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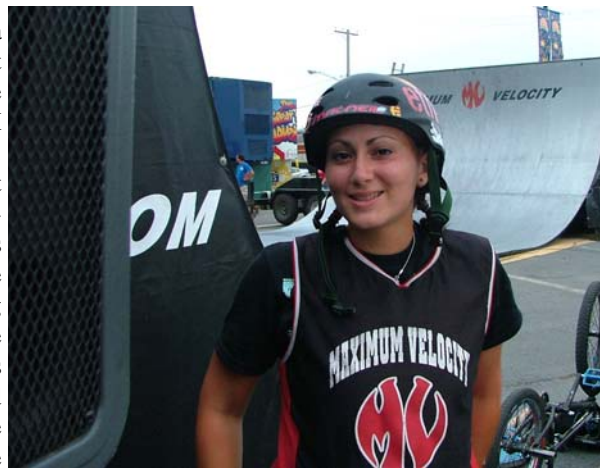
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Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better

Nina Buitrago is a BMX Bike rider that performs awesome stunts for "BMX Maximum Velocity". She is one of the first Female BMX professional bikers as well as one of the first female instructors for young kids. At the fair she performed bike tricks and briefly modeled the latest of protective gear, which she strongly encourages young BMX riders to wear. She wasn't the only one in fact. She was joined by a team of three other BMX riders; Jay Strevasy(stunt skateboarder) ;"Dorito" (stunt biker) and Chris Mald(stunt biker), who is also the teams tour manager. Ms. Buitrago was not always all about the stunt biking. At one point in her life she attended and graduated from Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York, for music and management. She started really riding bikes five years ago when her car broke down as a sophomore in college. She primarily used her bike as a source of fast transportation around the campus. Later



Nina Buitrago, Female BMXer for Maximum Velocity BMX Shows at the NY State Fair

up piercing her femur just missing a major artery. Not only that, but she wasn't able to receive medical attention until eight hours later. Toughing it out, she showed the men that she wasn't a quitter despite the injury. Looking back, this past year has been real successful for Ms. Buitrago. She's won the CFB (Crazy Freakin' Biker Contest), sponsored by;

on was when she really getting into stunt riding, her first real trick being the peg grind. As she practiced more and eventually got better, she went professional, and as with big stunts there are even bigger emergencies.

At the show Ms. Buitrago suffered a dislocated shoulder and still nailed every one of her tricks. However, that was nothing compared to the injury she suffered her first year as a professional BMX rider. Her first major injury was when she had a malfunction with her break lever, it ended

Etnies girls; Macneil and Animal to compete all over the World, and she teaches bike to kids at kids Camp Woodward in Pennsylvania. Not only that, she's an inspiration to aspiring female BMX riders. As for her inspiration, everyone she rides with inspires her especially the guys. Her number one inspiration is Dave Mirra. Dave Mirra is a World wide famous freestyle BMX rider. When all is said and done she says (quoted by friend Stacy) "If you fall ten times get up twelve times."

By Morgan Van Dunk

Cool FREE stuff from A-Z

A- Attractions; Applesauce Sample

B- Bibles, Balloons

C- CD- Rom

D- Dips for chips or pretzels (samples)

E- Ear ring cleaning; Entertainment

f- Fly swatters, Frisbees, Fudge Sample

G- Gourmet Coffee (samples)

H- Honey

I- Ice Cream (samples)

J- Jewelry cleaning

K- Kettle Corn (samples)

L- Life Insurance Quotes; Lollipops

M- Magnets

N- Nail Files

O- Orange Tea samples

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Governor Opens the Fair

On the opening day of the “Great New York State Fair!” you will feel the buzz and excitement swirl about you as soon as your feet touched the pavement in the parking lot. It’s not just the anticipation of going on that favorite ride; seeing all the animals; or going to the great attractions but from a visit from Governor George Pataki. The Governor attended and gave a speech at the Grand Opening Celebration. In his speech, the Governor focused on the history of the fair and how it was built on agriculture. He talked about how those agricultural products, such as corn,

which can be made into a cleaner fuel called ethanol. He also talked about how the youth of New York will be the main factor as to which direction our state will go in the future.

On a more intimate note Governor Pataki talked about how he has come to the State Fair for twelve years as Governor, and this would be his last time coming to the fair as the Governor. At the end of his speech the Governor and his wife were given life long passes to the New York State Fair. Also attending the celebration, were a variety of people including assemblymen, 4-H

and FFA members which included State FFA President Sarah Hullick, dairy princesses, and the new President of Cornell University, David Skorton. “It was great, after the ribbon was cut it gave us a chance to meet and mingle with some local politicians,” said Patrick Vanderploeg, a teen worker at the Wyoming County booth in the youth building. “It was a great experience and a perfect way to open the fair.” I’m sure that many of the other fairgoers will agree!

By Jordan Taylor

Mary Kay Saves the Day

“If you help enough women get what they want; you’ll receive what you want.”

-Said by Mary Kay herself

“I felt like a beauty princess!”
-Jeanine Youngers
“Felt more confident!”
Christina Keicher

Mary Kay representatives, Debbie Lewis and Christine Demauro, came to the 4-H Youth Building to makeover the young ladies participating in the Clothing Review. Ms. Lewis, a bubbly and vivacious woman, has been a Mary Kay representative for fourteen years and is still excited

about it. She loves her job as well as the products, but that isn’t her biggest reward. At the end of the day her real passion is working with women of all ages, helping them raise their self-esteem and watching their expressions after the makeover.

The New York State 4-H Clothing Review has been in existence for over seventy-five years. In the beginning, it was used to showcase the craftsmanship of 4-Her’s from around New York State. Later on it became a wonderful opportunity for 4-Her’s to fashion model and mannequin model their simple and extravagant designs.

This year Mary Kay was asked to send representatives to the 4-H Youth Center to makeover the young ladies participating in this year’s Clothing Review. Not only did Mary Kay accept, but they sent two representatives that would do the makeovers free of charge. The girls were attentive to all the instruction. Afterward they looked positively stunning. The best part was, the girls were taught how to apply the make up themselves. A follow-up personalized appointment will be later on since the representatives were a little strapped for time. In the end, the girls looked and felt **a b s o l u t e l y f a b u l o u s .**

By Morgan Van Dunk

Press Corps Members

Jeremy Bertsche and Michael LeClair of Warren County, Morgan Van Dunk and Amanda Tamas of Orange County, Sidney Pruitt from Wayne County, Adrienne Huffman from Tompkins County, David Benedict from Courtland County, Amanda Czurzynski and Jordan Taylor of Wyoming County, and Paul Liedkie of Genesee County



New President of Cornell Visits Fair

Thursday morning, August 24th, Dr. David Skorton toured the 4-H Youth Building at the 160th Greater New York State Fair. Dr. Skorton, former president of the University of Iowa, has appointments in both medicine and engineering, lending not only his devotion and interest to bettering the college, but his skills and expertise to help get the job done. The stop at the youth building was part of a tour ultimately leading up to the opening ceremony for the fair, which he attended with New York's Governor Pataki.

During his time here, he made buttons with 4-H'ers from Tompkins county, witnessed a chicken hatching, and spoke with members of our very own 4-H Teen Press Corps

about not only his inspiring achievements, but the work the dedicated teens do every day to publish their weekly paper.

During a brief interview, one of the reporters asked how someone with such diverse interests and knowledge finds time to do everything he has to do, as well as what he enjoys. Dr. Skorton answered humbly, giving credit to



Dr. Skorton talks with members of the 4-H Press Corps Staff.

his team of faculty members and his wife for helping to keep some semblance of order in his busy life.

A dedicated husband, a successful and varied scholar, a professor, a doctor, and now moving into presidency at a second accredited university, Dr. Skorton is a role model to everyone he meets; inspiring 4-H'ers across the state to work hard and achieve all the dream.

By Michael LeClair

Senator Hoffmann Introduces Students to Civil Rights Era

When you think of CRC, what comes to mind? "Nothing that you would ever see up here... going to that church that still had bullets in it..." replied Evan Schiff, a past participant in former New York State Senator Nancy Larraine Hoffmann's Civil Rights Connection Program.

The Civil Rights Connection Program is one-of-a-kind. Every year, students in their junior year of high school fly down to states in the south, such as Mississippi and Louisiana. While down there, the teens get first-hand experience learning about Civil Rights history of different southern towns and major cities like Jackson,

New Orleans, and Port Gibson, and talk to people who had experienced segregation and discrimination. Students also participate in a service learning project every year.

The program started when the Senator brought her son with her in 1995 when she traveled to the South to be part of a seminar in Port Gibson. They spent some time with Mayor Charles Evers, and her son interviewed him extensively with the use of his camcorder. "I determined that this was an educational opportunity for young people. We made our first trip in 1996." Using the state budget as funding, Senator Hoffmann

created a program that allowed people of all monetary backgrounds to travel to the Deep South to learn about Civil Rights. The use of state funding made it so that there was no cost for teens to participate.

This year, eighteen teens, including myself, along with five chaperones and a website crew of college students from Syracuse University, traveled to Mississippi and visited with people like Mr. Jones—a ninety-year-old farmer—basket ball player Willie Nauls, and Medgar Evers' brother Charles Evers, the first black mayor elected in Mississippi since the Reconstruction. *Continued on*

Teens Reps. Promote GIS Technology

Genesee County's Emma Long, representative from New York whom attended this year's International ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc.) conference in San Diego, California, had this to say. "In April, I got involved with my county's 4-H Agriculture Centennial Archeological Program, using GPS (Global Positioning System), to document homesteads from the 1800's. Knowing that I was interested



Emma Long, from Genesee County.

in GPS, I was asked to attend and be the NYS delegate at the International ESRI users conference located in San Diego. ESRI produces GIS software, used to create maps. Before the conference, I attended a three-day workshop, where I learned the ba-

sics of GIS. I was then selected to be one of six 4-H'ers nationwide to speak about 4-H's involvement with GPS/GIS at the Plenary Session, in front of fourteen thousand people. The conference was so inspiring and I learned how important GIS really is. This coming year, I am going to continue working on my county's Ag. Centennial Project, as well as educate others and promote GIS and it's development." This was what Emma Long, (a Genesee County 4-H'er), had to say. She and Billy Swift of Livingston County were the representatives from New York that attended the International ESRI conference in San Diego, California."

By Paul Liedkie

Drum Beats Destroy Ethnic Barriers

Vanessa Johnson, a local griot, as she calls herself, put together a drum tent to have people experience some of the African culture. Vanessa sees drumming as a way that people from all cultures can relate and have fun. She said that all parts of the world have drums as a type of native instrument and people of all walks of life can come in and just play drums. She gave as examples, a woman that worked at the state fair a little while ago was from Tokyo, and there was a man from Seneca, New York that taught his own local style of playing drums.

Vanessa isn't a professional drummer, but is a griot, or oral historian. She loves history and doesn't know why people don't find it as interesting. She tries to tell

history in a way to intrigue her audience and motivate them to learn about their heritage. The way she sees it is, "history binds us." She described how when

people learn their history they come to realize that we all come from the same people. She alliterated by saying she was part European and part Asian too, and most people even though they might not admit it are from some of the same ancestors as her. She also taught me discrimination isn't just something that affects African people but also many immigrants, like the Irish. She finds the drum tent as a way to find a common ground where it's, "about sound not how the person looks." She also finds the drum tent as a way to let people from areas that may not have an African community, learn about her culture and make them curious about other cultures.

By David Benedict

Operation Military Kids

This year in the 4-H Youth Building at the New York State Fair, the theme is "Operation Military Kids" or OMK. This program is the Army's shared effort with communities in America to support the youth of Active Duty National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers affected by the Global War on Terrorism. Their goal is to support youth all over the globe who have parents deployed in the National



Guard and Army Reserve. In the United States there are over 16,000 Active Duty National Guard, and Army Reserve Soldiers.

In the youth building, the 4-H'ers put together knapsacks to send to children whose parents were deployed. These knapsacks included two worry dolls, (one for the child, one for the soldier.) and dog tags. They also made paper bag scrap books to send to the children. These books have covers that are decorated by children passing by the Wyoming County Booth where

these crafts are being made. All of these items plus others will be sent to children with deployed parents. The Army National Guard, Army, Navy, Marines Corps, and Air force all have booths set up at the New York State Fair. At these booths you can get free information, sign up for information, and at the Marines Corps booth you can see how many pull-ups you can do to win a prize. While you are at the fair, support your troops and visit these booths. National Corps. Partners for OMK include 4-H, American Legion, Boys and Girls Club of America, U.S. Army Child Youth Services, Military Child Education Coalition and nacerra.

If you would like to contact the OMK you can send to...

OMKAD-MIN@OPERATIONMILITARYKIDS.ORG

By Amanda Ciurzynski

FREE STUFF (Ctd.)

P-Prayer Beads , pins

Q-Questions

R-Ruler

S-Soup (samples), Spam, Ski tickets

T- T-Shirts

4-H and Geospatial Study

We all know what 4-H is, but what is this new geospatial system? Geometrics is the discipline of gathering, storing, processing, and delivering of geographic information, or spatially referenced information. This term also refers to the tools used to gather, store, process and deliver the information. Such tools are G.P.S. and G.I.S., global positioning system and geographic information system. 4-H is introducing this ever expanding information system to the youth and adults of The Great New York State Fair. They're doing this by means of an interactive booth in the youth building cleverly named The Agritarium. At this booth, fair-goers learn about the use of G.P.S. and G.I.S. in the new age farming. Inside is a model farm with different layouts of possible G.I.S. paths. The benefits of G.P.S. and G.I.S. farming is that the fields are filled to their maximum potential, virtually eliminating the human factor in farming errors. With this new technology integration to farming, youth may become more interested in this fast paced ever changing field of agriculture and farming. Geospatial technology has also assisted our military greatly. Today's military is being greatly benefited in the field areas because of this new field of geographic referencing. *By Sydney Pruitt*

U- University Brochures

V- Video Recording Channel 10

W-Wicker Basket, Water, Wool bracelet

X- Extreme Sports Watching

Y-Yo-Yo's

Z- Zebra Watching, Zoo (petting) attendance

Only on the fair can you find so much free stuff. It's possible to make a day of just looking for it. These were just a few of the items from the cool free stuff that we found.

CRC (continued)

We also visited a real plantation, once worked by slaves, which is currently owned by John Cummings, a lawyer who wishes to transform it into an educational museum that shows the point of view from the slaves rather than portraying life in the manor house as being glorious.

This year, for our service learning project, we drove down to the Gulf Coast to a "tent city" in Pearlinton, Mississippi, set up by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This was a town that was so small that it didn't even have a government system, a mayor, or a school. The town was so small that it was nearly forgotten amid the hype surrounding New Orleans after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. These people



From left to right: Kevin Brown II, Senator Hoffmann, and Adrienne Huffman sit at the Civil Rights Connection booth at the New York State Fair.

where Martin Luther King was shot, or walking through the very house where Medgar Evers lived and raised his children, or staying at the first predominantly black university in Mississippi, Tougaloo College, which was the center for many Civil Rights activism during the 60s and 70s.

Every year, students from schools in and around the Senator's former district can apply, and four students from every school are nominated by their administrators. Those four then write an essay on a given topic relating to the Civil Rights era. This year, one of the choices was to elaborate on the quote by Medgar Evers, "You can kill a man, but you can't kill an idea."

Students then had to attend an orientation meeting and group interview, and were chosen to go based on their essays and their interviews.

This year, however, ended up being more selective than past years.

Senator Nancy Lorraine Hoffman. "One of the things that are important is the ability to share the experience." The Senator plans on sharing this experience at some planned promotional programs, including a supper at the Park Central Presbyterian Church on Fayette Street in Syracuse at 6 PM on September 13. During this supper, we will be sharing our memories of the CRC trip with sponsors of the program. Another event coming up in early October will include a movie produced by a Syracuse University student who traveled to the South, and will take place at the Palace Theater. Exact dates are to be announced.

"The Civil Rights Connection Program is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. As a black young man in this society, I believe we have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go," said this year's program participant Kevin Brown II.

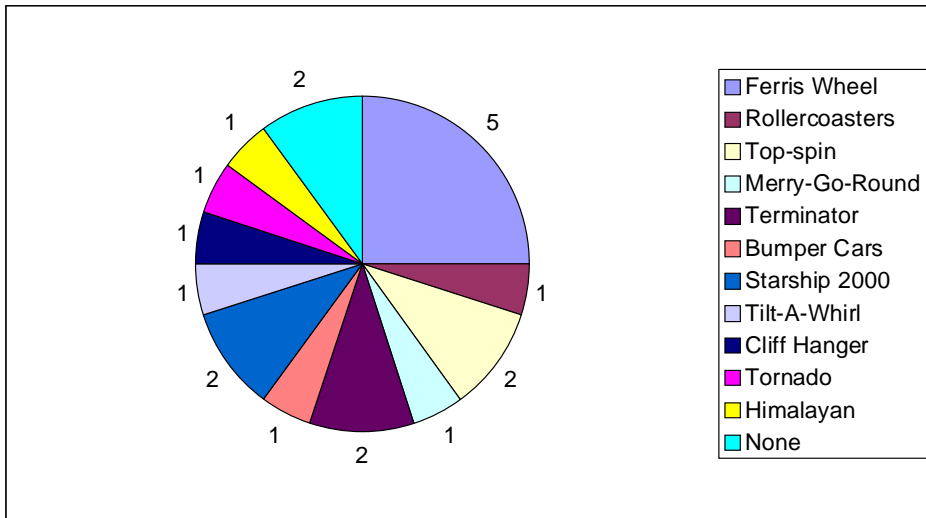
For more information on the CRC Program, and past and future events, or to see pictures of this years' event, visit the website: www.civilrightsconnection.org.

By Adrienne Huffman

The Best Rides at New York's State Fair!

Out of 20 people questioned more enjoyed riding the Ferris wheel than any other ride. Some people have mastered their fear of heights by venturing to the top of the Ferris wheel. Others have decided to cave to their fears and keep both feet firmly planted on the ground.

By Paul Liedkie



A Scavenger Hunt that is Serving up a Deal

Don't get frustrated too fast, these deals are too good to resist.

The state fair is a fun place to spend time with your family; it can also be very expensive when it comes down to the food, drinks, and snacks. Not only can these three musts be expensive, but there are so many choices! As a favor, a list of cheap food, drinks and snacks that are tasty, have been cleverly made into clues. In each of the clues, you are given the deal but you must figure out the place from the hints hidden within.

Here are your deals, so GOOD LUCK!

-You can take your tribe over to this area and find a great food for even better prices.
-If it's blue, its true this food is served fast. It isn't like most gyros you've had in the past.
-Yoke up the olde family for this meal. You get a sandwich, chips, drink, and ice cream for \$8.50
-This little guy serves some insane bread for just \$2.00 or if pizza its on your mind a medium is just \$6.00.

-This isn't Daddy Warbuck's little girl's pizza but it certainly tastes good when a huge slice of Sicilian is just \$3.00
- You can go west or talk to Pinocchio's father about two sticks of fried dough for \$1.50
-Baked potatoes have a nice taste cheap and a \$1 at the HORTICULTURE BUILDING with the choices of 4 toppings.
-Go to an island state and cool off for a \$3.00 small Icee that looks like a large.
-Follow the rainbow and then you'll see milk for 25¢ apiece.
*Don't forget to get your cheese freebie in the after noon.
-A hot dog and soda is \$1.75 at two places with the title ending with B's or C's.
-Find a county, then you'll see bottled water \$1.00 apiece
-Follow the beat of the drum that you hear because you could find a lemonade heaven near. 12oz for a \$1.00
-Water! Water everywhere that has nothing to do with apples here. 3 bottles for \$2.50
-If ever your smoothie was doomed to spill you could go here for a half-off refill.
-We usually don't go this deep down south but we're getting \$1.50 coffee small and nothing else.

-If almonds are trees then you can tell these nuts were flavored without the shell. 3 bags for \$12.00
-This family must have a pretty big A'Fair to give away giant freeze pops at a \$1.00 apiece
-This girl must be confused; an ice cream stand selling three hot dogs and a 20oz soda for \$4.00.

*Writer's Choice: For those of you who don't care about the expense, but just the taste, here are some of our favorites:

-This place may be prehistoric, but their BBQ is still pork pullin' good
-This place is a cluck roost and tastes a little like chicken

-If you like Middle-Eastern Food, an Egyptian King is visiting the Pepsi Pavilion

- Candied and yummy this place is ready to flower

-This ice cream is fitting for our first Artic explorer.

By: Morgan Van Dunk



Volunteer of the Day: Susan Bebee

Mrs. Susan Bebee has been given this award because she has been an outstanding member of the 4-H community. She puts her work with the teens first, rushing around not taking a break until all the work was done so that the crop identification competition would go off without a hitch. Her work with 4-H and Cornell has been extensive and in one way or another she's been a part of the 4-H family all her life. Mrs. Bebee now is the state leader of the FFA (Future Farmers of America). She organizes all the junior horticulture competition at the State Fair, representing the NJHA (National Junior Horticultural Association)

When asked how she got involved with horticulture she said growing up on a farm brought the horticulture into her life. "It was a hobby farm, with dairy and meat cows, pigs, and a few chickens." She explained.

Joining 4-H at the age of nine

she entered a program called "market garden". As her home farm moved away from mixed livestock and more towards horses as the main live stock, she was able to become more involved with the program. The program market garden would give the kids in the programs seeds donated by the local market; they would then grow them and give the resulting crops back to the market for sale. At the age of eleven she was organizing gardens for planting. This was her introduction to the horticulture industry.

After turning nineteen she and could no longer be a normal member of 4-H she joined a college troop of 4-H'ers who would visit local clubs and help out in any way they could. In 1980 she joined the FFA and in 1996 she was promoted to the state leader. Now at Cornell she is currently the Assistant Director Issue Leader. She works with the FFA trying to dispel the false images of the "Green Indus-

try". "It's not only cutting grass and chopping trees". The scientists who watch insect damage in the farm areas along with farm managers, agricultural industrialists, and many others are in the Green Industry. The job market is huge and her aim is to educate people on this. Her work with the NJHA is to help educate the younger generations. The NJHA holds competitions to help challenge the youth, including speeches, demonstrations, photography, identification, and a type of horticulture jeopardy. These are all aimed at improving the teen's knowledge of the specified areas of horticulture.

Mrs. Bebee has been an amazing person in the field of 4-H and the FFA. Her receiving this acknowledgement as the volunteer of the day was well deserved and well earned. We extend our thanks go out to Mrs. Susan Bebee for her outstanding work with 4-H, the FFA and the NJHA, Thank you.

By Jeremy Bertsche