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This is why I learned how to drive. It is in the New York Times style section today.



DEVIN YALKIN FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

For those who can't drive themselves, a wait for the Jitney is part of the journey to the Hamptons.

A Summer Stuck In the Passenger Seat

By MATTHEW SCHNEIER

On any given Friday afternoon in the New York summer, offices clear out early, weekend bags are hoisted onto shoulders, and many of those city dwellers who are, in colder months, perfectly happy to live concrete-encircled lives — they who, like the poet and devoted New Yorker Frank O'Hara, “can't even enjoy a blade of grass unless I know there's a subway handy” — slide into cars and head out of town.

Some of them just happen to be riding

(inevitably, bashfully and maybe a bit anxiously) in the passenger seat.

There are more than 3.4 million New York driver's licenses on file in the five boroughs, but the city is home to a surprising number of capable professionals, precocious 20-somethings and settled 50-somethings alike who can't do what the average 16-year-old in the Great Plains does daily. They cannot, or do not, drive.

“It's a syndrome,” said Amy Fine Col-
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