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Precinct saves Christmas



A "Dear Santa" note delivered by a 9-year-old boy to the 46th Precinct in The Bronx on Christmas Eve melted the hearts of New York's Finest men and women. After reading of the family's woes — includ-

ing no money for Christmas presents or even dinner — the cops quickly passed the hat and saved the holiday for the Brown family.

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FROM THE HEART: Aaron Brown, 9, holds his mom's letter to cops, who came through in a big way for the hard-luck family.

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PARADE



TV WEEK

Demolition dust storm

Toxic battle rages at Ground Zero

EXCLUSIVE

By SAM SMITH

The Environmental Protection Agency is refusing requests from state and federal officials to police the demolition of the Deutsche Bank building to ensure lower Manhattan isn't poisoned by the toxic dust that's been inside the building since 9/11.

The federal agency also shocked government officials and members of its lower Manhattan expert advisory panel when it backtracked last week from a pledge to coordinate responsibilities of all city, state and federal agencies involved in the razing.

The EPA said the eight agencies it contacted were not interested in a formal agreement coordinating their efforts.

"This is a half-assed effort and doesn't give me confidence that people will be adequately protected," said David Newman, an industrial hygienist and member of the EPA's advisory panel.

Plans were laid out last week for bringing down the black-shrouded Deutsche Bank building next to Ground Zero.

Approval of the plan is expected in January, when the building would then be stripped of interior structures, cleaned of contaminants and its framework taken down by crane.

Another building, 4 Albany Street, which is owned by Deutsche Bank, is currently having demolition plans drawn up. And CUNY officials hope to have the college's Fiterman Hall, on Barclay Street, demolished as well.

Wrecking targets

130 Liberty St.

The Deutsche Bank building

■ 40 floors

■ Owned by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation

■ Demolition planned for January '05

■ Cost of demolition: \$45 million

4 Albany St.

■ 10 floors

■ Owned by Deutsche Bank

■ Demolition plans being developed

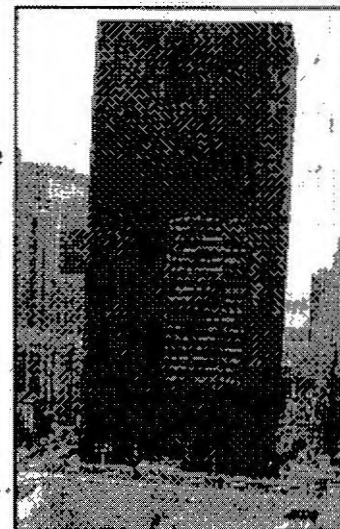
30 West Broadway

Fiterman Hall

■ 15 floors

■ Owned by City University of New York

■ Demolition plans on hold as college draws up proposal for new building and raises funds for construction



Rep. Jerrold Nadler

and the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., which now owns the Deutsche Bank building, separately wrote to the EPA asking it to take the lead role in the demolition, which would mean ensuring the other agencies' responsibilities are fulfilled and being ultimately responsible for all aspects of the cleanup.

The agency has refused.

"This is exactly what happened after 9/11 with the EPA ducking its responsibility," said Nadler.

He pointed specifically

to the back and forth that went on between the EPA and the city's Departments of Health and Environmental Protection over responsibility for cleaning indoor air after Sept. 11.

In a statement to The Post, acting EPA regional administrator Kathleen C. Callahan said the agency is remaining active in the process.

"While EPA was not able to finalize a formal memorandum of agreement with our partner agencies, we continue to play a leadership role," Callahan said.

Times Sq. back as New Year capital

Three years after 9/11, partygoers are making Times Square the top destination spot to ring in the new year, according to a survey of Priceline.com hotel reservations.

Times Square is the No. 1 destination for Americans on New Year's Eve, with the Las Vegas strip of hotel-ca-

sinos close behind. The Big Apple, however, dominates the rankings, making up 60 percent of the top 10 destinations selected by Priceline.com customers.

The list is based on more than 30,000 hotel bookings and reservation requests made on the travel company's Web site for the night of

New Year's Eve. Following the Sept. 11 attacks, the city took a major tourism hit and lost many of its regular New Year's Eve visitors. For New Year's Eve 2001, New York City held just two spots in the Top 10 list, with Times Square coming in distant third to two Vegas-strip areas.

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