



Neighborhood Associations Plan Theater Party

By Nancy Lian

Two years ago the W. 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association joined with neighbors on W. 104th Street to organize a very successful theater party. Now we are doing it again on Sunday, March 30 at 3pm. Once more our destination is a Pan Asian Repertory Theatre production: "Empress of China."

At the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th, China was ruled by the Ch'ing Dynasty. The emperor was first one child, Tung Chih, and then another, Kuang Hsu. But the power behind the Dragon Throne was the Dowager Empress Tz'u-Hsi, Tung Chih's mother and Kuang Hsu's aunt. Tz'u Hsi was a woman who took destiny into her own hands and rose from one of many concubines to become the absolute ruler of China. Set behind the walls of the Forbidden City, the drama unfolds as the "Dragon Empress" faces the forces of the modern world which eventually bring the Ch'ing Dynasty to an end.

Tisa Chang, director and actor (and neighbor), has directed "Return of the Phoenix", "The Joy Luck Club" and

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The West 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association *NEWSLETTER*

Your Block Association: Small Town In The Big City

By David L. Reich

About 30 years ago, residents living on our five city blocks formed a Block Association to deal with rampant street crime. Money was collected and a guard service was hired. Since then, the Association, representing about 2000 households, has expanded into many of the other issues and activities you would expect in a small town. Now, in the words of a former Mayor of this city, we are asking "How are we doing?"

Like a small town we have a "Main Street" (Broadway) on one side and a park (Riverside) on the other. We have a wide range of housing and a broad spectrum of economic interests. We want the subway trains to run fast and the cars and trucks to run slow. Cleanliness and greenery and quiet in the streets matter to us. Many of us would like to know our neighbors better and get involved with them on community projects.

These are all issues that your Block Association is addressing. The security service is still the major use for the quarterly and annual donations we receive from individuals, co-ops and landlords. We attend and report to you about meetings of the Community Board and Precinct Council where issues of commercial development and

crime are discussed. We help our neighbors navigate the bewildering array of city agencies. The Halloween parade and the Spring tree well planting are two of our regular community activities. All of this is brought to you in the Newsletter along with glimpses of your neighbors and your neighborhood.

And it's all done by volunteers in the best Small Town, USA fashion.

Now we want your advice on how the Block Association and the Newsletter can improve our service to the neighborhood. On pages 5 and 6 of this issue is a two-sided questionnaire with a few important questions. We ask you to fill it out and send it in. Make copies if you need more than one questionnaire for your family. We'll let you know in the June issue how the Block Association is responding to your suggestions.

BLOCK ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Regular Block Association meetings are held twelve times a year on the second Tuesday of every month.

TIME: 8:00 p.m.
PLACE: 306 W. 102nd St.

The next three meetings will be held on March 11, April 8 and May 13.

Holiday Gift Collection a Big Success

By Camille Colon

A small article in the December, 2002 Newsletter requested contributions of toys, books, etc. for a holiday donation to a shelter for battered women and their children. We are proud to report that members of the West 102nd & 103rd Street Block Association, in conjunction with staff from the Drug Enforcement Administration, were extremely successful in providing 90 boxes of toys and gifts for the women and children in the Henry Street Settlement shelter on the

Lower East Side for victims of domestic violence.

New and gently used toys were collected by Block Association member Camille Colon and brought to the DEA for their fifth annual toy drive. The holiday 'wrap' party was attended by staff from the DEA and from the Henry Street Settlement as well as DEA law enforcement Explorers and neighborhood residents Jill Chase, Diane Karnett and Joe Vigna.

The toys were distributed at a community center by New York State Police trooper Perry Tyner and elves

from the DEA. Each child and their mother received a box containing age-appropriate toys, mittens, stuffed animals and books. In addition, donations of small toiletry and gift items were collected during the year, such as washcloths, small size soap, shampoo, socks, combs, razors, and so forth, and festively wrapped for men who are living at the Doe Fund's Ready, Willing and Able shelter located in Harlem. These are the same men who, in their bright blue uniforms, can be seen in our neighborhood helping to keep the streets clean.

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"Rashomon". She has received many awards for outstanding achievement in theater.

Veteran actor Tina Chen, star of "Empress of China", is also a director and producer. She has appeared on the stage in "The Joy Luck Club" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and in the films "Alice's Restaurant" and "Three Days of the Condor".

The author of "Empress of China", Ruth Wolff, has written extensively for the stage ("The Second Mrs. Wilson", "The Golem") and screen ("The Abdication", "The Incredible Sarah"). Her latest play is "Aviators".

Join with neighbors from the 104th Street Block Association to enjoy this outstanding drama presented by the Pan Asian Repertory Theatre at the West End Theatre on W. 86th Street at West End Avenue. The show on Sunday, March 30 at 3 pm has limited tickets at the special rate of \$25, so please reserve your seats now by calling Rosalyn Cherry at (212) 663-6409.

Community In Harmony

By Hedy Campbell

Did you hear what I heard? On Thursday, December 19, I heard a group of my neighbors, young and old, singing holiday carols. Because the weather cooperated and bestowed a relatively balmy evening on us, we enjoyed a great turnout and were able to cover the Block Association territory in its entirety without sacrificing a finger or toe to frostbite. We saw many of you come to your windows and wave in appreciation! Thanks. Next year, come and join us en route, as several people who were engaged by our festive spirit did; we began as group of 20-something, and finished up with almost three dozen!

As usual, we were very ably led by long-time resident Anthony Bellov and friends. Our gratitude to them for their unflagging enthusiasm and delightful musicality. Thanks, too, to Seth Jucovy, managing agent of the Master Apartments at 310 Riverside, for making the building's warm hospitality available to us for refreshments

as he has time and time again. Ginger Lief, Kathryn Ralph, and Lisa Berger also lent much needed hands to bring the evening together. Thanks to all.

Correction

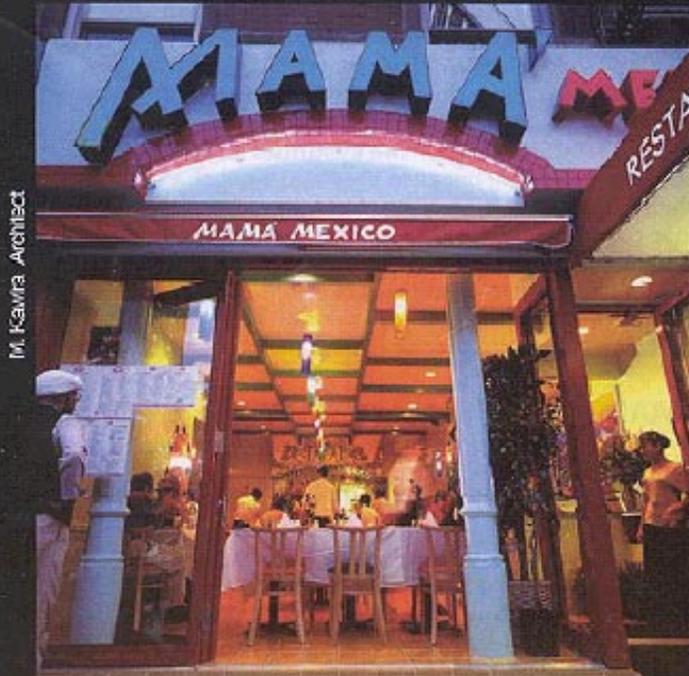
In the December, 2002 issue, the address of New York State Assemblyman Daniel J. O'Donnell was incorrectly given as 103rd Street. The correct address is 245 W. 104th Street.

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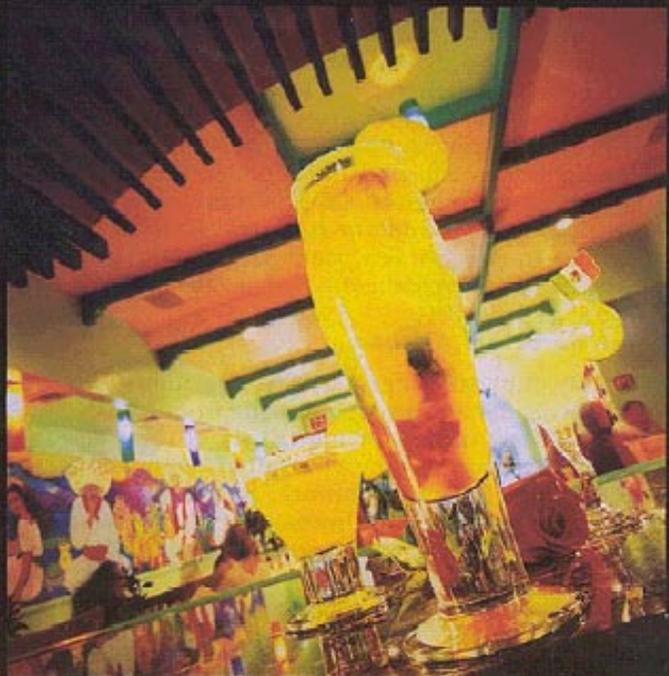
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DAILY NEWS

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The New York Times
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Broadway Mall Plans For 2003 Announced

Coming off one of its most active and productive years ever, the Broadway Mall Association (BMA) has announced plans for extensive work in our neighborhood.

With the support of local businesses, such as Mama Mexico and Oppenheimer's Meats, local residents, co-ops and condos and the Greenacre Foundation, the malls between 96th and 101st Street underwent a major restoration in the fall of 2002. The BMA now plans to continue this work above 101st Street in 2003. Subway work at 103rd Street should not be a problem.

The mission of the BMA includes the planting, care and maintenance of the Broadway malls between 70th and 168th Streets. The BMA has also inaugurated an extensive tree planting program in conjunction with the New York City Department of Parks and will replace and plant new trees where needed on the malls and on the sidewalks along Broadway.

In the Spring, the BMA will hold its Second Annual Broadway in Bloom National Garden Design Competition sponsored by HSBC Bank USA. Last year's competition resulted in the planting of six new garden beds between 82nd and 84th Streets. Open to students, amateurs and professionals, this year's competition will be seeking designs for transforming the entire Mall between 73rd and 74th Streets.

On June 9, the BMA will have its second annual fundraising gala at Symphony Space. If you wish to become a member of the BMA or learn more about the organization and its work, please write to: The Broadway Mall Association, P.O. Box, 250234, Columbia University Substation, New York, NY 10025, visit the BMA's website at www.broadwaymall.org or call (212) 280-1718.

Precinct Council Discusses Crime

The 24th Police Precinct is host to a community Council which meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the precinct headquarters at 151 W. 100th St. between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues.

At a recent meeting the new precinct commander, Inspector James Dean, was introduced. He reviewed crime statistics for the precinct which covers W. 86th St. to W. 110th St. and Central Park West to the Hudson River. He said that incidents of crime in various categories were down and arrests were up in the past few months.

In response to questions from the audience, more detail was given about a robbery at 310 Riverside Drive. The

robber had entered an elevator with an elderly resident, taken money from him, and then followed him into his apartment where other items were taken. Subsequently, a man suspected of this robbery was arrested and linked to other robberies of doormen and pedestrians in the neighborhood. At the time of this report, the suspect had been charged with one of these robberies. The investigation was continuing.

Community residents are welcome to attend the Precinct Council meetings. For more information call the precinct's Community Affairs officers Det. Heidi Higgins or P.O. Luis Pacheco at (212) 678-1811.

Rent Law Rallies Planned

This June the rent stabilization laws will expire unless the State Legislature votes to renew them. Thousands of tenants and supporters are expected at rallies to demand that these laws be not only renewed but strengthened. Since the laws were changed (1997), over 100,000 evictions have occurred and 90,000 apart-

ments have been deregulated, many in our neighborhood.

To join the fight to protect affordable housing and neighborhood diversity, go to the rallies on Thursday, March 6th (111 Centre St, NYC) and Tuesday, May 13th (in Albany). Call Tenants & Neighbors for information or bus reservations at (212) 608-4320.

Block Association Officers Elected

At the December 10, 2002 meeting of the Association's Board of Directors, the following officers were elected for 2003:

Rosalyn Cherry, Co-Chairman
David Reich, Co-Chairman
Maura Gouck, Treasurer
Ginger Lief, Secretary

Kathy Ralph was named as liaison between the Board and various agencies such as the MTA and the Landmarks Commission. Marlene Lee was acknowledged for attending many Com-

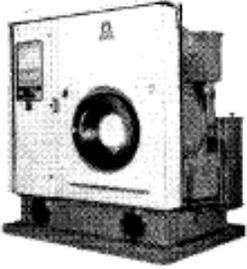
munity Board 7 meetings on behalf of the Board. In addition to Secretary, Ginger Lief will also be the archivist.

Two residents of the St. Luke's Halfway House, Bob and April, were re-appointed Recording Secretaries to take and report the minutes of the Board meetings.

The Board expressed its special appreciation for St. Luke's continuing support of the Block Association. St. Luke's provides space (and cookies!) for our monthly meetings.

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Block Association and Newsletter Questionnaire

Your Block Association (BA) seeks advice and participation from all residents in the neighborhood. On this side of this **two-sided** form we ask several questions about the Association and on the other side there are questions about the Newsletter.

When you have completed all the questions, please cut and fold the form and return it (with your contribution, we hope) in the enclosed contribution envelope. If you are sending a contribution but wish your questionnaire to be anonymous, please send it in a separate envelope.

Thanks, in advance, for your participation!

1. Have you ever participated in a BA activity? (check all that apply)
 - Spring Tree Well Planting
 - Halloween Parade
 - Holiday Caroling
 - Theater Party
 - Tree Walk
 - BA Annual Meeting
 - BA Board
2. Have you ever asked the BA to help with a neighborhood problem? Yes No
 If yes, what type of problem? Crime Noise City/Community Liaison
 Other _____
3. What new things would you like the BA to do in the neighborhood?

4. Have you ever contributed to the Block Association? Yes No
 If yes, in which year(s)? 2001 2002 2003
 If no, please tell us why not: _____

5. In which BA activities would you participate?
 - Organize Neighborhood Events
 - City/Community Liaison
 - Beautification
 - Organize Annual Meeting
 - Building Representative
 - Recruit Members
 - Other _____

If we may contact you about your suggestions, please let us know how on the other side.

Neighborhood Advisory Board Announces Hearing

The Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) in Community District 7 (CD7) has announced a public hearing for Monday, March 24, 2003, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Joan of Arc Complex (I.S. 118), 154 West 93rd St. (between Columbus & Amsterdam) on the subject "How should Community Services Block Grant funds be spent in our community?"

The NAB is a committee of CD 7 residents, some appointed by local political officials and some selected by the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development. It is responsible for distributing funds from the Federal Block Grant program

within CD7. The last distribution in 2002 amounted to about \$312,000.

The NAB wants to hear from residents and organizations about the needs of our neighborhood area. Past areas of funding include: Housing needs, food banks, AIDS/HIV support services, youth programs, crime prevention, substance abuse, job readiness, and mental health services.

Anyone living or working in Manhattan's CD7 — 110th Street to 59th Street and Central Park West to Riverside Drive — is invited to attend.

Please call (212) 442-5881 to register your attendance (but registration is not required.) Each speaker will be

limited to 3 minutes. Speakers are encouraged to bring written statements of their testimony.

If you can't attend and would like your voice heard, please call (212) 760-5968 to record your opinion or to request a survey. If you require sign-language assistance, please call (212) 442-5881.

For more information regarding Neighborhood Advisory Boards or the Federal Block Grant program, contact Elizabeth Huggins at the Department of Youth and Community Development, 156 William Street, New York, NY, 10038 or call her at (212) 442-5900.



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1. Which topics covered by the Newsletter are of most interest to you?
 - BA Activities Neighborhood People Commercial Development
 - Local Politics Crime Parks Neighborhood Character
 - Restaurants Other _____
2. What topics would you like to see added to Newsletter coverage? _____
3. Do you feel that Newsletter reporting is fair and accurate? Yes No
Comments? _____
4. Would you be willing to occasionally write for the Newsletter? Yes No
If yes, on what topic(s)? _____
If yes, please be sure to include your contact information below.
5. If we may contact you about your responses, please tell us how to do that:
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On Broadway

Openings and closings: ♦♦The long-shuttered doors and windows of the unlamented former CVS between 102nd and 103rd Streets have reopened to reveal a bright **Janovic/Plaza "The Color Authority"** store. Lou, the manager, has opened for business though work is still going on inside. He hopes to be fully operational by early March. ♦♦Two doors north another kind of makeover has created **Villa Toscana** in the space of the former Urban America restaurant. Same owners, mostly new staff, now offer casual Italian fare and a variety of wines and beers. ♦♦In a recent two month span, both of our neighborhood movie theaters suddenly closed. The **Olympia** went dark first and then, at the end of January, the **Metro** put up a "Theater Closed" sign on the marquee. Both were owned by Clearview, a division of Cablevision which is selling them off. A real estate holding company is looking for a developer for the Olympia site which is zoned for a residential/commercial tower of as much as 16 stories. No word on the fate of the Metro site at this time. ♦♦Between 104th and 105th Streets on the west side of Broadway, the restaurant **Broadway-104th St.** has closed. Another restaurant is expected in the space soon. ♦♦The northeast corner of 104th Street and Broadway

continues to be swathed in plywood and posters. A combined **Ben & Jerry's** and **Hot & Crusty** are expected to appear there any day now.

Getting Around: ♦♦Among the many **subway token booths** the MTA is planning to close are the ones at 79th, 86th and 110th Streets on the 1/9 IRT line and 96th and 110th Streets on the IND line. The subject is scheduled to be aired at the Community Board 7 Transportation Committee meeting just before the regular Board meeting on March 4. ♦♦Work has begun on the renovation of the **103rd Street subway station**. It is expected to continue for 16 months with occasional closing of one platform at a time. The controversial **Arts in Transit** proposal to decorate the walls of the 103rd and 110th Streets platforms has been voted down by Community Board 7 but NYC Transit could still implement it if it chooses to ignore the Board's decision. ♦♦How many conscientious neighbors does it take to change a light bulb? Just one, if it's a **non-working traffic light** or Walk sign. You can call the Department of Transportation at 212-CALLDOT (that's 212-225-5368) with detailed information on the light that's not working and they will have it repaired in 48 hours.

♦♦Our neighbor, Jane Larson, noted that sidewalk litter on the west side

of Broadway between 102nd and 103rd Streets has been getting worse. She contacted the NYC Department of Sanitation who will send an inspector. If you notice the same problem, let the store managers on that block know you would like them to clean it up.

Note: if you have an item for the "**On Broadway**" column, please send it to the Editor (see page 2).

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Please call (212) 663-1418. Thank you.

Thank You, Members!

To all of our contributors, heartfelt thanks. Your donations keep the Block Association going and the guard on the street. Names of those who are “paid up” through the *previous* quarter (approximately) appear below; please let us know of errors.

New donors and those donating quarterly: please use the enclosed envelope to send in your contribution as soon as possible.

We ask that you please fill out the envelope stub completely (including your apartment number) and legibly when making your contribution (the stubs are the basis of our record-keeping) and indicate if you prefer anonymity.

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Neighbor Brings Aid To Poor in Argentina; Seeks Donations

When Jill Chase, our neighbor on West End Avenue, came into some money last year she knew just what to do with it.

For the past 18 years she has been going to Buenos Aires. “All my family of the heart is there,” she says. That family includes people who run shelters and soup kitchens like Monica Carranza of “Caras Sucias” (Dirty Faces) and Margarita Barrientos of “Los Piletones”. Last year Jill provided “Dirty Faces” with 50 sets of sheets, hundreds of plates and cups, a freezer and \$200 in flour for their bakery. At “Los Piletones” the donations included food stuffs, soaps and disinfectants.

This year Jill is returning to Argentina at the end of March. The airline Aerolineas Argentinas has offered to ship 700 pounds of donations for her free of charge. So far, she has received 100 bags of girls’ clothing from one donor and many other items from her neighbors. Jill hopes to add new or good used boys’ clothing as well as school supplies such as pencils and notebooks and sundries such as soap or bandaids. She would add any cash donations to her own contributions.

To find out more about Jill’s efforts or to make a contribution, please call Jill at (212) 666-7513.