doing, unfortunately, is holding our seniors as political pawns in an attempt to get himself re-elected to the state Senate. I'm the actual guy out there doing the job, the actual guy that's delivering the services and the dollars. Vincent can't. Nice guy but he can't deliver.

**BP:** You guys are running for this. Is this the Assembly's desire to make sure that the \$100,000 after the election, is the Senate issue?

**GOLDEN:** No. Again, I guess the weight goes now onto Senator Golden's shoulders to go out there and find the funding like he's done in the past for all the other things that have happened in Bay Ridge and Dyker and Bensonhurst.

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**BP:** Abbate says he'll have \$100,000 but [Golden says he'll] need \$225,000 [from Abbate].

**GENTILE:** Frankly, he's inflated the figure for a very good reason. Because he can't deliver, so by inflating the figure, he puts the blame on Peter Abbate.

**GOLDEN:** Wait. Now you're dishonest. Vinnie, I did not inflate any figure here. That figure is from the Department of Aging, so that's how challenges me and accusations that are not true.

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**GENTILE:** I have stood up to Joe Bruno when it comes to rent protection, when it comes to education funding. I don't have the shackles of being obedient to Joe Bruno.

**GOLDEN:** And you have nothing to show for it. Vinnie, shame on you.

**GENTILE:** I have no shackles.

**GOLDEN:** You're just a loudmouth in the state Senate.

**GENTILE:** I am free to advocate for Brooklyn, free to advocate for New York City.

**Vinnie won't support a governor candidate**

**BP:** You're to make sure I give each of you a chance to make the other one a question. So why don't we start with Councilman Golden, a question for Senator Gentile and then we'll go the other way.

**GOLDEN:** This has been so taxing for Vinnie. I want to make it very simple. Who are you supporting for governor?

**GENTILE:** Well, certainly I've had the opportunity to run with all three candidates running for governor. I had the opportunity to run with George Pataki when he was running in the primary on the Independence line. And now I have the opportunity to run with Carl McCall on the Democratic line, and Tom Golisano now running on the Independence line. So, I think that is not my focus right now. My focus is my race.

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## DEBATE...

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You want to make it an issue today. It's not an issue. Let me answer the question.

The reason I'm going to be elected on Nov. 5 is because the people of my community see what I do. They see I've been effective and that you've been ineffective. They've seen that I've brought over \$100 million. They've seen that I've got the 6th Street Pier. They've seen I've gotten the ferry. They've seen that I've got the parks.

**GENTILE:** You've never backed it up.

**GOLDEN:** Number one in parks of all the City Council members. Number one in libraries. It's easy to back it up. I can't make a statement.

**GENTILE:** You've never shown the stats.

**GOLDEN:** Stats have been shown to everybody. You have to ask the Parks Department.

**GENTILE:** No, you do the homework.

**GOLDEN:** I've done it. You're challenging that, you check it out.

**GENTILE:** You've never backed up your evidence.

**GOLDEN:** I'll go to the school on 8th Street and Fourth Avenue.

**GENTILE:** You've lost six schools.

**GOLDEN:** No, no, Vinnie, you see, that's where you're wrong. Can I finish answering the question?

Vinnie I delivered a school. I reduced the overcrowding at 10 different schools. I put computers in all our schools — \$100,000 to \$150,000 in computers. I built baseball fields. I've put after-school programs in. The people in this community know that and the people in the new community know that. And the question is that's what they're going to vote for.

**GENTILE:** That's not my question.

**GOLDEN:** They are going to vote on what I've been able to deliver to our community and that's why I'm supported by all the Republicans clubs and that's why I'm supported by five Democratic clubs. That's why I've been supported by Love Hikkid. That's why I've been supported by Carl [Kruger]. I mean...



**GENTILE:** And that's why you feel now that you need to go negative in campaigning. The only reason you've gone negative is because you're losing this race. That's the only reason a candidate starts to go negative.

**GOLDEN:** You better look at your polls.

**The next councilman**

**BP:** I have one other question for the councilman. Do you have a successor in mind should you win?

**GOLDEN:** There'll be a host of candidates running for the new council seat and I just hope that Vinnie doesn't get closed out... I hope he gets an opportunity to run for it. But there is going to be a lot of good qualified people that would be running for that seat and I have no dog to hunt in that race.

**BP:** Would you support a Democrat?

**GOLDEN:** I don't know who I'd support at the end of the day. I'd take a look at the field and I'd make a good decision based on the community and based on the individual's ability to work with the City Council and deliver for the community.

**BP:** Are there qualified Democrats existing now?

**GOLDEN:** Oh, there are qualified Democrats out there. I'm not going to tell you who they are.

There are qualified Democrats and there are qualified Republicans. And I'm sure that the communities, the 43rd Council District, will get the best going through this special election process in January and February. And we'll get a good candidate and the community will be well served.

**GENTILE:** Do I get to answer?

**BP:** Yes.

**GENTILE:** I think it's a nonsensical issue because this race is not going to result in a special election for the City Council. Upon my reelection to the state Senate, the councilman will return to the City Council and I think, because of his recent lawsuit rejecting the term limits law, that the only honorable thing the councilman could do next year is to decline to run for re-election if he feels that strongly about term limits. Then when he declines to run for re-election, then we can talk about the candidates to replace him.

**GOLDEN:** I look forward to being in the state Senate in January and you know, Vinnie may come knocking on my door for the support for that City Council seat. I may consider that.

**BP:** Thank you both.

## DEMS...

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port of Golden, and the former leader of the City Council's Brooklyn delegation, Herb Berman, had one planned but cancelled at the last minute, although his endorsement remained.

Connor scoffed at Golden's Democratic supporters and called Berman and Kruger a "washed up former councilman and a back-bencher state senator whose never passed a significant bill."

In all fairness, Kruger, Hikkid and Berman are also prominent members of Democrats for Parks, and many insiders believe Kruger joined the Parks team early to keep his constituency in his district at a time when the legislative lines were being redrawn.

But while Connor brushed off Golden's Democratic support, experienced political consultants took a different view.

"He's really managed to get a substantial number of Democratic figures supporting him," said Joseph Mercuro, a bipartisan political consultant with National Political Services, who has worked on campaigns for Sen. Charles Schumer, former Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Rep. Jerald Nadler and President Bill Clinton.

"I think [Golden's] really popular out of that context," said Mercuro. "Not only does he have that original Republican base, he has such a round of support from Democratic figures that the rules change."

Party registration in the district strongly favors Democrats, and Mercuro said a common strategy in non-presidential election years — which tend to feature fewer but more informed voters — would be for the candidates with an enrollment disadvantage to run a stealth campaign with targeted mailings and a quiet rallying of the base, so as not to galvanize the opposing party.

Instead, it has been Golden rallying street activity with Gov. George Pataki and Mayor Michael Bloomberg stumping around the new district and Bloomberg hosting a fundraiser for Golden in his Manhattan townhouse.

Gentile has countered with public endorsements from Sen. Chuck Schumer, Borough President Mary Markowitz and Rep. Anthony Weiner, but the exodus of local Democrats, most recently Midwood-Sheepshead Bay Councilman Mike Nelson, and most notably former Bay Ridge Councilman Sal Albanese, may have hurt Gentile's chances, according to Mercuro.

"Maybe two weeks ago a seasoned observer would have said it was close," he remarked. "But the trend line has since then been going Golden."

Despite enrollment, Gerry O'Brien, a GOP campaign consultant who has worked on the Golden campaign said, "This is a district where party enrollment hasn't meant that much."

Which may have been why the Republicans apparently drew it specifically for the councilman.

Gentile currently represents Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, parts of Bensonhurst and the north shore of Staten Island in the 23rd District. The 22nd district was reshaped to encompass Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Gerritsen Beach and Marine Park, including most of Golden's council district and about 60 percent of Gentile's current constituency.

Both were also forced to campaign in the relatively alien eastern territory of the district.

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"Whatever the reason, [Gentile] is having trouble," O'Brien said when asked if there was anything more the Democrats could have done to build up Gentile's momentum.

"Whether people don't think he can win, or people don't want him to win, or the people that want him to win don't think he can get anything done, the net result is still the same — Gentile is having trouble."

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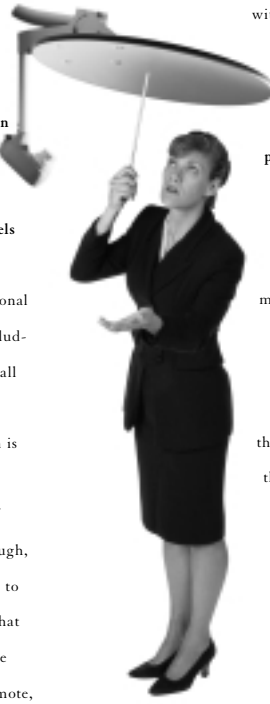
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## BARRON...

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According to Kamins, however, "the reasons [for the crime] can be found in the reports. Kamins, submitted sealed motions to the judge that he said would offer some indication as to why Barron demanded the bribe. He declined to discuss the motions in detail with reporters waiting outside the courtroom saying, "That will be argued in the appellate division," where Kamins plans to appeal the sentence.

Judge Colabella, brought in from Westchester to ensure impartiality, gave the only indication of what may have been in the motions. "I got the distinct feeling, Mr. Barron, that this was not Pick's disease [a degenerative neurological disorder] or was not Pick's moment," he said. "I take it as a designed and willful act on your part."

Neither Alzheimer's nor Pick's disease, also known as lobar sclerosis, a disorder involving deterioration in mental function caused by disease-related changes in brain tissue, were mentioned at any point in Barron's plea deal or in the investigation of his case. Hynes brushed off any indication that Barron was sick, and said the disgraced former jurist was inspired by "plain old-fashioned greed."

"You have brought disgrace to Kings County judges who don't deserve that," Colabella said. "You have made almost a joke out of the Kings County judges."

On Jan. 22, Barron, was arrested at his Marine Park home for demanding a \$250,000 bribe from attorney Gary Berenholz, to settle a \$1.9 million personal injury lawsuit against Dollar Rent A Car and Everitt, a car seat manufacturer.

**Wore a wire**  
The case was based on an accident that occurred on Oct. 23, 1998, which left a 3-month-old girl blind and severely brain-damaged.

As the case was reaching a settlement in June 2001, Barron took Berenholz for a walk outside the courthouse, at 15 Willoughby St., and demanded the payoff in exchange for signing the court order. Berenholz initially resisted but then bargained the judge down to \$115,000.

When Barron called him in January to repeat his demand, Berenholz reported the solicitation to law enforcement and wore a wire when making the first payment of \$18,000 in marked cash. Colabella chastised Berenholz for not reporting the demand when it was first made and said he would refer Berenholz to the disciplinary committee.

Hynes volunteered to prosecute the case, his first since 1987, when he won convictions against three white teenagers in the murder of a black man in Howard Beach. Although he faced criticism from critics of the Brooklyn judiciary who thought an independent prosecutor would have exposed a wider system of corruption in the Kings County courts, the sentence of three to nine years in the longest prison term ever given to a judge in the State of New York.

The Brooklyn judiciary's troubles came to the fore in December 2001, when the Commission on Judicial Appointments released a report asserting that between 1995 and 1999, an extravagant percentage of lucrative reappointments in Kings County were given to attorneys connected to the Kings County Democratic Committee, to which both Barron and Hynes have ties.

Following Barron's indictment, other Brooklyn Supreme Court judges have been investigated. Several have already been re-assigned after censures and one judge was recommended for removal.

Still, Barron has been the lightning rod for a system allegedly wrought with patronage and cronyism.

"My actions also probably caused the erosion of confidence [in judges] and for that I will forever be sorry," Barron said before his sentencing on Monday.

Barron is being held in protective custody on Riker's Island, according to the Department of Correction. A Correction Department spokesman could not verify where Barron would serve his sentence.

Barron resigned after 14 years on the bench, shortly before his plea was entered, however, he will collect his \$97,000 annual pension from his upstate prison cell.

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subject to the approval of the U.S. Department of Justice. The maps must be approved before the November 2003 elections.

The proposed maps were drawn by the New York City Districting Commission — comprised of 15 members, with seven appointed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, five by City Council Speaker Gifford Miller of Manhattan, and three by Minority Leader James Oddo, who represents portions of Bay Ridge and Bensonhurst, with the bulk of his district in Staten Island — to reflect population changes detailed in the 2000 Census.

The Hispanic population in the proposed district would decrease from 53.6 percent to 42.7 percent, which has already drawn an outcry from the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF).

That group has decried the proposed maps in general charging that the number of majority Hispanic districts were reduced from 11 to 10 and that proposed Hispanic majority districts have an average of 159,458 people compared to the 156,067 in majority white districts, effectively diluting the Hispanic vote.

The ideal district size, said PRLDEF, is 157,025 people. In redrawing the districts, a 10 percent deviation is allowed. Some of the district's pearls, such as the Columbia Street Waterfront District and Greenwood Cemetery are also lost from the proposed 38th District.

"It's a real bummer to our area," Gonzalez said of the historic cemetery. "So I'm not really in favor of changing what's there."

The Columbia Street district includes a large portion of Brooklyn's working waterfront, usually associated with Red Hook, including the Red Hook

## TRUCKS...

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so that when heavy trucks barrel down Croysey Avenue and hit a pothole, or hit anything in the roadway, the speed and the weight of the trucks rattle china, rattle foundations of buildings and homes ... It's a real quality-of-life issue and it needs to be, because it's a violation," Gentile said.

Tractor-trailers that come off the Verrazano Narrows Bridge at 92nd Street are supposed to head north up Seventh Avenue to 86th Street, which is a specified truck route. The route continues east on 86th Street to 18th Avenue, and then heads south on 18th Avenue to Croysey Avenue, where trucks are permitted to travel east.

Instead, trucks regularly exit the bridge and head south on Seventh Avenue, past Victory Memorial Hospital and then around the south end of the Dyker Beach Golf Course before heading east on Croysey Avenue from 14th Avenue.

Gentile has announced the establishment of checkpoints several times in the last year and a half.

"We're going to do this periodically without warning so that truck drivers realize that at any time, any day, they could be stopped, pulled over and summoned," Gentile said, "with the hope that that message shows that it's not worth getting off the truck route."

In their first half hour on Oct. 25, police pulled over three trucks on only one side of Seventh Avenue, which resulted in one summons and two warnings to lost drivers.

## MAN-BOY...

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gust in civil lawsuits filed by three men who claim they were sexually abused by Shanley at St. Jean's. The same men are involved in criminal complaints against Shanley.

In the deposition, Daily acknowledged that he considered Shanley a "troubled priest" who needed help. He said he knew Shanley had been at a meeting of the North American Man-Boy Love Association and had spoken in favor of the group.

But under questioning from civil attorney Roderick MacLeish Jr., Daily said he had not received any reports of Shanley engaging in such activities himself.

"The only thing, the only saving feature of it is that we are talking about ideas and opinions in his promotion verbally ... to my knowledge at the time, he wasn't involved in activities," Daily said.

Daily said there was no indication Shanley was promoting sexual relationships between men and boys at St. Jean's parish, but was speaking in favor of the idea in other parts of the country.

"But having said that, I would have very great regrets," Daily said.

"You have regrets you made the appointment?" asked MacLeish.

"It's so tragic that none of the information Bishop Daily possessed was shared with the parishioners of St. Jean's. If it had been, obviously, none of this would have happened," MacLeish said.

In March, about two months after the clergy sexual abuse scandal exploded in Boston, Daily issued a statement in New York in which he apologized to victims of defrocked priest John Geoghan.

Geoghan's case sparked the scandal when court documents revealed that church officials had shuffled him from parish to parish after receiving complaints he was sexually abusing boys.

In a statement, Daily said he had acted in good conscience as the bishop of the Brooklyn diocese since 1990. He left the Archdiocese of Boston in September 1984.

Martinez has added that any housing development that does take place should not price out long-time residents.

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## Steals huge sign near V-Z

By Patrick Gallahue  
The Brooklyn Papers

A thief with either a real sign fetish or plans to build his own highway stole a display panel mounted atop a roadside Variable Message Sign this week.

The portable digital sign provides instruction to motorists of temporary conditions affecting the roadways like "Roadwork Ahead," "Slow" or "Merge Left."

Sometime between 2:30 am on Oct. 16, and 7 am the next day, the sign-happy thief snatched the marker, which belongs to the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, from Dahlgren Place at the Verrazano Narrows Bridge entrance from the Gowanus Expressway.

The sign and its generator, which was valued at \$2,000, had been secured by welded brackets and padlocks, but that still did not hinder the thief from taking the apparatus.

**Owl's Head mug**  
A 37-year-old man was robbed on his way home from the bus stop at Bay Ridge Avenue and Owl's Head Court.

The victim got off the bus at around 9:50 pm on Oct. 23, and saw two men get out of a car and stand in front of a building on Owl's Head Court between 68th Street and Bay Ridge Avenue.

The victim went to pass them but just as he walked by the thugs, one of the muggers grabbed him from behind and put him into a headlock. The accomplice then twisted his arm as saying that in pedophilia, "the adult is not the seducer — the kid is the seducer."

The woman also said Shanley said he could think of no sexual act that causes psychological damage, "not even incest or bestiality."

They then forced him to the ground and kicked him in the face before fleeing in a blue Honda sedan.

**Girl gang attack**  
A 15-year-old girl was set upon Oct. 21 by a mob of about a dozen delinquents.

The victim told police that she was walking along Fourth Avenue and 85th Street around 2:40 pm when the dozen girls attacked her. She said she was pushed to the ground, punched, kicked and

robbed of her Puma sneakers and cell phone.

**Cleaner cash**  
A thief broke into a dry cleaner on Fourth Avenue, between Bay Ridge and Ovington avenues, by smashing a window and climbing into the business, sometime between 9 pm on Oct. 23 and 6 am the next day.

The burglar stole a \$150, according to police. A 24-year-old employee was the first to discover the break-in.

**Surprise**  
A man returned to his home on Bay Ridge Avenue, between 12th and 13th avenues at around 11:30 am on Oct. 23 to find a burglar in his bedroom.

The victim, 29, told police that after seeing the thief he took off down the stairs and out the door.

The thief, however, was also looking to make a quick getaway and followed him out of the building. As the thief turned the corner, the burglar thought the burglar got away, though.

It was not known by press time whether anything was stolen.

**92nd St. burgle**  
A burglar looted an apartment on 92nd Street between Colonial Road and Ridge Boulevard of jewelry, a camera and a laptop, valued at a combined total of \$3,500.

The victim, 44, returned home at around 2:15 pm on Oct. 24 to discover his home had been plundered. There was no sign of forced entry.

**Eatery robbery**  
A restaurant on 72nd Street at 11th Avenue, which closed at around midnight on Oct. 26, was broken into during the night as employees who arrived for work the next day discovered a window frame had been kicked in and the store had been burglarized.

After crashing through the window, the burglar stole \$98.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Golden, Bruno are shameful**

To the editor:  
When I read your article "GOP holds senior center hostage" (Oct. 21) I was outraged.

[Senate Senate Majority Leader Joe] Bruno, with a golden smirk on his face, threatens to withhold funding for our senior centers unless we vote for Republican Marty Golden. Funds provided through taxes paid by seniors and their families! I call this *politically extortion*.

Bruno and his backroom cronies must learn that once a politician becomes elected to public office, they cease to be a Democrat or a Republican — they become a representative of the people, by the people, for the people. Their first concern should be "the people" not "the party."

I might be out of school over 50 years, but this I remember, and they should go back to school, because they obviously weren't paying attention that day "Boy, am I angry!"

—Dorothy Durgin, via email

To the editor:

Your front page article where the Republican Party tells the senior citizens if they don't vote for the current council member for senate, they will not get their senior citizen center has me so angry. I don't know which way to turn. This has justified my position regarding the council member yet again.

If I were a senior citizen, I'd set the hell with Marty Golden. I would not give anyone who threatens me a vote. I wouldn't give that person the time of day.

I am not a Marty Golden supporter. I don't vote for him. I don't put stock in anything he has to say.

In the council member's latest propaganda, he proves what many of us have known for years — he cares more about business than he does the community.

The fact that the council member ignored requests for his police department records for years, didn't that set off some bells?

He's been lying about his record in the community for years. Doesn't that make you think? When I heard Pataki saying how he [Pataki] put computers in schools, I thought Golden said the same thing. It must be something Republicans say.

The council member's supporters blindly believe whatever he says or whatever they read that he says. If he were running for Pled Pledge, he'd be the one they'd vote for and then follow him into the sea.

This community is run by the council member, and his two community(?) newspapers, The Marty Reporter and Golden News, and the Home Distorter.

Opposing points of view are not permitted in those newspapers. Doesn't that set off a bell? None of his supporters ever challenge him. Doesn't that ever set off a bell? He won't stand up in a "real" debate. Doesn't that set off some bells?

God save us from people who blindly support someone for reasons other than what they should be electing them for. I just don't get it.

—Diane Hunt, Bay Ridge

To the editor:

I read the front page of your newspaper today (Oct. 20). Your political affiliation is quite obvious in your attacks against Marty Golden.

How about being a bit evenhanded with the candidates. The way you wrote the lead story makes it look like some terrorists have taken over a senior center and the next story makes it look like Marty Golden illegally parked his car in a handicapped area when it turns out that somebody else parked there illegally.

Why do you call yourself The Bay Ridge Paper? You are located on Court Street.

Have you ever wondered why you get very little advertising income from the Bay Ridge area? Businessmen here would like to advertise in newspapers which don't continually knock down our leaders and our community.

I doubt if you will print this letter, but I get it off my chest anyway.

—John R. Swift, Jr., Bay Ridge

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## BLACKMAIL...

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they're probably talking about member items," Daghighian said. "And that member item is going to that conference."

Daghighian added that he had no knowledge of a complaint lodged regarding the pledge and that the Board of Elections only investigated after a complaint has been filed.

The controversy centers on the planned move of the Narrows Senior Center, on New Utrecht Avenue at 79th Street, which needs to be relocated because it cannot be brought into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The city plans to replace it with a center 21 blocks away in Borough Park, but Golden and Assemblyman Peter Abbate have pushed to also upgrade the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge, on 18th Avenue at 7th Street, just a few blocks away.

Two weeks ago, Golden announced that he had obtained \$225,000 in funding from Bruno for the renovation of the Moose Lodge, contingent upon Abbate raising an additional \$125,000 over the \$100,000 he has already pledged. In addition, Golden said, Mayor Mike Bloomberg, a Republican who this summer hosted a campaign fundraiser for Golden, has pledged \$100,000 in annual operating costs if the Moose Lodge deal goes through.

As The Papers reported, the deal is contingent on Golden beating incumbent state Sen. Vincent Gentile for the newly drawn 22nd state Senate District, which includes Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Bayside.

### Inflated costs and a Bruno hedge

Also a bone of contention for Abbate—who last week called Golden "a no good, lying, son of a bitch... [and] the most despicable elected official I've ever seen"—is what he claimed were inflated cost estimates for converting the Moose Lodge, which Golden told The Papers, the city Department for the Aging estimated at \$450,000.

But the city Department for the Aging this week told The Papers that Abbate was right about Golden's overstatement of the total cost. The renovations would cost "more in the area of \$300,000," primarily in the kitchen and dining area, said Department for the Aging spokeswoman Pat Wilks.

Given the Department for the Aging's actual estimate of the total renovation cost for the Moose Lodge, should Golden win, between Abbate's \$100,000 and Bruno's pledge of \$225,000 from his discretionary funds, there would seemingly be more than enough money to convert the lodge, which would serve as a satellite for the center the city is building at the Angel Guardian Home, on 63rd Street between 12th and 13th avenues in Borough Park.

That, however, does not seem likely to happen anytime soon. In response to the Department for the Aging's actual estimate, Bruno this week backed off from the \$225,000 pledge and said that he actually only pledged half of the matching funds for the center. Abbate, Bruno said through a spokesman, would therefore still need to get another \$50,000 to match their half, which has now been reduced to \$150,000.

Abbate won't support Angel Guardian

Abbate this week added that he would not sign over any money until he had a promise that the Angel Guardian center would be built.

"I would give them [the \$150,000] if that's going to be the only center, if [Moose Lodge] becomes the Narrows Center," Abbate said.

He added he would only sign over the money, including the \$100,000 he has already pledged to Moose Lodge, "if Angel Guardian does not open."

Abbate said by moving the Narrows Senior Center into Angel Guardian, it would draw away seniors from existing centers such as the AMICO Senior Center, on 13th Avenue at 59th Street, and the Borough Park Senior Citizens Center, on 11th Avenue at 56th Street.

He believes the intention may well be to contract senior centers in Brooklyn, especially considering the city and state's budget crunch.

"The only thing you can do with the Angel Guardian is draw people from that neighborhood," he said. "Which is taking away from the AMICO center."

Margaret Keane, a spokeswoman for Catholic Charities, which is the prime sponsor of the Narrows Senior Center and supports its move to Angel Guardian, said last week, "The 2000 Census certainly indicates there is an abundance of seniors that require services." Angel Guardian would not threaten other centers, she said.

Abbate is so suspicious of the move that he wrote a letter to the Department for the Aging Commissioner, Edwin Mendez-Santiago, that reads:

"I discovered that there are rumors about money being exchanged between those that support moving the center to the Angel Guardian Home complex. Everyone seems to think that to accommodate such [a] move money was involved and the seniors believe someone is in line to benefit."

Wilks said the Department for the Aging was investigating Abbate's claim.

### Narrows Senior Center must move

The Narrows Senior Center needs to be relocated because it is currently housed in the basement level of a building with no elevator, no windows or bathroom and is not handicap accessible, and would require major renovations to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

While the city and Catholic Charities have chosen the Angel Guardian Home as the replacement, Bayside-based seniors have complained that the move would leave the neighborhood without an accessible senior center.

Golden said a timely agreement could not be reached between the Moose Lodge and the Department for the Aging and that Angel Guardian was the only available selection.

Wilks said Angel Guardian was selected by the city because, "space at Moose Lodge is limited, there is room for expansion at Angel Guardian."

There is 5,000 square feet of space on the first floor of a building on the complex, with additional space available to accommodate a greater number of seniors, if needed," she added. "In addition, there is a garden that can be enjoyed by seniors in the spring, summer and fall."

Bringing Angel Guardian up to code with the Americans with Disabilities Act and renovating it for use as a senior center is costing the city \$500,000 for new bathrooms, asbestos containment, kitchen and dining room renovations, lighting and electrical improvements as well as cosmetic enhancements.

## ALBANESE...

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And he left the council with that relationship," said Ralph Peretto, a Democratic district leader. "So it's possible he thought it was an affront to all police, but I don't know."

"Even if Sal wasn't enthused about endorsing a Democratic candidate I thought he would stay silent," added Peretto.

Democrats were left shocked and depondent by Albanese's endorsement in a highly partisan and contentious race.

Albanese was not available to elaborate on his written statement.

"When they told me, I thought I was being put on," Peretto said. "At this stage in my life very few things surprise me, but this did."

"I find it very surprising, I find it very curious," said Community Board 10 member Joanne Seminara, who has run against Golden twice for the Bay Ridge council seat and who was elect-

ed Peretto's co-leader in the new 60th Assembly District. "I don't believe he stands together with Marty Golden on the issues. Sal's been a maverick and stood out for things I really believe in."

Other Democrats who have crossed party lines to endorse Golden include southeast Brooklyn state Sen. Carl Kruger; former Seaside-Marine Park Councilman Herb Bertram, who was head of the Brooklyn delegation to the council until term limits forced him out last year; Borough Park Assemblyman Dov Hikind; and Sheepshead Bay-Medwood Councilman Mike Nelson.

Most of those officials, however, are moderate Democrats with either affiliations to Republican Gov. George Pataki or a history of both parties lines in their endorsements.

Albanese, meanwhile, is a beacon of Bay Ridge and Brooklyn liberalism. He served for 15 years in the City Council before running for mayor in 1997.

"It's very surprising," said Steve Casey, Gentile's campaign manager. "But if it was up to Albanese, [Bill] Mulrow would be compeller right now, he would be mayor, [Fernando] Ferrer would be mayor, 'He's with Golden, so he'll go 0-for-4,' Casey said. "I don't think Sal Albanese has a great track record in terms of endorsing people."

### Questioning Golden's police record

Golden detractors have called for his police records to be made public in connection with recent races in 1997 and 2001.

Janet Sullivan, a King's County Democratic Committee member and Bay Ridge resident, said she attended a debate at PS 185 in October 1997, when Golden was first running as the Republican candidate against Seminara. During the question-and-answer period of the debate, Sullivan asked if Golden would make public the details of the incident that led to his early retirement with a disability pension, as well as his police personnel records, which can be released with his permission.

Sullivan said Golden responded to her question by stating that he had no maverick in one leg as a result of the injury. Finally, Sullivan said, "He said quite indignantly, 'I'll make a phone call tomorrow and get you those records.'"

It was five years later, however, before those records were made public, or at least a one-page abstract was made public devoid of detailed account, arrest or medical reports or the circumstances of the commendations Golden received.

Golden joined the police force in 1973 and was assigned to the 67th Precinct in Flatbush. He said he was laid off during a fiscal crisis in 1976 and returned to duty in 1978. From 1978 until his retirement, Golden worked as a plainclothes officer in narcotics and anti-drug units and the Brooklyn South Task Force.

His NYPD career was cut short by an accident that occurred on Sept. 15, 1981, when, Golden said, he was hit by a car while chasing a drug suspect in the area of Snyder and Flatbush avenues. Golden reportedly broke his right arm and had a ligament removed from each leg.

Golden said he retired the following year with a tax-free three-quarter pension and a disability pension.

According to Golden's former partner at Brooklyn South, Joe Carley, who was with him at the time of the accident, Golden was injured chasing a suspect with a gun across Albemarle Road, a few blocks away from where Golden recalled the accident taking place.

The pair had stopped four men seen moving several pounds of marijuana from the trunk of one car into another in a parking lot at Bedford Avenue and Albemarle Road, Carley said. As one of the suspects fled, Golden chased him across the street, when he was struck by a lively cab.

"I believe he had a metal plate put in his arm and severe leg damage," Carley told The Brooklyn Papers earlier this month. "He had a couple of operations, I'm not sure exactly."

Golden remained on desk duty before retiring Dec. 12, 1983. In her unsuccessful campaigns against Golden in 1997 and 2001, Seminara did not make Golden's police records a campaign issue. She received Albanese's endorsement in both elections.

## Where are the Dems?

### GOP out-muscling Democrats for new Ridge Senate seat

By Patrick Gallagher

The Brooklyn Papers

It's the last week until Election Day, do you know where your state senator is?

Anyone who's taken a walk in Bay Ridge, Bayside, Marine Park or Gerritsen Beach recently should be well aware of the name Marty Golden.

The Bay Ridge councilman who is running for the newly drawn 22nd state Senate seat, has practically waged a war on blank space, filling store windows, billboards, private lawns and television screens with his campaign advertisement.

Meanwhile incumbent Sen. Vincent Gentile has been a far less visible presence.

While Gentile counters with "signs don't vote," the three-term state senator's plight of facing omnipresent posters of his challenger betray the frailty of any Democratic contender for a state Senate seat against a Republican challenger backed by the Senate majority, not to mention the mayor and governor—even in the country's most Democratic county.

According to campaign disclosures, the Republican Senate Campaign Committee and the New York State Republican Committee have put \$1.96 million into Golden's campaign, including \$14,700 from state Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno and a handful of other Albany Republicans, including state Sen. Hugh Farley, state Sen. Kenny Hannon, and \$5,000 from state Sen. Dean Skelos, co-chairman of the redistricting task force that drew a 22nd district perfectly suited for Golden.

Meanwhile, disclosures indicate that \$250,000 has gone towards Gentile's campaign so far from the New York Democratic Senate Campaign Committee representing about half of what the party will spend on their candidate, according to state Senate Minority Leader Martin Connor.

"We've budgeted roughly half a million bucks for this race," said Connor. "And we'd love to budget a million, but we don't have a million."

Connor charged that the Republicans squeezed special interests such as "big landlords," and he added, "they bought off, not all, but some of the unions too."

But the Republicans are only half the problem, now that Brooklyn Democrats—who Gentile counted on early for support—have jumped ship and started paddling towards Golden.

Democrats such as Assemblyman Dov Hikind and state Sen. Carl Kruger both held press conferences to announce their support.

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# High steaks

**Sbarro's mogul and his partner — buddies from Bay Ridge and Bensonhurst — return to Brooklyn with new venture**

By Tina Barry  
For The Brooklyn Papers

Two Brooklyn boys, Anthony "Tony" Scotto and Mario Sbarro (yes, that Sbarro, of the 990 restaurants-and-growing-pizza-chain) will open the borough's first Boulder Creek Steakhouse in early November.

The men met 15 years ago through a mutual friend and in 1995 formed Boulder Creek Ventures based in Melville, NY. Yet both Scotto and Sbarro immigrated to the United States from Naples, Italy, as teenagers and settled with their families in Bay Ridge and Sbarro in neighboring Bensonhurst.

Their company now owns five Boulder Creek Steakhouses on Long Island, one in Queens and two in northern New Jersey. By 2003, the company plans to expand into Yonkers, Staten Island, and add up to four locations in New Jersey.

During a recent conversation, Scotto and Sbarro told GO Brooklyn their renditions of the evolution of the Boulder Creek Steakhouses and their own rise in the restaurant world.

"Well, we started on Long Island because we were able to find the space we needed for the restaurants," Scotto said matter-of-factly.

Each restaurant seats 210 to 260 diners and needs approximately 7,000 square feet of floor space in addition to 150 parking units. Besides the large-scale format, the men have made their steakhouses known by expanding the chain within small geographic areas.

"If you build five or six restaurants in one area, you can advertise properly, watch them, mature them and build public awareness," Scotto explained. "We finally found the space we needed with the right visibility in Brooklyn," he says of their first Brooklyn location at exit 15 off the Belt Parkway near Street City.



Scotto, who developed the concept for the steakhouses, commented, "I wanted a change from the usual clubby men's steakhouses where women and children don't always feel welcome." (Scotto, under a separate company, Scotto Brothers Enterprises, owns three upscale steakhouses — Burton & Doyle's on Long Island, and two Rothman's steakhouses, one on Long Island and one in Manhattan — that would fall under the "clubby men's steakhouse" category.)

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The start of something big: The original Sbarro's deli, on 65th Street and 17th Avenue in Bensonhurst.

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All in the family: Tony Scotto (above left) and Mario Sbarro's roots in Brooklyn are still evident. Sbarro's mother Carmela (above) still works at the original Sbarro deli in Bensonhurst and Scotto's cousin Theresa Marino, with her husband Joseph (at right), runs Romano's restaurant in Bay Ridge. Now a steakhouse will be added to the mix.

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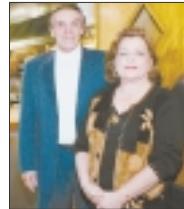
"There's something for everyone," Scotto says of the steakhouse's reasonably priced menu. That includes a selection of USDA, grain-fed, aged steaks that are priced from \$12.95 for the Kit Carson Sirloin, a 10-ounce, center-cut top sirloin steak, to \$20.50 for the Mountaineer, a 20-ounce porterhouse. Many of the items associated with a mid-price steakhouse are offered: the Boulder blossom, a breaded, deep-fried onion; cheese fries; a Caesar salad or the Grande chicken Caesar; chicken tenders and several pasta selections.

For red meat-phobes, Scotto has added several fish choices: a shrimp scampi over fettuccine; the Blue Lake catch of the day, a grilled fresh fish fillet; and Lip The Creek salmon, a grilled fillet with a garlic crust.

How did two local boys make it big in the restaurant business? Both men agree that a strong work ethic runs second to passion.

"I loved working in my uncle's restaurant, Romano's — it's still in Bay Ridge, still very good," says Scotto, who at 18 began as a dish washer, then worked his way up through the restaurant ranks. "I loved it then and I still love what I do. I have a passion for the restaurant business."

In 1959, Sbarro's family opened the first Sbarro's on 65th Street and 17th Avenue in Bensonhurst. He describes the store as an "Italian deli" offering house-made sausages and mozzarella.



"We developed a large following for our delicacies and my mother's catering. The business just kept growing," Sbarro said. At 81, Sbarro's mother Carmela Sbarro still works behind the counter. Just back from Milan, where he oversaw the opening of Italy's first Sbarro pizzeria and restaurant, he commented, "They love our pizza. We have a great product, and we'll do well there."

But why expand into steakhouses, when the pizza-plus formula has been so successful?

"We've been in the quick-service, casual-dining arena for a long time," Sbarro said. "With our knowledge of the market, and the broad spectrum of consumers — families to seniors — who enjoy a good steak, I knew it was the right venture."

How does it feel to be back in Brooklyn?

Both men laughed.

"Well, we never really left. My mother's still in our first store," Sbarro said. Scotto added, "We think our Boulder Creek restaurant will be a great addition to Brooklyn. Opening this restaurant is a tremendous feeling. This restaurant feels very special to me."

## OUTDOORS



## Happy trails

The Prospect Park Alliance celebrated the grand opening of the Lullwater Nature Trail at the park's Boathouse at the Audubon Center on Tuesday with Keyspan CEO Robert Castell and children from the Maple Street School of Prospect Lefferts Gardens and PS 230. Keyspan sponsored the trail's creation.

The trail — just under a mile — features a new 100-foot-long arbor (pictured above with children from the Maple Street School), hand-built to the exact specifications of an Adirondack-style arbor originally built in the area in 1869 by Prospect Park designer Calvert Vaux. The arbor features benches for scenic viewing and the trail has interpretive signs to help visitors along a self-guided tour. There is also available printed material and audio guides with portable disc players.

Over the next two years, the Lullwater Trail will be joined by Peninsula, Midwood and Ravine trails that will form a 2.5-mile system.

## THEATER

## Media blitz

'Klondike and Snow' is a witty take on daytime TV at five miles

By Paulanne Simmons  
For The Brooklyn Papers

Monte, Sally, Ricky, Jerry — beware! "Klondike and Snow," developed by the group Bill Hussy Stephenson, and now on stage at five miles, takes a long, hard look at the peculiar phenomenon of daytime television interview and talk shows. The result is a play that, director Stephanie Mnookin says, "walks the line between disturbing and funny." Whichever way you look at it, the show is definitely ready for prime time.

"Klondike and Snow" was created through improvisation by five talented performers — Patrick Ferrell, Larry Grimm, Eliot Laurence, Katherine Wessling and Mnookin. Inspired by the story of two abandoned polar bears (Klondike and Snow) who achieved fame in Denver before they finally found a home in Sea World, the group went on to explore similar situations where people might gain fame and notoriety through media appearances.

There's the cross-country biker (Eliot) who serves as a leitmotif throughout the show. He endorses "Goo," a nutritional supplement. He never turned to Jesus in those "dark and difficult days" when he didn't get along with his mother (who now travels with him as he makes the TV circuit) and he employs a battery of workers to manage his mail and maintain his Web site.

Shelley is a fat girl who is really a "slender princess" under her hefty exterior (played by the definitely not overweight Mnookin).

"People think I'm a slob, or I'm dirty, or I don't care about myself," she wails.

Ferrell plays a man who is so hyper-allergic that he must live in a protective body suit. He responds to the interviewer's persistent questions with a detailed account of his malady, hand-pressed to admit that eventually he might die because of it.

And Mnookin and Wessling, sporting platinum wigs, portray conjoined twins who have been separated but are still haunted by the sordid details of their past, which they insist on pursuing.

Set designer Valerie Green has effortlessly recreated the mood and the illusion of a TV studio, with colored lights hanging from the ceiling, tape on the floor and a few stools and wheeled chairs. A glass screen, transported onto the stage to occasionally frame the actors, abruptly turns the theater audience into a television studio audience.

Daniel Antonio Sebick's original music comes in at all the right moments and is in admirable harmony with the tone of the interviews.

Although "Klondike and Snow" was workshoped at the Ontological Downstairs Series and at New Actor's Workshop, and much of the text was derived from improvisation, additional sources are "Klondike and Snow," a documentary video, a National Geographic polar bear video and the Moad Williams show (where the polar bear story was extensively aired). But it is the genius of this production that brings all these sources to life.

Grimm, who does most of the interviewing, is particularly adept at capturing all the ticks and mannerisms of TV talk-show hosts. But the interviewees are also excellent as they reveal their innermost secrets and bare their battered souls.

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# Murder, he wrote

Gallery Players stage Levin's witty, suspenseful 'Deathtrap'

By Paulanne Simmons  
for The Brooklyn Papers

Does owning a weapon or writing about murder provide an opening for actually committing one? Sidney Bruhl, the charming and ironic playwright in Ira Levin's "Deathtrap," the Gallery Players' second presentation this season, believes this may be a distinct possibility. But only Levin, director Heather Stohman Curran and the cast know the answer. The audience is kept guessing.

Indeed, Bruhl, a has-been playwright, finds himself in a position where murder might be the perfect solution to his extended dry spell: after 18 hitless years, a former student presents him with a play — "Deathtrap" — that's a sure-fire hit.

"The play will earn \$2 million, not including 'Deathtrap' T-shirts," Bruhl (John Blacklock) tells his anxious wife, Myra (Patricia Lavin).

Despite his wife's timid protests, Bruhl lures the unsuspecting young playwright, Clifford Anderson (Daniel Roach), to his home in Westport, Conn., unleashing a series of dramatic twists, reversals and surprises that inform this clever comic thriller.

Certainly, Levin has written a most literate script. There are many references to other thrillers, and the play the audience is seeing closely parallels the one being written on stage. It's not difficult to conclude that Bruhl bears a close resemblance to Levin, a master of the genre.

Set designer Mark T. Simpson has

wisely emphasized the importance of the script by incorporating the enlarged type of the script into the setting — a comfortable and attractive study, complete with a grandfather clock, glass double doors, an expensive-looking rug, and an impressive collection of pistols, swords, handcuffs, maces, battleaxes and other accoutrements of murder.

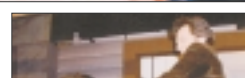
Many of these collectibles Bruhl has acquired from productions of his past thrillers. Others are gifts from friends. And some he has found by "prowling the antique shops."

In fact, the room itself is the perfect deathtrap, but for whom? "Deathtrap" keeps the audience perpetually on edge. And the suspense is only soothed by the outrageous humor that somehow never conflicts with the deadly plot.

Is Bruhl really capable of murder? Why is his wife so nervous? Who is the young playwright, and is he really as innocent and naive as he seems? What has Bruhl's lawyer, Pat Milgrim (David Crommett), observed? What does the clairvoyant Helga Ten Dop (Sheila MacDougall) actually know, and is she going to solve the mystery, or is she merely come relief (although, admittedly, the best comic relief this reviewer has seen in a long time)?

"Deathtrap" opened on Broadway Feb. 26, 1978 at the Music Box Theatre and later moved to the Biltmore for a run of 1,809 performances, which made it, at the time, the longest running play on Broadway with the longest running thriller by an American

Pick your victim: Shameless playwright Sidney Bruhl (John Blacklock, above left) is ready for a killer weekend in the country with his wife Myra (Patricia Lavin, above) and his former student Clifford Anderson (Daniel Roach, at right).



May Ruth Gossely

can author. The play was nominated for four Tony awards. The 1982 film of the same name starred Michael Caine as Sidney Bruhl and Christopher Reeve as Clifford Anderson.

It's easy to see what attracted audiences to "Deathtrap." The play is ingeniously constructed and seamlessly blends suspense and humor, so the audience spends half the time laughing and the other half gasping. In fact, Bruhl himself gives an apt description of the play when he is summing up the manuscript Anderson has sent him: "A thriller in two acts, one set. Five characters. A juicy murder in Act One, unexpected developments in Act Two. Sound construction, good dialogue, laughs in the right places. Highly commercial."

"Deathtrap" is not only a classic thriller but a wonderful parody of the classic thriller.

In addition to an excellent script and a supportive cast, this production owes much of its success to the stellar

performances of Blacklock and MacDougall.

"Deathtrap" is Blacklock's fourth play with Gallery. He has previously been seen as Milo Tindle in "Sleuth," Geoffrey Duncan in "The Sisters Rosensweig," and Edward Sheridan in "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me." (Movie-goers can also catch him in Ron Howard's "A Beautiful Mind," and soap opera fans may recall him as the notorious Patrick Hudson on ABC's "All My Children.")

In "Deathtrap," Blacklock doesn't display a devastating British accent, as he did in "Sleuth," but he does, once again, create an engaging character of dubious motives. Blacklock is detached, debonair and sexy. So much

so that it's hard to understand why he stays married to his stiff and humorless wife. (If only Lavin had been a bit more hysterical, the play might have been perfect.)

MacDougall is absolutely divine, with her Swedish accent and hand-clapping, breast-pounding theatrics. Her over-the-top performance is just the right balance to Blacklock's understated and controlled presentation.

What a fine revival!

## THEATER

"Deathtrap" plays Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. through Nov. 10. Tickets \$15, children under 12 and seniors \$12. The Gallery Players' theater is located at 179 4th St. in Park Slope. Call (718) 955-0547 for ticket and performance information.

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**CHILD PARTY:** hosted by American Polish Hi-Hatters. \$6 includes refreshments, 2 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 173 25th St. (718) 492-9628.

**AUTHOR SERIES:** Brooklyn Public Library, Central Branch, hosts "Russian Authors 2002-2003." Today, author Arkady Vaksberg reads in Russian from his works, which were banned by the Russian government, 2 p.m. B'nai B'rith, 1718 Remsen St. (718) 802-1827.

**BALANCEMATE:** presents "From Hanoi to Hollywood: Films by Michael Cimino." Today: "The Deer Hunter" (1978). 7 p.m. Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4111.

**SUPPORT:** Layetteville support group meets, 2 p.m. 35, Alhambra Place, 2207 42nd St. (718) 837-3028. Free.

**SUNDAYS AT SUNNY'S:** Reading series features several readings. \$4, 2 p.m. Sunny's Bar, 253 Conover St. (718) 425-8211.

**MICRO MUSEUM:** presents "Odd Sundays," a series featuring interactive art work by William S. Kattelman. Also, 2 p.m. 100, 123 Smith St. (718) 797-3116.

**TORIAN TROPE:** Park Slope Jewish Center offers tropes lessons. Learn how to read from the Torah. \$25, 550 members. 7:30 p.m. Eighth Avenue and 14th Street. (718) 768-1453.

### MON. NOV 4

**LECTURE:** Pratt Institute presents a talk with Dean Anthony Vidler, School of Architecture, Cooper Union, on "The Labouch Effect." Noon, Higgins Hall North room 302, corner of Lafayette Avenue and St. James Place. (718) 399-4304. Free.

**FLU SHOTS:** Voluntary flu shots. Service of NY infers residents, age 50 and older to receive a shot. 1 to 4 p.m. Brooklyn Chinese American Community Center, 5010 Eighth Ave. (718) 435-9132. Free.

**FILM:** St. Francis presents "East of Eden." 7:15 p.m. 180 Remsen St. (718) 489-5272. Free.

**BUSINESS COURSE:** Brooklyn Public Library, Business branch, hosts a talk "How Workers are Classified." 6 to 8 p.m. 280 Cadman Plaza West. (718) 623-7000. Free.

**DISCUSSION SERIES:** Brooklyn Public Library, Central branch, presents "Protest Years: Cold War Years: American Culture and Politics 1945 to 1960." Today's topic: "Harry Truman, Part 1." 6 to 8 p.m. Grand Army Plaza. (718) 230-2100. Free.

**COCKTAIL RECEPTION:** Rotunda Gallery presents "2002," work by artists who have exhibited at the gallery over 20 years. 5 to 7 p.m. 125 E. 4th St. (718) 475-4042.

**BALANCEMATE:** presents "From Hanoi to Hollywood: John Wayne and Ray Kallagoss." Today: "The Great Escape" (1968). 7 p.m. 300 30th St. (718) 636-4111.

**MEETING:** of Armory Inter national. 6:30 p.m. Brooklyn Heights Library, Business branch, 280 Cadman Plaza West. (718) 596-2228.

**LOSS FOR KIDS:** Families first offers a discussion titled "Divorce, Separation, Death and Loss." Learn how to help

your child deal with loss. \$15, 5:10 to 6 p.m. 10 to 30 p.m. 274 Garfield Place. (212) 538-9978.

**NEW MOON:** Salt Marsh Nature Center hosts a meditation. Light refreshments served. 7:30 to 9 p.m. (718) 621-2021. Free.

**AUDITION:** Heights Players hosts try-outs for its upcoming production. 7 p.m. 26 Willow Place. (718) 222-2752.

**GOO IN YOUR BEDROOM:** Four-week lecture series. Tonight: "Finding and Keeping Your Soul Mate." 8 p.m. Open to all. Development Corp. 1718 Remsen St. (718) 802-1827.

**MUSIC:** Above the Right Bank presents Oma Yang, Roots of Oris, Men Maes Machine and Love of Everything. \$6, 8 p.m. 400 Kent Ave. (718) 388-3929.

**BLACK SOLIDARITY:** program features panel discussion "Hip Hop and Health" as part of NYC College of Technology's daylong informational, educational and cultural celebration. 11 am to 6:30 p.m. 300 Jay St. (718) 260-5525. Free.

**TUES. NOV 5**

**TAKE A HIKE:** Salt Marsh Nature Center takes a hike in Marine Park. Wear warm clothes. 3 p.m. 3302 Ave. U. (718) 421-2021. Free.

**BALANCEMATE:** presents "Enriquez's 'Today'." 7:30 p.m. 180 Remsen St. (718) 489-5272.

**ELDERCARE FORUM:** Holy Family Home offers a talk "Protecting Your Assets." 1 p.m. 1740 84th St. (718) 232-3666. Free.

**HEALTH SCREENING:** New York Methodist Hospital offers an oral cancer screening. 4 to 7 p.m. 306 5th St. (718) 780-5410. Free.

**BALANCEMATE:** presents "From Hanoi to Hollywood: Nick MacDonell." Film "The Liberal's War" (1972). 5 p.m. 430, 630 and 930 p.m. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4111.

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**BIRD CLUB:** Photography presentation of "Jewels," a gallery of birds, nature and landscapes by David Gardner. 7 p.m. Prospect Park Audition Center. (718) 875-1151. Free.

**BARNES AND NOBLE:** presents author Charlie Abernethy reading from his book "Yes You'll 7 p.m. 267 Seventh Ave. (718) 832-9066. Free.

**AWARD DINNER:** Brooklyn Arts Exchange annual Arts and Artists Progress Awards. 7:30 p.m. Call for ticket information. Mark Morris Dance Center, 3 Lafayette Ave. (718) 832-0018.

### THURS. NOV 7

**GOVANIUS MEETING:** Govanus Canal Community Development Corporation discusses the canal's revitalization project. 6:30 p.m. St. Mary Site of the Sea church, 467 Court St. at Lucan Street. (718) 636-4111.

**LECTURE:** Pratt Institute, Architecture school, presents a talk with Gregg Pasquarelli of Shop Architects. Noon, 300 corner of Lafayette Avenue and West Eighth Street. (718) 399-4304. Free.

**CABARET CONCERT:** St. Francis College presents music from theater and popular jazz. 1 p.m. 180 Remsen St. (718) 489-5272.

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### WEDS. NOV 6

**MEETING:** of Bay Ridge Council on Aging. 9:30 a.m. Shore Hill Housing. 9500 Shore Road. (718) 921-5949.

**READING:** Long Island University presents Korean-American author Alexander Chee reading from his novel "Edinburgh." 2 p.m. Library Learning Center, Fulton Street and Delkall Avenue. (718) 488-1109. Free.

**BALANCEMATE:** presents "Black Cinema Cafe." Films "Ba." \$4, 4:30 and 9:10 p.m. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4111.

**BENEFIT:** Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation 34th anniversary celebration dinner. Former U.S. Attorney Zachary Carter is honored. 6 p.m. NY Marriott, 333 Adams St. Call for ticket information. (718) 487-2327.

### CORRECTION:

The Oct. 21 GO BROOKLYN article headlined "Eating Brooklyn" incorrectly stated that the New York City College of Technology was formerly Polytechnic Institute. The former New York City Technical College was formerly New York City Technical College.

Polytechnic Institute, the nation's second oldest private engineering university, was founded in 1854 in Downtown Brooklyn, and today has campuses at Downtown's MetroTech complex, as well as in Farmingdale, Long Island, and in Westchester County. The former New York City Technical College — also in Downtown Brooklyn — changed its name to the New York College of Technology last July.

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