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This rendering shows the new design for the condo project at 360 Smith St., which is now slated to be known as "The Oliver House" in honor of developer William Stein's father. It would contain terra cotta and stucco elements as well as a glass tower. The building would be seven stories high and would include above-ground parking.

Rendering courtesy of KSQ Architects

After Months of Conflict, Builder Scraps Controversial Architect in Carroll Gardens

Post-Scarano Design Uses
Terra Cotta, Stucco and Glass

By **Trudy Whitman**
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

CARROLL GARDENS — Finding a balance in the development of desirable neighborhoods while operating within the context of outdated laws is a "difficult and frustrating endeavor for all of us," said City Council Member Bill de Blasio in opening remarks at a Feb. 11 meeting of the

Carroll Gardens Neighborhood Association (CGNA).

Earlier, developer William Stein had petitioned the CGNA, asking to address the group at its February meeting. The expectation was that Stein had a huge announcement to make.

He did, indeed — that he had replaced the controversial Robert Scarano with another architect for his

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'Tenting on the Old Camp Ground'



At the Civil War Round Table of New York, Inc. January 2008 meeting: Bud Livingston (left), author of "President Lincoln's Third Largest City: Brooklyn & the Civil War," is seen with Bay Ridge attorney Michael Connors, founder of Connors & Sullivan. See story, photos, page 7.

Eagle photo by John Calabrese

Specialized High School Admissions Results Are In

28,000 Took the Tests, But
Only 5,591 Students Got In

By **Mary Frost**
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

BROOKLYN — Schools Chancellor Joel I. Klein announced Friday that 5,991 students received an offer to attend one of the city's nine specialized high schools next September. Offers to eight of the schools are based on the results of a competitive admissions exam taken by approximately 28,000 students, about a thousand more than took the test last year.

This means that of the approximately 28,000 taking the exam, roughly 22,000 did not get into any of the specialized high schools. Of these, only 2,286 students received an offer to their top-ranked specialized school.

The specialized high schools include the Bronx High School of Science; the Brooklyn Latin School; Brooklyn Technical High School; the High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at City College; the High School of American Studies at Lehman College;

Queens High School for the Sciences at York College; Staten Island Technical High School; and Stuyvesant High School. Admission to Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts is based on an audition and a review of academic records.

Last year, 2,199 students were admitted to their first choice of specialized high school. The increase this year is due to the addition of the newest specialized school, Brooklyn Latin, to the roster.

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Here Comes the Train

Owner Ben Herbst began tearing down the dilapidated building next to the Prospect Park subway station, on Lincoln Road in Prospect Lefferts-Gardens. Locals have had their retail wish lists ready for years. See Real Estate Round-Up, page 9.

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Good morning. Today is the 44th day of the year. On this day in 1861, Col. Bernard Irwin won the first Congressional Medal of Honor. He had distinguished himself while leading a battle with Apache Indians at Apache Pass, Ariz.

Well-known people who were born today include actress Kim Novak, TV host and former politician Jerry Springer, singer-songwriter Peter Gabriel ("Sledgehammer"), actor-signer Peter Tork of the Monkees, and Chuck Yeager, the pilot who broke the sound barrier.

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Driving On



LIU associate head coach Jennifer Payes is helping to get the Blackbirds ready for another run at the NEC Tournament. For more local college hoops news, turn to John Torenli's "Straight from the Bleachers," page 10.

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'A Tree Glows in Brooklyn' at Sunset Park's Tabla Rasa Gallery

Anders Knutsson Talks on 'Art and Global Survival'

By **Harold Egel**
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

SUNSET PARK — In illuminating his paintings of very old but strong trees with glow-in-the-dark phosphorescent pigments, Swedish-born artist Anders Knutsson of Clinton Hill also illuminates his concern for environmental dangers, hopes and action.

He expressed his passion for the dual power of art and people to make a difference at a talk at the Tabla Rasa Gallery in Sunset Park on Saturday afternoon.

"His images are pretty astonishing and high-spirited," said Audrey Anastasi, a director and curator of the gallery, about the luminous painter, fine artist and curator. His tree artworks, featuring his Champion Tree

paintings, are now part of the current "Point of View" show exhibiting him and nine other artists at the spacious 8,000-square-foot gallery at 224 48th St. west of Third Avenue. His talk on "Art and Global Survival" framed the reasons for his art and focus on painting trees.

"Why do I paint trees? I started to paint trees after moving to Brooklyn 18 years ago from Manhattan," said Knutsson. "It happened more or less spontaneously, working from intuition and hunches, then much later putting my left and right brain functions together to focus deeper. Here in Brooklyn, it is more inspirational as I went all around into the parks and looked at the trees. I saw in the trees something much more complex, beautiful and organic."

His tree paintings are startling stark and engagingly impressive, with lots of thick winding limbs and branches in his Champion Tree series. "These big trees, called champion trees by the forestry department, are the survivors weathering storms and time, such as the Treaty Tree in Florida. These old survivor trees have the strongest genealogy and are favored for cloning."

Obviously, trees are a major source of oxygen in the atmosphere, he noted, and their continuing worldwide decline through deforestation and clear-cutting result in oxygen to breathe and more carbon dioxide, a fact that spurred Knutsson to action.

Knutsson was born in Malmo, Sweden and graduated from a univer-

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Artist Anders Knutsson in front of one of his champion tree paintings, with Joseph and Audrey Anastasi of the Tabla Rasa Gallery in Sunset Park.

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