

Dive! Dive! Dive! Class Is In Session



Environmental specialist Ida Sanoff joins Friends of Boardwalk Chairman Todd Dobrin and board member Joe Guastella (from left).

Deep sea discoveries: Oceanography buffs turned students of the sea when Friends of the Boardwalk and Cultural Marine Science Society co-sponsored an educational program, featuring workshops, guest addresses, plus an exploratory dive off the waters of Coney Island.

Against the majestic backdrop of the Parachute Jump, local diver and sea historian Gene Ritter led an educational forum – entitled, “Classroom on the Pier” – offering participants an opportunity to explore the ocean’s depths and the

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Professional diver Gene Ritter prepares to plunge into the ocean.

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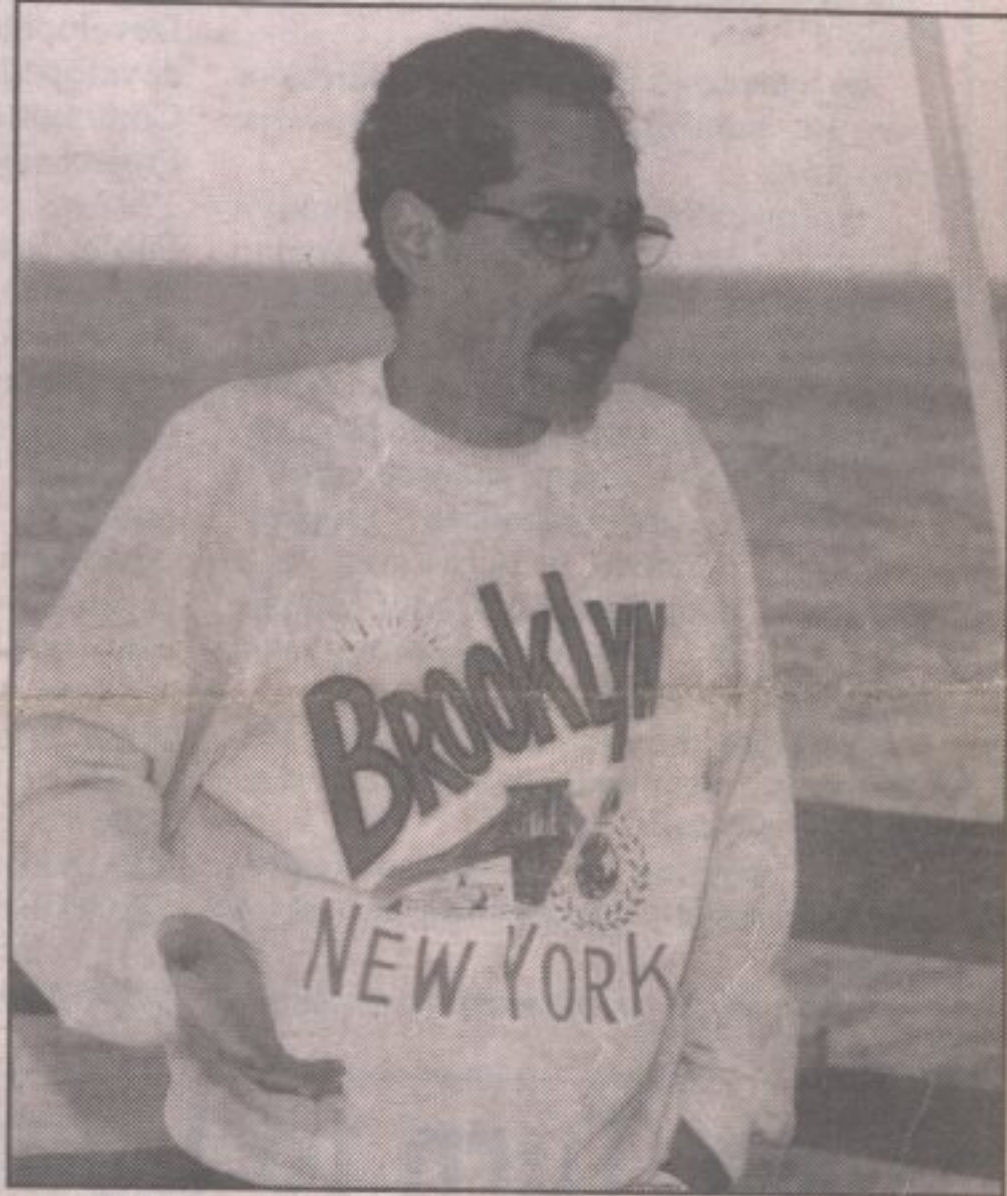
Explorations Into Coney Island's Undersea World

rich history of Coney Island's waterway from the comfort of a marquis tent on Steeplechase Pier.

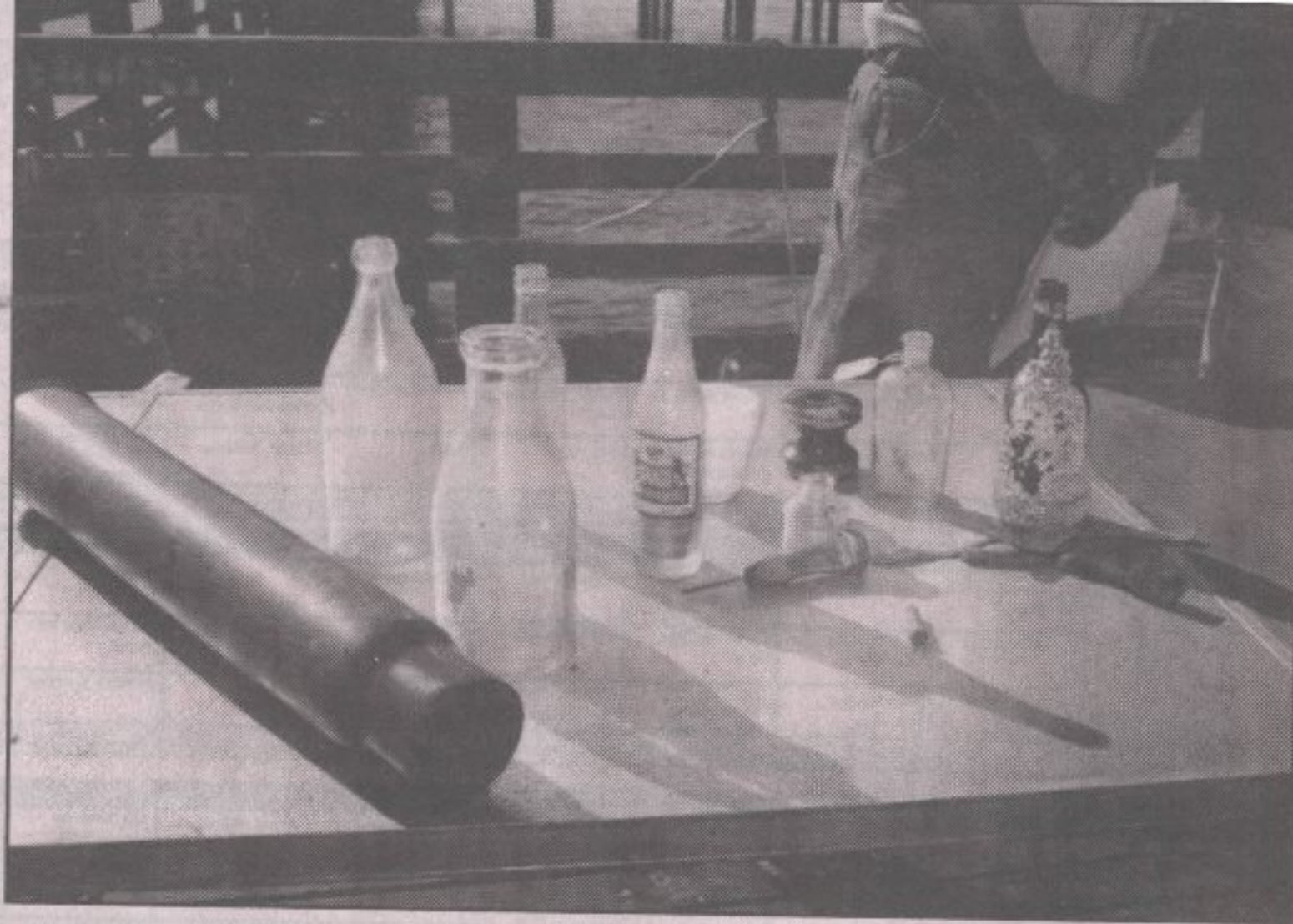
Ritter was joined by a panel of marine, historical and environmental specialists, who delivered the lowdown on such subjects as archaeology, history, marine biology and environmental concerns.



Artist Beth Poznansky Baum leads a drawing workshop.



Borough archivist Ron Schweiger acquaints visitors with the history of Steeplechase Pier.



A table display exhibits artifacts discovered beneath Steeplechase Pier.