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FORT WADSWORTH

Please Do Eat the Daisies



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When the mass e-mail message seeking a “New York City Goat Herder” arrived in Larry Cihanek’s in-box eight months ago, he had to laugh. Mr. Cihanek, a hotel manager upstate in Rhinebeck, was born in Manhattan and raised in Queens. And he happened to have a herd of 20 goats on his 40-acre family farm.

The message had come from the National Park Service, which was seeking the notoriously hungry animals to clear brush at Fort Wadsworth, a historic military site on Staten Island.

“They should have just sent that message to me directly,” Mr. Cihanek, 62, said with a chuckle last Monday as seven of his goats nibbled on bread in a fenced-off section of Battery Duane, a structure where guns were mounted in the 1890s on the fort’s easternmost edge.

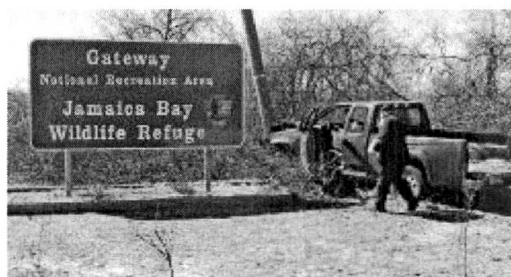


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Accident Nearby CBB Leaves Driver Shaken



A National Park Service employee lost control of his truck on Sunday, March 25 and plowed into a sign just short of Cross Bay Boulevard at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.



The unidentified driver told police from the 100 Precinct that the gas pedal on the truck got stuck in the down position and that he plowed into some brush, a telephone pole and the base of the sign marking the facility. Pictured, the driver sits on the bed of the truck as EMT's check him out. Cross Bay Boulevard can be seen in the background.