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 Sarah Jessica Parker and Ron Livingston on the steps of Borough Hall last Wednesday filming an episode of HBO's "Sex and the City." The series is entering its final season.

# Waterfront Ikea in for tough fight

**By Patrick Gallahue**  
*The Brooklyn Papers*

The fight hasn't even been sanctioned — the official public review is months away — yet the Parisians are already heading to their respective corners.

John McGettrick, co-chair of the Red Hook Civic Association, and representatives from Ikea — both leading their own lobbying campaigns over the future of a proposed store in Red Hook — had a spirited standoff Monday night before the First Place Tri-Block and Summit Street Block Association.

McGettrick and Ikea have led furious lobbying campaigns in Red Hook and the surrounding neighborhoods in recent months, and on Monday night McGettrick accused Ikea of "sugar-coating" the impacts of its proposed store at Columbia and Hallock streets. An Ikea representative, meanwhile, accused McGettrick of leading a "misinformation campaign."

The scope of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Ikea project has not been presented yet and the project is still months away from being certified to begin its official public review.

The effort to sway the hearts and minds of civic associations and residents, however, is well underway.

Ikea has been mailing fliers to its database of Brooklyn customers with



A response card mailed to residents regarding the planned Red Hook Ikea.

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# ON THE MARKET

## Witnesses put waterfront tower up for sale

**By Patrick Gallahue**  
*The Brooklyn Papers*

The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, also known as the Jehovah's Witnesses, announced this week their interest in selling their 1-million-square-foot building at 360 Furman St between Joralemon Street and Atlantic Avenue.

"We have a number of options out there that we are exploring," said Watchtower spokesman Robert Alexander. "We're waiting to see what... will come back."

Built in 1928 and acquired by the Watchtower Society in 1983, the 12-story building had been used for the Watchtower's printing and distribution operations. The organization will redistribute its printing plants to various international facilities and to a printing plant in upstate Wallkill, New York.

"Our building at 360 Furman St. has served us well for many years, but we're relocating much of that work that was done there," Alexander said. "Perhaps this building will be used by others in a way that is compatible with the Brooklyn waterfront development."

The Furman Street announcement sparked the interest of local activists due to its proximity to and potential impact on the planned Brooklyn Bridge Park, a 1.3-mile commercial and recreational development that is to be built between Jay and Kramlen streets.

The park, as currently envisioned, would extend to Pier 5 at Joralemon Street but would have an Atlantic Avenue gateway entrance, meaning pedestrians would have to traverse around the Watchtower building at Furman and Atlantic to get to the park. [Updated plans for the park reveal the potential inclusion of Pier 6, which would lessen the impact of the building on the Atlantic Avenue gateway, see story this page.]

"I think this creates a sense of great possibility," said Mariana Koval, executive director of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Coalition, an advocacy group for the waterfront plan.

She said housing and possibly other uses such as the model presented by the Greenpoint Manufac-

turing and Design Center, a collection of businesses and artist studios now operating in a former rope factory, would be compatible with Brooklyn Bridge Park.

"It's a million square feet and it has absolutely spectacular views of the harbor and Lower Manhattan," Koval said. "I think we're enormously interested in the possibility that this wouldn't be a shipping and printing operation of any organization, religious or otherwise. The truck traffic and the volume of traffic has always been an issue not just for the park but the surrounding community."

Nancy Bove, president of the Brooklyn Heights Association, also expressed a desire for park-compatible uses for the building.

"It's certainly very interesting," said Nancy Bove, president of the Brooklyn Heights Association. "And we hope that whatever goes



The Watchtower Society-owned building at 360 Furman St., as seen from the promenade at Renssen Street, is up for sale.

**TA set to shaft the Heights**  
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there is compatible with the park and traffic."

She declined, however, to voice opinions or concerns about the project until a specific proposal is made.

"That's something new to everybody," said Chip Place, the director of planning and design for the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation.

"It's something to keep in mind, see **MARKET** on page 4

## Pier 6's new park role

**By Patrick Gallahue**  
*The Brooklyn Papers*

The Brooklyn Bridge Park planners have released a refined "concept plan" for the commercial and recreational development along the waterfront, making some major changes along the way.

The updated plan now includes Pier 6 at Atlantic Avenue and calls for the demolition of the Purchase Building on Water Street. It also replaces an amphitheater on Pier 3 with a grassy hill.

"We're assuming that Pier 6 could come to us and because we're assuming that we said, 'Let's sit it in the EIS,'" said James Moogan, executive director of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation, a subsidiary of the Empire State Development Corporation charged with implementing the plan for the 1.3-mile development, which would stretch from just past the Manhattan Bridge to Atlantic Avenue.

Activists who have lobbied to have the pier included in the park saw the study as a promising indication that it could become part of the development.

"We think Pier 6 is extremely important for the park site, especially for access from Atlantic Avenue, which is the natural gateway," said Sharon Soons, a member of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Coalition.

Activists have sought to create a major gateway from Atlantic Avenue to relieve pedestrian traffic from the much narrower Joralemon Street, which feeds into Pier 5.

The city owns Pier 6 and leases it to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, but that lease will expire in 2008.

While the pier currently appears on the old Illustrative Master Plan for the park as "potential for future recreational/cultural programming," its ownership has been anything but guaranteed.

The city recently commissioned a study on Piers 6-12 for the "best possible uses" of the area's waterfront.

Last April, the lead consultant on the study, John Alschuler, said



The Purchase Building in Fulton Ferry will be knocked down to make room for more park space.

recreational uses for Pier 6, currently a working pier leased by American Stevedoring, were among the study.

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## Beep rants over Klein's school plan

**By Deborah Kolben**  
*The Brooklyn Papers*

The invitation to address the Borough Board, comprised of community board chairs and council members came from Borough President Marty Markowitz, who took advantage of Tuesday night's meeting at Borough Hall to berate Klein for everything from being short-changed on the Department of Education's capital commitment plan to

overcrowding in Brooklyn schools.

"This was not a system that was failing all children. We had many children that were succeeding," said Markowitz, referring to the sweeping education reforms that put the responsibility for the city's schools back into the hands of the mayor for the first time since 1969 and eliminated the current school districts.

Just this week, Markowitz sent a letter to Klein outlining some of Brooklyn's worst school problems, including the most severely overcrowded high schools in the city, which he also detailed in a report delivered in front of Midwood High School. At 185 percent capacity, Midwood is among the most overcrowded high schools in the city.

In response, Klein on Tuesday said he had freed up 8,000 seats by eliminating bureaucrats in the old Board of Education.

Criticizing the Education Department for squeezing Brooklyn out of its fair share, Markowitz said in a written statement that while Brooklyn had more severe overcrowding

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## Ticket blitz hurting Slope merchants

**By Patrick Gallahue**  
*The Brooklyn Papers*

Note to Park Slope merchants, motorists and pedestrians: watch out.

If you've got a tape measure you might want to check to see if the street furniture in front of your store exceeds the allowable 36 inches from

the building line. You might also want to watch where you park, buckle up and if you've got a few weeks to burn, read up on every law on the books that can possibly result in a summons.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg has city pens blazing, enforcing laws from the routine to the unknown.

The city denies the so-called "ticketing blitz"

is out of the ordinary, claiming that summons overall are down compared to last year. And the Independent Budget Office recently asserted that traffic violations are the only violations that actually turn a profit for the city.

Anecdotally, however, merchants and local business leaders report a greater enforcement of rules in recent weeks.

One of the most staggering incidents occurred in Park Slope, where Harbor Fitness was hit with penalties that could have amounted to \$12,500.

The gym on 15th Street at Fifth Avenue was cited by the city Department of Buildings for a bevy of violations including having their logo

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Marty Markowitz works out on an elliptical machine at Borough Hall.

## Marty trades diet for workout

At second 'Lighten Up,' beep vows to sweat it off — and keep it off

**By Yoav Gonen**  
*for The Brooklyn Papers*

The image of Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz jogging up the steps of Borough Hall, jumping up and down like Rocky Balboa with arms upraised as he reached the top step, captured the essence of Tuesday's kickoff to "Lighten Up Brooklyn 2003."

The theme this year, "Fitness is Forever," is intended, in addition to shedding pounds, to make exercise fun and part of the regular routine.

"I dreamed that this day would never come back," Markowitz joked as he introduced the second annual borough-wide initiative to combat obesity and promote healthy lifestyles.

"Last year the emphasis was on losing weight," said Markowitz. "This time we're emphasizing long-term results: changing eating habits and adding exercise to your daily life."

As such, Markowitz eschewed a weight-in. Weight-loss totals will not be the benchmark, but rather participation in workout programs.

Fitness trainers from around the borough joined Markowitz in announcing a wide variety of activities that will be occurring in more than 20 Brooklyn parks, and with the participation of 25 gyms, on weekends in June. He hopes that the variety will entice the largest number of people to participate, with events ranging from power walking and yoga to kickboxing and canoeing.

Michael Adams, a 29-year-old train-

er at the Park Slope Sports Club, presented one of the more unusual events, Capoeira Dance Fitness, which will be held at Cuyler Gore Park in Fort Greene on Saturdays at 2 p.m.

"It's gonna be hot," promised Adams, who described the exercise as an "Afro-Brazilian martial art/dance hybrid" accompanied by a house music deejay. He managed to pique the interest of at least one of the approximately 50 listeners and passersby.

"I'm excited," said Sarah Kaufman, a Borough Hall employee. "The Capoeira sounded good."

She's one of a group of Borough Hall workers who have been meeting this past week in the rotunda at 7:30 a.m. to participate in daily aerobic workouts as a prelude to the month's activities.

Kaufman says she likes the community aspect of the fitness initiative, and compares it to a "buddy system," in that being other people participate can serve as motivation.

Markowitz made his own attempts to motivate borough residents on Tuesday by demonstrating how to use an elliptical machine, which simulates running without the stressful impact.

Dressed in tan shorts, a T-shirt and running sneakers, the borough president also completed a resting metabolic rate test while seated on a blue Swiss ball — used to involve additional muscle groups, especially the abdominal muscles, in various exercises — by breaking into a Body Gem.

The kazo-looking device is used to



The borough president learns some "Boot Camp Fitness" from trainer Darren Taylor.

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# Ed Weintrob / Big media, advertising and misspelled names

Belated attention was paid Monday by the TV networks and big dailies to the Federal Communications Commission's scolding of the public interest in allowing still more mega-media consolidation. The FCC's action is likely to prove even a greater threat to both the democratic ideal of unfettered discussion and the capitalist notion of free commerce than Congress' earlier media deregulation votes.

The FCC chairman went to great lengths to stifle discussion prior to Monday's decision, scheduling only one public hearing (in California).

Big media didn't raise much of a ruckus about this overt suppression of debate, however, since it will be big media's cash registers that will reap a fast, full harvest.

On matters affecting big media's financial interest, debate is becoming an anachronism. It's a shame the FCC commissioners have no shame.

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People are rightfully concerned that their names appear correctly in The Paper — particularly a name that won't appear all that often; a misspelled name can cloud those 15 minutes of fame and make a Google search problematic for eternity. Most often, however, it's the substance of an article that will delight or rile.

It's important for readers to call errors to our attention; even if an error in nuance does not merit a printed correction, knowledge of the questionable point can better inform future stories. A misspelled

name, not corrected, can literally alter an identity of its own.

In the case of NY Times reporter Jason Blair, who injected fiction in dozens of his reports, people felt calling the Times to complain would have been an exercise in futility. At The Brooklyn Paper, we want to hear your praise as well as your criticism.

Now, here's my copy of the week: In last week's column, I misspelled the name of The Paper's early editor. It's Beverly Chevvrant.

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# TA's plan gives Heights the shaft — literally

By Patrick Gallahue  
The Brooklyn Papers

Plans that have been over 15 years in the making call for weaving bicycle and pedestrian paths, green space and benches along the uplands of Pier 4 along Furman Street.

A new challenge to design-

ers, however, will be a towering 50-foot ventilation shaft for 50-ft-long tunnel under the park.

And that same shaft will be within inches of the view plane from the Brooklyn Heights promenade to lower Manhattan.

The New York City Transit Authority is replacing the ex-

isting shed about at what would be the foot of Montague Street, just west of the promenade and the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, with a larger, taller ventilation shaft to bring air into and out of East River subway tunnels.

Charles Seaton, a spokesman for the Transit Authority, refused to discuss any issues

related to the construction, citing security concerns.

Neighborhood activists this week bemoaned the tower, which will come within inches of the view plane from the promenade, cutting into river views but staying just below the scope of the Manhattan skyline.

"You can certainly say that

we wish it didn't have to be there," said Nancy Bowe, president of the Brooklyn Heights Association.

Bowe is also a member of the Citizens Advisory Council, an advisory body to the builders of the planned Brooklyn Bridge Park, which would traverse the riverfront property between the Manhattan Bridge and Pier 5.

She said that during meetings with the Transit Authority, "they laid out a pretty compelling argument that it had to be that size and that place."

Asked why a two-story shaft now needed to be so much taller, community activists said they were told that new federal regulations for ventilation of subway tunnels required a better system.

Bowe said the primary disappointment was in the fact that the Transit Authority had been aware of the need for a replacement of the shed for several years but did not participate in the public planning process for the 70-acre commercial and recreational de-

velopment along the waterfront.

"We wish the Transit Authority had been part of the park planning meetings that have taken place over the last number of years," she said.

"We have gotten an indication from the Transit Authority that they are willing to work with the park designers when they are chosen," Bowe said.

James Moogan, executive director of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation, a subsidiary of the Empire State Development Corporation that's charged with building the 1.3-mile waterfront development, said, "That's an important building for public space. ... We'll integrate it into our design so that it becomes part of the park."

Seaton said that construction of the shaft should be finished by September 2004. Along with another ventilation shaft in Lower Manhattan, the project will cost a combined \$35 million.



The air shaft below the Brooklyn Heights promenade may be rising to 50 feet, partially blocking the view.

# Brooklyn Pride this Saturday

The Brooklyn Papers

The stage acts are about the only thing that will be a drag in Bartel-Pritchard Square this weekend.

The Seventh Annual Brooklyn Pride festival will kick off at Bartel-Pritchard Square, on 15th Street at Prospect Park West, this Saturday, June 7, featuring comedians, musicians, dancers and, of course, an array of drag queens and kings (women who dress as men).

Events will begin at 10 am, with a 5-kilometer run from Bartel-Pritchard Square, which will be followed by a street fair on

Prospect Park West, between Ninth and 15th streets, from 11 am to 6 pm.

Twenty stage acts — including the Queen of Comedy Jennifer Convertible and the New and Improved Brooklyn Broads and Girlz — will start at 1 pm and end at 6 pm. The entertainment will be hosted by Philapeno, also known as Phil Cerato, who began his career with the Heights Hussies.

The evening parade, which last year waxed led by Borough President Mary Markowitz, will have three honorary grand marshals: Irene Lo Re, former chairwoman of Community Board 6 and owner of Aunt Suzie's

Restaurant in Park Slope; Dan Sendzik, director of the PATH Center, a clinic at the Brooklyn Hospital Center for people infected with AIDS; and, as a group, the Griot Circle, a service organization for elderly gay, lesbian and transgender people of color.

The parade will begin at 9 pm from Bartel-Pritchard Square and proceed west on 15th Street to Seventh Avenue where it will continue to the park's conclusion at Lincoln Place.

At Seventh Avenue, between Fourth and Fifth streets, a viewing stand will be set up with comic drag king, Murray Hill, serving as master of ceremonies.

— Gallahue

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# Atlantic biz told to raise prices

By Patrick Gallahue  
The Brooklyn Papers

A new upscale identity is being pitched to longtime Atlantic Avenue merchants.

A recently released marketing study, commissioned by the Atlantic Avenue Betterment Association with a \$7,500 grant from the Independence Community Foundation, seeks to attach adjectives like "sophisticated," "luxury" and "premium" to the burgeoning presence of boutique clothing and furniture stores, which have joined the row of antique and Middle Eastern shops.

The lynchpin of that plan was a call for merchants to price their wares more in line with the finer shopping strips in Manhattan.

"As a general guiding principal, certainly the corridor

will benefit as a whole in the longer run if a higher margin-higher quality strategy is pursued," said Michael Berne, of MIB Consulting, which performed the study.

"The last seven or eight years there have been a lot of changes," said Berne. "The whole point of this study was to figure out how to communicate these changes."

The results were released at the Downtown Atlantic Restaurant, 364 Atlantic Ave., to about 30 merchants on May 29.

Among the forthcoming initiatives will be the distribution of 10,000 copies of an Atlantic Avenue shopping guide in hotels, tourist destinations like the Brooklyn Academy of Music, and local shops with hopes of attracting wealthy Brooklyn, Manhattan and tourist shoppers.

In addition, Berne encouraged merchants to buy advertisements in publications

with target readerships.

"For so long shopping streets were defined by the products they sold or the ethnic groups they catered to," he said. Now, he said "it's a sensibility, a lifestyle."

The current configuration of the avenue, between Furman Street and Fourth Avenue, contains 317 ground-floor commercial spaces with 13 percent used for antique, furniture and home decoration stores, 11 percent for restaurants and bars and 12 percent for items such as shoes, clothing, housewares and others for which people tend to comparison shop.

Eleven percent of the spaces host residential, educational, religious or community purposes and 13 percent are vacant storefronts.

But what most caught the attention of merchants at the meeting was a call to raise

prices or at least keep them high, to project a more upscale shopping environment and to compensate for low-volume sales in the antique and contemporary stores.

Jennifer Baron, owner of a Cook's Companion at 152 Atlantic Ave., and a Perfect Setting at 140 Atlantic Ave., said her clientele expects to pay the same or less than they would in Manhattan for the top-of-the-line cookware she sells, but with better service.

"[My customers] don't want to be overcharged by their own neighbors," she said. "A lot of people don't want to be known as expensive," said Charlie Sahadi, owner of Sahadi's Importing Company, at 187 Atlantic Ave., a Middle Eastern grocery. "We want to be fair-priced. But high-end brings in a very different clientele and that may be what he is going for."

Sandy Balboza, president of the Atlantic Avenue Betterment Association, said the price proposal made more sense for businesses east of Smith Street that have less foot traffic.

"If everything was like the dollar stores, with this volume we couldn't stay in business," she said.

Berne said the primary fo-

cus of the study was on shops east of Smith Street, where the new contemporary stores have developed. Both Sahadi's and Baron's stores are at the western end of the avenue, bordering both Brooklyn Heights and Cobble Hill. That end enjoys more foot traffic, and a higher sales volume.

Those stores may be able to continue as they've existed for years, Berne said.

But the pockets of Middle Eastern shops and variety stores near Fourth Avenue and the restaurants off Court Street, were not prominently mentioned in the study.

Berne said that budget constraints prevented looking at every facet of the 1.5-mile stretch.

"He did a very nice survey," Sahadi said. "But it was a limited survey."

The future does hold many advantages for Atlantic Avenue merchants, as 1,500 new units of housing are expected to be built on or near Atlantic Avenue at sites such as the municipal garage on the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Court Street, among others. Those developments are expected to attract shoppers who will need exactly the type of goods sold on Atlantic Avenue.

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## DA probing bomber's cash

By Patrick Gallahue  
The Brooklyn Papers

Prosecutors are setting their sights on Stephen Alster's financial dealings from prison to find out who may have received cash from the convicted Montague Bomber while he was serving a 20-year sentence upstate.

Attorney Robert Solomon is representing Alster in a \$75 million civil suit brought by the victims of his 2001 Brooklyn Heights bombing conviction. Solomon, who has controlled Alster's finances since his conviction, was subpoenaed by the district attorney's office to turn over Alster's financial records.

Solomon retained his own counsel, Court Street attorney Irving Singer, to block the subpoena, charging that it violates attorney-client privilege.

Lawyers will submit their motions to the judge in the next week, Solomon said, and a judge is expected to make a determination in about two weeks.

"I'll fully cooperate with all court orders," Solomon said. "This is being done to assure that there is no violation of attorney-client privilege."

A spokesman for the DA said that the "subpoena is an attempt to find out what Alster had given Mr. Solomon money for. [If it was] to hire bad guys."

"Alster's attorney was handling Alster's financial dealings while he was in jail," the spokesman said.

He added that Solomon was not a suspect in the case.

Alster, 66, and an alleged accomplice, Andrian Scott, 29, are charged with planting five PVC pipes filled with gasoline and Sheetrock screws as well as a .38-caliber revolver and a .380-caliber automatic in the backseat of Police Officer Yensy Thomas' 1992 Jeep SUV, on March 31. The vehicle was parked in front of the home Thomas shares with her husband and two children on Montague Street between Hicks Street and Montague Terrace.

Prosecutors believe Alster and Scott planted the inoperative devices to make it seem that Alster was wrongly convicted of detonating a pipe bomb in Thomas' home in 2000. Alster, who is incarcerated in Green Haven Correctional Facility upstate, harbored an obsessive crush on the much-younger Thomas, prosecutors charged at his trial.

He met Scott while awaiting trial on Rikers Island.

In one call from prison taped by authorities, Alster called a man who identified himself as "Bob" and asked him to transfer money from a bank account into Bob's e-screw account. When Bob asked him why, Alster refused to elaborate.

The district attorney's office would not discuss how many other people are believed to be involved in the plot to make it seem that Alster was wrongly convicted.

Alster was arraigned in Brooklyn Supreme Court on May 29 before Judge Neil Firingo.

As Firetop asked him questions, however, the wheelchair-bound Alster blurted

to his attorney "I can't hear. I'm deaf!"

Alster's criminal attorney, Scott Klein, entered a not guilty plea and requested medical attention for his client for his hearing problems.

Scott was arraigned on May 28.

If convicted, Scott faces 25 years to life in prison. Alster faces an additional seven years in prison.



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# Is there a Doctoroff in the house?

## James Davis brings a mayoral face to Fort Greene

By Patrick Gallahee  
The Brooklyn Papers

Perhaps seeking to avoid community relations troubles faced by developers of a planned cultural district in Fort Greene, a top mayoral aide visited the neighborhood's houses of worship, and a councilman's home, on Sunday to introduce a massive development plan for Downtown Brooklyn.

"I think people are looking forward to the plan," said Councilman James Davis, who invited Deputy Mayor Dan Doctoroff to Fort Greene. "They just want to make sure they are at the table, not just that they are at the receiving end but at the building, the implementation, the planning and the entire process."

The visit took Doctoroff to Emanuel Baptist Church, on Saint James Place at Lafayette

Avenue; then to Brown Memorial Baptist Church, on Washington Avenue at Fulton Street; then Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Lafayette Avenue and South Oxford Street; and the Church of Saint Mark, on Union Street at Kingsland Avenue.

It ended at Davis' home, at 412 Cumberland St.

The city has announced a \$100 million rezoning plan for Downtown Brooklyn, spearheaded by the Downtown Brooklyn Council, that includes zoning changes to allow for residential and commercial expansion in addition to the creation of two parks settled beneath towering office buildings.

The portion of the plan in Davis' district anticipates rezoning the east side of Flatbush Avenue, between Tillary Street and Fulton Street, for residential buildings with ground-floor retail, and the south side of Myrtle Avenue, up to Ashland Place, for residential conversions.

White Fort Greene is a tangential part of the major plan, which includes skyscrapers in Downtown Brooklyn that could surpass the height of the Williamsburgh Savings Bank Building. Doctoroff may have learned from the planned Brooklyn Academy of Music cultural district plan that houses of worship in the neighborhood — which also serve as centers of political activism — are not to be taken lightly.

In Davis' living room, surrounded by about 50 local activists, both Doctoroff and Davis were blunt in their appraisals of the BAM Local Development Corporation's public relations gaffes. "BAM LDC made treme-



Deputy Mayor Dan Doctoroff after a tour of churches in Fort Greene Sunday.

dous mistakes in communication," he said. "A lot of the problems could have been avoided."

BAM LDC Spokesman Lee Silberstein declined to comment on Doctoroff's criticism, saying only, "I was not in the room so I am not going to re-

spond to everything he said."

The LDC, which seeks to build a cultural mecca near the Brooklyn Academy of Music, was slow to seek the approval of religious leaders and residents, and is still in the midst of negotiating the plan with a group called the Concerned Citizens Coalition, comprised largely of local ministers, even after making promises to include local benefits such as subsidized housing and community programs.

"So far, Deputy Mayor Doctoroff has done just about everything right," Davis said. "And the BAM LDC could take a page out of his book."

The gatherings featured Doctoroff and Davis praising one another as friends and partners in the Downtown development. Doctoroff told parishioners at the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church: "Downtown Brooklyn really is the key to securing the economic future of this city. But we all know it's not enough just to talk

about economics ... The lesson that I have learned is it's got to be done in a way that's fair; it's got to be done in a way where people listen to each other. So it's important that you know I'm available ... I look forward to coming back lots of times."

While inviting questions and comments at his home, Davis also requested a suspension of judgement.

"Please give them the opportunity to go wrong or go right," he said. "So far, so good."

Davis, who has expressed concern with portions of the Downtown plan, said he was nevertheless heartened by the mayor's response and the visit by his top aide.

After Davis made a point of saying he was not afraid to oppose the mayor if need be — citing the property tax hike, which he voted against, as an example — Doctoroff said, "Despite the fact that we disagreed on that issue, we are here today working together."

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but it hasn't really been factored in by anybody yet."

The building, which rises over the Brooklyn-Queen Expressway, is currently in a light manufacturing zone and Alexander said, "We do not intend to do anything with that current zoning but if some other organization were to ever obtain the structure then they could choose to pursue the rezoning."

Ben Klein, vice-president of operations for developer Shaya Boymelgreen, who is currently developing a number of projects in Downtown Brooklyn and DUMBO — including the reuse of the Empire Stores, on Water Street between Dock and Main streets, which will be developed into a mixed-use retail, cultural and commercial facility — was unfamiliar with the details of the building but said it appeared as an attractive site for a residential conversion.

"There are windows on all four sides, it molds perfectly into a residential use," he said.

Alexander said appraisals of the property had not been completed and that the Watchtower Society has not been approached by the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation, a subsidiary of the Empire State Development Corporation, which is planning the waterfront development.

The Watchtower Society was notified by the Fort Authority of New York and New Jersey that their lease on Pier 5, which had been used as a 700-car parking lot for the facility, was not going to be renewed. Pier 5 is a major component of the Brooklyn Bridge Park plan.

They found accommodations for vehicles under another development in DUMBO.

The Watchtower Society plans to develop that three-acre parcel — bounded by Jay, Fort Bridge and York streets — into a residential property for its members.

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Alexander did not have a timeline for when they hoped to have a deal on 360 Furman St.

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# Edwards taps DeBlasio for '04 prez campaign

By Patrick Galloway  
The Brooklyn Papers

In the absence of challengers, Park Slope Councilman Bill DeBlasio may not have a campaign of his own to run this summer — so he's heading into a higher stakes race instead.

DeBlasio, who made a name for himself as Sen. Hillary Clinton's campaign manager in 2000 — he also worked on the 1996 Clinton-Gore re-election — has been tapped to co-chair North Carolina Sen. John Edwards' 2004 presidential campaign in New York State.

"There are few leaders in New York with as much experience in winning campaigns in that state than Bill DeBlasio," said campaign spokeswoman Jennifer Palmieri, a former deputy press secretary in the Clinton administration. "He's respected, experienced and energetic and Sen. Edwards wants to make a big push in New York. We think it's a state we can do well in."

Edwards, who is sharing the top spot for fundraising with Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry,



Councilman Bill DeBlasio, who kicked off his re-election campaign at Camp Friendship in Park Slope Tuesday, will also help Sen. John Edwards' presidential bid.

is considered among Democrats as one of the most viable potential challengers to President George Bush in 2004.

"He has the clearest domestic agenda," DeBlasio said. "And I think the only way the Democrats win is on the domestic issues ... I also believe

that he's the most electable because of his southern heritage."

The 49-year-old freshman senator, who was elected in 1998, worked as a personal injury lawyer before seeking elected office.

Among the other "serious" candidates heading into the primary, Edwards is one of the few from the South, which many think could make him an attractive figure in a nine-way Democratic primary that also includes Kerry, Connecticut

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and Missouri Rep. Richard Gephardt, Florida Sen. Bob Graham, Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich, former Illinois Sen. Carol Mosley-Braun and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

DeBlasio characterized the job — which will include identifying endorsers, coordinating resources and determining strategy — as "decidedly part-time." Other campaign co-chairs in the state will be selected and the position is currently pro bono, although it could evolve into a paid position.

Technically, the City Council is considered a part-time position, allowing members to hold a second job.

Susan Leeb, who was the New York State political director for former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley's unsuccessful 2000 campaign for the Democ-

atic presidential nomination and who heads the Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats, said of the co-chairs, "It's a group of influential supporters."

She characterized the work of co-chair as an "advisory and support role" and added that Rep. Jerrold Nadler and former Manhattan Councilwoman Ronnie Eldridge also served as co-chairs to the Bradley campaign.

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# Slope teacher is busted in internet kiddie porn sting

By Jotham Sederstrom  
The Brooklyn Papers

A tenured science teacher from PS 221 in Park Slope pleaded not guilty in Manhattan Criminal Court this week to charges that he solicited sex from a 14-year-old girl over the Internet.

Police arrested Manuel Portatatin, 39, at his Staten Island home Tuesday following an investigation by the city's Vice Enforcement Unit, which handles Internet-related sex crimes against children. In a sting that unfolded over several months, detectives posing as a 14-year-old girl in e-mails and instant messages allegedly received invitations from Portatatin to engage in sexual activity.

On April 8, and again on May 14, Detective James Held, in the guise of a 14-year-old girl received messages from Portatatin over the Internet asking when they

could "hang out," according to the indictment, released at his arraignment Thursday. In the later correspondence, the indictment reads, Portatatin stated "... that he wanted to engage in sexual conduct" with Held, who, the indictment states, he thought was a 14-year-old girl.

A spokesman for the Manhattan district attorney's office said the messages were sent from Portatatin's home at 1 W. Cedarview Ave. Held used a computer and Internet access at 1 Police Plaza, police headquarters.

Portatatin could face a maximum sentence of four years in prison for the attempted dissemination of indecent material and the endangerment of the welfare of a child. Portatatin's attorney, Stephen Flammhaft, was out of the country, according to a secretary, and could not be reached for comment.

According to Paul Rose, a

spokesman for the Department of Education, Portatatin has taught at the school, on Seventh Avenue at First Street, since 1991. However, in 1997, he spent a year teaching at a school in Staten Island.

After police took him into custody, parents of children attending the school were sent notes warning that a teacher had been arrested for "sexual behavior on the Internet," however Portatatin's name was not disclosed.

"We're just taking it day by day," said the mother of a second-grader at the school. "I guess we just don't want to see anything just yet."

Principal Elizabeth Phillips and PTA President Marcia Ely both declined to comment on Portatatin.

Rose said no one at the school has Internet access. Portatatin has been reassigned to an administrative position at the District 15 office until a verdict is reached. He is free pending \$15,000 bail. The next court date is Aug. 21.

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# Slope grocery robbed by two armed bandits

By Patrick Gallahee  
The Brooklyn Papers

Two thugs packing guns and wearing ski masks raided a Park Slope grocery on May 31.

The duo charged into the store, on Fifth Avenue between Bergen Street and Saint Marks Place, at around 11:30 p.m. and forced the two store-owners and an employee into the back. The bandits then tied them up with extension cords and stole \$1,836, eight disposable cameras, a watch and a wedding ring.

Two witnesses told police they saw a third man standing lookout in front of the store who fled into a black, late-model, two-door car.

**Buzz-ted**  
In the annals of suspicious activity, witnessing a man crawling out of a window with a buzz saw and then rising off on a bicycle ranks pretty high.

That was just what a 48-year-old Park Slope woman saw when she looked out of her window to gaze upon the quiet afternoon happenings on May 31.

She told police the thief on wheels crawled into and then out of a home on First Street between Eighth Avenue and Prospect Park West at 3:20 p.m.

She called the police and they caught up to a 42-year-old suspect during a canvass of the area, but he ran away leading to a foot pursuit. When they finally nabbed him, however, he would not put his hands behind his back to be handcuffed.

Eventually the man was arrested and charged with burglary.

**Looked away**  
A 66-year-old woman was shopping in a Key Food on Fifth Avenue, between Butler Street and Saint Johns Place, on May 31 when her purse struck the fancy of a patron whose eyes apparently wandered from the shelves.

The victim had briefly left her purse unattended in her shopping cart, at around 4 p.m. and when she looked back it was gone along with \$100, eyeglasses and a cell phone.

**Stealer's regret?**  
Talk about a senseless crime.

A 1986 Buick was stolen from its parking space on Polhemus Place, between Carroll Street and Garfield Place, sometime between May 27 at

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A 49-year-old woman entered the 78th Precinct on June 1 reporting that her rental car had been plundered 12 days earlier of its air bags and stereo system.

The victim said the car was parked near Eighth Avenue and Lincoln Place on May 19, when someone broke a rear driver's side window and rolled the Ford Focus of the items. The air

bags were valued at \$1,800 and the stereo at \$250.

The report did not explain the victim's belated reporting.

**Lexus lifted**  
A woman's 1995 Lexus disappeared from its parking space on Prospect Park West, between Sixth and Seventh streets. The victim, 44, told police that she parked the vehicle at 9 pm on May 28, but by the following day at 8 am it was gone.

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# Chancellor Klein lauds PS 29's PTA

By Patrick Galloway  
The Brooklyn Papers

There was an easy air of familiarity in a second-floor conference room at the Department of Education's headquarters at the storied Tweed Courthouse on Thursday.

Parents milled about, shaking hands with one another and making small talk, children entertained themselves, drawing pictures and roaming behind furniture, while Education Department officials enjoyed what was probably one of the most relaxed audiences they've hosted in months.



School's Chancellor Joel Klein with PS 29 PTA co-presidents Beth Kneller (left) and Romni Rotstein.

As a citywide parent-teacher-association and school boards wait anxiously for what September may bring under Mayor Michael Bloomberg's massive overhaul of the city school system, PS 29, an educational beacon in Cobble Hill, can breathe easy.

as an engine of volunteerism as what really fuels the pride of its parent leaders.

"I think we put most of our energy in community development rather than fundraising," said Beth Kneller, the mother of a 7-year-old second grader at the school, located at 425 Henry St., between Kane and Degraw streets.

Kneller is co-president of the PTA along with Romni Rotstein. Kneller, who works for the City University of New York, running the baccalaureate adult degree program, said the school boasts an enormous network of volunteers for lunchtime "enrichment programs" as well as after-school electives, teaching everything from dance to music to yoga. Some teachers are hired out of the PTA budget while others are parent volunteers.

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"The parents are really great," said third-grade teacher Trish Peterson. "Besides the \$200 stipend any help for something special like a trip that some kids cannot afford, they'll come in and help."

Its reputation does create hand-rolling a child into the 800-student body is challenging even for parents within the district.

Carmen Furina, the superintendent of Community School District 15, who will head Instructional Division 8 — one of 10 instructional leadership divisions that will replace the city's school districts next September — will attempt to replicate the program in other parent-teacher organizations next year.

# Brooklyn's the focus of a new tour bus

By Deborah Kolben  
The Brooklyn Papers

While it might not be going "clang clang clang," a new trolley tour bus has hit the streets of Brooklyn.

Gray Line Tours is operating a new bus tour through the Borough of Kings, shepherding tourists past historic Brooklyn Heights, Grand Army Plaza and the majestic Central Library, the Botanic Garden, the Museum of Art, Fulton Mall and other monumental markers like Junior's Restaurant on Flatbush Avenue Extension.

Keeping with the historic feel of the Brooklyn tour, Gray Lines has traded its double-decker buses, which have been criticized as too obtrusive by some community members, for downsized buses outfitted like trolleys.

Officially launched last week, the two trolley-buses have been packing in passengers since Mother's Day. And according to Gray Lines marketing director David Chien, the trolleys have been full ever since.

On a recent afternoon, Daniel Charlier, visiting

from Luxembourg, sat in the last row of the bus. Because the trolley-bus was experiencing mechanical difficulties, a Gray Lines Coach had been put into service to take its place.

Charlier was crammed in the last row and his view to the right was blocked by the bathroom as a starting passenger. The bus had surpassed its maximum capacity.

Asked what attractions he hoped to see in Brooklyn, Charlier said he knew little of the borough.

"I just knew the word 'Brooklyn,'" he said as the bus sat stalled in midday traffic. "Brooklyn may be attracting more Europeans these days with the French establishing a small enclave in Fort Greene and the British celebrity couple of Victoria and David Beckham — she a former Spice Girl, he the biggest British soccer star — visiting the city. The Beckhams famously named their son Brooklyn after the place in which, they say, he was conceived."

The tour guide spoke of the charms of nearby neighborhoods including Brooklyn Heights and Park Slope, although the bus was not actually al-



Borough President Marty Markowitz with NYC & Co. CEO Cristyne Nicholas and Grayline President Tom Lewis in front of the new trolley bus at the New York Marriott Brooklyn Saturday.

lowed to pass through those communities.

Passengers settled for glimpses of brownstones along Flatbush Avenue and craned their necks as the guide pointed to members of a Chinese wedding party taking pictures at Fulton Landing.

As the bus lumbered across Atlantic Avenue, all but stopped in the midday traffic, the guide pointed to the local restaurants and noted the Middle Eastern population. When the bus stopped, nobody got off.

While the tour is designed to allow tourists to "hop off" — and explore Brooklyn by foot then hop back on," according to Gray Line, few tourists seemed to get off the bus on this ride.

Amy Voorhees, a Seattle, Wash., resident who is studying at Virginia Tech was visiting the city for the first time and decided she wanted to "see everything," including Brooklyn. So she and a friend boarded the Gray Line bus.

Halfway through the tour, Voorhees said she liked the borough better than Harlem, but said Manhattan seemed much cleaner.

Hoping the new trolleys will bring more tourists to his beloved Brooklyn, Borough President Marty Markowitz praised the new tour line at its launch, said the New York Marriott Brooklyn on Adams Street.

"We're so happy that Gray Line's buses are

rolling into Brooklyn because there's no better tourist destination than our incredible borough," said Markowitz.

"What a great way to invite the nearly 25 percent of Americans that trace their roots to Brooklyn to come back and visit," said Cristyne Nicholas, president and CEO of NYC & Co. Partnership, New York's official tourism marketing organization.

The Gray Line route currently operates just in Downtown Brooklyn and surrounding areas, but the company hopes to expand the service, with the possible inclusion of Coney Island.

The tour departs from Manhattan's Battery Park at State Street between Bridge and Pearl streets, and runs at 10 a.m., noon, 1 pm and 3 pm. The two-hour Brooklyn tour costs \$35 or can be included in a \$49 two-day pass that allows passengers to ride on Gray Line buses throughout the city.

Passengers wanting to hop aboard in Brooklyn can purchase tickets from the concierge desk at the Marriott on Adams Street. Trolleys arrive in front of the Marriott approximately one half hour after they depart Battery Park.

For more information, contact Gray Line New York Sightseeing at (212) 445-0848 or visit the Web site at www.newyorksightseeing.com.

# TICKET...

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and telephone number on their awning and having an illuminated sign, in addition to others.

The penalties for avoiding infractions can reach \$2,500 each but Mike Ganim, who owns Harbor Fitness, was assessed monetary penalties by agreeing to change his signage.

"We're going to have new signs fabricated that the city can't possibly complain about," he said. He didn't have an estimate of how much that would cost.

Judi Pfeiffer, president of the Fifth Avenue Merchants Association and owner of Bob and Judi's Cookies, on Fifth Avenue between Union and President streets, said that Ganim's summons created a sense of anxiety on the avenue.

"How many people are going to have to go and reinvest another \$1,500, \$2,000 on a new awning?" she wondered. "We've just seen a lot more ticket writing and a lot of people are freaked out by this whole awning situation."

Pfeiffer was hit about two weeks ago with a \$50 fine from the city Department of Sanitation for having her street furniture more than 2 feet from the building line.

"They just go through periods where you get hit with a ticketing blitz," Pfeiffer said, adding that occasional enforcement of certain rules is not unusual. "They're definitely out here. Traffic enforcement is out here a lot more than they've been in a while."

Just ask Bette Stoltz, president of the South Brooklyn Local Development Corporation. She got hit with a \$105 ticket for double parking while she was carrying cartons from her office to her van.

Otherwise, she said, there hasn't been a great outcry from merchants on Smith Street, but she added, they are leery.

"I know that people are being very careful," Stoltz said.

Meanwhile, the Sanitation Department has created a clamor in Park Slope over plans to increase street sweeps from once to twice a week between 15th and Union streets from Fourth to Seventh avenues.

The Sanitation Department implemented a pilot program in July 2000 that reduced street cleaning after residents, tired of moving their cars several times a week for alternate side parking, collected nearly 1,000 signatures on petitions urging for the reduction.

Although the Sanitation Department notified

Community Board 6 in November 2002 that it intended to restore cleaning to twice weekly, CB6 members charge the agency did so without offering a plan to justify the modification.

In fact, CB6 claims, the Mayor's Office of Operations scorecard ratings show the pilot area's cleanliness improved from a rating of 7.1 in the second half of calendar year 2000 to 79.2 in the second half of calendar year 2002.

Ratings of 70 or higher are generally considered "acceptably clean" according to CB6. "We don't do scorecard ratings here and I am not going to get into a debate with the community board," said Sanitation spokeswoman Kathy Dawkins.

"We are experts in cleaning, and from our discernment the cleaning in that area is not what it should be."

Critics have already charged that the point is to slap motorists who fail to move their cars with fines in order to raise more money for the cash-strapped city.

"Either they're genuinely going to do more street cleaning, which means they're expanding a service that people don't want ... while cutting back services that people do want, namely garbage pickups from people's homes, or it really is just a ploy to get more tickets, which is even worse," said Councilman David Yassky, who himself got hit with a \$70 ticket at a checkpoint on May 28 for not wearing his seat belt.

Patrick Lynch, president of the Patrolman's Benevolent Association (PBA), has charged that the city is exerting pressure on cops to hand out more fines, going so far as to say they are quotas for how many levies each officer must write up.

The PBA has been running ads on radio, television and in newspapers telling people to blame the mayor, not the cops.

The city charges that the "Don't Blame the Cop" ad campaign is only a veiled re-election campaign for Lynch.

The mayor, however, has done little to quell anxiety and frustration in the neighborhoods that are finding themselves deluged in summonses.

"Of course we need to enforce quality-of-life standards, but from what I'm hearing, the city is going beyond the realm of common sense with this ticketing blitz," said Councilman Bill DeBlasio, who represents the northern half of Park Slope.

Presenting an even darker picture of the effect of the extra summonses on the local economy, Pfeiffer said, "If you get slapped with a \$110 fine you're not going out to dinner that night or buying that little gift. It creates a general sense of disaster."

# Catch the 'Spirit'

Brooklyn Papers photographer Tom Callan with photo he entered in "Spirit of Brooklyn" contest sponsored by Borough Hall. The photo was a finalist. More of Callan's work is on display, and for sale, this month at the 66 Water Street Bar in DUMBO.

# PIER 6...

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things that would be looked at. Abschuler was also lead consultant on the park plan during its design phase.

Added to Pier 6's mix is the fact that Jehu's Wellness plan on selling their massive building at 360 Furman St., which abuts the planned Atlantic Avenue gateway. [See story, page one.] And Carnival Cruise Lines has put forth a plan to use Pier 7, also currently leased by American Stevedoring, as a passenger dock.

The Watchtower building sale was not on the table when the park planners made their revisions, so it remains to be seen whether they might factor that into the plan. But the 1-million-square-foot building could shift the focus of the park's hotel site from Pier 1 at Old Fulton Street, where it currently is planned, to that building in Pier 6.

An issue that will likely cause some concern is the decision to seek demolition of the Purchase Building under the Brooklyn Bridge.

The original plan had the building slated for rancation but the Department of Parks and Recreation later sought to have it completely razed. The matter was before the Landmarks Preservation Commission, which had to grant approval for any change to the building because it is in the Fulton Ferry Historic District, but that application went by the wayside after Sept. 11, 2001.

Now the plan calls for its demolition once again.

The demolition would still require Landmarks Commission approval.

The Purchase Building was constructed in 1936 and had been used by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services to store office equipment. The city's Office of Emergency Management set up its temporary headquarters in the building after its command center in 7 World Trade Center was destroyed in the attacks on the Twin Towers. Since OEM's arrival the status of the building has remained largely unclear, but OEM plans to construct a new facility on Cadman Plaza East in two years.

"I personally like that building very much as an art deco building," said Ursula Hahn, a member of the Citywide Advisory Council, an advisory body to the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corp. "I don't think the last word has been spoken. It's subject to Landmarks approval and if the building were truncated that would be fine but to see it destroyed completely that would sadden me."

The updated plan for Brooklyn Bridge Park also removes a planned amphitheater for concerts and performances on Pier 3 between Pierpont and Clark streets.

Instead there would be a sloped lawn and a tree-lined fountain for casual gathering.

BBP's director of planning and design for the project, Chris Calkins, said there were structural and noise concerns associated with hosting regularly scheduled events on Pier 3.

A cause for some celebration was the decision to maintain the Core Area at foot level on Main Street and Clark streets. The plan for a salt marsh that would have been created by blocking the beach's currents with a wall.

"I'm very much in favor of the shoreline as it is now," Hahn said.

There will be a public hearing on the scope of the EIS at Borough Hall on June 26. The 5 pm meeting will be held in the ceremonial courtroom.

# SCHOOLS...

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than any other borough, Klein's capital plan commits only \$89 million to high school construction in Brooklyn, compared to \$107 million in Manhattan and \$471 million in Queens.

Additionally, the Education Department's new capital plan, which outlines funding for schools between 2003 and 2007, only allocates Brooklyn 16 percent of the 28,000 new classrooms slated citywide.

The borough president also attacked the Panel for Educational Policy, the volunteer advisory board comprised of eight mayoral appointments and one appointment by each of the five borough presidents. The panel replaces the former Board of Education and votes on major issues involving education policy and budgetary matters.

"How many of the mayoral appointments vote against the mayor?" asked Markowitz, who also called on Klein to meet with Donald Weber, Markowitz's appointee to the panel, who sat alongside him at Borough Hall Tuesday night.

Klein agreed to meet with Weber. Klein kept his cool through most of the evening, gently reminding Markowitz of his own Brooklyn roots and commitment to improving the lives and education of children.

Emphasizing that the school system as it existed was not working, Klein responded more than once, "If you keep using the same methods, you get the same results."

Markowitz repeatedly criticized what he called "one-man rule," referring to the mayor's new position as ultimate boss of the city's public school system.

"I am asking your office to make sure Brooklyn receives its fair share of funding," Markowitz said before opening the floor up to council members.

While at times Markowitz led a tirade against the new system, Klein calmly deflected it.

Klein said after the meeting, "I know with Marty's its passionate, it's never personal."

# IKEA...

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response cards that ask them to check a box if they "support the effort to bring Ikea to Red Hook." The mailing also provides space for respondents to volunteer to "speak in support of the project at public hearings" or write a letter to elected officials or letter to the editor.

McGretlick for his part, is leading a crusade to have the Swedish furniture giant opposed at every turn. He is visiting block associations and civic groups with charges that the do-it-yourself store is fuelling its traffic tangles.

Ikea proposes to build a 570 million, 346,000-square-foot store at the New York Shipyard. The store would provide 1,400 parking spaces and Ikea has proposed a ferry service to the store from Lower Manhattan in addition to shuttle service from the Smith-9th Street F and G subway station in Carroll Gardens, and the Fourth Avenue, F, M and R station at Ninth Street in Park Slope.

Still, few in the audience Monday believed those measures would significantly mitigate traffic since most items at Ikea are large and very heavy and shoppers would not be able to carry them back on a train, bus or ferry. And Ikea charges at least \$99 to ship items home.

"Are people going to take advantage of this if they need to pay 99 bucks to ship it a mile?" asked Sandi Masano, a resident of Carroll Gardens, one of many people who believe most shoppers would drive to the store.

Ethan Goodman, a consultant hired by Ikea, estimated that 90 percent of the visitors would come by car on the weekdays and 80 percent on the weekends.

A detailed presentation on Ikea's suggestions to facilitate traffic in the neighborhood was omitted because the president of the First Place Tri-Block association, Maria Pagano, cut Ikea off, citing time constraints as well as some annoyance at the furniture company.

She later claimed her anger was sparked by their proposed "suburbanization" of the neighborhood.

"The only thing that bothered me was what I saw as their suburbanization of New York City," Pagano said, fearing that big box stores would drive out mom-and-pop businesses. "I don't want Elizabeth, New Jersey, I want the Statue of Liberty," she said, making reference to Ikea's busiest store in the metropolitan New York area.

"I just thought it was kind of strange that we were asked to make our presentation and talk about traffic and we got through 20 minutes of our presentation ... and they shut us down," said Ikea spokesman Patrick Smith.

As McGretlick presented his view that the store would create "a moving wall of traffic near to where thousands of children are playing on any given day," Community Board 4 Chairman Jerry Arner suggested people suspend their judgment until the data is heard.

"I have a problem with someone who comes to a particular position without the data," Arner said.

Ikea will introduce the scope of the project before the City Planning Commission at 1 pm on June 10, at 22 Reade St. in Lower Manhattan. The public is invited to attend the meeting and make suggestions for what they feel belongs in the study.

Once the scope is approved, Ikea can create a DEIS and consequent EIS. After that, the project can be certified and the proposal can begin its passage through the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure.

# Ain't it grand?

During grand opening festivities at the new Ridgewood Savings Bank, 244 Court St. in Cobble Hill Saturday, branch manager Christopher Smith greets an Uncle Sam on stools.

# LIGHTEN...

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Wednesday lunchtime walks with Markowitz starting at noon at Borough Hall, are one of the draws meant to raise the number of people who participate this year.

More than 6,000 Brooklynites lost a combined 41 tons over the course of eight weeks in last year's "Lighten Up" campaign.

However, according to Markowitz, the benefits seemed to be short lived.

Having lost 11 pounds last June, Markowitz said Tuesday that, like many participants, he "fell off the wagon" and gained most of it back over the winter.

"I have a treadmill at home," he said. "But I'll admit I have clothes hanging on it."

"We did a great job last year, but the big question is did we keep it off?" Some Brooklynites

have stayed nice and svelte, but many like yours truly, have gained some of it back," Markowitz said.

The borough president blamed his inability to keep the weight off on "the great quality of food in Brooklyn" and on having "very little self-control." He made this announcement less than 20 feet from a Baker's Bounty store that was doing steady business selling cakes, coffee cakes, stromboli and other epicurean delights.

Jennifer LaMotta, of Williamsburg, who works at the stand, described Markowitz's presentation as "cute," but perhaps overly so.

"It's a good plan but he didn't emphasize the issues of obesity," she said, but then added, "If I'm not busy, I'll do it."

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# Fickle girls can wound young hearts

## Parent-to-Parent

By Betsy Flagler

Q: "My 9-year-old daughter plays with a girl who seems to be her friend for a few days, then for no apparent reason the girl tells her friends 'I exclude my daughter, then later the girl wants to be friends again.'"

— a mother

A: It starts in preschool. From whispering about birthday parties to arguing about who sits where for snack, 3-year-old girls unwittingly begin to experiment with social power.

As girls' social testing gains momentum and peaks in middle school, the tactics are often subtle but as painful as physical aggression. What drives parents the craziest: Two girls are best friends, one dumps the other, then they're best friends again. All within a week.

"If you went through this as a child, it will push your buttons," says Rosalind Wiseman, author of "Queen Bees & Wannabes" (Three Rivers Press, 2003). "Admit to yourself: 'I can't stand these kids,' but don't say that to your daughter."

Parent to Parent looks at girls' social bullying in two parts. Today's column: Understanding the problem. Next week: How girls can learn to make healthy friendship choices.

"Girls' aggression toward each other has been written off as a phase," says journalist Rachel Simmons, author of "Odd Girl Out" (Harvest Books, 2003). "There has been a sense that if a girl is nice one day and mean the next, it's just girls being girls."

But writing off the behavior as a mistake, she says, instead, girls need guidance to learn what healthy relationships are all about. And to believe it's OK to say, "Wait a minute."



This isn't OK."

An extreme case of aggression in girls grabbed the nation's spotlight in May: A brutal hazing ritual was endured by junior girls at a "powder puff" football game at a suburban Chicago high school. Five girls were sent to the hospital; 12 girls and three boys have been charged with misdemeanor battery.

For her book "Odd Girl Out," Simmons interviewed more than 300 girls in 10 schools and found a culture where all the girls were at times aggressors and victims. Her concern: "Since we don't talk about it, a lot of girls just endure this behavior. If we don't help girls identify aggression and understand it is inappropriate, they will learn to be treated this way."

Simmons and Wiseman agree that girls need help to learn to identify what characteristics they want in a friend and when enough is enough. Otherwise, when the victims take whatever is dished out, the aggressors routinely get away with mean-spirited choices.

A 20-year-old reader says she still feels emotional pain from social bullying and got no help from her mother: "I got put on the back burner whenever someone else showed up. Neither friend could decide whether they wanted to treat me like a human being. I've suffered permanent scars from those girls. I was too in awe to realize what an awful position I was in."

Girls crave connections, Wiseman says, and feel they can't speak their mind because they are afraid of losing those connections. One way to at least appear to climb ahead is to send a peer down the social ladder — to hand out two party invitations in front of three girls or to tease about clothing brands.

The behavior can be devastating if not handled compassionately, says a mother whose sixth-grader recently stood up to a girl who only wanted to be her friend in secret so a more popular student wouldn't know about the relationship.

For mothers particularly, it's tough to refrain from intervening or judging when your daughter is crying about the slumber party invitation that never came from her supposed close friend.

"It's painful that parents can't make the hurt go away," Wiseman says. But don't leap into "automatic fix-it mode."

Instead, be a source of comfort, help your child think through what's happening, and about what qualities she wants in her friends.

And be careful what you say: An enemy today may be a best friend tomorrow.

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# High notes

## Rosie Perez lends her voice to the Brooklyn Youth Chorus

By Lisa J. Curtis  
Of The Brooklyn Papers

Brooklyn native **Rosie Perez** came out to the Brooklyn Museum of Art to support the Brooklyn Youth Chorus at its gala benefit on May 12.

Perez, who recently starred in "Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune" on Broadway, is best known for her roles in "White Men Can't Jump" (1992) "It Could Happen to You" (1994) and "Fearless" (1993), for which she was Oscar nominated. She proved to be a spunky emcee for the evening, introducing performances by the Concert Chorus and presenting the Voices of Harmony award to the evening's honoree, philanthropist **Emily Hargroves Fisher**.

When the microphone was uncooperative, Perez gamely turned up her own volume, saying with a smile, "Now I know why they asked me here—because of my mouth!"

Perez cheerily encouraged the "rich people" in the audience to generously support the chorus and its new Brooklyn Youth Chorus Academy in Cobble Hill by bidding high on the silent auction's luxury items displayed in the museum's Beaux Arts Court.

"Money has always made a difference in my life," said Perez, who started her career as a dancer on "Soul Train." "I used to hate

it when rich people said, 'Money doesn't matter.' Take a walk in Bushwick! Rich people gave money to this poor Puerto Rican and I made a difference."

Among the temptations at the silent auction were a dinner with "Pieces of April" screenwriter **Peter Hedges**. The gala raised more than \$100,000 for the organization.

Under the direction of **Dianne Berkun**, the Brooklyn Youth Chorus regaled the audience with a varied program featuring dazzling soloists **Brenda Mathisen**, whose voice rang out like a bell, and

**Ekela Dixon**, before they filed into the ballroom for a dinner catered by **ColtArt**. The chorus does not perform for "rich people" alone, although they have performed with scandal-addled superstar **Michael Jackson** as well as with many illustrious orchestras.

Catch the Chorus' next performances, "Songs in Bloom," on June 14 at Saint Augustine Church, Sixth Avenue between Park Place and Sterling Place, in Park Slope. The family matinee at 2:30 pm will feature the 200-member training choruses with a brief appearance by the Concert Chorus. The formal concert at 7:30 pm will feature the Concert Chorus and Intermediate Chorus in a program of choral masterworks, international folk music and the premiere of a new work by jazz composer **Kirk Nurock**. For tickets, ranging from \$8 to \$25, call (718) 243-9447.

### Final answer

Television host extraordinaire **Regis Philbin** ("Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" and "Live with Regis and Kelly") will be honored at the annual Joe DiMaggio Award Dinner on June 10.

The dinner benefits Bay Ridge's Xavierian High School and its program for students with learning disabilities.

Philbin has been the subject of much lampooning in a recurring "Saturday Night Live" skit that pokes fun at the age difference between he and his much younger co-host, Kelly Ripa.

Former baseball commissioner **Fay Vincent** is expected to speak and there will be an award presentation by Baseball Hall of Famer **Tommy Lasorda**. **Jim Ryan**, anchor of "Good Day New York," will serve as master of ceremonies.

Gala attendees, to include actor **Michael Badalucco** ("The Practice") and "Saturday Night Live" alum **Joe Pis-**



Brooklyn Youth Chorus gala benefit May 12, 2003



Coming up Rosie: (Front row) Brooklyn Youth Chorus Founder Dianne Berkun (far left) and actress Rosie Perez (far right) with members of the chorus on stage at the Brooklyn Museum of Art. (Below right) Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts Ovation Awards honoree, William Slapin, Mark Willis and Leroy Campbell at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden on May 7.

**copo**, will also have the opportunity to bid on DiMaggio memorabilia during a silent auction.

The gala begins at 6 pm at the New York Marriott Marquis, 1535 Broadway, between 45th and 46th streets, in Manhattan. For tickets, which begin at \$500 for cocktails and dinner, call (718) 836-4100, ext. 119, or visit [www.joedimaggiowards.com](http://www.joedimaggiowards.com).

### Center of attention

Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College honored artist **Leroy Campbell**; Slapin, Lieb, Pike & Rampolla chairman **William Slapin**; and JP Morgan Chase Executive Vice President **Mark Willis** at its annual Ovation Awards on May 7 at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's elegant Palm House.

Campbell's artwork is displayed at its Spiritual Rhythms Art Gallery in Fort Greene and has been featured on the sets of several television shows: "The Heat of the Night," "The Cosby Show" and "Martin," among others.

A highlight of the evening — which featured a full fresco cocktails, dinner and dancing to the sounds of the Robert Mitchell Orchestra — was a performance of **Lloyd Price's** hit "Personality" performed by the 70-year-old rock and roller himself. The audience soon began singing along with Price, who acted as "celebrity master of ceremonies." Price will perform again, with Jerry



Butler, Ben E. King and Gene Chandler, on June 14 at the Westbury Music Fair as part of The Four Kings, which he said is "like Sinatra's rat pack." Other VIPs included a quick cameo by Brooklyn Borough President **Marty Markowitz**, who literally had to take his food to go, and gala co-chairs **Virginia Gledman** and **Louis Rosenthal**.

The benefit raised \$118,000 for Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts, which stages productions at Brooklyn College's Whitman Theater, one block from the junction of Nostrand and Flatbush avenues.

BCBC's final event of the season at Brooklyn College is June 14, when Trinidad's 50-member **Lydian Singers** and their steel orchestra, under the direction of **Pat Bishop**, will be joined by **King David Rudder** and tenor **Edward Cumberbatch**.

The choir will perform Fletcher's Choral Fantasia from Tannhauser and Bach's Concerto in F minor as well as Caribbean and Latin folk songs, black spirituals, calypso, and Rudder's hit "Trini 2 de Bone." (The show was re-scheduled after the choir backed out of their March 22 date, citing the war in Iraq as their reason to stick close to home.) For tickets, which cost \$40, call (718) 951-4500.

## BOOKS

# She's no angel

Lynda Curryn's second novel, "Engaging Men," is a breezy comedy that follows the angst-ridden Angela DiFranco, a struggling actress, who mines her friends, ex-boyfriends and raucous Italian-American family in Marine Park for some not-always-sage advice on how to provoke her current boyfriend, Kirk, into popping the question.

While she schemes and plots to get Kirk, a software designer, to buy her a ring, a symbol of the emotional security and dual income she's craving, 31-year-old Angie fights her way through agonizing bouts of self-discovery. Luckily her mother is waiting to comfort her with bowls of pasta.

A "Sex and the City" episode for the bridge and tunnel set, Curryn's paperback is (literally) light reading and a guilty pleasure to be sneaked out on a beach blanket.

Curryn, a Brooklyn native, will read from "Engaging Men" (Red Dress Ink, \$12.95) at Barnes & Noble (108 Court St. at State Street) on June 9 at 7 pm. The event is free. For more information, call (718) 246-4996. — Lisa J. Curtis

## DINING

# Grin & beer it

## Brooklyn Brewery hosts the A1WF Beer and Food Fest

By Tina Barry  
Of The Brooklyn Papers

There are few things more pleasant on a summer day than sitting outdoors with the sun beating down on your head, an ice-cold beer in your hand, and a plate of good food in front of you.

Trumping that would be drinking many glasses of artisanal beer and sampling signature dishes from 20 of Brooklyn's finest dining establishments.

On Saturday, June 7, from noon to 4 pm, the Brooklyn Brewery in Williamsburg, in conjunction with the New York chapter of the American Institute of Wine & Food (AIWF), invites diners to the fourth annual "Critics' Choice Summer Beer and Food Festival." Twenty Brooklyn restaurants and 25 domestic and international breweries will participate.

"We started this event with a dozen restaurants," said Tom Potter, CEO of the Brooklyn Brewery and the chapter chair of AIWF-NY. "This year, we have 20 restaurants participating."

"The Brooklyn restaurant scene is so much more exciting now. [Only] interesting restaurants that have been favorably reviewed by food critics were asked to take part," he said. "Some are new to Brooklyn's restaurant scene; others are old-timers."

"All the restaurants serve beer-friendly food," he said, describing the occasion as his "favorite of all the events at the brewery because it focuses on Brooklyn, and I'm very proud of Brooklyn."

The food selected must be of the highest quality to pair with the Brooklyn Brewery's award-winning beers.

Marc Elliot, owner and chef of the Whim Oyster Bar in Cobble Hill, one of this year's participants, raved about Brooklyn Brewery's products.

"You can taste the time they put into their beer. They do it right," he said. In addition to wine, Elliot serves only Brooklyn Brewery beer at Whim.

They have Pilster and chocolate stout and everything in between," said Elliot.

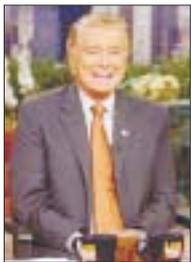
"We're among the top 30 producers in the country, but we're tiny compared to the larger ones," said Potter. Of the 41,000 barrels of beer that were produced at the brewery last year, much of it was small-batch, artisanal brews.

Dead-Heads should stop by Elliot's table; his oysters on the half shell will be accompanied by sauces named for Grateful Dead songs. The "Mexicali" is made with hot, smoked and mused Mexican chilies; "Friend of the Devil" is a spicy, virgin Mary cocktail sauce; and "Sierra Blue" features ginger pickled in blue clamato, sugar and vinegar.

The Chickenbone Cafe, a new Williamsburg restaurant serving "Brooklyn global cuisine," is also joining the event.

"The Brooklyn Brewery is our neighbor in Williamsburg and we want to support them," said Kirk Wilson, one of the cafe's managers. In keeping with the Brooklyn-themed cuisine, chef Zakary Pellicchio has chosen the ideal mate for beer: kielbasa bruschetta (chopped, spicy Polish sausage mixed with

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fresh dill and minced pickles served on toasted, white, country bread.  
Adam Rose, chef of Soma, another of the brewery's Williamsburg neighbors, and Daniel Ray, the restaurant's manager, would like to become more active in Brooklyn-based activities.  
"If Brooklyn Brewery is involved, it has to be worth doing," said Rose. Like Elliot, Rose offers only Brooklyn Brewery beer to his patrons. "We're partial to their pilsner, lager and pale ale," he said.  
On the day of the festival, Rose will treat his attendees to an assortment of dishes from their menu. Known for their house-baked bread, Rose is contributing two dishes that make delicious use of his effort: pizza, either traditional tomato and cheese, or chipotle pepper and barbecued pulled pork and steak salad sandwiches.  
Garrett Oliver, the brewmaster-in-residence, will be on hand to sign copies of his new book, "The Brewmaster's Table," (HarperCollins Publishers, May 2003).

If you haven't followed up on all the great dining places in Brooklyn, June 7 is your chance to give 20 of them a try. Order your tickets in advance because everyone loves to be a critic, and the event sells out quickly.  
The Critics Choice Summer Beer and Food Festival takes place at the Brooklyn Brewery (1 Brewers Row, 79 North 11th St) between Berry and Wythe streets on June 7, from noon to 4 pm.  
"Sneak Peak" entry for AWW members at 11:30 am. Tickets are \$40 for AWW members or anyone purchasing tickets in advance, \$50 at the door for non-members.  
Tickets can be purchased in advance through www.ticketweb.com. For more information, call AWW at (718) 229-6565.

# Going for Baroque

## Director Robert Carsen on the making of 'Les Boreades'

**By Kevin Filipksi**  
for The Brooklyn Papers

It seems like only yesterday when baroque opera was practically unheard and unstaged. Monteverdi, Handel, Lully and Purcell were merely footnotes in opera history until the period-instrument movement of the late-1970s resurrected them, helping make baroque opera the norm rather than the exception. What was once played for historical reasons is now done because there's an audience.

From June 9 through June 15, conductor William Christie and Les Arts Florissants will present "Les Boreades" (1763), the last opera by French composer Jean-Philippe Rameau, closing BAM's spring season.

Les Arts Florissants, named after a work by French composer Marc-Antoine Charpentier, is certainly no stranger to BAM as "Les Boreades" — its seventh fully staged opera — will be its 13th appearance there since debuting in 1989.

Christie and Les Arts Florissants' Erato recordings are arguably the greatest hits of baroque music.

But, with Christie and his cohorts are newer members of BAM's artistic



Tis the seasons: Director Robert Carsen's production of "Les Boreades," which premiered at the Paris Opera in March, illustrates the clash of the seasons with autumn leaves, summer blossoms, winter snows and thunderous spring storms. The costumes are inspired by late-1940s Dior designs.

family: stage director Robert Carsen, whose second BAM staging this is (the first, appropriately, was Handel's "Orlando" with Christie and Co.), and the Paris National Opera — where this production originated — making its American debut.

Of Rameau's late operas, "Zoroastre" (1756) and "Les Boreades" recount mythological stories; "Zoroastre" is no less than the ultimate battle between good and evil, while "Les Boreades" goes a few steps further, as the four seasons go to war over a queen's questionable romance. In both operas, Rameau hones a distinctive genre: the French operatic ballet, an early attempt to meld two art forms together.

For his part, Carsen wanted to ensure both were given their due in "Les Boreades."

"I wanted to create a production in which dance isn't just tacked on but is integral to the story," he explained by telephone from Paris, where he's currently working with singer Ute Lemper.

"I wanted to find the raison d'être for the dance, and I was delighted when [choreographer] Edouard Lock and his company [La La La Human Steps] agreed to take part," said Carsen. "His choreography is not traditionally 'period' baroque movement

## MUSIC

The Les Arts Florissants production of "Les Boreades" plays the BAM Howard Gilman Opera House, 30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, on June 9, 11 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. and June 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$40, \$25, \$10 and \$5. For more information, call (718) 636-1100 or visit www.bam.org.

## Dance fever

"The Souls of Our Feet: People of Color Dance Festival" presented by the Thelma Hill Performing Arts Center (THPAC), kicks off June 7 at 8 pm with "Women Dancemakers," a program created by Marshall Swany.

On June 22, the festival will honor or dance pioneers Fred Benjamin and Kathleen Stanford Grant as well as the program, "Mixed Nuts," curated by Marley Yearby.

On June 14 and 15, Reginald Crump, aka "Montreal Black" (pictured) will perform a new evening-length work, "This Suite Devine" with his five-piece rock band The Sounds of Mesami.

Festival performances continue through June 29 at the Triangle Theater at Long Island University, Flatbush Avenue Extension at DeKalb Avenue. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for seniors and students; \$40 for award ceremony, performance and reception on June 22.

For more information, call (718) 875-9710 or e-mail themlhalm@msn.com. — Lisa J. Carmel

## WHERE TO GO

- THURS, JUNE 5**  
**KIDS' DAY:** Day-long celebration at several venues. Call for program information. (718) 875-6047.  
**BAMCINEMATHEC:** "Village Voice Take 4" film critics poll presents "Horns and Halo" (2002), \$10. Q & A with directors Scott Hawley and Michael Galinsky follows 6:50 pm screening, 50 Lafayette Ave. (718) 995-2150.  
**MEETING:** Finance and Personnel committees of Community Board 6, 7 pm, Wesley House, 501 5th St. (718) 643-3027.  
**FILM SALON:** Brooklyn Filmakers hosts "Soll Out There," a film on sexuality and relationships, \$5. 6 to 8:30 pm, Spike Lee Screening Room, Long Island University, corner of Flatbush and DeKalb avenues. (718) 852-9542.  
**BUSINESS TALK:** Pratt Area Community Council "Planning the Success of Your Business: Developing Your Business Plan," 6 to 8:30 pm, Fort Greene Senior Citizens Center, 766 Fulton St. (718) 783-3547. Free.  
**DISCUSSION GROUP:** Brooklyn Public Library, Central Branch, reading and discussion group examines the quest for meaningful religious practice in American society. Registration necessary. 6 to 8 pm, Grand Army Plaza, (718) 250-2100. Free.  
**RECEPTION:** Diana Bowen Gallery presents "Fosty Photographic," by Valerie Truchita, 6 to 9 pm, 619 Vanderbilt, (718) 783-7156. Free.  
**YOGA:** Brooklyn talk and instruction, 6 pm, Dev Center, 837 Union St. (877) MEDITE. Free.  
**FASHION SHOW:** Brooklyn Community Housing and Services — benefit show, "Fashion on Fulton," 5:30 and 6 pm, Brooklyn Museum of Art, 200 Eastern Parkway, (718) 625-4545.  
**SEMINAR:** Brooklyn Arts Council hosts a talk for artists and arts organizations "Financial Management for Small to Mid-Sized Arts Organizations," 6:30 to 8:30 pm, WYCA of Brooklyn, 30 Third Ave. (718) 625-0880. Free.  
**SUNSET SHANGHAI:** LaBrook Bridge Park Coalition benefits gala honors Mayor Bloomberg, Michael "Buzzy" O'Keefe and Olga Bloom, local waterfront pioneers. Hours of oysters and wine, dance, music, and silent display, 5:00 to 8:30 pm, 6:30 to 9 pm, Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park, between the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges on Williamsburg. (718) 802-0433.  
**DINNER DANCE:** Bay Ridge Community Council hosts its annual event, 7:00, 6:45 pm, El Caribe Country Club, 5945 Sebring Ave. (718) 921-2573.  
**MEETING:** Park Slope Civic Council, 7 pm, New York Methodist Hospital, Sixth Street between Seventh and Eighth avenues. (718) 832-8227.  
**BARNES AND NOBLE:** Author Linda Mills reads from her book "Mafia Wife," 7 pm, 106 Court St. (718) 246-4996. Free.  
**READING:** Belita Lozano-Vireh reads from her book "The Seven Belles: A Step-By-Step Guide to Help Latinos Recognize and Overcome Depression," 7 pm, Fabrice Restaurant, 167 Fifth Ave. (718) 859-0991. Free.  
**BOOK PARTY:** BookCout presents a book party for "Hankin: The Zen Antidote to Road Rage" by David J. Hankin, 7 pm, 106 Court St. (718) 859-0991. Free.  
**LOW BAR:** Reading series presents Susan Bowen's reading from her play "Jane Ho," 7 pm, 106 Court St. (718) 859-0991. No cover. 81 Washington St.  
**BARGE MUSIC:** Chamber music program by Coghlan, Schumann, Beethoven and Chopin, 8:30-9:30 pm, Fulton Ferry Landing, (718) 624-2063.  
**AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS:** New York Amateur Astronomers Association search for the moon, planets and stars through telescopes, 8 pm, Meet in Front of War Memorial Building, Cadman Plaza Park, Brooklyn Heights. (718) 855-1804. Free.  
**EUROPA DANCE CLUB:** The Horn Band, Ghost Exits and Moodies Marry Bodea perform, 8:30 pm, 98-104 Meserole St. (718) 383-5723.  
**BARRES BAR:** Music with All Duval, 8 pm, Also, Rachele Garcia sing, 8 pm, No cover, 376 Ninth St. (718) 765-9177.  
**MUSIC:** The Brooklyn Arts Council presents The Celeste Ray Ensemble, Program of Contemporary Music, 8 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 50 Meserole St. (718) 875-2157.  
**GALAPAGOS ART SPACE:** Dark-funk pop, 8 to 10 pm, 10 North Sixth St. (718) 762-5188.  
**SPRING FEVER:** Brooklyn Lyceum presents works in progress by "Groundwork," 7 pm, Also, Bum Dance Theater presents "Egg," "My Mother's Eye," 8 pm, \$12 per show, 227 Fourth Ave. (347) 683-7698.  
**BLACK BOX SERIES:** Annual theater event by The Gallery Players, 8 pm, See Sat.  
**GALE GATES:** presents "The Miami Project," 8 pm, See Sat.  
**FRI, JUNE 6**  
**Jewish Festival Shavurot**  
**BAMCINEMATHEC:** "Village Voice Take 4" film critics poll presents "Far From Heaven" (2002), \$10. Q & A with special guest follows 6:50 pm screening, 50 Lafayette Ave. (718) 995-2150.  
**SUMMER BLOCK PARTY:** New York Amateur Astronomers host a party — including Q&A, 7:30 pm, Fulton Ferry Landing, (718) 624-2063.  
**BARGE MUSIC:** chamber music performance of works by Bartok, Beethoven, Ysaie and Bach, 8:30-9:30 pm, Fulton Ferry Landing, (718) 624-2063.

## SNOOKY'S

Comedian Tim Harmon is headline entertainer at The Big Show, 10 p.m., 140 Seventh Ave. (718) 675-1776.  
**BLACK TIE BIKINI:** The National Theater of the USA hosts its second annual benefit. Drinks, prizes, food, dancing and more, 8:15 p.m., Nest, 72 Washington St. (212) 615-6607.  
**TWO BOOTS:** Reverend Ebenezer and the Mojo Workers, 10 pm, No cover, 514 Second St. (718) 875-9177.  
**BLACK BOX SERIES:** Annual theater event by The Gallery Players, 8 pm, See Sat.  
**GALE GATES:** presents "The Miami Project," 8 pm, See Sat.  
**SUMMER FITNESS:** WYCA of Brooklyn presents three months summer student fitness membership for \$90, 20 Third Ave. Call for info, (718) 875-1190, ext. 225.

## SAT, JUNE 7

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# Gofish

## Williamsburg's Cono & Sons Opereatore offers classic Italian seafood and more

By Lisa J. Curtis  
The Brooklyn Papers

Making a visit to Cono and Son's Opereatore in Williamsburg is like taking a pleasurable trip back through time to Little Italy circa 1950. Those sepia-toned pictures — of kids playing handball on quiet side streets, quaint pasticceria with windows boasting impossibly fully, decadent sweets and tables populated with men sipping espresso while their cigarettes smolder — suddenly transform into a living color when you're heading for Ainslie Street and Graham Avenue.

You can't miss this corner, also named Via Cono for the restaurant, which has been in business for 19 years in several locations. As you enter Cono's, you're greeted with a window of gaily colored platters brimming with the makings of heart-stopping hot and cold antipasto combinations. There's a small bar whose every seat is taken by men with dark, slicked-back hair.

Cono's has an elegant, spacious dining room made to seem more intimate with the glass to 3250 Super Tuscan. We shared the tented linen napkins, the surprising scent of fresh flowers on every table and, most importantly, the graciously attentive service (Cono's even has its own — albeit small — parking lot behind the restaurant). The extensive Italian menu offering dozens of fish dishes as well as chicken, veal, steaks and more is matched by an equally lengthy wine list that offers everything from affordable whites to the glass to \$250 Super Tuscan. We shared the room with young families, dolled up seniors on double dates and romantic dates for two.

We swooned over Chef Cono Natale's

### DINING

Cono & Son's Opereatore Restaurant is located at 301 Graham Ave. at Ainslie Street. Entrees: \$9.95-\$29.95. Tuesdays are Wine Lovers' Night and any bottled wine on the list is half-price. The restaurant accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners Club. For reservations or takeout, call (718) 388-0166.

cold antipasto platter, scallops marinated over linguine and, for dessert, zabaglione. The cold antipasto was akin to the Italian version of dim sum in Chinese restaurants — a sampling of bite-size delights. We were treated to garlicky string beans, grilled red peppers, eggplant and zucchini, broccolo, various cheeses ranging from a creamy fresh mozzarella to a solid, pungent Parmigiano Reggiano and salami. Every last bite was fresh, delicious and paired perfectly with its platter partners. This extravaganza was reminiscent of my favorite meals while on my honeymoon in Sicily. In retrospect, it seems my wave of nostalgia hindered my ability to control myself; my husband and I sopped up every last bit of the remaining olive oil-rich crumbs on our plates with the fresh-baked bread.

A scrumptious, sweet marinara sauce was the perfect complement for my entrée — a substantial portion of scallops tossed with linguini and topped with freshly shaved Parmesan cheese. (The linguini tasted house-made, but according to the waiter, I was fooled by the above-par flavor.)

Next time, we're delving into the *tonnato di pesce* for two, a pile of clams, shrimp, scallops, calamari, mussels, whiting and filet of sole sauteed in a wine and tomato sauce and served with rice.

The only dish shy of a bull's eye was



**Fisherman's friend:** Chef Cono Natale serves up Italian classics with flair at Cono & Sons Opereatore Restaurant in Williamsburg. (Above) His frothy, refreshing zabaglione dessert and *frutta di mare* appetizer (below), a salad of mussels, whelks, squid and octopus tossed with celery, green olives, capers and pimentos.

the chicken alla Cono, served with roasted potatoes, mushrooms and red peppers. The dish was served piping hot and a bit dry.

After this substantial feast, a light dessert was in order and Cono's did not disappoint. Their light-as-air zabaglione is a frothy, warm, winey mixture of egg yolks, sugar and Marsala wine tossed with quartered strawberries. Served in a wide-mouthed wineglass, the orange-ye-

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**WILD WALK:** "Wildman" and naturalist Steve Brill leads a walk through Prospect Park. Learn about wild edibles. \$12. 1 pm. Meet at Brooklyn Public Library, Central Branch, Grand Army Plaza. (718) 220-2100.

**GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY:** Big Onion offers an introduction to the history, architecture and people of this Brooklyn resting place. \$15. \$10 students and seniors. 1 pm. Meet at main entrance, Fifth Avenue and 25th Street. (212) 439-1090.

**ANTIQUE CAR SHOW:** at Richmond County Bank Ballpark, 7 am to 10 pm. St. George West Parking Lot, Staten Island. (718) 815-3874. Free.

### PERFORMANCES

**SPRING FEVER:** Brooklyn Lyceum presents "Random Violence" at 1 pm; Groundworks with Zachary Hux at 3 pm; sandwich and cinema at 5 pm.

**BARBECUE:** chamber music program by Bach, 8:35, 7:30 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing. (718) 624-2083.

**BLACK BOX SERIES:** Annual Gallery Players event. Box 2 features "The Kitchen Sink Play" a play

Fourth Ave. (347) 683-7698.

**SAULTS ST. PETERSBURG:** Brooklyn Public Library, Central Branch, hosts performances and talks by over a dozen Russian artists, writers, actors, TV personalities, musicians and singers. 1:30 to 4 pm. Grand Army Plaza. (718) 220-2100. Free.

**DANCE:** Straight to the Helicopter presents excerpts from "Avalanches." 2 pm. In front of the Parkside Ave. Q station at Ocean Avenue. (718) 812-6418. Free.

**GALAPAGOS ART SPACE:** Art social music. \$7. 7 pm. 70 North Sixth St. (718) 782-5188.

**THELMA HILL:** Women rappers perform. \$15, \$12 students and seniors. 8 pm. Triangle Theater, Long Island University, Flatbush Avenue Extension. (718) 975-9710.

**OPERA:** Regina Opera performs "La Traviata." \$15. \$10 seniors and students. 7 pm. Regina Hall, 12th Avenue and 65th Street. (718) 232-2100. Free.

**CONCERT:** Cafe Eden hosts its first anniversary celebration with pianist Mike Helen Pollas. 1:30 to 3 pm. Central Branch, Grand Army Plaza. (718) 435-7657.

**BARBECUE:** chamber music program by Bach, 8:35, 7:30 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing. (718) 624-2083.

**BLACK BOX SERIES:** Annual Gallery Players event. Box 2 features "The Kitchen Sink Play" a play

about two actors arguing with their director about the play they are in. Other plays. \$15, \$12 children under 12 and seniors. 8 pm. 199 14th St. (718) 595-0547.

**GALE GATES:** presents "The Miami Project," featuring dance and theater. \$12. 8 pm. 37 Main St. (718) 389-2115.

**BROOKLYN SOUNDS:** 651 Arts presents a new annual series featuring performers from Brooklyn. Singer and composer Arnel Linares performs. \$20. 8 pm. St. Ann's Warehouse, 38 Water St. (718) 858-2424.

**BROOKLYN ARTS EXCHANGE:** Year-end performance features members of the Theater Workshop performing original material. Solo and ensemble work. \$5. \$5 members. 8 pm. 421 Fifth Ave. (718) 832-0018.

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# End of the line

Actress August says 'Ghosts' will be final Ingmar Bergman production at BAM

By Kevin Filipki  
for The Brooklyn Papers

For the 11th time in 15 years, a Royal Dramatic Theatre of Sweden production directed by Ingmar Bergman is coming to BAM.

That's the good news. The bad news? It looks like Bergman's staging of Ibsen's "Ghosts," June 10-14 at the BAM Harvey Theater, will also be his last.

At least that's what actress Pernilla August, who plays the pivotal role of Mrs. Alving in "Ghosts," believes.

"I think this is the last one for him," August said matter-of-factly from her home in Sweden. "I really think he's finally stopping this time ... at least that's what he's told us."

If that last comment seemed to leave the door open for a change of heart by the great director, August didn't think so.

"He's told us that several other times over the years, but he just kept right on working," she explained. "But this time I believe him, and you can really feel it in the show. I can feel a 'goodbye' in it, but it's very hard to explain why."

When pressed, the actress said, "You can really feel things from other plays that Bergman has done in it."

Bergman issued this statement. "At 85 years of age and after 60 working years, 126 dramatic events, 50 films for both TV and screen, 49 radio plays and a number of books and scripts. I feel that I can bring my career to an end. And I wish to complete it while I can walk out of the theater on my own. I shouldn't have to be carried out."

The famed Bergman overhauled the entire play, to August's delight.

"It's great," she said with a laugh. "He's added things by Strindberg which fit very well, and there's even a Bergman scene in it — wait until you see it; it's one of the most beautiful scenes in the whole play. He has been very free with how he adapted and translated it. But you can do that kind of thing when you're 85 years old."

Ibsen's "Ghosts" is a difficult play to mount, as a mediocre off-Broadway production last fall starring



August guest: Pernilla August, as Mrs. Alving, and Jonas Malmjö, as Oswald, in "Ghosts," directed by Ingmar Bergman.

Amy Irving demonstrated. Written in 1881, "Ghosts" was considered an affront to good taste right from its premiere because it tackled such subjects as incest, syphilis, euthanasia and church corruption.

"[Ghosts] is still very relevant today, because all of the problems they deal with, we still deal with today ourselves — it's truly how we live today," said August.

"Ibsen himself called it a 'life lie,' when you actually live a lie during your whole life. Also, the issue of syphilis in the play is so much like AIDS, so it's not hard for me to understand its continuing relevance to all of us."

August also discussed the innately depressing subject matter that permeates "Ghosts," perhaps more so than any of Ibsen's other dramas.

"We do what we can with the material, and we try to get the best of it," she says. "Of course, it's a very sad story, there's no denying that. But even sadness can be good for the audience to see sometimes."

That sadness is personified by Mrs. Helen Alving, who is haunted by the ghosts of her past — specifically her son Oswald, who has returned home to die of the syphilis he inherited from his father. Mrs. Alving's late husband, Oswald's return opens fresh wounds for the widow,

who must reconcile a past that she would rather keep hidden.

For August, playing Mrs. Alving is a chore in itself, not unlike the major role she played in Bergman's production of Schiller's "Maria Stuart," which wowed BAM audiences last spring.

"Playing Mrs. Alving is really hard to do; it's really draining to perform, but it's also wonderfully cathartic to do it onstage night after night," she said.

"Ibsen's 'Ghosts' is more like a chamber play," said August. "Maria Stuart" was this big ship, and "Ghosts" is a small boat. It's wonderful to work in an Ibsen play with Bergman directing. I did [Ibsen's] "Doll's House" for Bergman about 15 years ago, and these two plays are my most important works with Bergman. There's a connection between them, as well — Bergman told me that she's very much like Nora's sister, but she doesn't slam the door at the end."

The Swedish troupe recently performed the play to raves in London, after doing it in Stockholm for many months before that.

The actress loves returning to BAM — this is her fourth appearance in a Bergman play here — she admits that that affection comes with a caveat.

"I'm very happy to be presenting 'Ghosts' to people in Brooklyn, and I'm looking forward to doing it for the last time," August said. "But I wish I could come to New York and be free someday. I always go there just to perform."

## THEATER

Royal Dramatic Theatre of Sweden's production of "Ghosts" runs June 10-14, at 7:30 pm, at the BAM Harvey Theater, 651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Street in Fort Greene. The play is in Swedish with simultaneous headphones translation. Limited tickets remain at \$55 and \$30. For tickets, call (718) 626-4100 or visit the Web site at bam.org.



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Secular Menus Ultra Orthodox."
7:30 pm, 267 Seventh Ave. (718)
832-9066. Free.
POLITICAL TALK: Rabbi Michael
Broyden, director of the National
Rabbinic Council for the Israel
Council of Progressive Rabbis,
speaks about the political situa-
tion in the Middle East. 8 pm.
Union Temple, 17 Eastern
Parkway. (718) 636-7600. Free.
LOW BARS: SpeakEasy night featur-
ing jazz, country and funk music.
Also: Return Returns, Julie Atlas
Muz and Armen Ra dance. \$6, 9
pm to midnight. 81 Washington
St. (718) 222-1200.
BARNES AND NOBLE: Ken Filiano
performs. No cover. 376 Ninth
St. Call for time. (718) 455-9777.
BAM: "Les Boreades." 7:30 pm. See
Mon. Also, The Royal Dramatic
Theater of Sweden in "Othello."
7:30 pm. See Tues.

THURS, JUNE 12

ELDER LAW: Learn about nursing
homes, Medicaid planning, asset
transfer. 11 am, 4 and 7 pm. Greenhouse
Care, 717 Third Ave. Call. (718)
238-6500. Free.
R&B FEST: BAM hosts a series of
outdoor musical events. Today's
performance by Fiberty. Noon to
2 pm. Metropolitan North Queens
corner of Flatbush and Myrtle
avenues. (718) 634-4259. Free.
WALKING TOUR: Big Onion Tours
takes a walk across the Brooklyn
Bridge and through Brooklyn
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seniors. 1 pm. Meet at southeast
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Charleston Streets. Brooklyn
Charleston. (212) 439-1090.
HEALTHY AGING: New York
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talk "Enhancing Your Quality of
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CELEBRATE BROOKLYN: 25th
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jazz singer Joan Armatrading.
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Park Bandshell, Ninth Street and
Prospect Park West. (718) 855-
7882.
MEETING: of Bay Ridge Mental
Health Council. 7:30 pm. Fort
Hamilton Clinic, 6710 Fifth Ave.
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GALAPAGOS ART SPACE: The Red
and the Black. \$5, 9 pm. 70
North Sixth St. (718) 782-5188.
WORDSMITH SERIES: Halcyon Cafe
hosts a fiction and non-fiction
writing contest. 7:30 pm. 227 Smith St. (718) 266-
WOKT. Free.
BAMCINEMATEK: chamber music pro-
gram of works by Beethoven.
\$35, 7:30 pm. Fulton Ferry Land-
ing. (718) 624-2083.
SHAKESPEARE: King County Shakes-
peare Company presents "The
Raven." \$15. \$7 seniors and
students. 8 pm. St. Francis College,
160 Remsen St. (718) 398-2640.
ONE WORLD SYMPHONY: presents
Beethoven's Symphony No.
6. \$10. 8:30 pm. Open rehearsal
and 5:30 pm. St. Ann and the Holy
Trinity, corner of Montague and
Clinton streets. (917) 576-9983.
BAM: presents The Royal Dramatic
Theater of Sweden in "Othello."
7:30 pm. See Tues. Also, "Les
Boreades." 7:30 pm. See Mon.
BLACK BOX SERIES: Annual the-
ater event by The Gallery Players.
Box 3, 8 pm. See Sat.
GALE GATES: presents "The Miami
Project." 8 pm. See Sat.

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7:30 pm. Fulton Ferry Land-
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