



Lester Bates, Catherine Fitzsimons, and Sumiko Enbutsu prepare to unwrap the new gift to Upper Van Voorhees Park.

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## Downtown Cops Board Bikes to Battle Crime

By Craig McGuire

The New York City Police Department is employing new techniques in com-

munity policing throughout the city, one of which has met with a favorable reaction from Brooklyn Heights

and Boerum Hill residents.

Earlier this year, Police Commissioner William Bratton designated 18 precincts throughout New York City to begin mounting some of their Community Policing Officers on mountain bicycles. The 84th Precinct was one of those chosen for the pilot program.

Police Department representatives recently intro-

duced the program to residents at the monthly meeting of the 84th Precinct Community Council.

"We've trained 16 officers in this precinct to ride mountain bikes on patrol," said 84th Precinct Lieutenant Lou Monaghan.

Looks may be deceiving, for the bicycles present the officers with several advantages in combating crime.

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Police Officer Freddy Trovato from the 84th Precinct and his mountain bicycle.

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## Will it Be K-Mart Or DOS?

Will K-Mart move into the Postal Service's property on 2nd Avenue between 10th and 12th streets? The store chain is interested in the vacant site, as is the Department of Sanitation, according to Ben Meskin, vice president of Care About the Slope (CATS), a local civic group.

The issue will be discussed at the next meeting of CATS at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, at the Rawley American Legion Post, 193 9th Street, at the corner of 3rd Avenue. Lou Carbonetti, director of the mayor's Community Assistance Unit, and members of his staff will attend.

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Martin Connor and officers of the Cobble Hill Association, and was strongly supported by Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden.

It replaced an original plan for a large garage on Henry Street, facing the

Cobble Hill Association. "Who are they to give away a public park?" she charged, adding, "Once Golden put his stamp on it, that was it."

She said the park is used largely by Arab families

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