The Capital: museums and more

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The Strand, periwinkle, the subway, Mary’s Wisconsin?

That’s New York City, the Big Apple—hot, bustling, chaotic and cosmopolitan — the city that never sleeps.

There’s so much here and I truly love it.

New York is one fascinating place. Everyone is always in a hurry, the subways are cramped, the people greet you with “Howya doin’?”

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The National Gallery of Art was better than the Met. I visited the National Postal Museum first because collecting stamps has always been my hobby. I was truly amazed at the sheer collection that dated back centuries.

At the National Art and Space Museum, I wanted to watch Dr. Phil on the PlayMuseum, but the queue was too long. Pressed-dried incarnation sandwiches and fruit on sale at the museum tasted awful. I would not buy for fresh food any time.

I read the words of political giants that inspired America, now carved into stone.

I stood at the point where Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous “I have a Dream” speech, sat on the grassy mall where Maya Angelou read her famous poem a few years ago.

These are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — echoed in my ears.

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My trip could not be complete without a visit to the Folger Shakespeare Library to honor the man who best crafted and expanded the English language. We played dress-up in Victorian era wear and posed for pictures.

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All men and women merely players.

And all the world’s a stage.

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