

Letter:

"Private" Parks a Disgrace

Since New York City walked away from its parks with these self appointed alliances, our parks are suffering. The hundreds of parks not on the hip list suffer neglect and are understaffed.

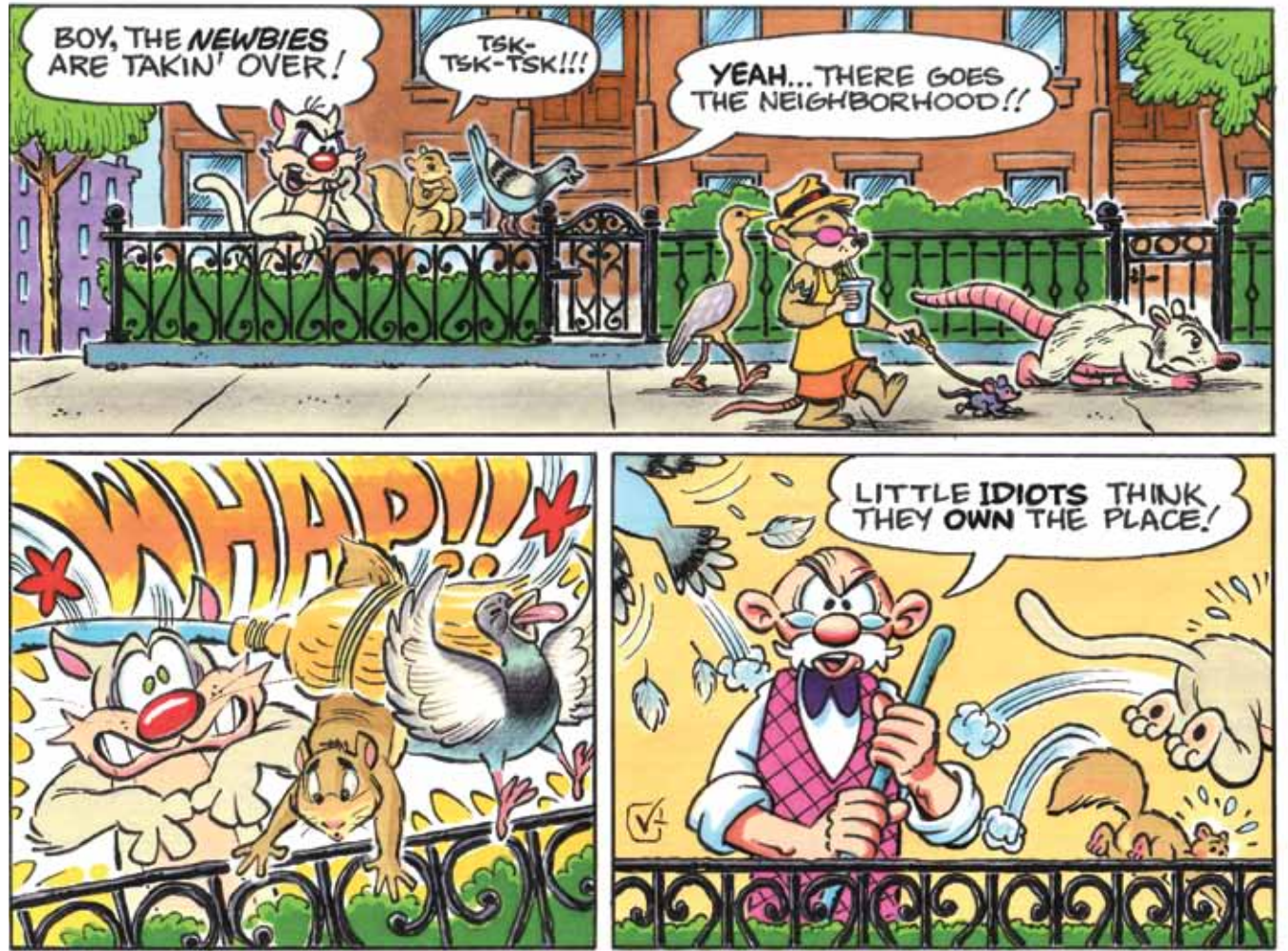
Our parks deserve better or the city deserves better. Civil service was once the backbone of our city; now it is left to these well meaning ne'er-do-wells who have abandoned the parks. I say that because all of the parks make NYC—not the few special parks. Wi-Fi and condos, contrasted with the pure neglect of other local parks is not good policy.

Now what do I say? Hmm. Look at the millions spent on 311 web sites for agencies. I wonder if all the web designers are out of work kids or friends of the politicians. If you visit the facilities of Red Hook you will see high school players on the fields, not locals. There is a multi tier of city services. This goes across the board to schools. If the Gowanus Canal was on the west side the people would be evacuated and the area cleaned up, but here in Red Hook they wait.

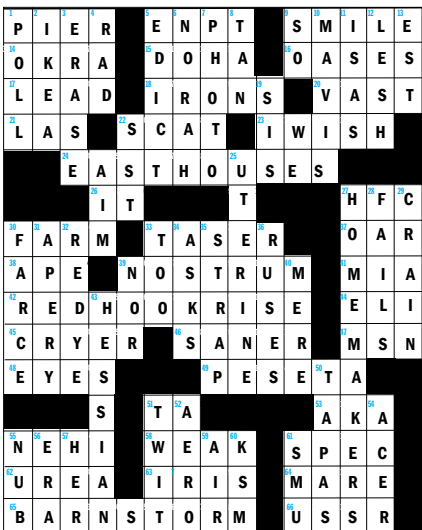
As a kid, I remember when a stone was not out of place in Prospect Park. My neighbor, Mr. Seminara was in charge a civil servant. Now neglect is a return to nature. Our parks need to be accessible to all and maintained, but this with never happen without workers. Full time workers are taboo, so most parks are in ruins. *Robert "Moe" Maloney, Park Slope*

In the Nabe

by Vince Musacchia



Last Issue Answers



What I Remember About Red Hook

by Mary Anne Massaro

I remember red hooks and white rocks,
An old drafty house where I slept in my
socks.

Hot summer nights with friends on the
stoop

Watching the pigeons take flight from
dad's coop

Crossing the tracks of the trolley cars
Cold beer and pretzels at the corner bar.

Lunch time pizza sold by the slice
Coke in a bottle with a fresh lemon ice.

Lazy Sundays down on the pier
Bumpy bike rides on cobblestones leading
there.

A new pair of Converse or PF Fliers
Stringing my old pair on the telephone
wires.

Ice cream parlors and candy stores
Playing in aerie ways on cellar doors.

The banging of the pipes at PS 15
The smell of the old rexograph machine.

Out on the street with friends playing
games

I remember when everyone knew
everyone's names.

That's what I remember about Red Hook!

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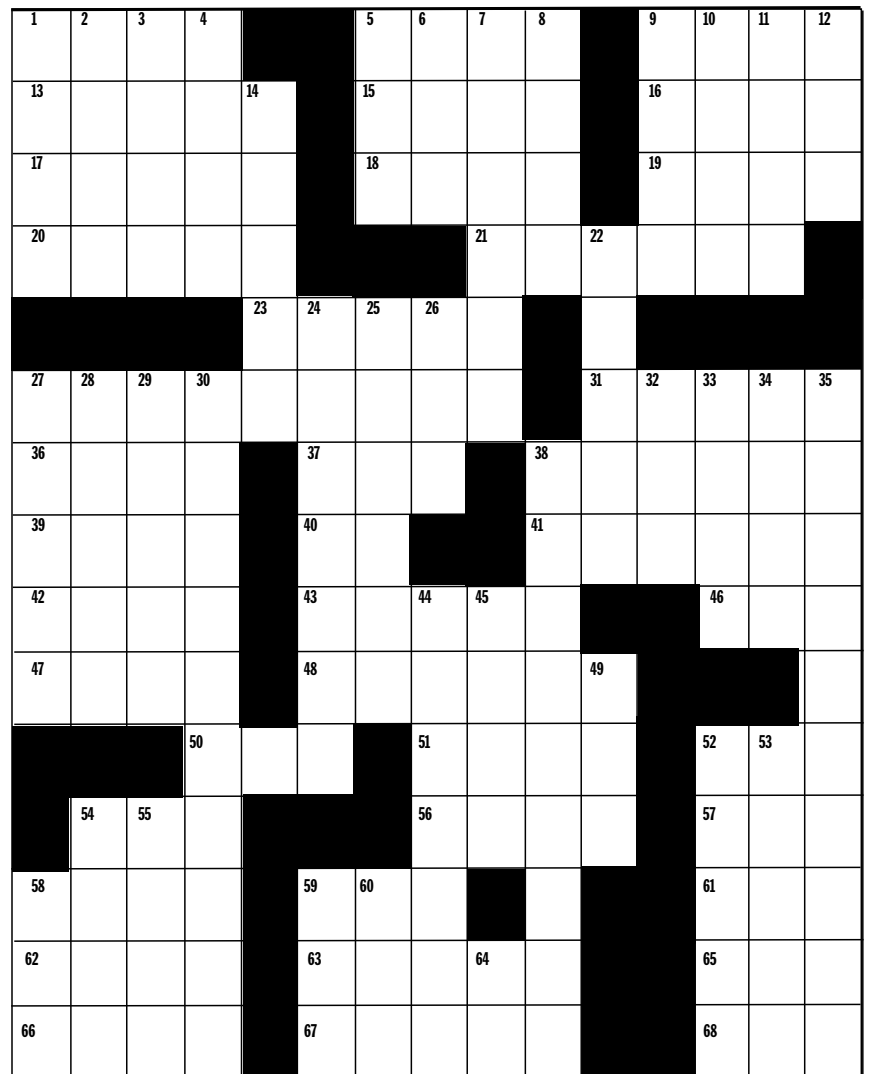
ACROSS

1. Eat
5. Could contain wheat or a missile
9. Sarah (Palin)'s double
13. What a volcano does
15. Not closed
16. Wild goat
17. Obsolete Arabian form of money
18. Next _____ (BAM festival)
19. Write a bad check
20. Gowanus before it was a channel
21. Creative type
23. Hunter in the sky
27. What to say to Irene
31. Artists paint these
36. Hawaiian party
37. Limb
38. Most extreme
39. Memo wd.
40. Dodgers moved there in 1957
41. Stocks
42. Look for
43. It wouldn't be funny if it wasn' _____
46. Spiegelman
47. Serotonin (abbr)
48. Life's work
50. Opposite of yesses
51. Ryan and Thatcher
52. Short for Rupert
54. His day is in June
56. You could be behind them or sitting at them
57. Answer is ENH
58. Grand party
59. _____ Maria, a drink
61. Worn on Wall Street
62. Kinds of beers
63. What was said when the 'Iron Man' finally was benched
65. Charged atom
66. Wealthy
67. A pretty flower
68. Opposite of ques.

DOWN

1. Place to get a ruben sandwich
2. A boycotted country
3. Cut the edge of a coin
4. Fencing sword
5. A piglet's mom
6. Served at Rocky Sullivan's
7. Ancient name for Middle East
8. One fifth of a 'fiver'

by George



9. Exotic bar
10. Bird known for a long beak
11. Accounting term for money left after expenses (variation)
12. Hatchet
14. Grand _____ National Park
22. This Amendment gave states all power not specifically granted to the federal government
24. Movie theaters
25. How do _____ cheese? (2 words)
26. Electrical measure
27. Mirror
28. _____ Banks
29. Made of oats
30. Donut chain sponsors this race
32. Actress Thurman
33. The Explorer (cartoon character)
34. Number 10 in Hebrew
35. Carroll Gardens church
38. Computer club
44. Candy with alcohol in it
45. Part of the eye
49. _____-A-Bagel (chain)
52. Plural of rete
53. Labor group
54. Surrealistic painter
55. Guinness (actor)
58. Needlefish
59. Explosive
60. A document acknowledging debt
64. An interjection, often with !