



# CROOKED JUDGE GETS NO MERCY



Former judge Victor Barron (left) listens to his attorney Barry Kamins on Monday after being sentenced to three to nine years for soliciting a bribe. At right, Barron's wife, Joy, watches as he is led away in handcuffs.

**By Patrick Gallaue**  
The Brooklyn Papers

A disgraced former Brooklyn Supreme Court judge who pleaded guilty to extorting a six-figure bribe from an attorney, pleaded senility before his



sentencing Monday. But Judge Nicholas Colabella wasn't buying it and sentenced Barron to three to nine years in prison.

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

# YASSKY WARNS BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK Use it or lose it

**By Patrick Gallaue**  
The Brooklyn Papers

Brooklyn Heights City Councilman David Yassky said this week that with the city facing its toughest fiscal crisis in decades the developers of the planned Brooklyn Bridge Park could lose some or all of \$10.8 million set aside for the project that has not yet been allocated.

"I'm very concerned that time is passing and the city has not yet figured out specifically which part of the park they want to move forward with first," Yassky told The Brooklyn Papers. "We're in danger of seeing the project slip behind schedule if the city doesn't focus on this pretty soon."

The city allocated the \$10.8 million for Fiscal Year 2003, which runs through June 2003, for the construction of greenspace north of the Purchase Building and the demolition or truncation of the building itself.

The city's office of Emergency Management (OEM), which had been housed in the World Trade Center, temporarily moved into the Purchase Building, located under the Brooklyn Bridge overpass near Fulton Landing, last February, promising to occupy the building for only 12 to 18 months.

This month, OEM presented plans to the community to raze the 60,000-square-foot Red Cross Building at 165 Cadman Plaza East, to erect a high-tech, windproof bunker in its tracks by 2005, possibly stalling plans for OEM's evacuation of the Purchase Building.



## House proud

The Brooklyn Papers / Shanti Liberman

Senator Hillary Clinton was on hand Tuesday at a groundbreaking ceremony for the restoration of the four Hunterly Road Houses, 19th century structures in the historic African-American settlement of Weeksville (in today's Bedford-Stuyvesant). Holding the tapestry behind Clinton is Pamela E. Green, executive director of the Weeksville Society.

# Dems back GOP candidate in hi-\$ Bay Ridge race

The Brooklyn Papers

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

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

Albanese wrote: "I am fiercely loyal to the principles of the Democratic Party and I do not make this decision lightly. ... Unfortunately,

Mr. Gentile has crossed the line of common decency."

Albanese, a former candidate for mayor known for his liberal positions, is just the latest borough Democrat to board Golden's ship. Democrats such as Assemblyman Dov Hikind and state Sen. Carl Kruger both held press conferences to announce their support of Golden, and the former leader of the City Council's Brooklyn delegation, Herb Berman, had one planned but cancelled at the last minute, although his endorsement remained.

According to campaign disclosures, the Republican Senate Campaign Committee and the New York State Republican Committee have put \$1.96 million into Golden's campaign. State Democrats will spend about \$500,000 on their candidate, according to state Senate Minority Leader Martin Connor.

For more on this race, go to www.brooklynpapers.com.



Brooklyn Bishop Thomas Daily, center, in the lobby of a hotel near La Guardia Airport in June. Daily was there to give a deposition regarding John Geoghan, a defrocked priest accused of molesting more than 130 children in the Boston archdiocese. Daily served in Brooklyn from 1973 to 1984.

# Bishop: I knew priest approved man-boy sex

**By Denise LaVoie**  
Associated Press

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

Daily, who served as chancellor, vicar general and auxiliary bishop in the Boston archdiocese from 1977 to 1984, promoted Shanley to administrator and acting pastor at St. Jean's parish in Newton in 1984, where he allegedly went on to molest and rape boys.

Shanley, 71, was indicted in June on 10 counts of child rape and six counts of indecent assault

and battery for allegedly sexually abusing boys from 1979 to 1989 while he was at St. Jean's. The boys were between the ages of 6 and 15. Shanley has pleaded innocent to the charges.

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

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

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

such activities himself.

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

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

"But having said that, I would have very great regrets," Daily said. "You have regrets you made the appointment," asked MacLeish.

"I think I would have done much better if I hadn't made the appointment," Daily replied.

Brooklyn Diocese spokesman Frank DeKosa had no immediate comment on the deposition.

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# Cops wrap up kid snatches

## 3rd arrest in string of threats to Brooklyn Heights children

**By Patrick Gallaue**  
The Brooklyn Papers

Police in Brooklyn Heights have gone 3-for-3 in catching alleged kiddy-snatchers after a rash of attempts in the neighborhood over the past several months.

The last suspect in three separate cases is currently in custody and charged with attempted kidnapping, endangering the welfare of a child and unlawful imprisonment. Those charges were still being considered by a grand jury as this went to press.

Police charge that at around noon on Aug. 26, a 45-year-old homeless man living in a shelter in Fort Greene, approached a 2-year-old girl in the Pierrepont Playground while she was under the care of a local day care center.

The man, who is black, attempted to convince day care workers that the child, who is white, was his daughter, police said. The workers released the girl into his custody, and as staffers and Parks Department employees intervened

the man fled.

Caretakers, however, took all the children back to their day care center before calling the police, giving the suspect almost an hour's lead time.

For the past two months, police had been searching for the alleged abductor, who was described by witnesses as wearing a colorful robe and a turban. One of the detectives on the case, Det. Randolph Lynch, was on his way home when he spotted a man bearing a resemblance to the suspect's description.

Lynch pulled over and briefly questioned the man, and got his name and address. He let the suspect go but later ran a background check on him, finding an unrelated prior arrest, so he decided to show his mug shot to witnesses of the incident.

With positive witness identifications, Lynch and Det. Francis Keane caught up to the man at the corner of Prince Street and Myrtle Avenue on Oct. 22.

According to police, the suspect is a transient, who resides at See SNATCHER on page 5



## Vets day

The Brooklyn Papers / Greg Margo

Brooklyn's 69th Street Pier was renamed the American Veterans Memorial Pier this week. Sunday's ceremony included vets Howard Dunn, Philip Corhan and Vincent Buccigrossi.



## Fear factor

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Dwayne John, of Sheephead Bay High School, is ready to give some kids a graveyard scare along the Prospect Park Halloween Trail on Saturday.

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Hispanic base would  
be diluted after  
Sunset Park district  
is gerrymandered

By Patrick Gallahue

The Brooklyn Papers

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

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

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

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

One of the candidates, District Leader for the 51st Assembly District George Martinez, said of the loss of portions of Sunset Park and the South Slope, "[If you] move those Latino voters into a district where they'll be by far a tiny minority ... [it will] lessen their capacity to have their vote affect the outcome of who they want in office."

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

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

"Especially with the increase of Latinos our district, in the coming years it will probably cheat us out of Latino leaders," said another candidate in the race, Sara Gonzalez, chairwoman of Community Board 7.

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

DeBlasio told The Brooklyn Papers last week that the maps were far from finalized. "When we have a council member from the 38th district

they deserve to have real input into this process," he said.

The proposed maps must still come before several more public hearings, and then will be subject to the approval of the U.S. Department of Justice. The maps must be approved before the November 2003 elections.

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

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

That group has decried the proposed maps in general charging that the number of majority Hispanic districts were reduced from 11 to 10 and that proposed Hispanic majority districts have an average of 159,438 people compared to the 156,067 in majority white districts, effectively diluting the Hispanic vote citywide.

The ideal district size, according to PRLDEF, is 157,025 people. In redrawing the districts, a 10 percent deviation is allowed.

Some of the district's pearls, such as the Columbia Street Waterfront District and Greenwood Cemetery are also lost from the proposed 38th District.

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

The Columbia Street district includes a large portion of Brooklyn's working waterfront, usually associated with Red Hook, including the Red Hook Marine Terminal and Pier 6, currently leased by American Stevedoring for cargo storage, are to be included in the 33rd district, represented by Brooklyn Heights Councilman David Vassily, on the preliminary maps.

Pier 6's inclusion in the planned Brooklyn Bridge Park, has been listed as one of the top priorities of park advocates, many of who are based in and around Brooklyn Heights.

Gonzalez and Rodriguez have both expressed interest in an integrated waterfront, with both housing and jobs, while Martinez has spoken on behalf of bringing commercial development to the waterfront to bring jobs into the neighborhood, such as the planned giant Fairway supermarket in Red Hook.

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

None of the three candidates was ready to sound any alarms over the exclusion of either working or commercial piers from the 38th district and expressed confidence in their ability to work with Vassily should the Columbia Street district be lost from their district.

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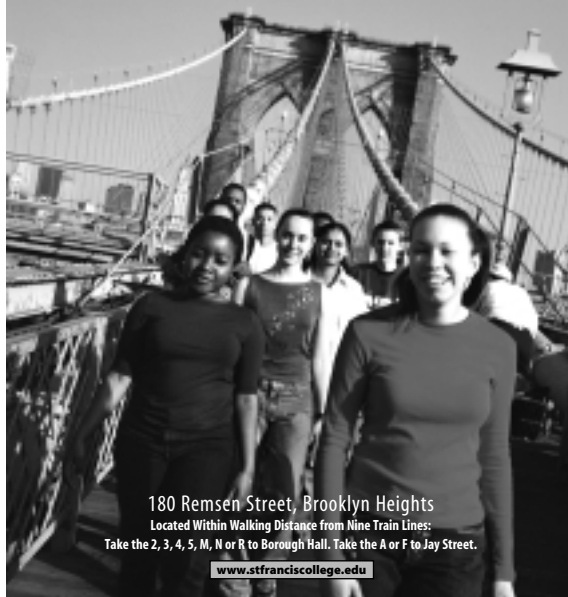
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## Mugged on Joralemon

By Patrick Gallahue

A woman was robbed on the corner of Columbia Place and Joralemon Street by three thugs who pushed her to the ground and grabbed her purse.

At around 10:30 pm, on Oct. 23, the victim told police, she was grabbed from behind by three men.

One covered her mouth as another held her arms. The third took her pocketbook, and then all three fled down Furman Street.

The victim lost her cell phone, identification and \$60, but reported no injuries in the attack.

### Runs away

A gun-toting mugger on a southbound F train away from another passenger arrived as he was terrorizing his victim.

According to police, at around 4:50 am on Oct. 23, an F train leaving Jay Street, a mugger drew a gun and pointed it at his 42-year-old victim.

The robber said, "Give me your bag or I'll shoot you," according to police.

But the brazen gunman became a bashful bandit as someone approached at the Bergen Street stop. The bandit fled the station without taking any property.

### Rips pants

A nose-to-nose pick-pocket grabbed a man's wallet and a portion of his pants on State Street between Fourth and Flatbush avenues.

The victim, 35, was on his way into a building on the block, at around 5:45 am on Oct. 25, when the robber reached for his wallet inside his pants pocket. The thief grabbed the wallet and tore the man's pants in the process.

The victim reported losing \$300, his driver's license and his credit cards. He did not report the damage to his pants, while he coached the contest in the park off Ninth Street.

The victim, 22, told police that sometime between 4:45 pm and 6 pm on Oct. 21 a thief went into his bag and stole \$35, his identification, credit cards and his cell phone, while he coached the contest in the park off Ninth Street.

A thief broke into the ground-floor apartment of a building on Poplar Street at Hicks Street, reportedly stealing \$9,600 in merchandise including a computer, a Palm Pilot, a stereo system, coins, jewelry, crystal and sunglasses.

The victim, 32, left home at around 8:15 am on Oct. 22, and returned a little after 8 pm to find the ground-floor window smashed open and his property missing.

**Caught looking**  
 A woman was shopping in a department store on the corner of Joralemon and Court streets when she realized someone had lifted her wallet, containing \$60 and her identification.

The victim, 40, told police she believes someone reached into her bag and stole her billfold while she was pursuing the merchandise.

**BMX bandit**  
 A bandit on a BMX bike snatched a purse out of the hands of a 16-year-old girl on the corner of Bergen and Court streets.

The girl was on her way to a friend's house on Oct. 26 at around 10:40 pm when the incident occurred. She told police that the brazen bike-riding brigand grabbed her handbag and rode off.

A complete list of stolen items was not included in the complaint.

**Sideline swipe**  
 A man coaching a soccer game in Prospect Park had his wallet stolen from his bag on the sidelines.

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## Police Blotter

The victim, 55, parked the car at around 5 pm, on Oct. 21. When he returned to the spot later, the car was gone. According to police, no broken glass was found near where the car had been parked.

**Ambush**  
 A man was walking along Fourth Avenue at around 3:30 am on Oct. 26, when he was set upon by a pair of thugs.

As the victim, 40, walked past 15th Street, he told police, a man pulled him into a headlock while his accomplice twisted his arm, removing \$200 and his medical insurance card from his pocket. The victim did not report any injuries.

**Kitchen window**  
 A thief broke into a woman's apartment on Third Avenue, between 10th and 11th streets, through her kitchen window.

The victim, 28, returned home at around 11 pm on Oct. 23, and discovered stolen miscellaneous jewelry, as well as a personalized ring bearing her name. Police said that after coming in through the window the burglar left via the front door.

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## Three dope thieves lose their stash

By Patrick Gallahue  
The Brooklyn Papers

Three men fought their way out of a Rite Aid Pharmacy on Seventh Avenue at Fifth Street on Oct. 21, after being caught stealing \$600 worth of pharmaceuticals.

Shortly before 2 p.m., the crooks were spotted by a manager who tried to wrestle back the items. As the men put up a fight, a witness assisted the manager, and the two were able to wrestle the drugs away from the thieves.

But while ownership of the pharmaceuticals was upheld, justice was not, and the men escaped, running down Seventh Avenue.

### Try, try again

A thief, apparently emboldened by one nefarious success, decided to try his hand at another on Oct. 25, inside a building on 12th Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues. The results were mixed. A woman, 44, who lives in the first building the thief struck, went to work at around 9 a.m. and returned home five hours later to discover that someone had stolen \$200, two cameras valued at a combined

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\$500, a pair of binoculars and a CD player. Police said the burglar may have climbed the fire escape and entered the victim's apartment through a window.

After looting that apartment, the crook went next door and jiggled the doorknob. When the apartment dweller came to the door, the thief fled.

### Sideline swipe

A man carrying a soccer game in Prospect Park had his wallet stolen from his bag on the sidelines.

The victim, 22, told police that sometime between 4:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Oct. 21 a thief went into his bag and stole \$35, his identification, credit cards and his cell phone, while he coached the contest in the park off Ninth Street.

**Kitchen window**  
A thief broke into a woman's apartment on Third Avenue, between 10th and 11th streets, through her kitchen window.

The victim, 28, returned home at around 11 p.m. on Oct. 23, and discovered stolen miscellaneous jewelry, as well as a personalized ring bearing her name. Police said that after coming in through the window the burglar left via the front door.

**Without a trace**  
A man parked his white 1993 Chevy Lumina at Prospect Park West and 10th Street, and within a space of four hours it was gone without a trace.

The victim, 55, parked the car at around 5 p.m. on Oct. 21. When he returned to the spot later, the car was gone. According to police, no broken glass was found near where the car had been parked.

### Amblush

A man was walking along Fourth Avenue at around 3:30 a.m. on Oct. 26, when he was set upon by a pair of thugs.

As the victim, 40, walked past 15th Street, he told police, a man pulled him into a headlock while his accomplice twisted his arm, removing \$200 and his medical insurance card from his pocket. The victim did not report any injuries.

### Caught shopping

A woman told police she was robbed while filling her cart with groceries at the Pathmark Supermarket on 12th Street at Hamilton Avenue.

The victim said that while she shopped at the supermarket on Oct. 27 at around 4 p.m., she placed her purse in the shopping cart.

She turned away for a moment, and by the time she turned around the handbag was gone. The victim lost \$85, her identification and her credit cards.

## Slope blood drive

NY Methodist Hospital

Park Slopers will have the opportunity to donate blood at one of three sites during the annual Park Slope Community Blood Drive, which continues through Saturday, Nov. 2.

The drive is sponsored by the Park Slope Civic Council in conjunction with New York Methodist Hospital and John Jay High School.

On Thursday, Oct. 31, the drive is headquartered at the hospital, 506 Sixth St. between Seventh and Eighth avenues, until 8 p.m.

The donation location for Friday is John Jay HS, on Seventh Avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets, between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For the 15th year, John Jay students will participate in the drive by registering donors and assisting hospital personnel.

On Saturday, the drive will take place at the Old First Reformed Church on the corner of Carroll Street and Seventh Avenue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Donors will be welcomed at any of the three donation sites on a walk-in basis. For more information, call Stuart Rosenhaus, blood donor recruiter at New York Methodist Hospital, at (718) 780-3644.

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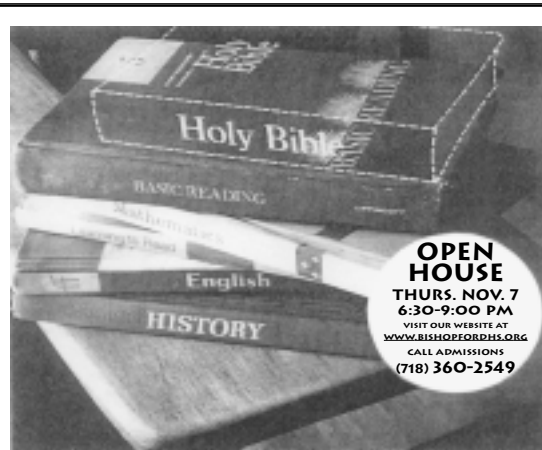
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# Rally for car-free park

The Brooklyn Papers

The anti-car group Transportation Alternatives rallied Saturday for a three-month trial ban on cars in Prospect Park.

Dressed as cardboard SUV's, a ghost, and a vampire with a placard that read "Vampires suck, so do cars in Prospect Park," the 20 protesters cheered, marched and held a few of what they called "cars-off

Broadway" skits depicting vehicles chasing pedestrians around Grand Army Plaza. The group has for a long time unsuccessfully rallied for a car-free Prospect Park, but this year gained the support of

council members Bill DeBlasio, David Yassky, Yvette Clarke and James Davis, whose districts abut the park, in calling for a three-month trial ban so that the issue could be studied.

"We're not some radical group of crazies here protesting," said Aaron Naparstek, a spokesman for Transportation Alternatives, who came dressed as a car. "We actually have the political process behind us."

On Nov. 4, Prospect Park resumes its fall, winter and spring hours, opening to traffic at 6 am on Monday, and remaining open until 7 pm on Friday, except during holidays. The park closes to traffic in the summer, except during rush hours, from 7 am to 9 am and from 5 pm to 7 pm.

The city Department of Transportation (DOT) maintains that before a three-month trial, a preliminary study of the potential impacts would have to be undertaken. That would cost an estimated \$250,000, according to DOT spokesman Keith Kalb.

"We would still have to do the baselining study before we begin to look at anything," Kalb said. "Whether it be hour changes or temporary closures. We are awaiting word from the Brooklyn delegation of the City Council on how they are willing to proceed."

DeBlasio said of the DOT estimate, "We believe there is a way to do a cost-effective study."

While the DOT has placed responsibility for the funding of the study on the shoulders of the council members, DeBlasio said the budget process was still a long way off and added, "This is not the kind of thing you do with a member item."

"I think [DOT Commissioner] Iris [Weinshall] has been fair," DeBlasio said. "But I think at the same time, where there's a will there's a way."

The issue has raised concerns about how a trial ban would direct cars to surrounding residential streets.

In 1997, Rachel Fruchter, a faculty member at SUNY Downstate, was killed by a van while bicycling through the park. Fruchter's daughter, Chenda Fruchter, participated in the rally Saturday to urge for a car-free park.

"We know what happens when you have cars in the park," she said. "People get killed."

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## LETTERS

### 'Deaf Bloomie' kudos

To the editor:

Thank you for your article on noise in Brooklyn ("Bloomie deaf to noise in Brownstone Brooklyn," Oct. 21).

I live four houses from the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway on Warren Street and the noise from the BQE has been my greatest source of angst for the eight years I've lived here. I hear it even with my windows open because the noise is so bad.

The engine brakes on the big trucks are particularly bad and often wake me at night. I've

built any time in the last 50 years is beyond me.

I hope Mayor Bloomberg is serious about noise reduction and can help us here in Brownstone Brooklyn. I appreciate the focus on quality of life in New York. God knows we could use it.

—Paul J. Banks, Cobble Hill

### Send Ikea socialists home!

To the editor:

So Ikea's new Red Hook store will have full health and dental benefits for both full-time and part-time staff ("Red Hook Ikea," Oct. 28). Those socialist bastards! Are they trying to destroy the American way? I say send 'em home with all their flat brown boxes, and good night dance. —John Winston Bush, Ph.D., Park Slope



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concerns, saying there are other portions of the plan into which the funds can be channelled.  
"The funds will be used for some of the design and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and also for improvement to existing city land under the Manhattan Bridge," Moogan said. "And we're working with city Parks to identify some other areas where they could be used in Brooklyn Bridge Park."  
"Whether we will be able to expand all \$10.8 million on Brooklyn Bridge Park projects prior to having an EIS... that's

questionable," Moogan added. "That uncertainty over the city budget, has Yasky worried."  
"It would be a distressing sign if the city does not spend the money they put aside for Brooklyn Bridge Park this year," said the councilman, in whose district most of the park would be built. With a budget modification that could come as soon as Election Day passes, Yasky has urged for swift plans for the funds before they get cut.  
Mayor Michael Bloomberg said this week that revenue projections for the next eight months of

Fiscal Year 2003 are falling short, and that "we will have a deficit in '03 that we have to plug."  
The mayor said the gap could be as high as \$1 billion.  
"There absolutely are going to be budget cuts between now and the end of the fiscal year," Yasky said. "If Brooklyn Bridge Park does not move forward it's going to be vulnerable."  
The funding has thus far been allocated to the city Parks Department, with the approval of the development corporation, for shoreline stabilization, a blue stone sidewalk, lighting, irrigation and drinking fountains north of the Purchase Building, a Parks Department spokesman said.

Designs are expected to be completed this winter and ground is scheduled to be broken this spring, after the project goes up for contractor bid. The total costs of the forthcoming projects cannot be determined, a Parks spokesman said, until the designs are completed.

While Yasky said he likes the plan he has seen thus far, he also wants to see that all of the money allocated to the plan for this fiscal year is utilized.  
Brooklyn Bridge Park is a \$150 million, 67-acre commercial and recreational development that will span from Jay Street under the Manhattan Bridge, 1.3 miles south to Pier 5 at Joralemon Street.

Last May, Bloomberg and Gov. George Pataki announced the creation of the joint city-state development corporation.  
"One reason for the delay is a lack of clarity between the development corporation and the city Parks Department over whose court the ball is in," Yasky said.

The councilman has made several suggestions of capital projects that may be ready to proceed, in-

cluding beginning work on the Tobacco Warehouse, which abuts Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park and has been suggested as a performance space, and setting up a carousel played by DUMBO developer David Walentas.

Yasky has requested of both Moogan and Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe that a destination for the funds be determined within the next month, before the money becomes vulnerable.  
In the master plan for the development, the Purchase Building would be cut down in size to open up the view of the Brooklyn Bridge, with the remaining building hosting an educational and

information center.  
The city Parks Department proposed demolishing the landmark last year. On Sept. 6, 2001, dozens of community leaders spoke before the city Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) either defending or deriding the city's proposal. The LPC was scheduled to hear further testimony on Sept. 11, but following the attacks on the World Trade Center the meeting was cancelled.  
Shortly after OEM moved into the Purchase Building, Yasky said, "I'm concerned that if they're going to be in that building for a long time that would be a real impediment to Brooklyn Bridge Park."

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Boston attorney Wilson D. Rogers Jr., who represented Daily during the deposition, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.  
In the deposition, Daily also acknowledged receiving a 1977 letter of complaint about remarks Shanley allegedly made to a group in Rochester, NY. A woman who said she heard Shanley's talk quoted him as saying that he had "seduced," the adult is not the seducer — the kid is the seducer."

The woman also said Shanley said he could think of no sexual act that causes psychological damage, "not even incest or bestiality."  
Daily said he referred the letter to the late Cardinal Humberto Medeiros. But he acknowledged that he did not know if anyone ever investigated what Shanley made the remarks.

MacLish, who represents men who say they were abused by Shanley after Daily appointed him to St. Jean's, said the deposition shows that Daily had critical information about Shanley before he sent him to the parish.  
"It's so tragic that none of the information Bishop Daily possessed was shared with the parishioners of St. Jean's. If it had been, obviously, none of this would have happened," MacLish said.

In March, about two months after the clergy sexual abuse scandal exploded in Boston, Daily issued a statement in New York in which he apologized to victims of defrocked priest John Geoghan.  
Geoghan's case sparked the scandal when court documents revealed that church officials had shuffled him from parish to parish after receiving complaints he was sexually abusing boys.  
In a statement, Daily said he had acted in good conscience at the time but said "in hindsight I profoundly regret certain decisions."

Daily has been bishop of the Brooklyn diocese since 1990. He left the Archdiocese of Boston in September 1984 — about six months after Cardinal Bernard Law arrived in Boston — to become bishop of Palm Beach, Fla.

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## BARRON...

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Kamins, as well as condemnation from Colabella and District Attorney Charles Hynes.

According to Kamins, however, "the reasons [for the crime] can be found in the reports."

Kamins, submitted sealed motions to the judge that he said would offer some indication as to why Barron demanded the bribe. He declined to discuss the motions in detail with reporters waiting outside the courtroom saying "that will be argued in the appellate division," where Kamins plans to appeal the sentence.

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

Neither Alzheimer's nor Pick's disease, also known as lobar sclerosis, a disorder involving deterioration in mental function caused by disease-related changes in brain tissue, were mentioned at any point in Barron's plea deal or in the investigation of his case.

Hynes brushed off any indication that Barron was sick, and said the disgraced former judge was inspired by "plain old-fashioned greed."  
"You have brought disgrace to Kings County judges who don't deserve that," Colabella said. "You have made almost a joke out of the Kings County judges."

On Jan. 22, Barron, was arrested at his Marine Park home for demanding a \$250,000 bribe from attorney Gary Berenholz, to settle a \$4.9 million personal injury lawsuit against Dollar Rent A Car and Everflo, a car seat manufacturer.

### Wore a wire

The case was based on an accident that occurred on Oct. 23, 1998, which left a 3-month-old girl blind and severely brain-damaged.  
As the case was reaching a settlement in June 2001, Barron took Berenholz for a walk outside the courthouse, at 15 Wilton Place St., and demanded the payoff in exchange for signing the court order. Berenholz initially resisted but then bargained the judge down to \$115,000.  
When Barron called him in January to repeat his demand, Berenholz reported the solicitation to law enforcement and wore a wire when making the first payment of \$18,000 in marked cash.

Colabella chastised Berenholz for not reporting the demand when it was first made and said he would refer Berenholz to the disciplinary committee.

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

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

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

Still, Barron has been the lightning rod for a system allegedly wrought with patronage and cronyism.  
"My actions also probably caused the erosion of confidence [in judges] and for that I will forever be sorry," Barron said before his sentencing on Monday.

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

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

## SNATCHER...

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105 Carlton Ave., an outpatient home for people with a history of mental illness or drug addiction.  
"I would imagine that parents would feel a lot better that both of the people who were reportedly scaring children are caught," said Judy Stanton, executive director of the Brooklyn Heights Association.

Over the summer, prosecutors allege Tara Ann McDonald spent two months harassing local parents and inappropriately accosting small children. On July 16, police said, she attempted to grab a stroller, with a 7-month-old girl in tow, from a local mother on Clinton and Montague streets.

McDonald's case has since been referred to the new Brooklyn Mental Health Court due to her history of mental illness.

On Sept. 29, another man was arrested after allegedly approaching a child in the Harry Chapin playground at Midhighway Street and Columbia Heights. He allegedly said he wanted to go home with a 4-year-old boy who was playing there.

The frightened boy then ran to his grandfather who had accompanied him to the park. Police were called and a 36-year-old suspect was arrested nearby and charged with endangering the welfare of a child.

"It is a pattern? I don't think so. It is connected? I don't think so," said Inspector Christopher Rising, commanding officer of the 84th Precinct, at this month's 84th Precinct Community Council meeting. "But I do think it points out to everybody that we need to be particularly careful when we're talking about kids."

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# High steaks

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

By Tina Barry  
For The Brooklyn Papers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

The restaurants' Colorado lodge theme provides "a very warm and colorful" family atmosphere. The exterior of each restaurant features stone siding, and the interior decor is ski lodge friendly with a four-sided fireplace warming the room, comfortable wooden booths and tables to accommodate family groups; wood-paneled walls adorned with vintage ski gear, and murals of snowcapped mountains.

## DINING

**Boulder Creek Steakhouse** at 355 Gateway Center Drive at Enclave Street in the Gateway Plaza Mall in Spring Creek is scheduled to open Nov. 4. The restaurant will accept all major credit cards. For further information, call (718) 277-0222. Entrance range: \$12.95-\$20.50.



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

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

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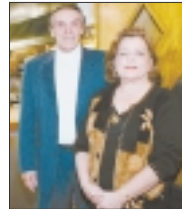
"There's something for everyone," Scotto says of the steakhouse's reasonably priced menu. That includes a selection of USDA, grain-fed, aged steaks that are priced from \$12.95 for the Kit Carson Sirloin, a 10-ounce, center-cut top sirloin steak, to \$20.50 for the Mountaineer, a 20-ounce porterhouse.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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

How does it feel to be back in Brooklyn?

Both men laughed.

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

## OUTDOORS



## Happy trails

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

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

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

## THEATER

## Media blitz

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

By Paulanne Simmons  
For The Brooklyn Papers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Murder, he wrote

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

By Paulanne Simmons  
for The Brooklyn Papers

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

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

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

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

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

Set designer Mark T. Simpson has

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

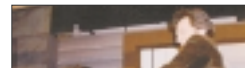
Many of these collectibles Bruhl has acquired from productions of his past thrillers. Others are gifts from friends. And some he has found by "prowling the antique shops."

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

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

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

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



May Ruth Gossely

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

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

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

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

performances of Blaylock and MacDougall.

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

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

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

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## THEATER

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

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**ART:** Seventh annual BWAC Small Works art exhibit. Nov. 4 to 8

## Nov 3

### NYC Marathon

**OUTDOORS AND TOURS**  
**WILLIAMSBURG TOUR:** Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment takes a tour of the historic neighborhood. Learn about the convergence of Dominican, Polish, Hasidic and young, hip urban art cultures. \$8. \$4 members. 11 am to 1 pm. Meet at JIM Marcy Avenue station. (718) 788-8500.

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### PERFORMANCES

**MUSIC:** Kingsborough Orchestra concert dedicated to late Professor Ted Molinas. Performance will include premiere of his last work, "The Profound Clarity," as well as Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto. 2:30 p.m. Kingsborough Community College, 2001 Central Boulevard. (718) 368-5596. Free.

### OPERA: Regatta Opera Company performs international selec-

tions. \$8. 4 p.m. Regina Hall, 65th Street and 12th Avenue. (718) 232-3555.

**HEIGHTS PLAYERS:** presents "Picnic." 2 p.m. See Sat.

**PAPER MOON PLAYERS:** "The Heires." 3:30 p.m. See Sat.

**BARGE MUSIC:** an all-Schubert program. 4 p.m. See Sat.

**NEXT WAVE:** "Woeyek." 3 p.m. See Sat.

**BROOKLYN FAMILY THEATER:** presents "Plates of Penance." 8 p.m. See Sat.

**GALLERY PLAYERS:** "Deathtrap." 8 p.m. See Sat.

**WRITERS READ:** Barbes, a new bar and performance space presents poet Kimiko Hahn and her husband, true crime writer Harold Schuster. 376 North St. at Sixth Avenue. (718) 965-9177 or www.barbedbrooklyn.com. Reading series continues most Sundays through May. Jan concert usually follows readings.

### CHILDREN

**PUPPETWORKS:** "The Sleeping Beauty." 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. See Sat.

### OTHER

**FLEA MARKET:** at Roman Catholic Church of St. Finbar. 9 am to 3 p.m. Barb Avenue and Bay 20th Street. (718) 236-3312.

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