

Packer Pelicans Fall in First Round of Playoffs

*By Josh Simons
and Jonah Paquette*

The Packer Pelicans fought hard, but South Shore Christian proved to be too much for them, when the two teams faced off on May 13, in the quarter-finals of the A.C.I.S./P.S.A.A league playoffs.

Even though No. 2 seed South Shore Christian was a heavy favorite over the No. 7 seeded Packer, they were not intimidated.

Junior ace pitcher Ben Sutak took the mound for the Pelicans in the do-or-die game. Sutak looked shaky at first, giving up a triple and a double in the first inning to giving South Shore Christian an early 2-0 lead.

The Pelicans answered back when Andrew Rheingrover hit a double and was driven home by Evan Gropper to put Packer on the board.

Sutak looked strong, as though he was settling down, striking out two batters in the second inning. Packer was still in the game, trailing 3-1, when South Shore exploded, scoring eight runs on five hits,

fueled by one walk and two errors.

The Pelicans were able to scratch out two runs on hits by Rheingrover, driving in John Nuzum and Zach Wright who blasted a two-run double to give the Pelicans a boost. But it wasn't enough, falling in the end, 17-4.

Despite the loss, Packer showed good signs for the future. The young Pelican team will lose team captain and catcher Jackson Rice and center fielder John Nuzum to graduation. The remainder of the team will return next year, and coach Joe Wood is confident about the teams future.

"It was a frustrating year, but I like the fact we have a young group of guys coming back next year," said Wood. "We made some rookie mistakes, but with some hard work, we should be much improved."

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Junior Varsity

Packer, Berkeley Carroll Junior Varsity
Square Off in Playoffs

By Josh Simons

The Packer Pelicans were prepared for their first-round matchup against rival, the Berkeley Carroll Lions on May 14. Both teams were fighting for a spot in the A.C.I.S. League Junior Varsity championship game.

Starting his first game all year, Chris McIntyre showed poise early on by holding the Lion offense to only 3 runs in the first inning. Although by the third, with McIntyre tiring, the Lions were able to pull away and score 8 runs, leaving the Pelicans trailing behind the rest of the game.

Lions pitcher, Erik Carillon three-run double to left field. Facing outs at the bottom of the third, Nick hit a home run to left center field the Lions ahead by eight runs. After the inning the Lions led 11-3.

Packer came alive in the second inning, when John Moskowitz ripped a shot to left field driving in three runs the Packer bats were silenced for the remainder of the game. The Packer scored one more run, late in the game on a walk with the bases loaded.

In the end, Berkeley Carroll pitched 16-4.

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Sports



Packer Pelicans Are P.S.A.A. Volleyball Champs

By Josh Simons

The Packer Pelicans men's varsity volleyball team beat the St. George School on May 21, to win the P.S.A.A. league title for the fourth straight year.

Packer played hard. Momentum was a big factor in the first two games for the Pelicans, who seemed to be in control the whole was through.

Although the Pelicans lost the third game, but they came back in the fourth with the Will Kuntz serve, to win the match. The team of seven seniors was led by team captains Quentin Streets and Jeff Baum.

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Berkeley Carroll Lions Win A.C.I.S./P.S.A.A. League Title

By Josh Simons

The defending A.C.I.S./P.S.A.A. champs, the Berkeley Carroll Lions, did it again, beating South Shore Christian on May 18 to win the coveted league crown. This is the fourth consecutive season the Lions are the champions of the league and this years win marks the second straight year that the two league leaders have faced one another with the Lions coming out on top.

The Lions started off strong. In the first inning, Nick Farrell was hit by a pitch. He was driven in by Thomas Ramano, who hit a long ball to right, cheating himself of a home run when he slipped rounding third base.

Ramano was driven home on a hard-hit single rifled up the middle by Lions' senior starting pitcher, Eric Naison-Phillips. Phillips scored on an Al Reyes opposite field two-run home run. Berkeley Carroll had jumped out to a 4-0 lead after the first inning.

On the mound, the Lions had their ace pitcher, Phillips, leading the team from the mound. Phillips pitched a complete game, giving up only three hits, striking out ten and walking three. For the second straight

year Phillips was awarded the most valuable player of the playoff series.

The Lions added a few more runs on a Greg Convey two-run homer and added another run in the fifth and had a commanding seven-run lead after 5 innings.

South Shore Christian cut the Lion lead to 7-2 after they scored a pair of runs in the sixth, but the Lions weren't about to lose a five-run lead. In the last inning, Phillips retired South Shore in order and was mobbed by his teammates after recording his tenth and final strikeout of the day.



Summer *Kindermusik* Class Helps Infants Develop

By Josh Simons

Kindermusik is the name of a summer program offered by the Eastern Athletic Club at Clark Street near Hicks, to teach movement and music to kids between the ages of 6 months and 36 months.

Using music as a tool for learning, the program aims to enhance the development of infants. Children use a combination of props, musical instruments and dance in interactive play.

Instructor Mary Beth Desarle interacts with the children through a song and dance routine tailored to the children's age group. Desarle explained that this helps the infants develop listening skills while also increasing vocabulary and motor skills.

During class that was observed, kids were singing with Desarle and dancing to the rhythm of songs. Instrument play helps the kids follow rhythmic patterns as well as creative movement skills.

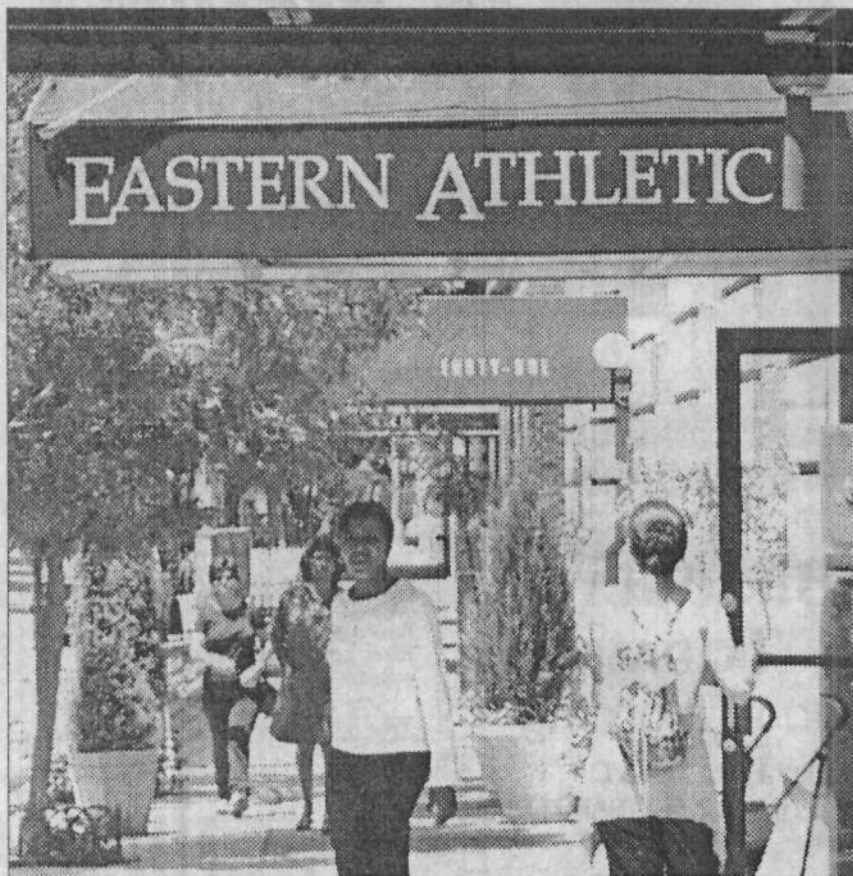
Several parents remarked that the class helps them participate and aid the development of the growing child, even at home. Another parent said the class has helped her once shy child open up more to other kids. All the parents seemed to feel their children's motor skills were improved by the class. One parent even commented that her child dances to music whenever he hears it.

Desarle is a licensed early childhood teacher with more than 15 years of experience. She is also a kindergarten music teacher as well as a professional musician. In class she often plays the guitar and sings as part of the program.

Kindermusik classes at the Eastern Athletic club start July 6. For more information, call Mary Beth Desarle at (718) 266-3393.

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Summer Fun For the Little Ones



The Eastern Athletic Sports Club, located on Clark Street near Hicks, will be the summer home to many Brooklyn Heights youngsters this summer.

Photo by Josh Simons

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Brooklyn Daily Eagle

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS — When most people think of athletic clubs, stairmasters and aerobics classes for adults come to mind. But the Eastern Athletic Club on Clark Street will be filled with kids for the next few months.

The Eastern Athletic Club has developed a summer program especially for kids between the ages of 6 months and 7 years old.

The Club is offering 13 activities as a part of their junior sports program. These include ballet, kindermusik, gymnastics, swim, karate, soccer, tennis, basketball, in-line skating, sports

variety and squash. Soon the junior program will incorporate hip-hop dancing and fencing to their exciting program.

Program director Kenny Scher explained that the wide variety of programs offers parents the opportunity to send their child to a safe environment where they can learn. The program also has 16 qualified staff members for the roughly 725 neighborhood kids registered for the summer.

Classes run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the mornings and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the afternoons. Each class lasts for a minimum of 45 minutes.

For more information about the junior sports program, call director Kenny Scher at 625-0500.

Youth Chorus Goes to Russia

By Josh Simons

The Brooklyn Youth Chorus, an internationally acclaimed group of young singers, packed their bags and boarded a bus outside their Court Street rehearsal studio Saturday afternoon to begin a two-week performance and sightseeing tour of Russia.

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Two girls of the Brooklyn Youth Chorus embrace before their 12-day trip to Russia.

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When speaking with members of the chorus and their parents, both showed a great deal of enthusiasm for the trip. One chaperone, whose daughter is in the chorus, said she has been looking forward to the trip for the past week. Others were excited at the prospect of exploring a foreign country for the first time, as well as performing abroad.

However, some did show a little concern. Even though most of the concern was nervous excitement, one parent reported that some of the kids were worried about unrest in Kosovo, even though the chorus will be miles away.

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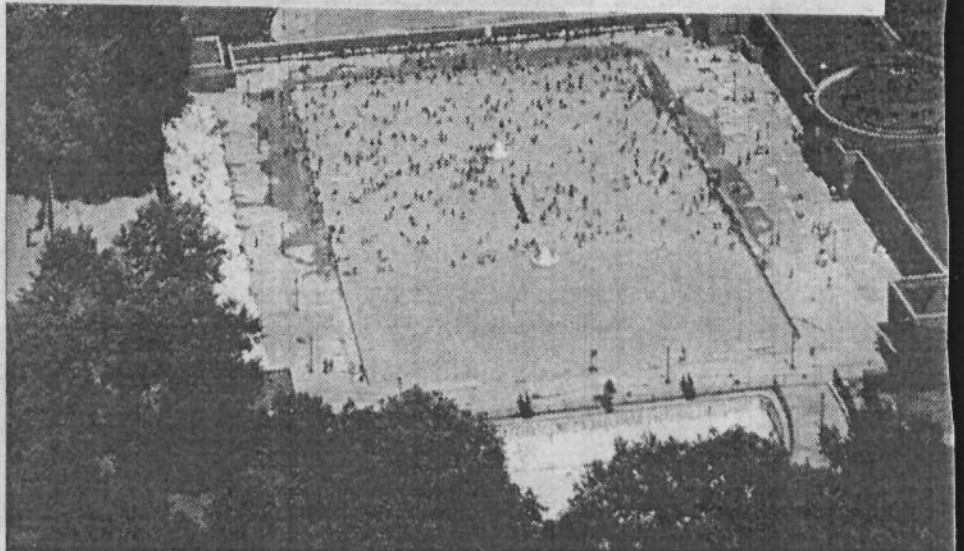
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Photo by Josh Simon

A female member of the Brooklyn Youth Chorus prepares for her trip to Russia by reading a Russian-English dictionary. Photo by Josh Simons



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(Above) Visitors to Prospect Park crowd the swimming pool yesterday, in New York as temperatures soared to record-high 101-degree heat in Central Park by early afternoon. (Right) Visitors to Jones Beach State Park sun themselves on the beach and off New York's Long Island on Monday. Many New Yorkers fled to metro beaches like Brighton Beach and Manhattan Beach — and the Long Island shore to escape the heat.

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Many local kids are pictured here playing games during the 78th Precinct's Police awareness open-house.

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PARK SLOPE — The 78th Precinct is one of 10 Brooklyn South precincts participating in a Brooklyn-wide Police awareness open-houses trying to help make the streets of Brooklyn safer for local kids.

The 78th Precinct, on Bergen Street and Flatbush Avenue, held its police awareness open-house yesterday. The turnout included many local youths and retired police officers. A Police recruitment table, along with DARE prevention and other police

support groups, were on hand as well.

The police awareness open houses are all part of an effort by the Police Department to help kids become aware of the department's activities. The NYPD believes that by showing their communities the importance of the department, kids will stay out of trouble.

In addition, the 78th Precinct had a rededication ceremony of its front desk. Retired officers and police commanders were on hand for the dedication.

Officer Krespo of the 78 Precinct felt that there was a "fairly good turnout" for yesterday's event.

Bike Routes in Brooklyn: A Guide

By Josh Simons
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

BROOKLYN — The Daily Eagle recently published a personal essay by this writer on bicycle riding through Brooklyn. If you want to ride in Brooklyn, here is a directory of various bike paths located in Brooklyn. The information below includes the location, how long the route is, and the type of surface of the path. The Parks Department is the source of all information.

Prospect Park:
Miles: 3.4
Surface: Asphalt

Ocean Parkway:
(Church Ave.-Surf Ave.)
Miles: 5
Surface: Concrete

Eastern Parkway:
(separated from Parkway)
Miles: 2.3
Surface: Asphalt

Flatbush Avenue, southern part:
(Hendrickson-Gil Hodges Memorial Bridge)
Miles: 2.8
Surface: Asphalt and Concrete

Coney Island Boardwalk:
(open 5 a.m.-10 a.m. every day in beach season)
Miles: 2.8
Surface: Wood

Bay Shore Parkway:
(3 parts)
1. (Bay Ridge Ave.- Bay Pkwy.)
Miles: 5
Surface: Asphalt

2. (Bay Pkwy-Knapp Street)
Miles: 5
Surface: Asphalt

3. (Knapp Street-Pennsylvania Ave.)
Miles: 5
Surface: Asphalt

Marine Park:
Miles: .8
Surface: Asphalt and Concrete

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Tisha B'Av: Solemn Jewish Fast Day, Time for Rebuilding

Fast Commemorates Roman Destruction Of Holy Temples in Jerusalem

By Josh Simons
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

Rabbi-in-training and Crown Heights resident Levi Kurinsky provided information for this article on the meaning of Tisha B'Av, a three-week period of mourning for the Jewish people.

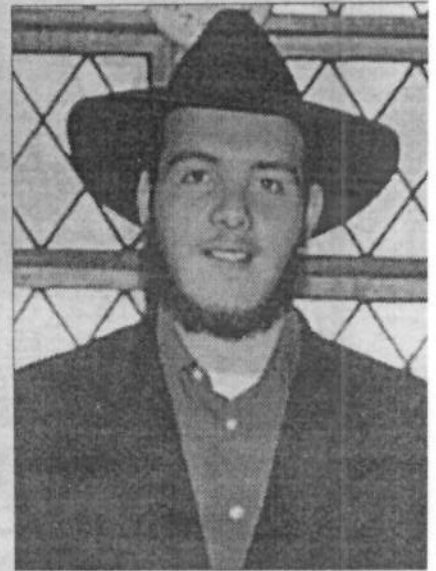
BROOKLYN — Beginning Wednesday night, the Jewish people will begin a 25-hour-long fast to commemorate one of the saddest occasions of the Jewish heritage, the mourning day of Tisha B'Av.

The day of Tisha B'Av actually concludes a three-week long period of grieving in which Jews symbolize the destruction of their first and second holy temples in Jerusalem by the Romans.

Roman conquests of ancient Judea began when scornful and anti-Semitic Roman generals and emperors desired to control Jerusalem. On the 17th day of the Hebrew month of Tammuz, they breached the walls of Jerusalem. Over the course of three weeks of fighting between the Jews and the Romans, the Romans overtook the Jews' most sacred temple on the ninth of the Jewish month of Av.

The Roman soldiers committed this assault of the Jewish people as a part of their larger goal to conquer the world. Although the Romans would later attempt to conquer Babylon and other civilizations in the Middle East, the Romans particularly scorned the Jews, because the Jews had the own religion and, unlike many other peoples, were unwilling to accept the Roman way of life.

This year, the period mourning period began on the 17th of Tammuz of the Jewish calendar, equivalent to July 27th. The



Levi Kurinsky

day of Tisha B'Av falls on the 9th day of Av and begins Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. At the time, Jews embark on a fast of no food or drink that concludes Thursday night at 9 p.m.

There are several laws that distinguish the three week period leading up to Tisha B'Av from the rest of the year: including prohibitions against buying new clothes, eating meat or drinking wine, or listening to music. Moreover, men are not supposed to shave and Jews are advised to refrain from happy occasions like weddings to internalize the feeling of mourning and examine our deeds and make amends for our future.

Although Tisha B'Av is the one of the saddest days of the Jewish year, Mr. Kurinsky explains, "The purpose of it is not to become depressed about it and how it's so sad, it's a day of remembrance that we rebuild the future."

Mr. Kurinsky discusses the idea of continuity — that everything is eternal — explaining that after the first and second holy temples of the Jews were destroyed, holy scriptures speak of a third temple which will never be destroyed. Furthermore, he explains that on Tisha B'Av, the redeemer of the Jewish people, the messiah, was born.

"It shows the same concept that in Judaism everything has a continuity where there is a calamity, there's always a rebuilding and a better future for them."

Teddy Bears Given to Young Patients at Brooklyn Hospital Center

By Josh Simons
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

DeKALB AVENUE — Thousands of volunteer platelet and plasma donors who participated in the New York Blood Center's 1998 Heart of Gold Program opted to give teddy bears to children in New York and New Jersey hospitals, instead of receiving their own thank-you presents for being blood donors.

This generous gift brought a smile to the faces of many pediatric patients at The Brooklyn Hospital Center yesterday.

It came as a total surprise to the cancer and leukemia patients when they received these warm gifts from donors who had given platelet and plasma to the patients to help save their lives. Each bear had a note from one of the donors wishing them the best of luck in their recovery.

This act of generosity is part of the 1998 Apheresis Hearts of Gold Program, which donates teddy bears to platelet and plasma recipients in hospitals in the New York and New Jersey areas.

Michele G. Shenfeld, vice president and executive director of Brooklyn/Statens Island Blood Services, feels that the teddy bears are an important link between the patients and donors. "The bears helps connect patients to donors. That's the real gift of life."

Dr. Michael LaCourte, chairman of the Pediatric Department at Brooklyn Hospital, also understands the importance of personal gifts to the kids. "The

very meaningful," he said.

Although the success of the program has helped give almost 2,000 bears to kids in New York and New Jersey, Marie Bingham, the Public Relations Manager for the New York Blood Center, still realizes there is a lack of donations.

"Nationwide blood donations continue to decline, but if more people became aware of the fact that they can save lives, they would be more inclined to donate." She cites the fact that only 1.5 percent of the greater NY population donates blood, compared to the national average of 5 percent.

She also commented that reasons why blood donations are declining is because, "People find it difficult to find the time to donate. There is a diminishing pool of older blood donors, and unfounded fears about contracting diseases from donating blood."

With an increase in number of cancer patients, more chemotherapy and blood transfusions are needed

This special program, however, has helped bring happiness to both patients and donors. Michael Washington, manager of Community Relations and Volunteer Services, understands how special this program is. "I'm a cancer survivor and received blood products. I like to see the faces on the kids when they receive the bears and don't realize where they are for one second. It's very special."

For more information on donating blood, call the Brooklyn Hospital Center



From left to right, Michele G. Shenfeld, Dr. Michael LaCourte (holding bear), Michael Washington, and Marie Bingham were all an important part in the 1998 Hearts of Gold Program, which brought smiles to the many pediatric patients at the Brooklyn Hospital Center.

Photos by Josh Simons



Marica Miller, 11, is handed a teddy bear from Michael Washington, community relations and volunteer services manager. Each bear had a personalized note from a blood donor, making the gift more special for the patients.

A Dirt Fest for Kids at Coney Island

By Josh Simons,

Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park was the setting as eight local kids, ages 2-12, gathered along Coney Island Beach near the historic ferris wheel to get down and dirty Friday before last. They were participating in a promotion by Tide called "Who's the Dirtiest Kid in America Contest."

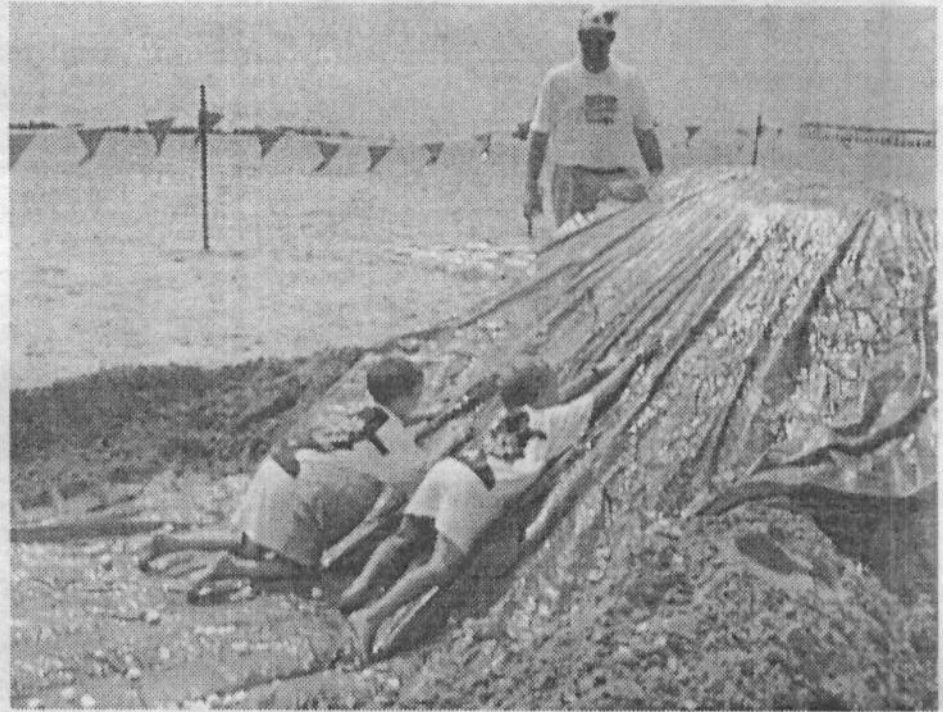
The four-station set-up began with kids crawling up on plastic mats covered with chocolate syrup as they tried to climb over a huge sand mountain. As they crawled, they encountered many obstacles as water and marshmallows were poured on them.

In "Twister," the kids had to keep their balance to prevent themselves from falling. The problem was that they had sprinkles and chocolate syrup beneath their feet, making it more difficult to remain standing.

They continued trying to reach their goal. Three kids were seen jumping into a pool of marshmallows, water, and gummy bears. As they reached for the gummy bears, their already dirty clothing became wet and smelly.

The contest finished with kids rolling around in the sand making sand angels. By the time they finished making those, you could barely see the original color of their T-shirts.

That wasn't a problem for any of the kids, who gave the contest rave reviews. Even though it will make mom upset, one kid commented, "It was awesome." Another participant noted that the sur-



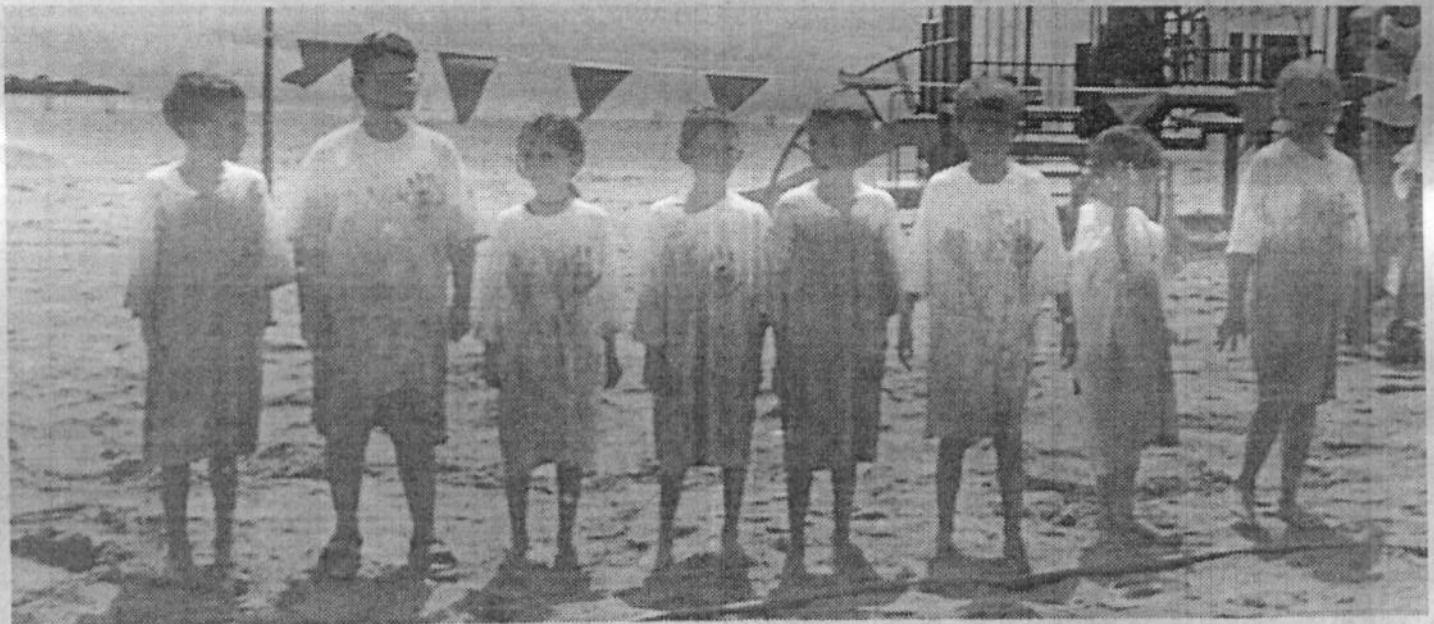
Chocolate syrup, marshmallows and water, added to this mountain of sand, made it possible for these two climbers to get themselves truly soiled.

rounding beach could offer a place for the kids to clean up, adding more fun to the day.

Parents, too, felt the contest was great. "This gives kids a ton of fun stuff to do all summer," said the marketing director for Deno's Wonder Wheel and the parent

of a contestant.

Tide's promotion was part of national ad campaign in which twelve contestants competing in these contests will be selected to go to Grand Central and participate in the final competition in November.



You be the judge: Which of these eight deserved the prize for 'Dirtiest Kid in America'?

Photos by Josh Simons

Packer Beat

By Josh Simons
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

JORALEMON STREET — The Packer junior varsity girls basketball team improved to 2-1 with Monday's 38-14 triumph at Riverdale County Day School.

The varsity boys suffered a tough 59-53 setback against St. Raymond's B-Team on Tuesday despite 15 points from freshman sensation Will Kuntz and 10 rebounds from Jonah Paquette.

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...which will open the ACIS portion of its schedule this afternoon against Staten Island Academy.

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Packer Beat

By Josh Simons

JORALEMON STREET — Freshman guard Adrian Purcell scored 15 points and Eric Samulski added nine as Packer's JV squad held off intraborough rival Berkeley Carroll, 51-49, Wednesday. The Pelicans almost blew an early 30-17 lead to the game Lions, but managed to improve to 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the ACIS.

The JV girls cruised to a 42-24 triumph over Marymount behind 15 points by Laura Saegert-Wenkel.

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Packer Basketball Sweeps Trinity In Four Season Openers

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By Josh Simons
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Their next game is at Riverdale on Monday.

Junior Varsity Boys — Freshman guard Adrian Purcell scored 23 points and had six steals as the Packer Junior Varsity Boys team defeated Trinity on the road in their season opener 39-36. The Pelicans' next game is at home against Fieldston on Monday.

Varsity Boys — Senior Jonah Paquette scored 17 points and grabbed seven rebounds as the Packer Varsity ran away with a 51-38 season-opening triumph at Trinity on Wednesday. The Pelicans will be at Dalton against Trevor Day Friday.

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Junior Varsity Girls — Laura Saegert Winkel scored 14 points and Sarah Kurtz added 12 as the Packer Junior Varsity Girls won big over Trinity at home, 47-26, in their season opener.

Varsity Girls — Junior Molley Gage scored 11 points, grabbed 17 rebounds and had 3 steals as the Packer Varsity Girls beat Trinity at home, 34-29, on Wednesday. The Pelicans will be at Poly Prep Friday.

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Packer Boys Topple Trevor Day

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B'klyn Player Makes a Hit at Maine College

Liz Grace Hopes Successes Can
Inspire Young Women Athletes

By Josh Simons
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

BROOKLYN — Whether she's catching a fly ball or dribbling down the court, you could always find Liz Grace, a native of Brooklyn and graduate of Brooklyn Friends School, on

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B'klyn Player Makes a Hit at Maine College

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the field or in the courts of Bates College in Maine.

Now graduated, Grace helped lead her softball team to its best record in school history.

Grace began to play baseball at the age of 4 with the Saint Savior baseball league in Park Slope. A Yankee fan, Grace played baseball until she was in the 6th grade, when she began to play softball.

At downtown's Friends School, where she attended high school, Grace was a catcher and a dominant hitter. However, with a change to the college scene, Grace began to play almost all the positions. The versatility helped her earn the a position in the team's

starting lineup as a right fielder.

Grace described this past softball season as successful for a program that hasn't had a lot of success in the past. She mentioned that the Bates basketball team's success helped them make appearances in the NCAA tournament, making it to the Sweet 16 round while in her junior year. The softball team always had different expectations than the basketball team, she said.

The girls' softball team never had the high expectations and goals of the school's successful basketball team's. The success of last year's softball team helped raise their expectations and goals.

During this past season, Grace's senior year, the Bates softball team had its best record ever, finishing with a 13-12 record. In addition, the team set single-season records for hits, doubles and runs scored in a single season. A very strong team offensively, they had a batting average of .329 that helped in scoring 10 or more runs in seven of their 13 wins. In a stretch of four games, they scored 42 more runs than the opposition (49-7).

Grace's contributions as a versatile, reliable defensive player and solid leadoff hitter, helped with the team's successful season. In the 23 games that Grace played, she recorded six

hits, four RBI and scored nine runs. She finished a strong four-year career with 45 hits and 19 RBI.

Grace credits much of the team's success to first-year coach, Gwen Lethow. She said that Lethow brought a competitive atmosphere among the players by challenging them. Continuing to focus on fundamentals, Lethow "encourages a high level of confidence among the team. My first three years of softball were not very competitive. This year coach Lethow turned it around."

Liz Grace feels that the recent women's sports team success will encourage young girls to play sports.

For example, the Women's World Cup win on Saturday. "This type of success by women in sports has helped to raise the level of women's sports play and will help inspire others to play — if they have the opportunity. Once it becomes available, it's only going to get better. With all the success women have been having, there should be more opportunities for all the girls who wear Mia Hamm jerseys to try and succeed like her."

Grace is glad to be home after her stay in Maine. She says that Maine is "not like Brooklyn." She now hopes to embark on a career in sports TV while possibly continuing to play basketball and softball in summer leagues.

New Elevators Mostly a Yawn As Riders Recall Inconvenience

By Raanan Geberer
and Josh Simons

Subway commuters coming out of the just-reopened Clark Street station on the No. 2 and 3 lines Monday morning after several months of elevator repairs had surprisingly little to say about the shiny, noiseless new elevators.

Not only were there no oohs and aahs about the new digital equipment, most subway riders said nothing at all. The merchants in the adjoining St. George arcade, while they were relieved after months of sales losses, similarly were not dancing with enthusiasm. It may be too soon — some people are still bitter about what they had to endure during the period that the station was closed.

During rush hours, elevators will continue to be manned by human operators, a token clerk said Tuesday, explaining this as a precaution against vandalism. During off-hours, one elevator out of the three will be kept out of service on a rotated basis, she said.

The merchant who led the protests earlier this year against the station's closing, Tom LaMarca of the Cutting Den, was not immediately available. However, Salauddin Aziz of the Assad News newspaper and magazine stand, said that "it will take a week for business to get back to normal." He explained that many people were now on vacation.

It's not that he's not glad the work is finished — Aziz estimates that he lost 60 percent of his business during the repairs. He did acknowledge, "We were surprised. No one believed that it would

nient.

Maria Mirando, a Manhattan resident who cleans houses in Brooklyn, on the other hand, believed the wait was worth it. So did attorney David Corwin, who commutes to Fort Greene. During the repairs, he walked and used the A and C.

Among the merchants, even the Yokohama Japanese restaurant and the Han's Market food shop, which have entrances onto Clark Street as well as into the arcade, said they lost business. Chang Han of Han's said he lost about one-third, or not as much as those businesses whose access is limited to the arcade.

Tony Song of Yokohama also complained that the owners of the St. George didn't come to talk to the merchants when the arcade closed. Mendy Rapkin, manager of the hotel, didn't return phone calls to this newspaper Monday.

Mary McConville, a secretary to the comptroller at Bellevue Hospital, took the 2 and 3 from Borough Hall during the repairs, and felt that the convenience of other Brooklyn Heights trains helped during the hiatus. Bill Good, casually dressed and recently retired, a Clark Street commuter for 50 years, also took the 2 and 3 from Borough Hall.

One librarian, a Heights resident for 30 years, said that the fact that the Heights has "plenty of other [trains]" helped. Linda Kessler, a photographer, said the convenience of Brooklyn Heights made traveling easier during the repairs, although she had complaints about the shuttle buses from the hotel to Borough Hall — she said they waited too long at Clark Street. But she said she

Lights, Camera, Action

Brooklyn Teen Performs At Upstate Theater Camp

Kids Learn Acting, Playwriting, Directing at Intensive Classes

By Josh Simons
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

LOCH SHELDRAKE, N.Y. — Whether they're Fiddling on the Roof, dancing a number from "Cabaret," or starring as "Pippin," StageDoor Manor Performing Arts Training Center has opened its gate for young actors to leap onto the stage.

The StageDoor theater sleep-away camp located in Loch Sheldrake, NY, celebrated its 25th anniversary this past summer. The camp welcomed an estimated 300 kids, ages 8 to 17, from 32 different states and seven foreign countries to join in the fun and creativity of experiencing the theater hands-on.

Noted young actors such as Robert Downey Jr. ("Less Than Zero"), Todd Graff ("Used People"), Helen Slater ("City Slickers") and Jon Cryer ("Hot Shots") have attended the camp.

Kids attending the camp hope to follow in their footsteps. They are exposed to a rigorous three-week course where they are involved in numerous theater productions while partaking in a number of classes that range from playwriting to directing to

dancing to video production work.

They perform in the nearby Catskill resorts for local audiences.

A typical day might open with a play rehearsal for a couple of hours, followed by four different classes a day that students choose to attend in order to enhance their acting skills as well as learn more about the performing arts.

Ben Kawaller, a 15-year-old Brooklyn resident who attended the camp for two out of three sessions, loves how talented and professional campers who have a love for the theater surround him.

"One thing that bonded us was a genuine love for the theater and for performing arts."

Ben, who performed in three shows, "Sweet Charity," "Pippin," and "Fiddler on the Roof," encourages anyone who

has a passion for acting to join the camp.

"As long as you possess that love, you'll fit in."

Director Carl Samuelson says, "We teach and perform theater and dance exceptionally well, but most important, we're taking care of kids. We're challenging them to discover how very much they are capable of achieving."

For more information about StageDoor Theater Camp, contact Carl Samuelson at 1-888-STAGE88.



Young performers perform in one of the many shows produced at StageDoor Theater Camp.

Photo courtesy of StageDoor Manor

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...committee for the season-
ending NAISAAS Tournament.

Friends got its wish and was picked to go to the tourney as the No. 4 seed just prior to defeating Berkeley Carroll in last

were pretty satisfied with our overall performance. We scored 14 points in the second game and if it would have went to a third set, we could have went all the way."

Packer Girls Fall Short of Last Year

By Josh Simons

The Packer Girls' Varsity Volleyball team posted a solid 10-7 regular season before suffering a pair of tough losses in the Athletic Conference of Independent Schools playoffs. The team had held high expectations after winning the ACIS championship last year.

They gained sophomores Julieanne Herskowitz, Nina Glinski and Yasmine Fordhman in addition to junior Kristin Lee after losing junior Molly Gage to injury. The Pelicans also felt the departure of senior captain Jade Sanchez-Ventura.

"We set our goals, both individual and as a team, at the beginning of the season and discussed what we needed to do to attain them," Coach Philippa Mayell. "We thought we were capable of getting to the finals of both the ACIS and AAIS league."

Packer placed second after the regular season in the AAIS, beating strong teams like Trinity, Marymount, Chapin and Nightingale.

However, Mayell notes that one bright spot of the season was the play of Eliza Butler: "As one of the captains, Eliza had the job of drawing the team together. She

led by example, always giving 100% in games and practices."

"Next year, the challenges will continue," Mayell added. "We hope to schedule some even stronger opponents from the Ivy League such as Dalton and Fieldston. We lose only three seniors, we look forward to Molly's return, we will have a strong core of veterans...but they need to watch out, as there are some excellent JV players on the way up."

J.V. Proves Strong

With seventeen new players, strong leadership from the veterans and a positive attitude, the Packer Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball team had the right recipe.

The Pelicans capped off a 10-1 regular season record with two playoff wins and the Athletic Association of Independent Schools (A.A.I.S.) league title defeating rival Brearley, which had beaten Packer in the championship game the year before.

Packer's stellar season ended with a three-set (11-15, 15-10, 15-11) triumph against Horace Mann in the semifinals and a straight set victory over Brearley (15-4, 15-11) in the final.