

INSIDE TRACK: Shopping spree music to Medford nanny's ears

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The Black Eyed Peas stylin' frontgal Fergie helped a lucky Medford nanny shop 'til she dropped at Tiffany, Coach, Dior, and Louis Vuitton in Copley Place yesterday, but Christi Ward still didn't blow the 20 grand she won in a radio station contest.

"She is a woman who knows what she wants," declared Fergie.

Christi was the winner of KISS 108's \$20,000 Shopping Spree with Fergie and she snapped up a Tiffany necklace and bracelet, a couple of Coach bags, and some Christian Dior sunglasses with her newfound wealth.

"Me and (my sister) went on the Internet and mapped out what I wanted last night," the 27-year-old nanny confessed.

Ward was accompanied by her two nephews, Christian and Patrick Hennessey, and her sister Lauren Hennessey, in her couture binge. But Fergie, who didn't buy a thing, may have been having the most fun of all.

"It's great - it's like no commitment for me," Fergie said, adding, "I can't remember the last time I was in a mall! If I have any spare time I have to work out - or do my nails."

But Ferg, who with the Peas opened for Gwen Stefani at the TD Banknorth Garden last night, said she's hoping to get out a little while she's in Boston.

"I looove Boston," she crooned, adding that her favorite spot is the Beatown Pub on Tremont Street and Fenway Park, which she dutifully pronounced "pahk."

"Gotta say it right, you know?"

As for Ward, her restraint was understandable considering she gets to keep the cash she didn't spend. Her sister hinted that Ward might be saving for a new car. But Ward said she'd probably use the surplus cash to pay off some pesky bills and maybe take a trip to Lebanon to visit her husband's family.

Fergie told KISS morning man Matt Siegel, who was on hand for some of the shopping extravaganza, that she's also taking a little vacay once her tour is over - to Hawaii with her hunky S.O. Josh Duhamel of NBC's "Vegas."

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Wahlberg: Kids got no respect

It's been years since he did his break-dancing moves for a throng of screaming mee-meets, but Donnie Wahlberg is still a little cheased off that the New Kids on the Block don't get no respect.

"We never really kind of felt a real level of respect, you know what I mean," the ex-Dorchester dude said whilst out promoting his new, No. 1 flick "Saw II." "I mean the fame was fantastic. The benefits are great, but that wasn't that important to me, because for every million people that loved me I really focused on the one that hated me just as much. So part of me always kind of wants to go back and say, 'Look, we were talented. We were good - watch this!'"

Who says you can't teach a New Kid some Old Tricks?

TRACKED DOWN: Olive czar Todd English chatting up ex-prez Bill Clinton who was eating lunch at Todd's Olives Las Vegas at the Bellagio Hotel . . . Jay Leno's sidekick Kevin Eubanks confessing to CN8 man-about-town Barry Nolan that he can't drive any of the boss' fancy cars because he doesn't know how to handle a stick shift . . . "Sex and the City" hottie Blair Underwood, in town for the Bay State Banner's 40th anniversary gala, checking out of the Seaport Hotel . . . Mike and Kitty Dukakis taking in Billy Crystal's final performance of "700 Sundays" at The Opera House . . . Shawn "Gilligan" Manning from TBS' "The Real Gilligan's Island and WBCN's Hardy judging a Halloween costume contest at The Fireplace in Brookline . . . Retired Celtics star Robert Parrish and WILDman "Coach" Willie Maye yukking it up with "Undercover Brother" Eddie Griffin at The Comedy Connection at Faneuil Hall . . . Paul Pierce and a pack of pals dining on lamb chops at Sonsie . . . Bruins goalie Ray Croft and the fam at NEBO in the North End . . .

WE HEAR:

* That Carolyn Hughes, the Fox Sports Net looker who was reportedly the Other Woman in the Derek-Trinka Lowe divorce, has been put on permanent waivers by FSN. Hughes, who was taken off the Dodgers beat after confessing her relationship with the married Lowe, was supposed to continue to host "FSN Across America." Instead, she has vanished from the airwaves and FSN Web site.

* That ever-svelte song-and-dance man Billy Crystal stayed slim and trim during his stint in Boston by ordering take-out every day from the KnowFat! Lifestyle Grille.

* That Boston University junior Beth Cimini will appear on the annual "Jeopardy!" College Tournament Nov. 7-11. The smaaaaht Longmeadow homegal, who recently returned from the taping in North Carolina, is a biochemistry and molecular biology major. She's hosting an on-campus viewing party on the 7th for family, friends and assorted Alex Trebek groupies . . .

* That Sanctum Sound is throwing a bash at News on Nov. 10 to celebrate the opening of their new state-of-the-art production and recording studios in the Leather District. F.O.S.S. - like Tom Hamilton of Aerosmith, Ernie Boch Jr. and ex-Van Halen frontman Gary Cherone - are expected to attend.

* That "Naughty or Nice," a locally shot indie Christmas dramedy, will land on the big screen Nov. 17 at the Showcase Cinema in Randolph and at the Regent Theatre in Arlington Dec. 4. The flick is about a New England couple who invite 10 of their family and friends over for a holiday hoedown. Hilarity ensues.

Caption: A Peas spree:

Black Eyed Peas frontgal Fergie leads young Christian Hennessey on a march through Copley Place yesterday as Christian's aunt, Christi Ward, spends some of the dough she won in KISS 108's "Shopping Spree with Fergie." Staff photo by Mark Garfinkel

Caption: Hoopin' it up for Halloween:

Boston Celtics Justin Reed, Marcus Banks, Kendrick Perkins and Ricky Davis -along with the rest of the team - stopped by Children's Hospital to give some of the little patients a Halloween treat yesterday. Stephen Carlin, 9, of Everett got hurt playing football last week - maybe he'll switch sports! Staff photo by Ted Fitzgerald.

Caption: Professor goes back to school:

Malden funnyman Johnny Pizzi as "The Nutty Professor" warmed up the crowd waiting for Jerry Lewis to autograph his new book "Dean & Me" at Boston University. Photo by George Weinstein

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