

# 24th Annual Langston Hughes KWANZAA CELEBRATION

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**Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center**

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**Friday, December 12, 2008**

FILM SCREENINGS AND DISCUSSION

**4:30 p.m. Kwanzaa: An African American Celebration**  
with Sekou Molefi Baako

**7:30 p.m. Film: "The Black Candle: A Kwanzaa Celebration:"**  
by M.K. Asante, Jr.

**KWANZAA LECTURE:**

**"Is Kwanzaa Significant to the Black Community in the 21st Century?"**

Dr. Leonard Jeffries, Africana Studies Department, City College of New York, (CUNY)

**Sat. Dec. 13, 2008 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

All Day Crafts Fair • FREE ADMISSION

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2nd Floor Auditorium

**12:00 noon** Greetings

Andrew P. Jackson, (Sekou Molefi Baako)

Executive Director, LHCL&CC

Presentation of The Nguzo Saba—The 7 Principles of Kwanzaa and Libation Ceremony

**Atiba Wilson and Songhai Djeli**

**2:00 p.m.** African Percussion Heritage O.P.

**3:00 p.m.** Da Blues Eddie Lee Isaacs

**5:00 p.m.** From South Africa Sharon Katz and The Peace Train

**7:00 p.m.** Voice of the King Badenya

**Lower Level Program Room**

**11:00 a.m.** Kwanzaa Crafts Workshops

Eunice Kelly, Robin Cook

**1:00 p.m.** African Trunk Show  
Cultured Expressions

**2:00 p.m.** Musical Folktales Robbi K and Friends

**4:00 p.m.** Soulfully Robin Cook Ensemble

**6:00 p.m.** Blowin' Curtis Harewood

**Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008**  
**2:00 P.M.**

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**JAZZY BRASS**  
**HOLIDAY CONCERT**

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**Eddie Allen Jazz Ensemble**

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## Black Friday Shopping Bill Would Protect Shoppers, Staff

BY JOHN TOSCANO

Seeking to avoid a repetition of the Black Friday tragedy in which a Wal-Mart employee was crushed to death as a throng of shoppers walked over him in their haste to buy holiday sale items, City Councilmember James Gennaro announced plans to protect store employees and shoppers from incidents caused by dangerous crowds by mandating appropriate security measures and holding retailers accountable when people are injured.

Gennaro, explaining his legislation, said, "The traditional day after Thanksgiving sales day, which opens the [holiday] shopping season, is called 'Black Friday' because stores' accounting books go into the black, but for one family this year, refers to the untimely death of a son and brother."

Gennaro (D-Fresh Meadows) added, "The events of this week demand that government step in to require retailers to take common-sense measures to protect workers and shoppers from the perils of these unsafe free-for-alls."

The victim last Friday, Jdimytai Damour, 34, of Rosedale, was a seasonal employee of the Wal-Mart store in the Green Acres Mall in Valley Stream. He was standing near an entrance just before 5 a.m. when the door was opened and 2,000 shoppers rushed in. Somehow Damour was knocked to the floor and the crowd ran over him and trampled him to death.

At least three other shoppers also suffered minor injuries in the mishap, including a woman eight-months pregnant, who suffered no serious injuries to herself or her unborn child, police said.



**Gennaro said that he and his staff would consult with shoppers, safety experts and the retail industry to determine store criteria, staffing levels and sale criteria for the legislation that would be fair to stores, their staff and shoppers equally.**

Gennaro said the Black Friday pre-dawn, limited-time sales, called "doorbusters", cause customers to line up overnight and rush store entrances once the doors are opened. For this reason, Gennaro said, his legislation will be called the Doorbuster Bill. He explained that the measure will protect shoppers and store staff specifically by requiring shopping centers and huge retailers of a certain size to deploy appropriate levels of security personnel trained in crowd control when holding so-called doorbuster sales.

He said a doorbuster sale is typically one that causes a store to open prior to its regularly scheduled opening time, and is valid for a limited time or quantity of items and favors early shoppers over later ones, causing customers to wait in long lines, overnight and rush entrances at opening time.

The lawmaker said that he and his staff would consult with shoppers, safety experts and the retail industry to determine store criteria, staffing levels and sale criteria for the legislation that would be fair to stores, their staff and shoppers equally.

"The ultimate goal is personal safety," he said.

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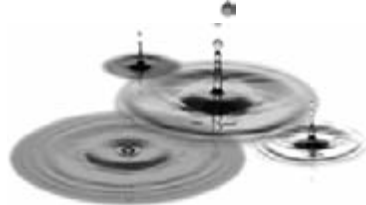


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