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Fun At Fort Hamilton
Ends Memorial Day

A Seaside Spectacle

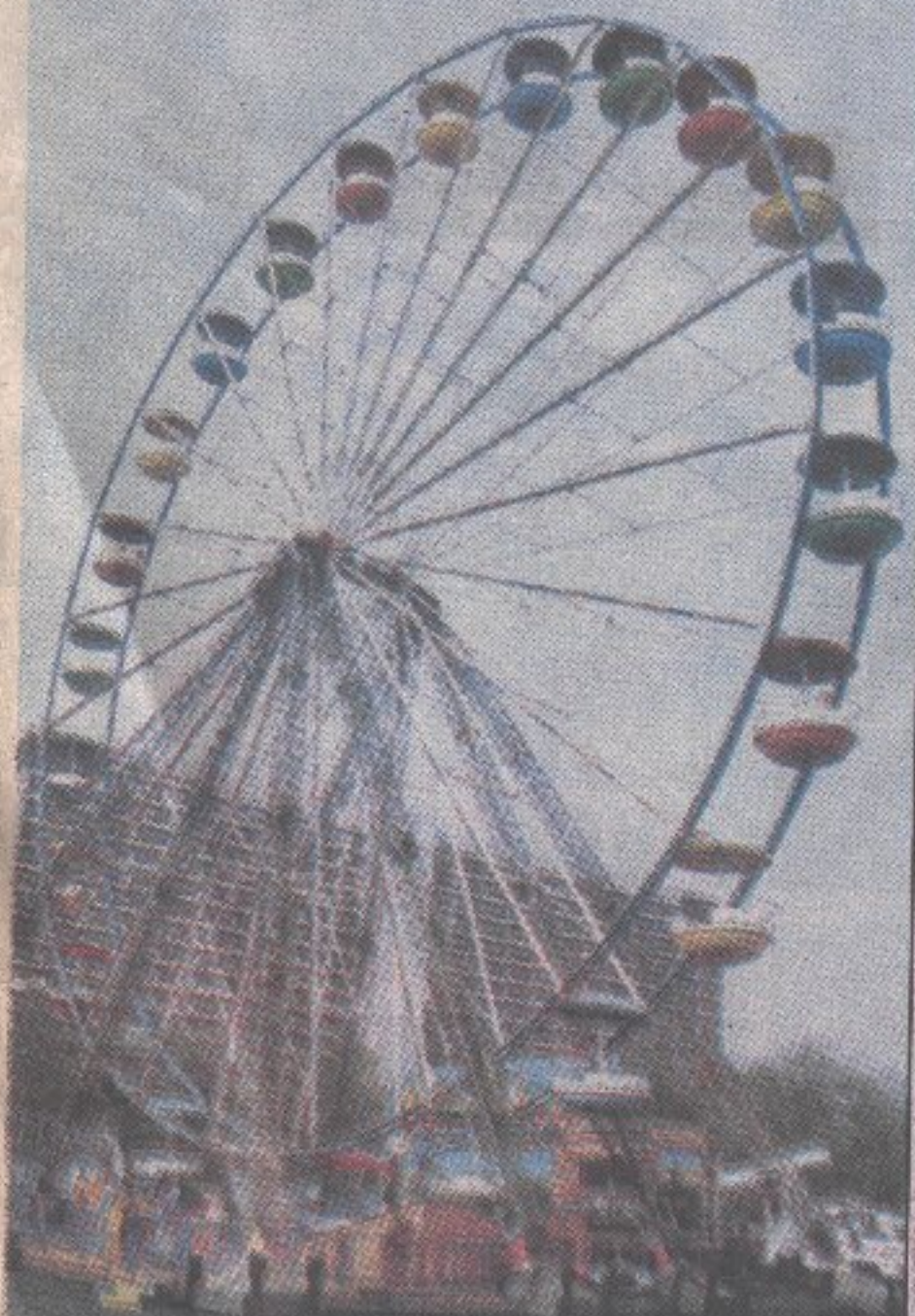


Photo by Arnie Masala



Photos by Ted Montfort



Diver Gene Ritter begins his search for artifacts in the murky waters of the bay last Sunday.



Blessing Of The Fleet Draws Hundreds To Sheepshead Bay

A SEASIDE SPECTACLE

By Ted Montuori

Spring continued to struggle during Sheepshead Bay's annual Blessing of the Fleet.

The sun wrestled with clouds throughout the May 17 event, as civic or-

ganizations gave out literature and costumed characters like Minnie Mouse roamed the crowd.

Numerous sponsors included Arizona Iced Tea, Topps Meat, Bay Casino and several other local businesses.

As the rock group Shooting Star jammed on Cat Stevens' "Wild World," New York Archaeological Society diver Gene Ritter dove into the murky waters with full scuba gear looking for artifacts of Sheepshead Bay's past.

Twenty people raced in the 9.2-mile rowboat competition that was sponsored by Gerritsen Beach Cares.

"It's great to see people who live in this area use it like they did in the old days," said GB Cares Promotional Director Michael Taylor.

Several elected officials, including three candidates for Congress, congratulated Bay Improvement Group President Steve Barrison and pressed the flesh for their September primary.

No mud was thrown, though, as City Councilman Anthony Weiner acknowledged the recent handicapped-accessible ramp leading from Emmons Avenue to the promenade.

Assemblyman Dan Feldman and Queens Assemblywoman Melinda Katz also spoke to the crowd made up of mostly senior citizens. "It's great to see so many people investing in this community and keeping it a wonderful place to live," Katz said.

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The City University of New York has been the subject of considerable controversy in recent years as graduation rates decline, charges of grade inflation fly, and employers look upon CUNY grads with increased suspicion.

Most critics point to the University's policy of "open admissions," instituted in 1970, as the reason for the decline. As thousands of students not ready to do college work entered the university, a vast network of remedial coursework was established, even in the eleven senior colleges.

Critics have maintained that remediation belongs in the community colleges, rather than in the senior colleges, and the CUNY Board of Trustees is soon to vote on a proposal to end all remediation in the senior colleges.

What do you think? Will CUNY prosper once again if higher standards are insisted upon, or is this just another way to discriminate against the poor and minorities in the city?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

"Should the remedial courses be eliminated at the senior colleges of the City University?"

To express your opinion, CALL (212) 980-3434.

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RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S POLL

"Should the voters directly get to decide on a new Yankee Stadium?"



Just a Local Call!



Ted Montuori

The 6th annual Blessing Of The Fleet was held on Sunday in Sheepshead Bay.