

New York City June 2007

with our grandchildren, Abbie & Josh Bailey



Wednesday, June 6th

When we asked Josh what he was most interested in seeing, he replied, "the Statue of Liberty." Therefore we went to see it first. As we entered the park, we saw this sphere that was moved from the World Trade Center where ironically, it was designed to promote world peace. As a result of the tragedy, the sphere was damaged and moved here.



We then went to Ellis Island to the Immigration Museum. We looked up the Baileys and the Schorners and found that both families had representatives here. We also stopped for lunch.

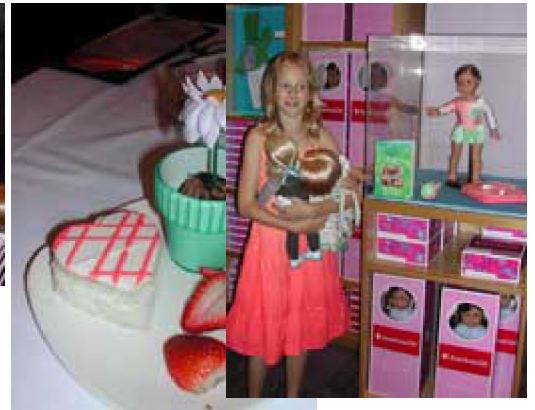
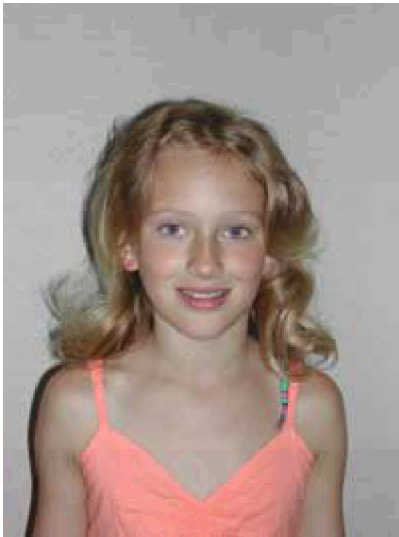
We then took a subway to the theater to see, "Lion King." The presentation was just fabulous. The music, the dancing and the colors were a symphony and the engineering of the

animals was fascinating. The kids knew the story well and were thrilled by the performance.



Thursday, June 7th

Today is Abbie's special day. She is going to the event that she dreamed about for weeks, the American Girl Doll Place on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. Today she prepared for the event by having her hair curled by Meme. Meanwhile Josh works on the computer doing internet games. The transformation is now complete.



While at American Girl doll, Abbie and Judy had afternoon tea. The flower above is actually, the dessert, the "dirt" is chocolate moose.



Abbie's doll got her hair styled and she picked out some new outfits.





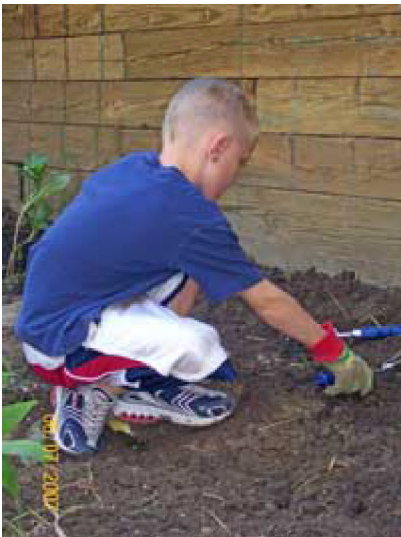
Meanwhile, Josh and Jim checked out the ESPN Zone where Josh enjoyed duck pin bowling, hockey, soccer, motocross and air hockey.



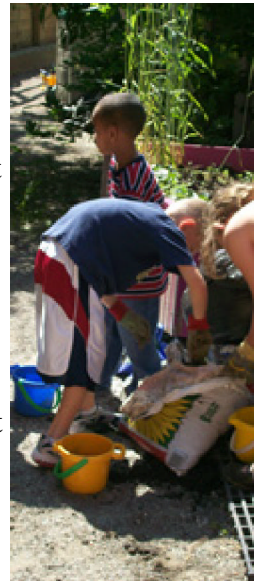
A day in New York City is not complete without a hotdog and a hot pretzel. Here we are in front of the police station in Times Square.

Next we went to the Brooklyn Children's Museum. First we had an encounter with a snake skin and some live snakes and lizards. Then we went through the green house to the outdoor garden where moving the top soil from the bag to the garden area was the first course of

business.



Then we cultivated the earth to prepare for the bulbs that would be planted. We spent about an hour doing the gardening during which Josh found an earthworm and we examined a preying mantis.

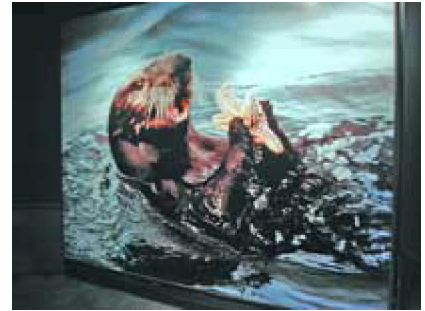
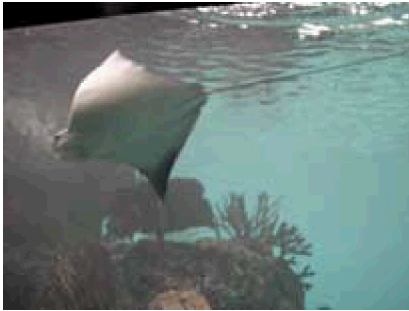




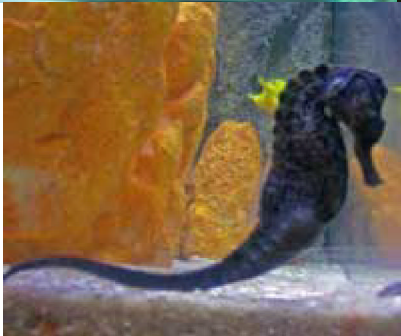
Friday, June 8th - We took the F train to Coney Island and our first stop was the New York Aquarium. We saw fish, including sharks, eels and rays. We watching the feeding of the penguins. (Though penguins are generally thought of as ice birds, in fact, only 5 of the 17 species live in



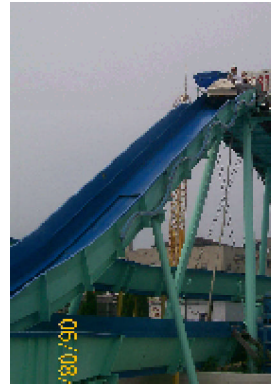
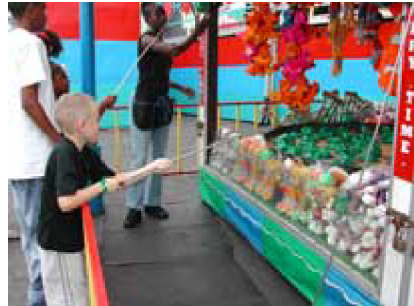
Antarctica.)



Sea lions can be differentiated from seals in that they have visible ears. They also can move their rear flippers underneath them so that they can use them to move on land, seals drag their rear flippers. This one holds a star fish.



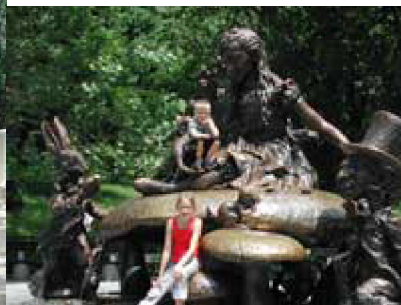
The exhibit on stinging creatures was particularly good showing the life processes of anemones and jelly fish. There was also a tank of sea horses.



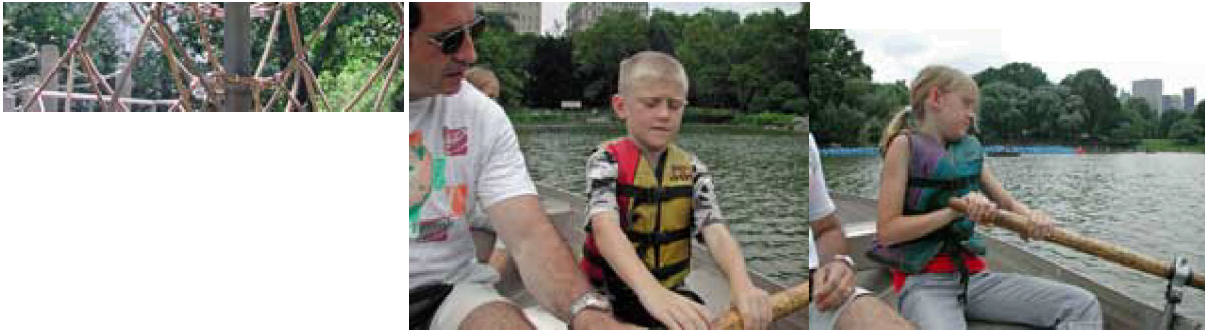
Then, the real treat, the rides! Abbie and I rode the pirate ship. Then Judy and the kids rode the Tilt-a-whirl. Josh won a sword at the frog pond while Abbie and Jim rode the Cyclone, pictured behind Judy on the tilt-a-whirl. It was truly one of the most exciting roller coasters I've ridden and Abbie only wanted to go once. Though we bought one-price passes, this one otherwise costs \$6 per ride. When I was 11 it was only 50 cents though that was a lot of money then. Josh & Abbie particularly enjoyed the Log Flume ride. They must have ridden it 12 times.



We went to the beach and found that the water was very cold, nothing like Vero Beach even though it's the same ocean.

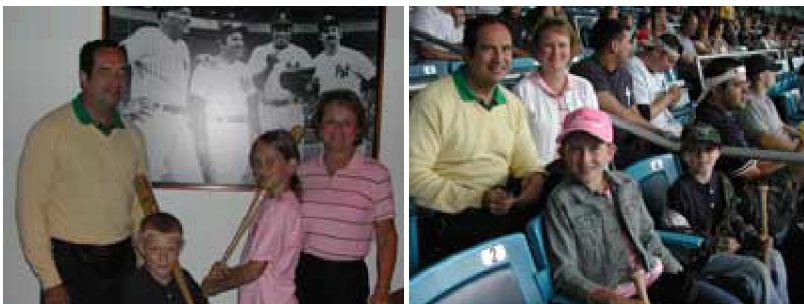


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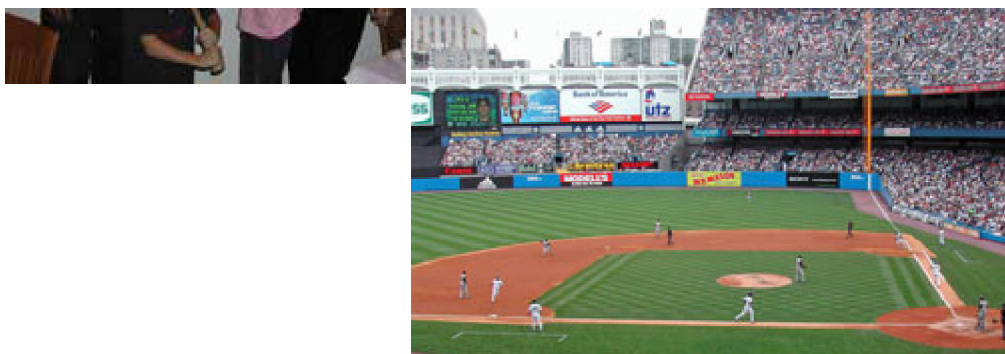


Saturday, June 9th - Central Park

We took the bus to the park and enjoyed this playground so much that the kids wanted to return to it. So we played on the tire swing, the ropes and the slide for hours. We also climbed on the Alice in Wonderland statue, rowed the boats and saw the castle but the biggest deal was the tire swing. They never seemed to tire (pardon the pun) or get dizzy. A ride on the horse-drawn carriage and a few NY tee shirts ended the day.



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Sunday, June 10th - Yankees vs. Pirates

We got some fabulous seats from a friend including passes to the Yankee Club. We had brunch there before the game. The Yankees beat the Pirates 13 to 6 in this exciting game. On the right Judy caught this home run with two men on base.

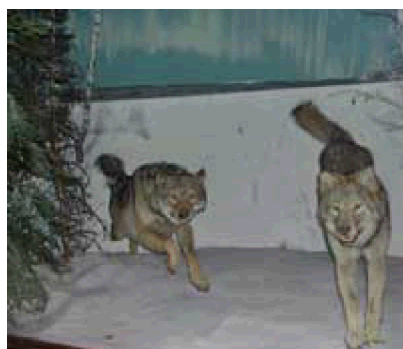


Monday, June 11th - The American Museum of Natural History

On the way we went to Roosevelt Island on the Tramway. Our friends, Doug & Sally, live here and explained that the island used to be the home of a prison. The water rushes down the East River with a great current making it almost impossible for a prisoner to escape by swimming across. Now the same buildings are used for hospitals.



The kids were particularly excited to see the museum because they had seen the movie, "Night in the Museum" that had been filmed here. We wanted to see the exhibits that were used in the movie. A large part of the museum is these stuffed animals, large and small, in a typical wildlife scene.



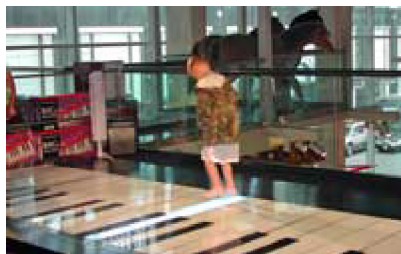


Teddy

Roosevelt assisted the watchman in his first closing. This is Dexter, the monkey that stole the watchman's keys in the movie. One of the first instructions in the guide was to lock the door on the lions or they will eat you.



We have leatherback turtles like this in Vero Beach.



We next went to F.A.O. Schwartz where the kids enjoyed playing on an electronic piano large

enough for them to step on the keys. At Toys 'R Us, there is a ferris wheel right in the front of the store.

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There are always a lot of people in Times Square.