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# Recording record ride

## Guinness fame takes paperwork

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The only thing tougher than riding the rails for nearly 25 hours straight is filling out all the paperwork to get officially recognized by Guinness World Records, New York's "Subway Six" have learned.

"The journey was a joyride compared to the painstaking detail we devoted to completing our certification process," complained Michael Boyle, 28, the Regis High School grad who along with five former classmates attempted to break the record for competitive subway riding on Dec. 29.

It took Boyle and his five buddies an unofficial 24 hours, 54 minutes and 3 seconds to traverse all 468 subway stations, besting the old record by almost 90 minutes. Afterward, Boyle said they spent 60 hours on Guinness' stringent paperwork.

"It's a tedious process,"



The "Subway Six" had to painstakingly document their journey to earn a place in the Guinness World Records. (Brian Manning)

he said. "A pain in the neck."

Multiple calls to Guinness were not returned.

Each leg of the journey has to be meticulously documented; times of station arrivals, subway car numbers and witness statements must all be detailed.

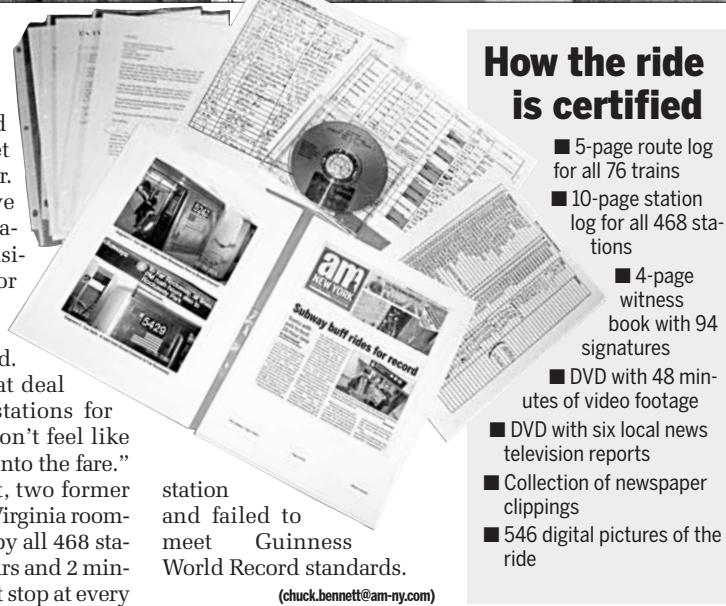
The group is expected to ship off their package to Guinness World Records today. Then they must wait up to four months to find out if the record — and Guinness immortality — is theirs.

If certified, they will beat the 1989 record of 26 hours,

21 minutes and 8 seconds set by Kevin Foster. "They have rapid certification in two business days for 300 pounds [in currency]," Boyle said.

"We got a great deal visiting 468 stations for only \$2, we don't feel like tacking \$600 onto the fare."

Last August, two former University of Virginia roommates passed by all 468 stations in 24 hours and 2 minutes, but didn't stop at every



### How the ride is certified

- 5-page route log for all 76 trains
- 10-page station log for all 468 stations
- 4-page witness book with 94 signatures
- DVD with 48 minutes of video footage
- DVD with six local news television reports
- Collection of newspaper clippings
- 546 digital pictures of the ride

station and failed to meet Guinness World Record standards.

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## LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF



### Stranded woman recovering from crash

A Brooklyn woman trapped in a car in the Adirondacks with her husband as he froze to death remained hospitalized yesterday. Alfred and Barbara Langner were returning from a wedding in Montreal when they drove off the Adirondack Northway sometime after 1 a.m. Thursday. They were unable to get out of their car. Barbara Langner tried to call for help, but there was no cell phone service in the remote area, police said. (AP)

### NJ toddler, 2, dies after cop's DWI crash

A 2-year-old boy has died from injuries suffered in a crash involving an off-duty Jersey City police officer whom authorities say was intoxicated. Juan Carlos Zelaya died late Saturday evening at University Hospital in Newark. The Star-Ledger reported yesterday. The boy and his mother, Ruth Zelaya, were in a car that was struck from behind on Tuesday night by officer Kevin Freibott. (AP)

### Cart-riding idiots race through B'klyn

A riotous cacophony greeted Greenpoint residents Saturday afternoon as thousands gathered for the annual Idiotarod race. Tying themselves to shopping carts and donning wild costumes, participants pulled their carts down crowded sidewalks over the Pulaski Bridge and through Long Island City. Along the way, they threw eggs and other yuck at each other. Go to amny.com to see video of the race. (amNY)

## RUSHHOUR REALITY

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3 Trains run in two sections: 1. Between 148 St and Utica Ave 2. Between Utica and New Lots Aves Weekday, 10:30 am to 3:30 pm Fri, Feb. 2

6 Trains run in two sections: 1. Between Pelham Bay Park and 125 St 2. Between 125 St and Brooklyn Bridge Late night, 12:01 am to 5 am Tue to Fri, Jan. 30 - Feb. 2

7 Trains run local between Woodside-61 St and Willets Point Weekday, 10:30 am to 3 pm Wed to Fri, Jan. 31 - Feb. 2

A Manhattan-bound trains run on the F from Jay to West 4 Sts Late night, 12:01 am to 5 am Tue to Fri until Feb. 2

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## Add 9/11 sick to memorial: Pols

Flanked by ailing first responders and family members, two state lawmakers said yesterday that the museum planned for Ground Zero should include a memorial to victims of fatal illnesses incurred during the months-long recovery and cleanup of World Trade Center debris.

Assemblyman Michael Gianaris, a Queens Democrat, and Republican Sen. Martin Golden of Brooklyn said they would introduce legislation in Albany to ensure that those who became ill from working at the site and died are recognized.



The family of officer Cesar Borja buried the Ground Zero responder on Saturday. He is believed to have died from an illness related to the cleanup effort. (AP)

The Bush administration, along with state and local governments, have been criticized for being slow to

acknowledge that many responders developed debilitating illnesses from exposure to toxic materials at the trade center site.

The legislators said that as part of the museum to be built at Ground Zero, their proposal would not affect plans for a larger memorial to those who were killed on 9/11 or interfere with reconstruction of the site, now in early stages.

The event came a day after the funeral of police officer Cesar Borja, 58, who died of lung disease believed to be related to the Ground Zero recovery. (AP)