

INSIDE



Last-minute gift ideas



Let there be lights

Borough Hall gets into the spirit of the holidays with never-before hung wreaths. The wreaths, as well as the Borough Hall Christmas tree, were lit Monday night during a ceremony headed by Borough President Marty Markowitz.

'We wuz robbed'

Council moans after mayor duped it on FDNY closings

By Patrick Gallaue
The Brooklyn Papers

City Council members this week accused the mayor of duping them after a top City Hall aide suggested that a lynchpin in their budget negotiations with the mayor, a blue-ribbon panel to decide on Fire Department cuts — which forestalled the closing of eight city firehouses, five in Brooklyn — would still wind up closing the firehouses.

"While we all agree we're still going to have to

do it, we are going to set up a blue-ribbon panel to figure out exactly which ones to do to make sure we do the right thing here," Deputy Mayor Marc Shaw said Saturday at a budget conference sponsored by the Citizens Budget Commission.

"But the truth is that it was also a political punt," Shaw said, suggesting the firehouse closings were never really taken off the chopping block.

Two weeks ago, council members, including David Yassky, of Brooklyn Heights and Downtown Brooklyn, and Bill DeBlasio, of Park Slope and Carroll Gardens, agreed to a budget modification plan that included an 18.5-percent property tax hike and Sunday parking meter rules on many city streets in exchange for Mayor Michael Bloomberg's promise that the firehouses would be kept open while the commission studied ways in which the Fire Department could cut \$2.5 million from its budget.

"I feel misled," Sunset Park Councilwoman Sara Gonzalez, who also voted for the budget modification, said on the steps of City Hall Monday. "I think that we were misled as a legislative body."

DeBlasio, Yassky and Gonzalez were joined by fellow council members Simcha Felder, of Midwood and Borough Park, and Yvette Clarke, of Kensington and Flatbush, inside City Hall to denounce the administration's indication that the idea of the panel was merely a stall tactic to get the budget modification passed.

"I was never told why these eight, what the impact on response time, what are other alternatives in the department to save money?" Yassky said, explaining why he called for the panel in the first place.

"That was what led me to say, 'Listen this is not being done in a substantive, rational way.' If we need to save money here, and I recognize we do, let's do it in a better way. It's not about politics."

"If the mayor had said, 'Hey, this is just going to be a nice fig leaf, come along in this with us,' we simply would not have voted for the budget," added DeBlasio.

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Seeks justice for dead husband

Shot in back by DEA agent

By Patrick Gallaue
The Brooklyn Papers

An Atlantic Avenue merchant whose husband was shot and killed by a special agent from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has retained O.J. Simpson attorney Johnnie Cochran's law firm to take on the federal government.

Along with the family of her slain spouse, Michelle Wagner,

whose husband, Egbert Dewgard, 31, was shot and killed last May by Special Agent Jude Tanella, is preparing to take the Feds to court.

"It's really hard," said Wagner, 30, who owns a children's shoe store on Atlantic Avenue near Boerum Place, of losing her husband. "Very very hard."

Dewgard was shot in the back on May 1 while he was under surveillance in East Flatbush as a suspect in a narcotics investigation.

According to the DEA, Dewgard fled after agents and detectors from the NYPD flashed their sirens and tried to take him into custody. The agency claims Dewgard used his vehicle to ram

police cars, then jumped the curb and took off, narrowly missing a pedestrian and a child.

After abandoning his vehicle at New York Avenue and Farragut Road, a statement from the DEA said, Dewgard went for Tanella's gun and a struggle ensued. Dewgard was shot once and later died at Kings County Hospital.

Three kilograms of cocaine were found in a bag Dewgard had been carrying, according to the DEA.

District Attorney Charles Hynes' office collected testimony from witnesses and law enforcement over the next two months. On Oct. 31, a Brooklyn grand jury returned an indictment

against Tanella for first-degree manslaughter in Dewgard's death. The indictment alleged that the agent chased down Dewgard with the intent to cause him serious physical injury. Hynes' office declined to discuss the indictment in detail.

"I'm very happy," Wagner said when asked about the indictment. "Hopefully something good comes out of it."

Wagner met her future husband when they were children in Belize. Their families were next-door neighbors and they rekindled their friendship after she moved to New York.

She has two daughters from another marriage and was married to Dewgard for seven years.

The Cochran firm is now conducting its own investigation into Dewgard's death, said Derek Sells, the attorney for Dewgard's family.

"We fully expect that based upon our investigation there will be a claim for civil rights violation, wrongful death, as well as negligent supervision, hiring and training [by the DEA]," Sells said.

Sells also said that the suit would also name "the particular officer who was involved in the shooting."

The suit has not been filed and Sells would not speculate on

when he expected the civil suit to begin or how much the family would seek.

In the meantime, Tanella is facing manslaughter charges and, last month, defense attorney Lawrence Berger requested that the case be transferred to federal court indicating that his client would not get a fair and impartial trial in Brooklyn. The case remains in state court and under Hynes' prosecutorial jurisdiction, for the time being.

The U.S. Department of Justice agreed to pay Tanella's legal fees and the agent remains free but has been placed on "limited duty," the DEA said in its statement.

East River bridge tolls talk returns

By Patrick Gallaue
The Brooklyn Papers

The Brooklyn Heights Association convened a meeting of the minds on Dec. 4, to discuss the quarrelsome issue of bridge tolls over the East River.

While the discussion didn't exactly yield a consensus on the matter, proponents of tolling on the bridges did spin some fancy possibilities and perhaps opened a few people up to the discussion.

With a \$6 billion deficit approaching in the next fiscal year, the idea for bridge tolls has found itself back on the drawing board but it has remained a divisive issue between those who believe tolls would constitute an unfair tax on Brooklynites and back up traffic into the neighborhoods at the base of the bridges, and those in favor who argue that tolls reduce traffic.

At the Dec. 4 meeting, at St. Francis College on Remsen Street, those in favor of the tolls were in abundant supply, while the majority of the out-

spoken opponents shouted from the audience.

Dr. Floyd Lapp, of the consulting firm the Sam Schwartz Company, which is owned and operated by Sam "Gridlock Sam" Schwartz, a former traffic director for the New York City Planning Department whose traffic columns ran in the Daily News, argued for "booth-less tolls," as used in Toronto and Hong Kong, among other international cities and which may soon be coming to London.

"Technology eliminates toll booths," Lapp said.

The booth-less transponder tolls could photograph license plates or EZ Pass identification without slowing down traffic, Lapp said. In addition, he asserted that "congestion pricing" hiking the fares during peak hours, adequately compensates "for the space we consume."

Many of Lapp's points were echoed by fellow panelists Peter Samuel, publisher of Toll Roads Newsletter, and Jeff Zupan, a senior transportation fellow at the Center for Urban Transportation Research.

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Giving props

This Air Force jet, on display on the 61st anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, is being fully restored inside Hanger 6 at Floyd Bennett Field.

Hero lives on

Heights firehouse carries on Cherry's 'Song'

By Patrick Gallaue
The Brooklyn Papers

On Aug. 7, 2001, three firefighters from Engine 205 and Ladder 118 on Middagh Street in Brooklyn Heights, sang a touching jingle to a 7-year-old girl named Crystal Ann Perez, who was suffering from leukemia.

Perez's leukemia would go into remission, but a month after they sang to her, firefighters Vernon Cherry and Leon Smith perishing trying to save other lives at the World Trade Center.

On Thursday, as sure



Montefiore Hospital patient Ernestine Contreras reads lyrics to firemen's song.

a sign as exists that we live on after death in the hearts and minds of those we touched, the surviving member of the trio, Firefighter John Sorrentino, brought five of his fellow firefighters from the Ladder 118 and Engine 205 firehouse near Henry Street to sing a "Song of Love" to another sick child.

Songs of Love is a non-profit organization that composes personalized recordings for young adults and children suffering from life-threatening illnesses. Since 1996, Songs of Love has composed 3,600 songs for sick children.

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Mike's strike remedy: Put 4 in every car

By Neil Sloane and Patrick Gallaue
The Brooklyn Papers

Keep your sneakers handy, because if there is a transit strike, come Monday you're gonna be doing a lot of walking.

The mayor unveiled a plan this

week aimed at enduring a possible strike by transit workers that is heavy on walking, bicycling and to a lesser extent ferrying, but severely discourages driving into Manhattan, where no cars with less than four passengers will be allowed to enter.

While the mayor said he would pursue all legal avenues to prevent a

transit strike, which is illegal under state law, the Transport Workers Union Local 100 voted last week to authorize a strike if they don't have a new deal by the time their contract expires Sunday night.

"A strike by the TWU would be illegal and the city will do everything in its power to prevent one,"

Bloomberg said in announcing his plan Monday. "A strike would be more than inconvenient; it would endanger human life and devastate our economy. Although I hope cooler heads prevail, we have to prepare for the worst and New Yorkers may need to once again call upon their resiliency, toughness and ingenuity."

"You can't let a group of irresponsible people bring the city to its knees," the mayor said.

Bloomberg's plan would bar private vehicles carrying less than three passengers and a driver, 24 hours a day weekdays, and one passenger and a driver, from midnight Saturday

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Senior bail on terror rap

By Patrick Gallahue
 The Brooklyn Papers

An Atlantic Avenue merchant facing federal charges of illegally funneling money to the Middle East, who may be part of an FBI probe into the funding of terror groups, was deemed bail this week despite the protest of Yemeni immigrants lobbying for his release.

Yemen-born Mohamed Ali Alriyani, a U.S. citizen for more than 20 years and the proprietor of the Land of Paradise Gift Shop on Atlantic Avenue, was arrested last June during a roundup of alleged illegal money shippers in Downtown Brooklyn.

On Monday, Alriyani was denied bail by Judge John Gleeson as a flight risk.

"I just want to see my family," Alriyani told the judge in the federal court in Downtown Brooklyn.

Alriyani's attorney, Peter Mollo, said his client was unfairly linked to terrorist organizations as the result of an FBI probe.

But he has not been charged with any terror-related activities and the prosecution complained that Mollo had inappropriately disclosed the contents of sealed court documents.

Those court records, according to Mollo, allege that Alriyani passed around a collection plate at the Al Farouq Mosque on Atlantic Avenue and made speeches in support of Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, a lead conspirator in the car-bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993 and in plots to blow up the United Nations, FBI offices and other New York landmarks.

Abdel-Rahman was given a life sentence without possibility of parole in 1996.

Calls to the Al Farouq Mosque were not returned by press time.

The FBI affidavit also alleges that Alriyani got letters of recommendation for citizenship on behalf of relatives from men connected to controversial Muslim charities with links to al Qaeda and Hamas. Mollo told the Daily News, "They're looking for a bigger

STRIKE...

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 (Friday night) through midnight Monday (Sunday night), from the Williamsburg, Manhattan and Brooklyn bridges and the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel.

The car-pooling rules would also apply to the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway from the Gowanus Expressway to the Manhattan Bridge; the Gowanus Expressway from 92nd Street to the interchange with the BQE (the bus/HOV 2+); Pass lane will be for buses and emergency vehicles only; the Prospect Expressway from Church Avenue to the Gowanus Expressway; and the Belt Parkway from Fourth Avenue to the merge with the Gowanus Expressway. The HOV restrictions would apply to all other East River and Hudson River crossings into and out of Manhattan, as well.

People with handicap license plates as well as ambulate and para-transit vehicles would be exempt from the special HOV regulations.

Bloomberg said the four-to-a-car rule would help avert the traffic tie-ups the city faced during the last transit strike, in 1980, when only cars with three passengers were permitted. Defying conventional wisdom with respect to personal safety, he also said that drivers who were short passengers should pick up strangers, if need be. "I know nobody likes to ride in crowded cars, I know nobody likes to ride with strangers. But make no mistake about it — this is an emergency," the mayor said, adding that he believed it would be safe to do so.

"You will be going in a car at a very slow speed with cars on either side of you, in front of you and behind you," Bloomberg said. "I would suggest that's not a significant risk."

The city would set up car-pooling staging areas where commuters could either meet in pre-arranged car pools or pick up additional riders to meet the HOV restrictions. The car-pooling staging areas in Brooklyn would include the Williams Rink in Prospect Park, Parkside and Ocean Avenue (capacity 300 cars) and in Coney Island, at the Abe Stark Rink next to Keyspan Park (Stark Avenue and

West 20th Street, capacity 800), and on Surf Avenue at West 21st Street (capacity 150).

There would also be a park-and-ride facility at the Brooklyn Army Terminal that could hold 1,000 cars and from which commuters could pick up a free New York Waterway ferry at Pier 4 at 58th Street.

Ferry service into Manhattan from existing routes in Brooklyn would be more frequent and New York Waterway said they would add an additional launching point from Sheepshead Bay.

New York Waterway, which currently operates 54 ferries in the five boroughs and New Jersey, said it would charter an additional 30 boats if needed to deal with a transit strike.

New York Waterway's ferry service from the Brooklyn Army Terminal at 58th Street and Second Avenue, would continue to operate free of charge, but would let off at Battery Park in Lower Manhattan rather than at Pier 11 at Wall Street. Service would be every 15 minutes from 5 am to 10 pm.

New York Waterway offers free shuttle buses in Sunset Park and Bay Ridge, which would continue to operate. One originates at 39th Street and Fourth Avenue, heads up to Fifth Avenue on 39th Street and then turns south on Fifth Avenue and continues to 41st Street. The bus then turns west on 41st Street to Fourth Avenue and then across to 60th Street before turning west to the Brooklyn Army Terminal.

A second shuttle bus runs from Shore Road and Fourth Avenue along Shore Road to Bay Ridge Avenue. On Bay Ridge Avenue the bus turns east to Third Avenue, and then travels along Third Avenue to the Brooklyn Army Terminal.

Shuttle buses are expected to run from 5 am to 10 pm, every 15 minutes, in the event of a strike, although passengers are encouraged to look on New York Waterway's Web site at www.nywaterway.com for details as they evolve.

An additional New York Waterway ferry service would be added from Sheepshead Bay to Pier 17 at South Street Seaport, also free of charge, and departing every 15 minutes. A spokesman for New York Waterway said there were no plans to add a shuttle bus service for that route.

At press time, plans for service ending at Pier 17 and Battery Park did not include connections to bus services to any other routes in Manhattan, but the mayor's Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Atlantic Avenue in June allegedly by transmitting money illegally to the Middle East, though none have yet resulted in any terrorism-related charges.

Alriyani was reportedly implicated by a former business partner who was caught smuggling \$150,000 to Yemen and who then began working with the FBI.

Mollo pledged to appeal the judge's bail decision.

In addition, most non-emergency roadwork would be suspended. Private buses would continue to run but are expected to be very overcrowded and not able to meet demand. Taxis would be allowed to pick up multiple fares and there would be taxi stands at park-and-ride facilities. The restriction on street hailing of ivory cabs would be lifted and taxis could pick up additional fares when they already have a fare. The Staten Island Railway, as well as New York City Transit's Staten Island and Brooklyn, Queens and Bronx franchise buses will not be affected. They will continue to operate, but commuters should be prepared for significant crowding and delays.

Borough President Markowitz will host a public meeting on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. in the courtroom.

"We're getting the word out to community boards, community organizations, concerned citizens and other elected officials and we've also invited police and fire officials," said Markowitz spokesman Andy Ross.

There will be a presentation by the mayor's Office of Emergency Management (OEM), which is coordinating the strike contingency.

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the routes were extremely tentative and encouraged passengers to continue checking the city's Web site at www.nyc.gov for updates.

New York Waterway also operates free ferry commuter buses in Manhattan from the West 38th Street Terminal, which runs between 23rd Street and 14th Street and between Broadway and 12th Avenue in Manhattan. Though there are no connections to the 38th Street Terminal from Brooklyn as of press time, that could change by the week's end.

For commuters in the Brooklyn Heights-DUMBO-Downtown Brooklyn area, New York Water Taxi is also checking to increase its ferry service from Fulton Ferry to Lower Manhattan.

Service will run between 5 am and 10 pm, and New York Water Taxi is looking to temporarily increase its fleet to 12, from its current fleet of three, should a strike be announced, said a spokeswoman for the company.

The route will run from Fulton Ferry Landing at the base of Old Fulton Street, to Pier 11 at Wall Street, where riders could transfer to free ferries to 34th and 90th streets on the east side and to ferries serving New Jersey. Another route would run from Fulton Ferry Landing to North Cove at the World Financial Center and back, where riders could transfer to free ferries to 38th, 69th and 125th streets on the west side of Manhattan.

Boats would depart approximately every 20 minutes and offer a \$5 roundtrip ticket, a reduction from its regular rate of \$3 each way.

Routes are subject to change and commuters are encouraged to check the company's Web site at www.nywaterway.com for more details.

The mayor, who rides the subway from his Upper East Side home to City Hall, said he would bike to work. Commuters in Brooklyn can bike to Manhattan over the Brooklyn, Manhattan

and Williamsburg bridges. Along the approach to the Brooklyn Bridge, cones would be used to separate bicycle and vehicle traffic and a "No Standing" regulation would be posted along each curb side of Adams Street between Tillary Street and Atlantic Avenue leading onto the bridge. At the Manhattan Bridge approach, cones would separate bicycle and vehicle traffic and a "No Standing" sign would be posted along each curb side of Jay Street between Fulton and Sands streets.

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Four shoe shoplifters blacked guard's eye

By Patrick Gallahee
The Brooklyn Papers

A quartet of aggressive holiday shoplifters attacked a shoe store security guard after he interrupted them in their illicit spree.

The women were allegedly seen taking a pair of shoes from a store on Myrtle Avenue at Prince Street, at 1:30 pm on Dec. 6.

When the guard stopped the women, police said, they punched him causing swelling to his left eye.

POLICE BLOTTERS

Police caught up with the four suspects during a canvass of the area and two pairs of sneakers were recovered.

Not scared
A woman who would not be frightened resulted in a bad day of crime for a young gunman on a bike.

The woman, 30, was sitting on a store on Atlantic Avenue between Bond and Hoyt streets shortly before 5 am on Dec. 5, when a man allegedly rode up on a red Mangosoc bicycle and asked her for the time. The suspect then rode off, police said, only to return and say, "Give me your purse, you have to the count of three."

Threatening deadlines did not work and the victim did not comply. The suspect then flashed the butt of a handgun, according to police, but the victim remained unmoved and refused to give up her purse.

The police were called and, as if the humiliation of being armed but not considered dangerous, wasn't enough, the suspect ended up being chased. According to officers the suspect tossed the firearm during the chase but it was recovered along with the 18-year-old suspect.

Stabbed
According to police, a 23-year-old man tried to settle a dispute with a co-worker by stabbing his antagonist in theiceps on Dec. 3.

The pair were arguing on the corner of State and Court streets at around 11:15 pm, when the suspect allegedly committed the assault. The victim, 25, drove himself to the hospital and identified his

alleged attacker to police.

The suspect was taken into police custody.

Bagged at Tech
A college student lost her bag at New York City College of Technology at Jay and Tillary streets.

The bag was returned to the 26-year-old student at 8 pm on Dec. 2 but it had been emptied of \$110 and credit cards.

Bump and pick
A woman was shopping at a variety store at Hoyt and Livingston streets on Dec. 6 when she was bumped by another pair of shoppers.

As the victim brought her merchandise up to the cashier at around 4 pm she noticed that her wallet was gone along with \$20 and her credit cards.

Trio of thugs
A 17-year-old boy was attacked at Hanover Place and Fulton Street on Dec. 5 by a trio of thugs who kicked and beat him but failed to make off with any of his property.

After setting up him they tried to pull a chain off of his neck but failed and then ran away.

Left behind
A woman, 70, forgot her purse in a movie theater on Henry Street at Orange Street on Dec. 1.

She returned to claim her property at 7:30 pm, but it was gone along with \$10, eyeglasses, credit cards and identification.

Foul Air
Michael Jordan's comeback may have been a disappointment but his Air Jordan line of Nike footwear is still the rage, at least if a Dec. 5 incident of

grand larceny is any indication.

According to police, four 40-something-size 46 pairs of Air Jordan basketball shoes off a Federal Express truck parked at 13th Street and Fifth Avenue while it was in the process of making a delivery to a local sneaker store.

The driver told police he was dropping off the items at around 5:15 pm when he briefly turned his back on the booty.

Like so many balls stolen and taken to the rim by the airborne master, the sneakers, worth about \$4,000, were grabbed by the thieves who then left into obscurity on 13th Street. Police officers, seeking to put the bandits in a different kind of court, are investigating.

Robbed
A 65-year-old woman waiting at the Bergen Street 2 train station at Flatbush Avenue was set upon by two thugs who demanded her purse.

At around 6:30 pm, on Dec. 8, the two thugs approached and said, "Give me your purse."

The thieves then threw her to the ground and wrestled away her handbag before they took off with \$20, her identification and credit cards.

Drive-by mug
Some 45 minutes after a malefactor motorist robbed a pedestrian of her jewelry.

The victim, 21, told police that while walking past Ninth Street and Fifth Avenue at 4 am on Dec. 8 she was stopped by a driver, who asked her to get into his car.

She refused and the driver then pulled a gun and demanded her jewelry. The woman handed over a \$400 gold ring and the driver took off.

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By Patrick Gallahee
The Brooklyn Papers

Community Board 2 Chairman Shirley McRae resoundingly defeated Ken Diamondstone in her first bid for re-election to head the board.

Though differences, both personal and political, have arisen among board members over her leadership style since she took over last February, members supported her re-election by a vote of 32-4 with three absences.

Behind a board that has been racked by division ever since the ouster from the board of McRae's predecessor, Bob Evans, by his appointing authority, then-Councilwoman Mary Pinket, on the night of his presumed re-election, McRae spoke of the past year and its challenges.

"The person who is chair is ultimately responsible for what happens in the community board, good, bad or indifferent," she said. "For the last nine months that was me."

In her signature, no-nonsense style, McRae saved her victory speech for the open session at the end of the meeting so as not to disrupt board proceedings.

McRae and board members pleaded for unity after the vote was tallied.

"The only way you're going to work on any of the issues is to stop waving fingers," she said.

"I never saw so much dysfunctionality between 30 many people," said board member Gerry Nuzzi. "We have people saying this, and people saying that, and never really talking to each other ... We're here and we have to be honest with each other."

Irene Janer was re-elected first vice chair, Ernest Augustus was re-elected second vice chair, and Nanearel Blacksheer was re-elected secretary.

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The staff of Lichee Nut, 162 Montague St., includes (left to right) Lu Quing, chef Su Long, owner Jerry Shen, Shi Feng, Pamela Lou and Felix Ho. The Brooklyn Papers' Tom Cullen

After eight years at 162 Montague St., Lichee Nut has lots of loyal customers. Some people come for the great, inexpensive lunches (entrees about \$5). Others like the warm, friendly atmosphere or perhaps the healthy vegetarian dishes. Everyone has a yen for this delicious food.

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Owner Jerry Shen says sliced beef in black pepper sauce, a new house special, is Friday and Saturday 11:30 am to 11 pm and extremely popular. Those who like seafood should try another house special, fried scallops with spicy thick sauce. And for an interesting combination of tastes, crispy chicken with shrimp in lemon sauce is a must-eat.

Vegetarians, who don't want to give up taste when giving up meat, should try wheat gluten with garlic sauce or string beans with dry bean curd in hot black bean sauce. Shen also advises customers to ask about the seasonal fresh Chinese vegetable of the day.

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— Paulanne Simmons

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS
INVEST: TRUST AND THE STATE OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND DISTRIBUTION AGENT FOR THE FIDELITY AND PHENIX LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Plaintiff vs. JUDITH F. FONDACIO and SALE entered herein and dated May 14, 2002. I, the undersigned believe will sell at public auction at the face of the court-house siting before Adams Street, 300 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on the 15th day of January, 2003 at 4:00 PM premises being and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, known and designated as Block 1619 Lot 26 on the Kings County Tax Assessment Map. Said premises being: GREENWOOD AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY. Approximate amount of tax \$20,624.98 plus approximately \$1,000.00 in unpaid taxes. 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Woman shot by BB gun in Slope

By Patrick Gallahee
The Brooklyn Papers

A woman was walking home shortly before 6 pm on Dec. 8, when she was felled by a shot from a BB gun at First Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

The victim, 27, dropped to the ground as a stinging pain emanated from her lower back, at first thinking the low-caliber low-life had used a higher form of firearm.

When police arrived they diagnosed the wound as a painful welt and the took note that the glass door to the victim's building had also been shot with a BB.

Foul Air

Michael Jordan's comeback may have been a disappointment but his Air Jordan line of Nike footwear is still the rage, at least if a Dec. 5 incident of grand larceny is any indication.

According to police, a quartet of 40-somethings stole 46 pairs of Air Jordan basketball shoes off a Federal Express truck parked at 13th Street and Fifth Avenue while it was in the process of making a delivery to a local sneaker store.

The driver told police he was dropping off the items at around 5:15 pm when he briefly turned his back on the booty. Like so many balls stolen and taken to the rim by the airborne master, the sneakers, worth about \$4,600, were grabbed by the thieves who then leapt into obscurity on 13th Street. Police officers, seeking to put the hands in a different kind of court, are investigating.

Robbed

A 65-year-old woman waiting at the Bergen Street 2 train station at Flatbush Avenue was set upon by two thugs who demanded her purse.

At around 6:30 pm, on Dec. 8, the two thugs approached and said, "Give me your purse." The thieves then threw her to the ground and wrestled away her handbag before they took off with \$20, her identification and credit cards.

Drive-by mug

Spurred as a chauffeur, a malefactor motorist robbed a pedestrian of her jewelry.

The victim, 21, told police that while walking past Ninth Street and Fifth Avenue at 4 am on Dec. 8 she was stopped by a driver, who asked her to get into his car. She refused and the driver then pulled a gun and demanded her jewelry. The woman handed over a \$400 gold ring and the driver took off.

Book worm

While reading to her son at the Barnes & Noble on Seventh Avenue at Sixth Street, a pickpocket allegedly crept up and stole a woman's wallet.

At around 11:30 am, on Dec. 7, the 36-year-old mother was introducing her son to the magic of literature as a thief was practicing the lower

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forms of cunning, raiding her purse, which she briefly left unattended on a baby stroller.

The crook made off with the victim's wallet, containing credit cards, identification and \$100.

In-house con
A 79-year-old woman was conned out of cash and valuables on Dec. 6 by a pair of grifters who asked if they could drop off a package.

The victim told police that a pair of women showed up at her home on President Street at Sixth Avenue, at around 3 pm claiming to have a package for a girl next door.

When she was supposed to write a note, the suspects followed her into her apartment, and one young woman kept the victim distracted while the other allegedly stole jewelry and cash while she was supposed to have been writing the note.

After asking for a glass of water, they ran out of the house. In all, \$1,450 and miscellaneous jewelry was reported stolen.

Withdrawal

While a woman filled out deposit slips in a bank on Eighth Street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, a thief made the illicit withdrawal of her wallet.

On Dec. 5, at around 9:30 am, the victim, 52, took the deposit slips to the teller but accidentally forgot her wallet on the counter. After returning to the counter a brief while later, the wallet was gone along with \$14, the victim's identification and credit cards.

Easy access

An apartment on Fourth Avenue between Butler and Douglas streets was robbed on Dec. 2 by a pair of laptop computers, a DVD Player and credit cards, valued at over \$2,000.

One of the residents left for work at 8:30 am and though he closed the window, it remained unlocked, police said. When he returned home at 6:30 pm, the window was open and the property was gone.

Not scared

A woman who would not be threatened resulted in a bad day of crime for a young gunman on a bike.

The woman, 30, was sitting on a stoop on Atlantic Avenue between Bond and Hoyt streets shortly before 5 am on Dec. 5, when a man allegedly rode up on a red Mongoose bicycle and asked her for the time. The suspect then rode off, police said, only to return and say, "Give me your purse. You have to the count of three."

Threatening deadlines did not work and the victim did not comply. The suspect then

flushed the butt of a handgun, according to police, but the victim remained unmoved and refused to give up her purse.

The police were called and, as if the humiliation of being armed but not considered dan-

gerous, wasn't enough, the suspect ended up being chased. According to officers, the suspect tossed the firearm during the chase but it was recovered along with the 18-year-old suspect.

Stab in muscle

According to police, a 23-year-old man tried to settle a dispute with a co-worker by stabbing his antagonist in theiceps on Dec. 3.

The pair were arguing on the corner of State and Court streets at around 11:15 pm, when the suspect allegedly committed the assault. The victim, 25, drove himself to the hospital and identified his alleged attacker to police.

Bagged at Tech

A college student lost her bag at New York City College of Technology at Jay and Tillary streets.

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BAMland taps ex-con to run business program

By Patrick Gallahee
The Brooklyn Papers

The Brooklyn Academy of Music Local Development Corporation has hired a lawyer who once confessed to scamming clients — including city and state agencies — to administer a program aimed at including local businesses and those owned by minorities and women into a planned Fort

Greene cultural district. The BAM LDC will pay Darryl Greene, owner of the Queens-based Darryl E. Greene & Associates, \$60,000 to administer its Minority, Women and Local Business Enterprises (MW/LBE) program. The contract with Greene's firm still needs the approval of the city Economic Development Corporation. In 1997, Greene, a politically connected pal of developer

and BAM LDC board member Bruce Ratner, was slapped with an 11-count indictment, including charges of mail fraud and conspiracy to commit mail fraud, amounting to \$500,000 in billings for work between 1988 and 1994 that was not performed. The list of ripped-off clients, who paid between \$40 and \$250 an hour for Greene's undeveloped legal and consulting services, includes the city Health and Hospitals Corpora-

tion, the state Housing Finance Agency, the city School Construction Authority and the state Dormitory Authority. Greene pleaded guilty in 1999 to a judge ordered him to pay \$100,000 in restitution and sentenced him to three years probation and 240 hours of community service. According to Lee Silberstein, a spokesman for the BAM LDC, Darryl Greene & Associates was the lowest bidder to their request for propo-

sals (RFP) to administer the Minority, Women, Local Business Enterprises (MW/LBE) program. "There aren't dozens and dozens of firms that do this type of work, there's a small handful of firms that do it," Silberstein said. "He was the lowest bidder and from his bid price we reduced the fee down further. "And quite frankly, he comes so highly recommended and so highly qualified," Sil-

berstein added. Silberstein said city and state agencies — which still contract with Greene despite his criminal record — offered glowing appraisals of his work. The MW/LBE program seeks to include local, minority and women-owned firms into the contracting process for the BAM LDC's planned cultural district in Fort Greene. In addition to providing outreach and technical assistance to MW-/LBE firms, the program will

establish a Community Labor Exchange Program that will seek to place residents in jobs with contractors. The BAM LDC has pledged to offer 20 percent of the contracts to minority- and women-owned businesses and another 15 percent to local companies. Greene has been involved in award-winning programs for the federal government's Foley Square Office Building, the New York Power Authority and Ratner's Metrotech Center in Downtown Brooklyn.

Ratner, who holds development rights to the East Side of the cultural district, which is slated to contain subsidized housing, parking and cultural uses, told the Daily News that Greene is "one of the finest, most honest people I know, and he just got tangled up in somebody else's politics." A spokeswoman for Ratner declined to discuss Greene's selection and referred questions to the BAM LDC. Greene, a former business partner of Brooklyn Democratic boss Clarence Norman, did not return calls for a comment.

Though he is a close associate of Ratner's, Silberstein said Greene's selection was made by the BAM LDC staff and did not require the approval of the board of directors of which Ratner is a member. "I know Darryl Greene & Associates works with [Ratner] on some projects," Silberstein said. "But I don't think he had any role in influencing the LDC decision here. At least one Fort Greene leader was not buying that explanation. "It would appear to me that this person came highly recommended based on the comments by Bruce Ratner," said Fort Greene Councilman James Davis.

"Now that may not be true. There may have been dialogue and discussion [with other elected officials] because this person is politically connected." The contract's going to go through a city approval process and if it's cleared by EDC I think that puts our concern to rest," Silberstein added. "I think the public, and particularly the contractors we're trying to reach, have a good opinion of Darryl because he got a proven track record of reaching those contractors." Groups that have lobbied heads with the BAM LDC over the cultural district, most under the umbrella of the Concerned Citizens Coalition, a consortium of elected officials, community and arts groups, have accused the district of being a development driven by corporate interests, Ratner's among them. For that reason, Davis said, it was the belief of perception that was of paramount importance. "In a project as sensitive as this one you don't want to make decisions where you can be second guessed," Davis said. "I don't know Darryl Greene. I have no prejudgments against him. I just want to make sure that this project is successful and I want to re-voice those concerns that I don't return calls for a comment."

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low at the Regional Plan Association.

Zapan added that with bridge tolls drivers "would no longer seek a bargain but ... the most direct route," sparing the neighborhoods around the Brooklyn, Manhattan, Williamsburg and Queensborough bridges from hosting drivers in pursuit of a free crossing.

The city Department of Transportation (DOT) was not able to share the same optimism as the panelists, and simply said all the possibilities are being looked at, including transponder tolls.

"It's a possibility," said DOT spokesman Tom Cocchiola. "You don't have to look at bridge tolls in the conventional way. The fact is the technology is such that we could do it in a bootless way."

However, he added, a definitive plan has yet to be produced.

Frank Lasar, another panelist, and a representative of the New York State Motor Truck Association, argued, "We oppose the added expense to city residents [going] borough to borough."

He contended that tolls would be an added charge that would drive up the cost of doing business in the city and eventually make goods and services more expensive to the consumer.

Queens Councilman John Liu, chairman of the traffic and transportation committee, indicated that the political will in the City Council may be leaning towards Lasar's point of view.

"Tolling these bridges will clearly have a disproportionate impact on Queens and Brooklyn residents," Liu said. "I can tell you that the strong sentiment from these two boroughs, Brooklyn and Queens, are very very much dead-set against it."

Borough President Mary Markowitz has held firm in his stance that tolls would constitute an unfair tax on Brooklyn residents, many of whom rely on vehicles to get to work or to perform their jobs.

"I have repeatedly called for a personal income tax surcharge, which would be a far more equitable tax, to be applied to our city's top wage earners," Markowitz said. "And the reinstatement of the commuter tax among other revenue-enhancing measures."

Brooklyn Heights Councilman David Vassky has thus far not stated a position on bridge tolls, but told The Brooklyn Papers this week that until he hears concrete suggestions on how to mitigate traffic backups and noise pollution, he was hesitant to support them.

He added that he wanted to know how the revenues would be spent, saying that if it went to improve mass transit options, "That's something I would at least want to consider."

Simply using the money to close the bridge gap, he said, was not the idea he would welcome.

The idea of tolls that would not stall traffic appressed some who have argued against tolls in the past, at least enough to invite discussion on the matter.

Roy Vansasco, chairman of Community Board 2's traffic and transportation committee and a long-time opponent of bridge tolls said after the meeting that he was willing to look at the viability of bridge tolls.

"I think we should sit down and talk to [DOT]," Varsasco said.

Others, however, remained unconvinced that the overall effects would be negligible.

Howard Pines, president of the Fort Greene Association, whose neighborhood includes the Brooklyn Academy of Music and the forthcoming BAM Cultural District, argued, "[Cultural institutions] know they will be penalized if people can't get to them."

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Senate Democrats in a deep hole

By Patrick Gallaueh
The Brooklyn Papers

When David Paterson took the reins of the state Senate minority leadership in a coup against Martin Connor of Brooklyn Heights, he believed the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee would find about \$300,000. He soon found out that number was more like \$1 million.

Part of the inflation occurred because the 14 state Senate Democrats announced their support of Paterson. Connor took back a \$320,000 loan made by his own re-election campaign committee to the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee (DSCC). Of the funds Connor withdrew, he donated \$150,000 back, said Connor spokeswoman Saiki. The total debt for the DSCC, she said, after the Connor loan repayment and the

money he kicked back to DSCC coffers, still amounted to a massive \$927,000.

Paterson this week said he was dumbfounded that Connor had let the debt grow so high. "If we pay back Sen. Connor and still have a \$927,000 debt, our debt is well into \$1 million, and I'm saying, if it was at that level that shocks me," Paterson told The Brooklyn Papers this week.

Paterson added that he was told by Connor in September that the debt was actually around \$300,000, not including some other debts. "I remember talking and Marty said that \$300,000 debt was one of the things," Paterson said. "And I thought it could be twice that and it turned out to be twice that." Gold denied that Connor ever estimated the debt at \$300,000. Subsequently, Paterson has

called for an audit of the DSCC to acquire himself with numbers.

Gold protested Paterson's complaints saying that he was the finance chairman of the DSCC for the past two years while the figures were piling up. "This is all public knowledge," Gold argued. "They can say whatever they want, but the DSCC's tab with other lenders was down to \$87,225.

Most of the DSCC's expenses were incurred on campaigns in 2002. Compounding the concern is that 18 members of the Democratic caucus are personally liable for \$840,000 of the debt because they signed letters guaranteeing repayment to the National Bank of New York City.

"Since several of us are personally liable for repaying that, I can't say that," said state Sen. Velmanette Montgomery, whose district includes Park Slope, Fort Greene, Downtown Brooklyn and Carroll Gardens.

In January, the debt to the bank was \$450,000, while other lenders were owed \$308,225, according to an outgoing audit of the DSCC prepared by Connor.

On Dec. 2, according to the audit, the debt to the National Bank had grown to \$840,000 while the DSCC's tab with other lenders was down to \$87,225.

Sen. Vincent Gentile's unsuccessful reelection bid in the heavily gerrymandered 22nd State Senate District, of Bay Ridge, Bayside, Gerritson Beach and Marine Park, cost the DSCC \$407,314.

Gentile ultimately lost to Connor. Mary Golden, who spent close to \$4 million, most of it from the Republican state Senate majority, joined the rest of the senate races cost the DSCC a little over

\$180,000 combined, not including Liz Krueger's special election in the Upper East Side of Manhattan, which cost the committee \$115,000.

While no one who spoke to The Brooklyn Papers this week lambasted Connor for taking back what was owed to him, Montgomery said there was a sentiment among other members of the conference that they could have been contacted about the amount of the debt and possibly to create a repayment plan for what was owed to Connor.

"The members were very upset because members have always contributed money and not loaned it," Paterson added. "They didn't understand why this would be happening."

Connor has been a substantial contributor, however, giving \$165,700 this year to the DSCC from his re-election campaign committee while Sheepshead Bay State Sen. Carl Kruger, who

became Connor's nemesis for not supporting Gentile and for his staunch support of Gov. George Pataki over Democrat Carl McCall, was the lowest contributor, giving just \$50 to the DSCC this year.

"We're going to try to get him to elevate his contribution," Paterson said. Kruger, when Connor first became leader in 1995, the DSCC loan balances were at \$220,425. By the next year, he had reduced that figure to \$40,425, but since 1998 the debt has dipped and swelled, but never gone below \$56,000.

Earlier this year, it was reported that the Senate Democrats were several hundred thousand dollars in debt, though no one expected their tally to amount to almost \$1 million by year's end.

"So the fact that we now have what appears to be around \$900,000, as opposed to \$250,000, is definitely a shock," Montgomery said.

Former Senate Minority Leader Marty Connor with his replacement, David Paterson. Associated Press / Jim McKeight

Norman challenged over judges

By Patrick Gallaueh
The Brooklyn Papers

Democratic district leaders are challenging the Kings County Democratic Committee to open up the process by which Supreme Court judges are selected for endorsement in Brooklyn.

Joanne Seminara, the 60th Assembly District committee woman and a potential City Council candidate in a special election for the seat being vacated by state Senator-elect Marty Golden, proposed that a committee be formed to investigate the process by which county party nominates

the entire process appear to be a trial of political muscle. "I'd like to see a more equitable distribution through county and become a process that is more refined," said 60th AD Councilmember Ralph Perfito. "Everybody should be considered."

After the past year, in which a party-endorsed Supreme Court judge pleaded guilty to bribery and was sentenced to three-to-nine years in prison and in which editorials have consistently questioned the merits of Brooklyn's judiciary, Perfito said it was time to take steps to "remove the stigma of our organization." "We're already wounded," Perfito said. "We don't need to be bludgeoned by this process. It's one thing to support an elected official — whether it be an elected official or a judge — and they do something that ends up getting them some prison time, you can't be clairvoyant and read their minds, but you can have a process that is more open."

Although Seminara's proposal was seconded by Alan Fleishman and Liz Daly, male and female district leaders for the 52nd AD, it was tabled by the Kings County Democratic Committee. "I know the county leader had indicated both at that meeting and in a number of private sessions, that the entire manner

Joanne Seminara BP/1/4

in which the committee considers endorsements is subject to some level of introspection and review." Seminara, a lawyer, declined to detail her discussions with Norman following the meeting but said, "I don't know if any one-to-one conversation can substitute what I'm asking for. But I'm interested in speaking to the chair and listening to what he has to say."

While at times the process

Clarence Norman BP/1/4

has seemed unbalanced, at other times it has been criticized as downright biased by some observers. Following an expressed interest by civil court Judge Margarita Lopez Torres for elevation to the Supreme Court last January, she received a letter from Jerome Karp, the head of the county judicial screening committee, which read: "It is not necessary for you to declare your candidacy to me or

my committee. Candidates are only considered by our committee upon referral of the county party nominating committee."

Lopez Torres said she sent a letter to the county committee, as well as to Karp, seeking reconsideration for the Supreme Court, but the only response she received was from Karp.

At the time the letter was made public, Feldman said he had no recollection of receiving a letter from Lopez Torres, and this week added, "Not to my knowledge do we have any requests that have been denied."

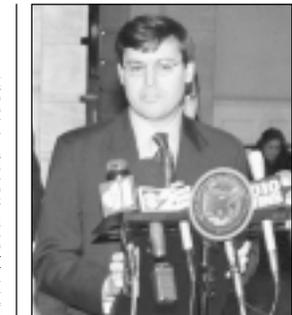
The rift between Lopez Torres and Norman has been well chronicled. Lopez Torres claims to have fallen from county's grace for overlooking "The why attorney referred to by Norman, and in another instance from Bushwick Assemblyman Vito Marciano (no relation to the jurist).

Both officials denied the allegations, and Norman has attributed their differences to an incident in 1997, when Lopez Torres allowed her name to be placed for nomination to the Supreme Court by a rival party faction led by the late Assemblyman Anthony Genovese.

Subsequently, Lopez Torres was not endorsed or supported by the county executive committee for re-election to the Civil Court despite enjoying the status of incumbent.

Lopez Torres was re-elected to the Civil Court despite county's abandonment of her. She had been nominated for Supreme Court from the floor by Paul Bader, a Carroll Gardens activist and judicial delegate from the 32nd AD. She subsequently lost a roll call vote by a count of 66-24 with four abstentions.

After her defeat from the floor, Bader, whose wife is Rep. Nydia Velazquez, angrily said, "It's a sham of a judicial selection process, which is totally unwelcoming to anyone that is not suggested by the county leader."



Councilman David Yassky, at City Hall Monday, responds to word the mayor reneged. The Brooklyn Papers / Tom Calabrese

DUPED...

The seven-member panel — comprised of three representatives from the Fire Department, two Bloomberg appointees and two appointees of City Council Speaker Gifford Miller — are supposed to find ways to cut about \$2.5 million from the Fire Department's budget. Both Yassky and DeBlasio said the recommendations are supposed to be made public early next year.

Though the panel has yet to be convened, council members protested in response to Shaw's comments that the results have been decided before the apparatus has even begun to function.

"We don't want the fix to be in," DeBlasio said. "We don't want a commission that's taken its marching orders from the beginning and simply rubber-stamps a decision that was already made."

To close a \$1.1 billion deficit in this year's fiscal budget, and cut \$800 million to get a head start on next year's expected \$6 billion shortfall, Bloomberg had proposed closing the eight fire companies and reducing the number of firefighters per engine from five to four in 49 engine companies, as well as cutting the number of ambulances on duty.

Under the agreement between the council and the mayor, the firehouses would remain open while the panel completes its report and ambulances would not be cut, although the number of firefighters in some engine companies would still be reduced from five to four.

Now that the budget modification has passed, whatever leverage the council had to fight with the mayor over the fate of the firehouses may have been lost.

Yassky said, however, he still believes Bloomberg would not want to violate an agreement with the council and adversely affect future "good faith" agreements. That sentiment was seconded by the speaker's office.

"There's an ongoing relationship with both sides of City Hall that you need to have to negotiate," said Chris Policano, a Miller spokesman. "Both sides need to talk in good faith. And we expect that that good faith will be respected here. It makes sense for all those involved to respect the agreement."

"The leverage is the public," DeBlasio added. "I believe the public understands that this is not going to be a genuine, objective, honest commission, there'll be a lot of discretion. I think what we're doing here is giving the administration a chance to correct itself."

Asked about Shaw's comments at Staten Island Borough Hall on Monday, Bloomberg said, "It [the commission] is anything but symbolic... It is a political ploy. It's an attempt to remove the process from the day-in and day-out of politics."

The speaker's office said it did not regret entering into the budget agreement despite Shaw's contention that the closing are inevitable.

"Despite comments made by some administration officials, that panel has not been formed yet, has not come to any conclusions yet and has not made any recommendations yet," Policano said.

On Saturday, Shaw ripped into the Fire Department, saying, "The Fire Department is in place where every efficiency that's been done, I think, in the last 20, 30 years has been a total failure."

In blunt terms, Shaw also said firefighters spend most of their time on the job doing nothing. "The prior administration decided, 'Well, since we can't get these guys to be any more productive in fighting fires' — since they only fight 1.5 percent of the time — they're hanging around doing nothing the other 95 percent of the time — let's find other things for them to do."

The companies the chopping block were Engine 204, on Degraw Street between Court and Smith streets; Engine 278, on Seventh Avenue between 50th and 51st streets in Sunset Park; Engine 212 in Greenpoint; Engine 209 in Bedford-Stuyvesant and Engine 253 in Bushwick. Also on the block were two Manhattan and two Queens firehouses.

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By Patrick Gallaueh
The Brooklyn Papers

Fifth Avenue's revitalization has been mounting over the last decade and now steps are being taken to form a business improvement district along the avenue in Park Slope and northern Sunset Park.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a Sunset Park-based financial counseling and economic assistance organization, has convened meetings and assembled a steering committee to outline the priorities of the avenue.

"We'd like to accentuate the things we've been working on already, like the anti-graffiti program," said Monique Stringer, the commercial revitalization project manager for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. "And crime, I think, is a bit of an issue that we've been dealing with for the last few years."

Additional security, beautification and holiday events are all matters that could be spearheaded by a business improvement district (BID) and, Stringer said, "That's something the steering committee will look at."

The BID is tentatively expected to span the avenue from Fifth Street in Park Slope to 25th Street in the northern end of Sunset Park, as well as on Ninth Street between Fourth and Sixth avenues.

Fifth Avenue has experienced a renaissance the last few years with the opening of a slew of new businesses, as in the trendy vein of Smith Street and Seventh Avenue, and the reactivation of the long-dormant Fifth Avenue Merchants Association.

Judy Pfeiffer, president of the merchants association who, with her husband, sons Bob and Judy's Coolestibles on Fifth Avenue at Union Street, said the BID could be a valuable addition to the avenue to address the needs of businesses there.

She also, however, expressed fears that the assessment levied on the landlords and merchants in the district could get rolled back to the tenants, further driving up already hefty rents.

The BIDs collect an assessment roughly based on a fraction of the assessed value of the properties within the district, square-footage and storefront square-footage, from the property owners or merchants.

The assessment is collected

by the city Department of Finance, and then gets city approval, through the Department of Small Business Services to the Small Business District, which is comprised of property owners and merchants, to finance auxiliary services such as garbage collection, signage improvement or other priorities determined by the participating businesses.

Assessments, however, which can vary depending on the type of business and a formula used, are often rolled back onto the tenants.

"At this point, the merchants are already struggling with the rents that landlords are asking for," Pfeiffer said.

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Cherry, an official Fire Department vociferous, was the first firefighter to join the organization, said John Belzter, the founder and president of Songs of Love. For his initial recording he recruited members of the firehouse to sing backup. But on the day of the recording only three arrived.

"When John Sorrentino [of Engine 205] showed up at the recording session with Nemo Cherry and Leon Smith [both of Ladder 118] they were really supposed to show up with a lot of firefighters," recalled Belzter.

Cherry, however, called on the spirit and vocal chords of his fellow firefighters — even ones he did not know. He raced around the corner to Ladder 9 and Engine 13 on Great Jones Street and convinced the firefighters there to come and sing backup.

"It's not an everyday thing," said one of the men from the East Village firehouse, "but when the Fire Department we do things like that."

The men of Ladder 9 and Engine 13 boarded one of their rigs and showed up at the studio in full uniform, some of them wearing helmets and their protective rain coats.

Sorrentino said they got the song in two takes and one of Songs of Love's songwriters, Alex Forbes, told The Brooklyn Papers last year. "It was the fastest recording in history."

"There's concern," Stringer acknowledges. "That's why it's very important to look at how the assessments are formed. There are so many different formulas."

"It really is important to look at these things very closely from the onset," she added. "To look at how the assessment would work and how it could work for the neighborhood. The idea is this: to be good for the neighborhood and not cause any displacement."

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Firefighter Andre Johnson sings along. BP/Margo

With pictures of Vernon Cherry mounted beside the podium the event was also a moment for reflection.

"It's a tribute not only to Ernestine," Belzter said in introducing one song, "it's a tribute to the lives of Leon and Vernon."

"It was one of the last memories I have of those guys," Sorrentino said. "Yeah, it brings back memories — good memories."

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Kensington tree lights up park

By Deborah Kolben
The Brooklyn Papers

Vera Stachow said a teary goodbye to her 30-foot blue spruce as she watched it ride away on the back of a truck to its new home at Grand Army Plaza early Saturday morning.

Given as a housewarming gift by a friend visiting from New Jersey, Stachow and her family planted the sapling in 1967. After watching it grow a foot each year, the tree had simply outgrown its home in front of Stachow's two-story house on East Fourth Street in Kensington.

It wasn't easy to watch it go, Stachow said. "This is something you nurture for 35 years. It's a beautiful tree but when it gets too big for its bristles, you have to let it go."

After the branches started encroaching on her basement, Stachow knew it was time to say goodbye to her beloved comifer. Instead of hiring a tree surgeon, Stachow contacted the Prospect Park Alliance.

Stachow said she was ecstatic when she learned in November that her towering blue spruce, which she considers a member of the family, would have a new home at Grand Army Plaza as this year's holiday tree. "Now it will be seen in all its glory," Stachow said.

It's no easy task to move a tree, as friends and neighbors learned early Saturday morning when they watched a crew of 12 park workers use a crane to hoist the tree from Stachow's lawn to an open truck. By 9:45 a.m. after almost two hours of cutting, lifting and hauling, the tree — which draped over the cab and hung off the back of the truck — was escorted by a caravan of cars to its new home in Park Slope.

Despite the sadness of letting it go, Stachow said she was pleased with her tree's destination. "Mother nature gave us the tree and mother nature is taking it back," she said, explaining that after the holidays the tree will be chopped up as much for the park.

The tree-lighting ceremony was set for Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. Stachow said she wouldn't miss it for the world.

"We'll see the spruce in all its glory," she said. "It will be a last hurrah for the tree."



A 30-year-old blue spruce gets taken down from the front of 242 E. Fourth Street in Kensington. The tree was trucked to Grand Army Plaza where it will be decorated for the holiday season. At right, Wendy Gibb, tree owner Vera Stachow and Karen Lorenzo pose with the tree before it is chopped down. (By Deborah Kolben)

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Merchants vent over 'Dumpster'

By Deborah Kolben
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In an effort both to inform merchants and residents of what to expect when tougher restrictions on commercial trash take effect next month and to let those opposed to the rules vent their rage, the City Council held a hearing this week on Operation Dumpster.

Sanitation Commissioner John Doherty announced that the citywide initiative aimed at regulating commercial trash bins would begin Jan. 27. Merchants who do not comply with the new Dumpster rules will be slapped with fines ranging from \$50 to \$250.

To address concerns of both merchants and residents, the

city's Sanitation and Solid Waste Management committee and the subcommittee on Small Business hosted an open forum at City Hall on Monday afternoon.

Speaking on behalf of Community Board 11, district manager Howard Feuer said that merely removing the bins from the streets would not improve the quality of life. "If Operation Dumpster is implemented, our communities will be faced with literally thousands of black bags on our streets, blocking our sidewalks."

Designed by the Department of Sanitation to manage excess refuse and trash resulting from overflowing garbage containers, Operation Dumpster prohibits the placement of trash containers on the sidewalk; mandates that refuse be placed out for collection no

more than one hour before closing time; prohibits merchants from leaving refuse out over the weekend; and mandates that containers be properly stored after collection.

Dumpsters are to be kept inside or in the rear of the premises, if feasible. Otherwise, merchants are asked to consider alternative receptacles, such as 65- to 90-gallon containers or heavy-duty plastic bags that can be rolled or carried out on behalf of the plan.

The program is presently in effect in 10 of the city's 59 community boards.

Steve Harrison, chairman of CB10, presented a 22-page survey conducted by his board showing that 30 of the community boards — if the decision was still their's to make — would either vote down or would be unlikely to institute the initiative.

While the city originally presented community boards with Operation Dumpster as an optional plan, in September the Sanitation Department announced that it would be taking the initiative citywide.

The move may have been spurred by travails within CB10, where although the board had already voted down the initiative 35-10, board members Greg Ahl and Joanne Seminara began a petition to lobby on behalf of the plan.

Ahl, owner of Ahl-Tone Communications on Fifth Avenue, said those opposing the initiative "just don't know that there are better options."

He charged that Harrison had bent to the will of Bay Ridge Councilman Murry Golden, owner of the Bay Ridge Manor catering hall, which uses Dumpsters. Ahl and Seminara turned to

Golden's then rival in the race for the Bay Ridge state Senate seat, state Sen. Vincent Gentile, who championed the cause.

Gentile launched a petition drive in June showing support for the program among Community Board 10 residents, presented Sanitation Commissioner John Doherty with 700 signatures and pressured him relentlessly on the area's need for the program despite the community board's decision.

At the hearing Monday afternoon, Gravesend-Coney Island Councilman Domenic Recchia said small businesses were worried about the added cost. He also asked for an extension to give more time to merchants looking for ways to comply.

Doherty said enough time had already been given and that the Sanitation Department had disseminated fliers to all affected businesses.

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Best for last

Now that you've waited until the last minute, take some advice

By Lisa J. Curtis
 The Brooklyn Papers

It's too late. Too late for Web sites. Too late for catalogues. You've waited until the last minute to do your holiday shopping. Now, unless you're ready to fork over the Federal Express overnight charges, you need some local gift ideas and you need to know where to go get 'em.

When buying for everyone on your list, a museum gift shop is a great place to start. The Brooklyn Museum of Art shop has a variety of distinctive gifts for children, men and women. With items ranging from jewelry, to note cards, to calendars (everyone needs a calendar), to art books, to clothing, to textiles from around the world, to children's toys, you could really cross a lot of those pesky relations off your list in just one visit.

The museum carries games for children and adults, too. Brooklyn-In-A-Box (\$24.95) is a Monopoly-like real estate game for two to six players, ages 8 to adult. They'll enjoy moving their egg cream token around the board while negotiating for a key to the borough.

Shopping guru tip: Members of the Brooklyn Museum of Art get 10 percent off their gift shop purchases, so give some thought to investing in a membership, which has other perks for you, too.

Another gift shop that offers distinctive, one-of-a-kind gifts is Urban Glass in Fort Greene. When you're looking to give a gift that makes a statement ("handmade in Brooklyn") look to Urban Glass to discover bold, chunky glass jewelry, or very collectible perfume bottles, or a substantial glass platter or vase.

The Urban Glass gift shop also offers gifts that say "thinking of you, but I'm no Rockefeller." When in that category, check out the wide variety of Christmas tree ornaments. The Whitfield Designs (\$38-\$40) icicle ornaments—extravaganzas of color—will be treasured keepsakes



for generations. (Whether you're an admirer, an artist, or a collector, don't miss the Robert Lehman Gallery, where a variety of glass artwork is on display.)

The Urban Glass gift shop happens to have glass windows looking out onto the massive kilns. When I stopped by last week, artist Jamie Harris—dressed in a silver, flame-retardant jacket à la Dr. Evil—and his team were at work. Harris was hand-molding a 2,000-degree vase with wood mitts that ignited every time he

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Brooklyn Museum of Art, 200 Eastern Parkway at Washington Avenue, www.brooklynmuseum.org and www.bmahop.com, (718) 638-5000.

Urban Glass, 57 Rockwell Place, third floor, at DeKalb Avenue, www.urban-glass.com, (718) 425-3685.

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Gifts under \$50: (Top) Urban Glass in Fort Greene offers a variety of handmade glass gift items including fantastic icicles from Whitfield Designs (\$38-\$40). (Above) Aaron's in Park Slope offers Volupsa candles nestled in plush, velour pouches (\$29). (Inset) The Brooklyn Museum of Art offers a game any borough booster will love: Brooklyn-In-A-Box (\$24.95).

ART

You're invited

When making your holiday plans, don't overlook your invitation to this scintillating "dinner party."

The Brooklyn Museum's installation of Judy Chicago's "The Dinner Party," on view through Jan. 26, is a triangular table set with 39 place settings, each inspired by women of achievement and the times in which they lived.



Author Emily Dickinson, abolitionist Sojourner Truth and artist Georgia O'Keeffe are among those selected by Chicago to have a place at one of the table's 48-foot-long sides.

The 3-D ceramic plates, suggestive of flowers and often female genitalia, are each placed on coordinating, elaborately designed runners along with a lustreware chalice, napkin and lustreware utensils. The table rests on a porcelain surface, the Heritage Floor, inscribed in gold with the names of 999 women.

In a nearby room, many of the 400 volunteers employed by Chicago get credit for their work in assembling the mammoth installation, which incorporates everything from ceramics to embroidery. The controversial historical timeline on display—which includes information about the first woman pope—will certainly give you lots to discuss over dinner.

On Jan. 11, the museum (200 Eastern Parkway) will offer a china-painting workshop for beginner to intermediate levels taught by Rosemarie Ralmsmaker, one of the artists who worked with Chicago on "Dinner Party." To pre-register, call (718) 638-5000 ext. 937.

For more information, visit the museum's Web site at www.brooklynmuseum.org. — Lisa J. Curtis

MUSIC

Smell the fun

St. Luke's director sez "Potpourri" is a merry mix of baroque tunes

By Kevin Filipaki
 The Brooklyn Papers

When the St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble kicks off its season on the Cantor Auditorium stage in the Brooklyn Museum of Art on Dec. 15, what else would be on the program but "A Holiday Potpourri" of baroque music by the likes of Handel, Corelli, Telemann, Pachelbel and Bach?

"It's all great music," says violinist Krista Bennion Feeney, the ensemble's director of chamber music, who set the program. "It's quite a mix. Some of it is very familiar, like the Pachelbel 'Canon,' which everybody knows, and the Bach 'Concerto for Two Violins [in D minor]."

"But many people don't know the Telemann Concertos [for Oboe in D minor and for Flute, Oboe d'Amore and Viola d'Amore in E major], which are both gorgeous pieces," says Feeney. "And you really don't get to hear the Handel Concerto Grosso [in G Major] either—it's very festive, a very 'up' piece—but the Corelli 'Christmas Concerto,' of course, is well-known. We try to get a balance in the keys—some in major, some in minor—so it's a festive and uplifting program."

The St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble was founded in 1974, and was followed five years later by the formation of the renowned Orchestra of St. Luke's, which plays an annual three-concert Carnegie Hall series along with many other programs and recordings. What distinguishes the ensemble is its make-up of 21 virtuoso musicians who are in demand all over the world for their musical prowess. Feeney acknowledges that such an abundance of talent is a good problem to have.

"We like to feature our players in the concertos that we program," she explains. "It's quite special to hear a soloist play in the style of the group. Usually, a soloist who plays with an orchestra comes from a different world, so to speak. Here, we have a style we have in common, and when our soloists play within the group, it makes the performance very special and harmonious. Simply, we have such fantastic virtuosi in the group, we like to show them off."

Following its holiday concert—which all of its concerts, is repeated at Carnegie Hall in Manhattan the following Wednesday—the ensemble returns to the Brooklyn Museum for "Mendelssohn: The Boy Genius" on Feb. 23 and "A Schubert Sandwich" on April 6. Several of the Orchestra's Carnegie programs this season are taken up by Mendelssohn, so Feeney believes the February concert should reflect that.

"Whenever possible, we like to make a mini-festival," Feeney says, "and since we're doing an all-Mendelssohn orchestral concert that week [Feb. 27], we'll do an all-Mendelssohn chamber concert also. The two string symphonies that we're playing were written when he was 12 years old. Then we'll play the octet in the second half, which shows how he matured musically from age 12 to 16."

Most experts agree that Mendelssohn peaked at an early age, as evidenced by the masterpieces he poured forth as a teenager.

"I picked those two string symphonies because the slow movements, especially, are very beautiful—the fourth's slow movement almost sounds like Mahler, it's so magical. And the fifth is a kind of song without words, a beautiful song in the first violins," says Feeney.

"I think we're really well-suited to play these pieces because Mendelssohn modeled his symphonies on the works of masters like Bach, Mozart and Beethoven," she says. "They're an inter-

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New toy box

Brooklyn Children's Museum unveils playful \$39M design

By Lisa J. Curtis
 The Brooklyn Papers

The new front entrance to the Brooklyn Children's Museum will be a sunny yellow beacon attracting families to the corner of St. Marks and Brooklyn avenues in Crown Heights when it is completed in 2006. The new entrance and expansion plans were unveiled by architect Rafael Vinoly on Wednesday morning at his design firm on Vandam Street in Manhattan.

"This whole effort to re-energize the building is in a new context," said Vinoly. "We are giving it an image and presence in the community and having the building thought of as a playground for the neighborhood. The shape is like a gigantic toy, because there is nothing better than transforming it into a tool — not just something to contemplate."

The award-winning architect, wearing three pairs of eyeglasses (on his head, his face and around his neck) enthusiastically described how the current building at 145 Brooklyn Ave. will be annexed by his new, boomerang-shaped addition.

The current entrance, flanked by wrought-iron fences on each side, is at the top of a flight of concrete steps and is akin to a subway entrance leading down into the subterranean museum.

The new 4,000-square-foot entrance designed by Vinoly, in the same location, will be at street level and will be flanked by yellow wings that run along St. Marks and Brooklyn avenues, wrapping around the current building on two sides.

The two-story expansion will bring the museum above ground. The top level of the V will be covered with bright yellow tiles "perforated" with porch-like windows at irregular intervals of the walls to give even small children a view of the outside. The bottom half of the structure will be glass. The cantilevered upper floor will shelter the lower floor



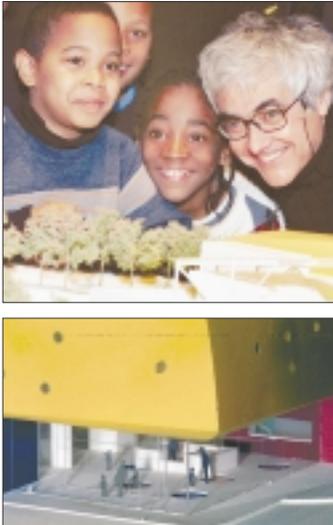
from direct sunlight while still allowing people inside to see the surrounding neighborhood and Brover Park.

Vinoly has also won design commissions for the renovation and enlargement of the historic Sing Harbor Cultural Center in the Staten Island Performing Arts Complex, which will be completed next year, and the Bronx Criminal Court Complex, scheduled for 2007. He is also a member of Think, a multidisciplinary international team of architects and engineers that is one of the six teams chosen to develop plans for the World Trade Center site.

His \$39 million renovation will double the size of the Brooklyn Children's Museum.

Children's Museum President Carol Enselki pointed out that the additional 51,000 square feet of space will be used for display and storage of the museum's collection of 27,000 cultural and natural history objects, for science and cultural exhibitions and extended program areas for toddlers. The addition will also include revenue generators like the Kids Shop and Kids Cafe (including access to the rooftop terrace and a birthday party room), as well as a "sun-filled" library and a new 20-seat theater.

The expansion will also provide new workshop space and headquarters for the Museum Team, an education and leadership program run by the muse-



Kids get a facelift: (Top) Architect Rafael Vinoly (far right) looks at the model for the Brooklyn Children's Museum expansion with Museum Team members. The museum's current entrance at St. Marks and Brooklyn avenues (left) will be replaced with a glass-enclosed, street-level lobby (bottom).
 The Brooklyn Papers / Greg Margo

um, which is a free, after-school, weekend and summer program for 800 kids ages 7 to 18.

The new 102,000-square-foot museum will be able to serve as many as 400,000 visitors annually — up from its current capacity of 250,000, said Enselki.

"Five years ago, our Monster Mash Halloween program brought in 1,500 visitors," said Enselki. "This past event brought in 2,500. We sincerely do need

the expansion will allow the museum to take advantage of solar energy and even well water among other cost-saving, eco-friendly ideas. For example, the geothermal heating and air-conditioning system will use water from 300-foot-deep wells, reducing energy use and eliminating noise and emissions of on-site cooling towers.

Enselki also said that sensors will monitor the exhibition spaces for the presence of visitors and will adjust the lighting and ventilation accordingly. These features are expected to save the city, which owns the building, an estimated \$103,000 in energy costs, said Enselki.

The museum will also create exhibits that teach the children about its "green" features. Exhibits in the planning stages include an "Energy Garden," to demonstrate how the museum harvests its solar power, and "Energy Exploration areas," where children can learn how the museum uses water to heat and cool the building. Visitors will learn about renewable resources, such as bamboo, which was chosen for the flooring because it is one of the world's fastest-growing plants.

"Some people say it's not easy being green," said Enselki, "but it's well worth the effort."

Vinoly gave a digital presentation demonstrating how the 103-year-old museum has changed over the years, moving from the Adams Mansion and Smith House to what is now Brover Park in Crown Heights to the museum's current building, designed by Hardy Holzman and Pfeiffer, and built in 1977.

Construction on Vinoly's addition, to be overseen by the city's Department of Design and Construction, is scheduled to begin in the fall and is to be completed in 2006. Funds for the museum expansion came from the city's \$17 million and the state (\$15 million). Although the museum has already raised \$4 million from private donors, it hopes to raise \$7 million more.

The museum will continue programs and services in the existing building during the construction.

"My boss [Mayor Mike Bloomberg] says good design isn't more expensive, it's just better," said Department of Cultural Affairs Commissioner David Levine at the unveiling. "The Brooklyn Children's Museum has created something truly special for the city."

For more information about the Brooklyn Children's Museum, visit their Web site at www.brooklynkids.org or call (718) 735-4400.

WHERE TO GO

compiled by Susan Rosenthal

THURS. DEC 12

FILM: St. Francis College presents "Signs," 8 p.m. 18th Avenue St. (718) 489-2752. Free.

CANDLELIGHT TOUR: Wyckoff House Museum hosts a tour of New York's oldest house, decorated for the holidays. \$5, free for members. 5 to 6 p.m. 5816 Clarendon Road. Reservations necessary: (718) 629-5400.

AWARD RECEPTION: Brooklyn Council Health Care Industry hosts an event to honor Brooklyn Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts. \$175 per ticket. 6 p.m. New York Marriott, 333 Adams St. (212) 651-2808.

HOLIDAY PARTY: Midwood Development Corporation hosts its event and non-kegger buffet dinner. 6:30 p.m. Call for tickets. Information: Edward R. Murray High School, 12th Avenue and 65th Street. (718) 376-9999.

WORKSHOP: Business coach Susan Smith hosts a workshop "Understanding What It Takes to be Successful in Business." 7:30 p.m. Park Slope Food Coop, 122 Union St. (718) 499-2831. Free.

BARBERS BAR: presents a chamber music program of works by Hoffman, Bach and Mozart. 8 p.m. See Sat., Dec. 14.

THEATER: Waterloo Bridge Theater Company for toddlers, ages 3 to 5 years. Storytelling, music, crafts, costumes and puppets. 8 p.m. See Sat., Dec. 14.

FRI. DEC 13

FAMILY PROGRAM: Prospect Park Audubon Center drop-in program for toddlers, ages 3 to 5 years. Storytelling, music, crafts, costumes and puppets. 8 p.m. See Sat., Dec. 14.

SHABRATON: Dinner and lecture features Molly Reinick. "From Shabbat to Shabbat" Based in Israel, Reinick came to New York in 1972 and worked as a producer at NBC news. \$30, \$15 students and seniors. 7 p.m. by reservation before noon. Friday Congregation B'nai Avraham, 117 Boreman St. (718) 992-1827.

RECEPTION: Last East Avenue presents "Brooklyn's 'Brooklyn' Chicks." 6 p.m. 136 Atlantic Ave. (718) 645-1610. Free.

WHITE COLLAR BOXING: at Gleason's Gym, 515, Weygant at 5:30 p.m. Tights at 7:30 p.m. 83 Front St. (718) 797-2872.

HOLIDAY PARTY: Brooklyn Aquarium hosts a party with food, music and more. \$5, free for members. 7:30 p.m. Brooklyn Aquarium, West Eighth and South Avenue. (718) 327-4455.

POT LUCK DINNER: Park Slope Food Coop. \$10. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 782 Union St. (718) 622-0560.

BANGEMUSIC: presents a chamber music program of works by Hoffman, Bach and Mozart. 8 p.m. See Sat., Dec. 14.

BARBERS BAR: presents Michael Attias (soloist) and Ivo Corto (piano). No cover. 9 p.m. See Sat., Dec. 14.

TWO BOOTS: presents Fort Greene Trio. 10 p.m. No cover. 514 Second St. (718) 499-3253.

HEALTH OUTREACH: Minority Health Program of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene stations its mobile health van in front of Decapidep Outreach Ministries, through January 10, 2003. 10 am to 4 p.m. Call for information. 3220 Fourth Ave. (718) 499-0077. Free.

BROOKLYN LYCEUM: Improv Jam with Dave Sova. \$5, 11 p.m. Also, "31 Bands." 8 p.m. See Sat., Dec. 14.

NEXT WAVE: Brooklyn Academy of Music presents "Water Passion" by Giuseppe Verdi. 7:30 p.m. See Sat., Dec. 14.

ST. ANN'S WAREHOUSE: presents "Salome," by Oscar Wilde. 8 p.m. See Sat., Dec. 14.

DINNER THEATER: Bread and Wine Productions presents Park's Kate Wolman Risk. 7 p.m. See Sat., Dec. 14.

Viva Italia

The Brooklyn Public Library's Italian heritage author series closes on Dec. 17 at 6 pm with a reading by poet Maria Mazzotti Gillan at the Central Library at Grand Army Plaza.

Gillan has published several collections of her poetry including "Things My Mother Told Me" (Guernica Editions, 1999). She has also edited several anthologies with her daughter, Jennifer Gillan, including "Growing Up Ethnic in America: Contemporary Prose About Learning to be American" (Penguin/Putnam, 1999). The library reading is free.

For more information, visit www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org or call (718) 230-2100.

BENEFIT CONCERT: Spoke the Hub hosts its Student and Faculty Benefit Concert. 7:30 p.m. See Sat., Dec. 14.

THEATER: Waterloo Bridge Theater Company "Scrooge." 8 p.m. See Sat., Dec. 14.

GALLERY PLAYERS: "Fuddy Meers." 8 p.m. See Sat., Dec. 14.

HEIGHTS PLAYERS: "Camelot." 8 p.m. See Sat., Dec. 14.

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

OUTDOOR SKATING: Prospect Park's Kate Wolman Risk is open. \$4 rental fee, \$4 admission fee. 10 am to 1 pm and 2 to 6 pm and 7 to 10 pm. Enter park at Parkside and Ocean avenues. (718) 287-6431.

WINTER PHOTO WALK: Sahn Marsh Nature Center offers a Nature Trail walk. Bring cameras and wear warm clothes. 11 a.m. 3302 Ave. U. (718) 421-2021. Free.

Sat, Dec 14

PERFORMANCES: MUSIC SHABRATON: Temple Beth Shalom presents Cantor Mirindy Fliegelman in a "Shalom Garbat's Healed" Music for Hopes." 12:15 p.m. Call for information. 2160 51st St. Impass Theater. (718) 372-9333.

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Claire's big adventure

Gallery Players' 'Fuddy Meers' delivers suspense & slapstick

By Paulanne Simmons
of The Brooklyn Papers

Claire wakes up every morning with no memory. Her son, Kenny, is dyslexic. And her mother, Gerie, has suffered a stroke, which makes her speech impossible to decipher.

"We're quite a family," she says, "she tells the limping, limping man with the deformed ear who claims to be her brother."

With its hovering mysteries and delved antics, "Fuddy Meers," David Lindsay-Abaire's dark comedy, now on stage at the Gallery Players, at times seems to be exactly what might have happened if Alfred Hitchcock had teamed up with the Three Stooges.

But "Fuddy Meers" is much more than psychological suspense and slapstick humor. It's also a multi-dimensional look at reality and how humans twist it. In "Fuddy Meers," the characters are either hiding the truth or too afflicted or afraid to communicate.

Like the fuddy meers — "tummy mirrors" in stroke talk — of the title, they reflect the world in strange and distorted ways.

"Fuddy Meers" opened at the Manhattan Theatre Club on Oct. 12, 1999 and was transferred to the Minetta Lane Theatre on Jan. 27, 2000. Its successful run quickly launched the career

of playwright Lindsay-Abaire. The play is about a very special day in Claire's life. While her husband, Richard, is taking a shower and she is looking at the combination scrapbook and instruction manual he hands her every morning, a stranger pops out from under her bed, claiming he is her brother come to rescue her from her abusive husband and bring her back to her mother's house.

When Richard discovers that Claire is missing, he jumps into the car with his rebellious, pot-smoking son, Kenny, and they drive away in hot pursuit. Richard shares a joint and a few memories of his slazy past with his son in a hilarious send-up

of the drug-induced state of mind. But after a while, they are stopped by a woman in a highway patrol uniform named Heidi, who informs them that they have been cruising along at 84 miles an hour.

Meanwhile, Claire and her abductor arrive at Gerie's house, where Claire tries to make sense of her mother's glibberish and the contradictory statements of Millet, a dim-witted, possibly psychotic escaped convict whose alter ego

is a foul-mouthed hand puppet he's constantly begging to keep quiet. The Gallery Players' production is directed by Ted Thompson, a regular at the Heights Players, where he has directed "The Last Night of Ballyhoon,"



Drive me crazy: Michelle Goltzman (Heidi), Dave Rosenberg (Kenny) and David Keller (Richard) in a scene from the Gallery Players' production of "Fuddy Meers."

"Side Man" and "The Sum of Us." Thompson really comes into his own with "Fuddy Meers."

This may be because the Gallery is an Equity Showcase, which gave him access to some top talent: Jason Pappas as the Limping Man, Dolores Keenan as Gerie and Michelle Goltzman as Heidi. But Thompson also gets excellent performances out of his non-Equity actors: David Keller, who plays opposite Deborah Pautler as Claire, Dave Rosenberg as Kenny and Victor Barmina as Millet.

If this is what Thompson can create under the right conditions, the reviewer would like to see more of him at the Gallery Players.

What's more, Thompson has wisely brought over Bill Wood (lifetime member, resident director and set designer for the Heights Players) to create the "Fuddy Meers" set — an ingeniously designed multiunit, multilevel affair that allows the action to flow as

smoothly as cinematography. Lindsay-Abaire has said that "Fuddy Meers" was inspired by a television news report on a book about neurological disorders.

The author talked about this kind of amnesia where, when you go to sleep, you forget everything you've remembered during the day, and when you wake up you're a blank slate." Lindsay-Abaire said on the Carpenter Square Theatre Web site, "I thought of the first scene and then the very last one. Otherwise, 'Fuddy' unfolded itself to me as it unfolds to Claire — as a series of surprises."

The Gallery Players have lost none of the spontaneity and zanyness inherent in the script. From the opening scene to the somewhat ambiguous conclusion, their madcap makes one eager to suspend disbelief and join in the fun. For the audience too, "Fuddy Meers" unfolds as a surprise — and a very delightful one, indeed.

THEATER

The Gallery Players production of "Fuddy Meers" runs Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 pm, and Sundays at 2 pm, at 199 St. George Fourth Avenue in Park Slope. Tickets are \$15, students and seniors \$12. For reservations, call (718) 595-5547.

BROOKLYN LYCEUM presents "1776" — a story about a doomed love triangle. \$20, \$15 students and seniors. 7 pm, 200 East Broadway. (718) 866-6000.

JAZZ MASS: at St. Savour. 7:30 pm, 411 Eighth Ave. (718) 865-4025. Free.

ST. ANN'S WAREHOUSE: presents "Salome: The Reading." "Oscar Wilde." All Pacific. Marisa Tomei and Dianne West perform in the limited engagement. \$50, 8 pm. 38 Water St. (666) 468-7671.

GALLERY PLAYERS: presents comedy "Fuddy Meers." \$15, \$12 seniors and children under 12, 8 pm. 199 14th St. (718) 595-5547.

BARRES BAR: presents Rhythm. Mondays. No cover. 9 pm. 376 Ninth St. (718) 965-9177.

COMEDY: The Brooklyn Brew House performs at East End Ensemble. \$5 plus one drink minimum. 9 pm. 275 Smith St. (718) 624-8878.

VOYEURISTIC THEATER: Collaborative Graffe presents its new work "Meat a Flooding By." Performs address, rants, crib suicide notes, drink and torture one another... in small ways. \$12, 9 pm. 146 Metropolitan Ave. (718) 388-0251.

TWO BOOTS: presents bluegrass music with Straight Edge Band. 10 pm. No cover. 514 Second St. (718) 997-2523.

CHILDREN
TOT SHABBA! Union Temple invites children ages 3 to 6 to a morning of songs, songs, dance and crafts. 10:30 am. 17 Eastern Parkway. (718) 638-7400. Free.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Borocharter West End Community Council hosts a holiday event. 10:30 am. Call for ticket information. New Utrecht Reform Church, 18th Avenue and 84th Street. (718) 946-6665.

ART FACTS: Brooklyn Museum of Art invites kids to "What's the Story?" an art workshop. \$6, \$3 seniors and students. 11 am to 4 pm. 1625 11th Ave. (718) 768-7681.

CRAFTS FAIR: Society for Ethical Culture hosts a fair featuring arts and crafts, jewelry, pottery, toys, decoration and clothing. 11 am to 4 pm. 53 Prospect Park West at Second Street. (718) 768-2972.

HANUKKAH and Kwanzaa: 11:30 am. GUMBO, 493 Atlantic Ave. Call for ticket information. (718) 622-8086.

PUPPETWORKS: Fall presentation of "The Sleeping Beauty." \$6, \$2 adults. 12:30 and 2:30 pm. 838 Sixth Ave. (718) 965-3391.

LIBRARY: Brooklyn Public Library, Sunset Park branch, invites kids ages 7 and older to a music and storytelling event. Performances at 5:15 and 7:15 pm. 145 57th Street. (718) 567-2266. Free.

STORYTELLING: Brooklyn Public Library, Heights branch, hosts songs and stories from around the world with 12 children. 7:15 pm. 623 71st Ave. (718) 623-7100. Free.

BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: hosts "Melody Heights: A Burmese Puppet." \$4, 2:30 pm. 145 Brooklyn Ave. (718) 735-4000.

DINOSAURS: Kingsborough Community College presents puppeteer Jim Weil in a show inspired by everyone's favorite prehistoric creatures. \$5, 8 pm. 2001 Oriental Blvd. (718) 368-5596.

SALES
SALE: at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. 3 pm to 5 pm. 1550 Henrietta St. (718) 253-4040.

CRAFTS FAIR: Brooklyn Friends of the Arts hosts its annual holiday event featuring over 50 vendors. 10 am to 5 pm. 275 Pearl St. (917) 923-5141.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS FAIR: Dillon Child Study Center at St. Joseph's College hosts a fair. Crafts, toys and kids' activities. 10 am to 3 pm. St. Joseph's College, 245 Clinton Ave. (718) 638-6800.

SALE: 154 hosts its annual holiday sale, featuring a silent auction, raffles and entertainment. 11 am to 4 pm. 1625 11th Ave. (718) 768-7681.

CRAFTS FAIR: Society for Ethical Culture hosts a fair featuring arts and crafts, jewelry, pottery, toys, decoration and clothing. 11 am to 4 pm. 53 Prospect Park West at Second Street. (718) 768-2972.

OTHER
BRIDGE PARK: Citizens Advisory Council of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation holds a public meeting on the next phase of Brooklyn Bridge Park. 10 am to 12 pm. St. Ann's Warehouse, 38 Water St. (718) 997-5297.

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WINTER FEST: P5 154 hosts games, prizes, crafts, raffles and silent auction. 10 am to 4 pm. 1625 11th Ave. (718) 768-7681.

PRENATAL TALK: Childbirth educator speaks about labor support, yoga, nutrition and prenatal fitness. Noon. Boing Boing, Sixth Avenue at Union Street. (718) 751-8579. Free.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: Union Center for Women hosts 25 annual event. 12:30 pm. 17 Bentley's Restaurant. Call for tickets, time and location information. (718) 748-7708.

MICRO MUSEUM: "Mindpops," digital photographs by Diana Krumin. Lectures at 1 and 4 pm. Open house at 6 pm. 123 Smith St. (718) 797-3116. Free.

CARIBBEAN AUTHOR: As part of its ongoing "Caribbean Author Series," Brooklyn Public Library, Flatbush branch, hosts author Paula Marlowe. 7 pm. 22 Linden Boulevard. (718) 230-2100. Free.

CHAIR YOGA: at Park Slope Food Co-op. 3:15 pm. Wear loose clothing. 782 Union St. (718) 622-0560. Free.

OPENING: RUC Art Center exhibit, "Man Walks Into A Room." 4 to 7 pm. 30 Washington St. (718) 694-0831. Free.

DINNER: St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church hosts a dinner, film "Bye Bye Africa" (1999) and dialogue. \$10, 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Reservations necessary. 209 Washington Ave. (718) 622-5612.

SINGLES MEET: Singles of all ages and religions are invited. Guest vocalist Karen Orlando performs. Catered food and

depart 7 pm. Call for ticket information. First Evangelical Free Church, 6501 Sixth Ave. (718) 745-7775.

DINNER DANCE: Swedish Folkdancers of New York host a dance and Luau pagant. 7 pm. Danish Athletic Club, 735 69th St. Call for ticket info. (718) 748-7844.

TROLLEY GARD: Brooklyn Historic Railway Association all-day event featuring street car that the public can board. Carromel ribbon cutting event. Call for times. Canover Street, Red Hook. (718) 246-2921.

SUN, Dec 15
OUTDOORS and TOURS
SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER: Brooklyn Historical Society hosts a walk through Bay Ridge. Learn about Russian, Asian and Arab nationalities that make Bay Ridge their home. Frances Morrow, architectural historian, leads tour. \$15, \$12 BHS members, students and seniors, \$10 members. 2 pm. Meet at Fourth Avenue and 69th Street. (718) 222-4111.

PERFORMANCES
GOSPEL MUSIC: Brooklyn Academy of Music presents Refuge Church of Christ Sanctuary Choir, as part of its Sounds of Praise series. \$20 includes brunch. 2 pm. 39 Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4111.

CHAMBER MUSIC: Orchestra of St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble performs baroque works. \$25 includes museum admis-

sion. 2 pm. Brooklyn Museum of Art, 200 Eastern Parkway. (212) 594-6100.

DANCE: Burg Danco in Repertory hosts a holiday performance, featuring excerpts of the Nutcracker Suite. 2 pm. Beacon IS 220, 49th Street and Ninth Ave. (718) 567-9626. Free.

MUSIC: Kingsborough Community College Orchestra presents a holiday pops concert. 2:30 pm. 2001 Oriental Boulevard. (718) 368-5596. Free.

BARGEMUSIC: presents a chamber music program of works by Beethoven. \$35, 4 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing. (718) 624-2083.

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT: Grace Chapel Singers presents a holiday pops concert. 2:30 pm. 2001 Oriental Boulevard. (718) 368-5596. Free.

SEASONAL MUSIC: Flatbush-Tompkins Congregational Church hosts a Christmas concert. \$15 suggested donation. \$10 students, 4 pm. 424 East 19th St. (718) 782-5323.

CAROL SERVICE: Plymouth Church hosts a congregational singing event and candlelight service. 5 pm. 73 Hicks St. (718) 624-4743. Free.

WINTER CONCERT: Brooklyn Philharmonic Chorus performs 17th century French music, including Charpentier's "Missa Minuet for Christmas." \$10, 5:30 pm. St. Augustine R. Church, 116 Sixth Ave. (718) 907-0963.

CONCERT: Holiday songs at St. Patrick's Church. 7 pm. 9511 Fourth Ave. (718) 228-2600. Free.

PLAY: Stageplay Theater Company presents "The Rose of Power," a play in search of an answer to the question: "Who is or is not a Jew?" Donations accepted. 7 pm. Refreshments served. 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue. (718) 768-8628.

MUSIC: The Orchestra of the SEM Ensemble performs works by Christian Wolff, Alvin Lucier and Pierrot. \$15, \$10 students and seniors. 8 pm. Willow Place Auditorium, 25 Willow Place. (718) 888-7459.

HEIGHTS PLAYERS: "Carnelot." HOLIDAY SHOW: Brooklyn Music School presents "A Brooklyn Nutcracker." 3 pm. See Sat., Dec. 14.

GALLERY PLAYERS: "Fuddy Meers." 3 pm. See Sat., Dec. 14.

THEATER: West End Theater Company presents "Seotage." 8 pm. See Sat., Dec. 14.

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Front and center

Five Front is a delicious addition to DUMBO

By Tina Barry
For The Brooklyn Papers

St. Ann's Warehouse is doing more for DUMBO than providing great entertainment. The performance venue is also filling its new neighbor at 5 Front St., the aptly named Five Front restaurant, with celebrities and theatre lovers.

On a recent evening two members of the Kennedy clan sat with friends at a corner table, and actor Diane West flashed a smile as she strolled past my window. While celebrity sightings in Brooklyn are nothing new, finding quiet places in DUMBO to dine on interesting, affordable food is.

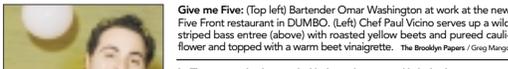
Opened in early November, owner Patty Lofow follows the format that has made her other restaurant, Park Slope's 12th Street Bar & Grill, so popular: employing the talents of 12th Street's chef, Paul Vicino — who designed Five Front's creative American cuisine and oversees the kitchen — and serve the elegant yet homey desserts of 12th Street pastry chef Josh Gordon (recently joined by Tamara Ehlin). Add a warm, well-trained waitstaff, an attrac-

DINING

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ive room and a bar that already has a lively buzz and it's no wonder Five Front is a hit with the neighborhood. The two dining areas and the bar make an impressive setting for Vicino's cooking. The decor is early 1980s SoHo with cream-colored stamped tin ceilings, dark, smoky, green walls and elegant, light-colored wood tables and bar. The casual setting is just right for an area divided between artists who want to eat well without going into hock, and those who can afford the renowned loft spaces but want a good meal in a room that doesn't include a pool table.

Vicino has brought some all-time favorites from his 12th Street repertoire. The Prince Edward Island mussels in a light curly broth have weathered the move; they are just as delicious and



Give me Five: (Top left) Bartender Omar Washington at work at the new Five Front restaurant in DUMBO. (Left) Chef Paul Vicino serves up a wild striped bass entree (above) with roasted yellow beets and pureed cauliflower and topped with a warm beet vinaigrette. The Brooklyn Papers / Greg Margolis

hearty with curry spices. Ditto for the short rib dumplings — a rich pot roast filling encased in a thin pasta wrapper topped with a concentrated vegetable glaze. His new sea scallops are a successful pairing of the lush with the crisp. The scallops are seared to a crisp crust on the outside and very inside. The velvety scallops and the brittle strands of fried potatoes that the scallops are served with make an addictive combination.

Vicino's entrees are hearty and big-flavored yet not heavy. Take his San Vito Di Capri stew with succulent, inspired by his recent honeymoon in Sicily

with succulent lamb. If you crave a good burger, Five Front's is plump and charbroiled and its accompanying fries are the real thing. Gordon's beautifully plated desserts share Vicino's homespun yet elegant sensibility. Out of the oven comes a puffy, golden square of pumpkin-bread pudding. The dessert has all the aromatic spices that make pumpkin pie so delicious — allspice, cinnamon and nutmeg — in a custardy, richly pumpkin flavored pudding. A scoop of cinnamon ice cream melts over the top of the warm pudding, and a drizzle of maple-laced caramel sauce adds one more luscious element to the dessert.

I loved the cheesiness of a pecan cookie-like tart shell softened by a creamy splash of honey-sweetened mascarpone (a creamy Italian cheese). Adding wedges of honey-glazed, roasted pears to the mix gave the dessert a fruit tang.

Five Front is already the kind of relaxed, hype-free place that older restaurants aspire to. The service is friendly and accommodating, and the rooms never get too noisy. It's already something special, with or without a Kennedy sighting.

WHERE TO GO...

Continued from previous page... day to submit applications for tickets the Hub's Local Produce Festival of the Performing Arts 2003. Call: (718) 857-5158.

CHILDREN
BOOK READING: Union Temple of Brooklyn presents journalist and novelist, Jesse Green reading from his memoir "The Volunteer Father." Book discusses what it means to gay people to become parents 10 am to noon, 17 Eastern Parkway (718) 638-7650. Free.

ARTY FACTS: Brooklyn Museum of Art invites kids to "Warm Winter Coat" a storytelling session about an all-important outer garment. 56 Children under 12 free. 11 am (log-in/language-interpreted) 2 pm, 200 Eastern Parkway (718) 638-5000.

BARB MASSAGE: Session for infants up to 1 year, \$40 for baby and adult. Noon to 2 pm. Providence Day Spa. Call to register (718) 596-6774.

KIDS' THEATER: St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church presents "Charlie Brown's Christmas." 11 to 3 pm. Reservation needed. 259 Washington Ave. (718) 622-5612. Free.

BALLET: Creative Art Studio presents segments of "The Nutcracker."

\$10, \$5 children, 2 and 4 pm, 310 Atlantic Ave. (718) 797-6600.

BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: presents Ailey II Ballet Workshop, an interactive event. \$4, 2:30 pm, 145 Brooklyn Ave. (718) 735-4400.

PUPPETWORKS: "The Sleeping Beauty" 12:30 and 2:30 pm. See Sat., Dec. 14.

OTHER
OPEN HOUSE: Brooklyn Conservatory of Music invites the public to meet Conservatory's Voice faculty from both the classical and jazz divisions, as well as learn about classes offered. 1 to 3 pm, 58 Seventh Ave. (718) 622-3300. Free.

POETRY: Zoe Gorman Lutheran Church presents 18th-century poetry. 7 to 8 pm, 70 North Sixth St. (718) 782-5188.

TREE OF LIGHTS: RC Church of the Prince Edward Island presents a lighting ceremony. List the name of a loved one and donate \$2 per name. 4 pm, 138 Bay 20th St. (718) 236-2310.

READING SERIES: Soft Skull presents "Charlie Brown's Christmas." Daniel Reed and Marion Whinn. 2 pm, 71 Bond St. (718) 499-5972. Free.

BARRES BAR: Reading series presents Stephanie Spindland

and D. Niekas. 6 pm, 376 Ninth St. (718) 965-9177. Free.

READING: Spiral Thought Magazine hosts a reading, 6 to 8 pm, The Fall Cafe, 307 Smith St. (718) 639-2310. Free.

OPENING: Red Clay Arts presents the opening of "One Shot," a media arts program featuring both a gallery show and a virtual exhibit showcasing the work of the Jamaican and Brooklyn youth. 6 pm, 384 Grand Ave. (718) 398-1500. Free.

JINGLE BELL JAMBOREE: Park Slope Chamber of Commerce hosts a community sing-along concert. Also, "Oh One" will accept unwrapped toys at the concert. 6 pm, Old First Reformed Church, Seventh Avenue and Carroll Street. (717) 514-4991. Free.

GALAPAGOS ART SPACE: presents a French collection of English speaking artists and writers. 5 to 8 pm, 70 North Sixth St. (718) 782-5188.

MON, DEC 16
BAR COURSE: Brooklyn Bar Association offers a course "Navigating Supreme Court: Civil Term a Walking Tour." Thomas Kelly, Chief Clerk, Kings County Supreme Court, and Edward Volpe, First Deputy Chief Clerk, Kings County Supreme Court, are guest speakers. 3:30, 1 to 2 pm, NYS

Supreme Court, 360 Adams St. (718) 624-0675.

DISCUSSION SERIES: Brooklyn Public Library, Central branch, presents "Postwar Years, Cold War Fears: American Culture and Politics, 1946 to 1960." Today's discussion is on "The Filmmaker" featuring select papers from David Halberstam series. 6 to 8 pm, Grand Army Plaza. (718) 230-2100. Free.

HOLIDAY PARTY: hosted by Community Board 6, 5:30, 6 pm, 200 Fifth Ave. (718) 643-3027.

LECTURE: Congregation B'nai Jurem David Bar Lecture Series presents "Who Wants to be a Misanthrope?" Tonight, "Making Prayer Practical and Personal." 8 pm, 117 Remsen St. (718) 802-1827. Free.

BARRES BAR: presents "Chaque-moment" (1974), a documentary about the members of Bar Dances in Paris. 9 pm, 376 Ninth St. (718) 965-9177. Free.

TUES, DEC 17
SENIOR DRIVERS: Elderspan offers a series to help improve driving skills and cut insurance costs. Driving course teaches defensive driving. 10 to 12:30 am. Elderspan office, 745 44th St. (718) 121-7907.

ITALIAN-AMERICAN AUTHORS: As part of its ongoing series, Brooklyn Public Library, Central

branch, hosts author Maria Mazzone Gillan. 6 pm, 22 Linden Boulevard. (718) 230-2100. Free.

LIBRARY EVENT: Brooklyn Public Library, Park Slope branch, hosts a "Teen Talent Show." Ages 13 and older welcome. 6 pm, Sixth Avenue near Ninth Street. (718) 830-1854. Free.

AUCTION: Gale Gates of live auctions has a holiday art auction. 5 to 6:30 pm silent auction; live auction at 6:30 pm, 37 Main St. (718) 522-4974.

NEXT WAVE: Brooklyn Academy of Music presents Mark Morris Dance Group and the Brooklyn Philharmonic in "The Hard Nut." \$40, \$40, \$25, 7 pm, 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 622-0560.

HOLIDAY SHOW: USO Holiday Show features a patriotic tribute to the Armed Forces. Special guest is Tiffany Walker. Miss New York, 7 to 9 pm. All invited. Fort Hamilton movie. The show has a reception for the current effort. 7:30 to 9:30 pm, 745 Union St. (718) 857-5158. Free.

BRIC STUDIO: American Theater News, featuring work by Sam Shepard and Joseph Chaikin. \$10, \$5 students, 7:30 pm, 27 Rockwell Place. (718) 855-7882.

ST. ANN'S WAREHOUSE: presents "Salome," by Oscar Wilde. 8 pm. See Sat., Dec. 14.

WEDS, DEC 18
HEALTH TALK: Health Plus offers a workshop on asthma. Learn how to keep it under control. 8:30 am, P5 131, 4205 Fort Hamilton Road. (718) 491-7453. Free.

CAROLING SESSION: Visitation Association presents a singing session with Hill Residents. All welcome. 1 pm, 9000 Shore Road. (718) 680-9452. Free.

BAR COURSE: Brooklyn Bar Association offers a course "Navigating Custody and Visitation Proceedings in Family Court." \$100, 6 to 9 pm, Brooklyn Bar Association, 123 East St., Dec. 21. (718) 398-8424.

MEETING: of The Bay Ridge Historical Society, Leota Lorie Dog of the American Indian Community House makes a presentation about the Native American presence in the metropolitan area. 7:30 pm, Shore Hill Towers, 9000 Shore Road. (718) 745-9782. Free.

MEDITATION: Learn sahaja yoga. 7 pm, 222A Court St. (718) 853-5751. Free.

MEETING: of Community School District 15, 7 pm, 360 Smith St. (718) 330-9283.

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NEXT WAVE: Brooklyn Academy of Music presents "The Hard Nut." 7:30 pm. See Sat., Dec. 14.

THURS, DEC 19
SPECIAL INFO: Parents of children with special needs are invited to a talk at the Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn Heights branch. Learn about program and community resources for children with disabilities. 10 am to noon, 280 Cadogan Plaza. (718) 212-677-4650. Free.

LIBRARY EVENT: Brooklyn Public Library, Fort Hamilton branch, invites kids age 6 and older to "Winter Arts and Crafts." 3:30 to 4 pm, Fourth Avenue and 96th Street. (718) 748-4991. Free.

CANDLELIGHT TOUR: Wyckoff House Museum hosts a tour of New York's oldest house, decorated for the holidays. \$3, free



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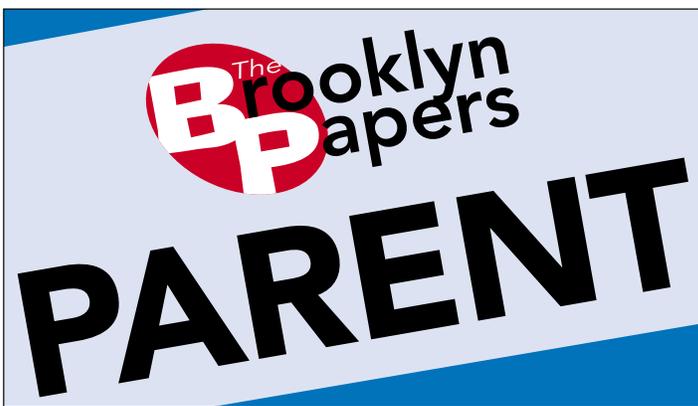
ST. LUKE'S...

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 esting mixture of baroque and classical style with that Mendelssohnian spirit." For the April 6 concert, "A Schubert Sandwich" should be taken literally — a newly discovered Haydn Divertimento will be preceded by a charming Schubert String Trio and followed, after intermission, by Schubert's famously delightful

"Trout" Quintet, which includes the orchestra's new artistic director, Donald Rumnick, on piano. Feeney is ecstatic about the Haydn Divertimento, a U.S. premiere. "What a treat it will be to play a new Haydn quartet," she says. "The Divertimento" is for viola, viola, cello and bassoon with a completely independent bass part, freeing up the cello to be more melodic. It's really a beautiful piece." A former Brooklyn resident who lived in Cobble Hill in the late 1980s,

Feeney still has warm feelings for the borough. "I always love going back to Brooklyn," she says. "It's like going back home for me." And the ensemble follows suit. "We've played the museum for eight years now," she says. "It's a very nice hall — we like it very much. I prefer the museum for our group to the smaller Well Recital Hall. Well is a fantastic hall, but for a group of our size, it sometimes sounds overpowered. I think people are better off hear-

ing in Brooklyn." Who's going to argue with that? The St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble performs "A Holiday Potpourri" Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 pm in the Cantor Auditorium of the Brooklyn Museum of Art, 200 Eastern Parkway. Tickets are \$25 and \$18 for students, seniors and museum members. A series pass — good for all three Museum concerts — is \$50. For more information, call (212) 594-6100 or visit www.orchestraofstlukes.org.



Parent!

Q: "My niece is a single mother of 2-year-old twin girls. One twin intimidates the other by running after her while holding something in her hand as if she would hit her. The chased girl runs into a corner and cowers." — an aunt

Parent-to-Parent



By Betsy Flagler

A: One mother says it took her four months to get one of her 2-year-old sons to stop tormenting the other. Her persistence paid off — now 4, the boys are buddies. "You can't help but root for the underdog," says Patricia Malmstrom, co-author of "The Art of Parenting Twins" (Ballantine, 1999). "The behavior really stops when the underdog faces the other child." Toddlers run high on energy but low on self-restraint. Unless the minds and hands of toddler twins are kept busy, they're likely to get into double trouble. Their caregivers need to set and reinforce limits — no knocking your sister on the

head, use only walking feet in the house — but otherwise stay as neutral as possible, Malmstrom says. "One thing I suggest is that parents keep track of a problem for about four days to see whether it's occurring at certain times of the day," she says. If parents detect a pattern, a tweak in the daily routine often helps change the behavior. Sometimes when a child is hungry, for example, she will take her frustration out on the weaker twin. The addition of a healthy snack breaks the cycle. "Parents want things to be settled, to have a solution and be done," says Malmstrom. One mother bathes her twins before dinner, and that sets the tone for a calmer evening. Another mom sets up two separate pretend cooking areas so each twin has her own space while mom cooks dinner in peace. Toddlers benefit from personal space, and ruminating time outside helps defuse one twin's domination over the other, Malmstrom says. "Toddlers need lots of room," she says. "Figure out how to get them outside and let them run." Part of the solution, parents say, is to stress the individuality of each twin by getting them different clothes and toys, playing to each child's strengths, and occasionally doing brief activities with just one twin. "Resist labeling your children," Malmstrom says, "be-

cause you don't want to lock them into the position of King Kong and the victim." Kimberly Stevens says her 3-year-old twins seem to take turns dominating each other. At times she lets the children work out their differences. But if one child is repeatedly aggressive and bossy, mom steps in and redirects that twin. "My daughter is more bossy inside the house, but my son is the king of the outside swing set," she says. "Sometimes one child will take you after you away from the other just to hear him or her yell. I place the offending child in time-out." When her twin 4-year-old boys were 2, says Debra Cotten, toy time-outs topped her list of strategies. "The toys that are used in an intimidating manner are put in time-out, and they can come out in whatever amount of time necessary to get the point across," Cotten says. "Some toys were in time-out for days." Except that you have a

problem and tackle it, she suggests. "I had to accept that of my boys was a bully, and then I could take steps to stop it," Cotten says. "We had short conversations about how it feels to be the victim, and how no one wants to be around someone mean." Be patient and hopeful, parents of toddlers. "First-time parents panic that this is a permanent life condition, that the way their children act as toddlers will be how they are forever," says Malmstrom, a consultant, whose Web site is www.twinservices.org. For support from other parents of twins, contact the National Organization of Mothers of Twins. The organization's Web site is www.nomom.org. **Can you help?** "How should parents and teachers handle stuttering problems of children who are about age 3? How long does it last?" — a preschool teacher If you have tips or a question, call our toll-free hotline any time at (800) 827-1092 or e-mail us at tip@gojournal.com.

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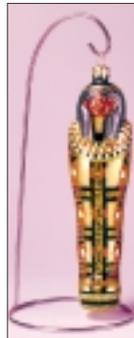
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 touched the piece. The show was free and unexpected, and the glow from the ovens made for a warm respite from the snow storm. More importantly, it was a fascinating behind-the-scenes glimpse at the skill of the Urban Glass artists, so don't forget to peep before you pay.

Shopping guru tip: *Journeyman members (\$75) of Urban Glass get 10 percent off their Urban Glass store purchases and other perks.*

For your wife, daughter, sister, girlfriend, aunt or mom, Aaron's has gift ideas women of any age not only want — they covet. These discounted designer gifts range from Isabella Fiore's sequined makeup bags and change purses, to scarves, to jewelry. The North Country travel candles (\$8) are perfect stocking stuffers, and you'll find the big ticket items, from coats to sweaters, are all here. But perhaps the lady in your life is a damsel in distress. If she's got the winter blues, a little aromatherapy might be in order. For \$29, you can offer her a Volupsa candle in rose and grapefruit for a pick me up. When the candle's gone, she still has the plush, velvet handbag — in jewel tones or animal prints — which the candle came in, to remember you by.

Shopping guru tip: *Aaron's maintains a mailing list. Get yourself on it, and get advance notice of their sales — including a hefty birthday discount.*

Urban Monster, a new baby gift shop that opened on Halloween, has gift ideas for tiny tots that their parents will think are very cool. Whether it's the Bob Dylan concert T-shirt onesie or scuffing booties, these items are, for the most part, handmade and one-of-a-kind. The B.B. Knala coordinating separates appealed to me because they had style and function. The red and black Asian pants (\$32) could be paired with a number of different tops or with a reversible bib (\$14) with matching satin fabric on one side or furry leopard print on the flip side. If animal prints on your little one are wild for your taste, there are lots of toys to delight your little ones' imaginations — from finger puppets to the "Where's the Bone" interactive, soft sculpture book (\$15) perfect for babies ages 6 months to three years.

Shopping guru tip: *Urban Monster is now hosting a toy drive for needy kids. Bring in a new toy for babies age 0 to 18 months to the store by Dec. 22 and get \$3 off your next purchase of \$45 or more. Yet another tip: Use the 10 percent off coupon in this week's GO Brooklyn section.*

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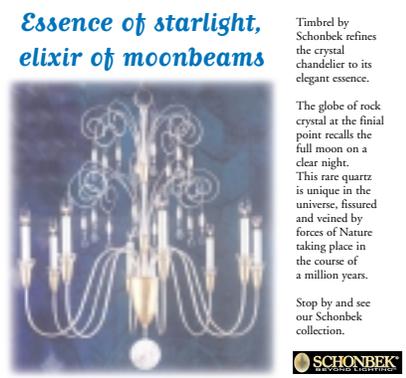
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