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The Day: Santa Claus, Monologues and Pickles

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[Jankor](#) on Flickr Brooklyn Flea is now inside One Hanson Place both Saturday and Sunday.

Happy Friday, Fort Greene and Clinton Hill! We hope you survived your first full week back to the grind after that nice break Thanksgiving provided.

Now that we're in the thick of Christmas season, you might be looking for somewhere to take the kiddies to see Santa. [A Child Grows in Brooklyn](#) has a comprehensive list of places around the city to see St. Nick – including appearances at [Still Hip](#) this weekend and next.

If you're looking for something more grown-up to do, Independent Film New York is holding a [monologue slam](#) at LIU's Kumble Theater tomorrow night.

The neighborhood has been getting some love in the food press lately. [The Village Voice](#) gave Umi Nom on DeKalb a positive review. [Time Out New York](#) named No. 7 the best brunch in the neighborhood. In boozier news, [Eater](#) declared 2010 to be “the year of the wine bar, again.” Local haunt Mauzac got a mention among their new openings.

In other food news, [Brooklyn Brine](#) pickles will be heading to midtown, says [Grub Street](#). Summer Flea vendors [Brooklyn Soda Works](#) is teaming up with [SCRATCHbread](#), and they are hosting a fundraiser for the bakery's Kickstarter campaign on December 7.

And lastly, some reality show stars are moving in not too far away. Upcoming contestants of “Top Chef” [will be living](#) in One Brooklyn Bridge Park during the show's eighth season.