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**PACKER CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNERS MAKE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Girls from New York State independent schools find their way around a copse in Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers. For a report on how male and female Packer runners did, see page 18.

Photo by Josh Simons

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outdoor appearance Sunday in Central Park. See page 2.

# What's News

**THE ANNUAL HARMONY PICNIC** for the NYPD's Brooklyn North region attracted almost 4,000 children yesterday. The picnic, sponsored by the 84th Precinct, took place in Commodore Barry Park in Vinegar Hill. Commissioner Howard Safir also made an appearance.

See story by Sara B. Miller and photos by Josh Simons, page 3.

**ONE HUNDRED PEDIATRIC PATIENTS** at Brookdale University Hospital made a new friend recently when presented with a cuddly teddy bear, courtesy of New York Blood Center (NYBC). Thousands of volunteer platelet and plasma donors who participated in NYBC's "1998 Heart

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**Pollen Count**  
Today's pollen count, according to Long Island College Hospital, is no longer zero. Now, it's one.

**Smile of the Day**  
Famous Last Words....  
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"He's been a perfectly safe driver... ever since his first Model T."  
The LIGHTER SIDE, see page 9.



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disease was found sitting on a boardwalk bench with his shirt off, sunning himself.

Morduck Gorelik, 85, an immigrant from the former Soviet Union, had been reported missing July 22 after coming here on a bus trip to Trump Plaza Hotel & Casino. A New York group, The Alzheimer's Association, pleaded for his return in several paid

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... skills with the players in "one-on-one drills."

"It's great to see that we can bring out athletes into the communities to reinforce the messages of sportsmanship, working hard, and getting back to the basics with top-level athletes that these leagues are instilling every day," said Kevin Hennessy, spokes-

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... More than 200 people filled the auditorium of the Fire Department Headquarters at Metrotech to speak and to

listen as outspoken politicians criticized the very nature of the 15-member commission and their proposals. Nine proposals are under consideration for amendment to the charter, including changes in the budget process,

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New York City Police Commissioner Howard Safir crouches down to talk to children from Brooklyn North, at the 13th annual Harmony picnic. For story by Sara B. Miller and additional photos by Josh Si-

mons, please turn to page 3.

**UGH HALL** — Long lines for commuters may be a thing of the past at the Borough Hall station. Eight new Metrocard vending machines went into operation yesterday at one of the borough's busiest stations.

On an average weekday, more than 100,000 people travel through the Borough Hall station, said Deirdre Parker, spokeswoman for the New York City Transit Authority.

The new machines are located at the 5 and N and R lines will have the opportunity to skip the long lines. The advantage of eight Metrocard vending machines (M/M), three at the Court Street/Montague entrance, four at the Court Street between Court Street and Borough Place, and one at the Borough Place Street entrance.

The new machines are automated touch-screen machines that operate in English and Spanish as well as Italian, Russian, French and Chinese. The automated machines are similar to machines seen at LIRR stations — accept cash, ATM cards and Metrocard.

The new machine allows a rider to obtain cards

for \$5, and will accept the maximum amount of \$90.

Galina Shi works in the area and is familiar with slow moving lines of rush hour commuters. "The machines are convenient" she said. "They are easy to use — very much self-explanatory." She called the machines an excellent way to cut down on the rush hour and overcrowding in the busy station.

Paul Basso, who also works in the area welcomed the machines. "They are convenient," said Basso. "They help a lot and they will definitely help reduce the rush hour lines."

The downtown station is the fourth in the borough, after the Jay Street, Brighton Beach and Sheepshead Bay stations, where the machines have reduced lines and overcrowding, said Parker.

According to Parker, the installation of the new machines are part of the T.A.'s program that installed more than 100 of the automated machines throughout the city over the summer months. By the end of the year, said Parker, all subway stations in Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan and the Bronx

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# FOR DOCTORS THE Park Are Approved

## Space Was Formerly Illegal Parking Lot Used by Teachers

By Dennis Holt  
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

**BROOKLYN** — Plans by Boerum Hill activists to convert a 2-acre playground next to a school into a public park took a step forward on Wednesday, August 18.

The Parks Committee of Community Board 6 approved "scoping plans" by the Parks Department regarding the schoolyard next to the Cobble Hill School of American Studies, a building that was formerly the annex of John Jay High School.

However, there was a series of turns,

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**Justin Zagami, 3,** a patient at the Brooklyn Hospital Center, is handed a bear as a part of the Hearts of Gold Program, which gives cancer and leukemia patients a personalized teddy bear from blood donors. See story and photos by Josh Simons on page 3.

Photo by Josh Simons