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in gunning down a razor blade-wielding attacker in the lobby of a Low-nent said Thursday. The officer was slashed on the neck before killing suspect, who wielded a broken beer bottle, was wounded by gunfire. AP

Cleanest commute in winner's cycle again

NEW YORK. Driving is slow, taking the train is better, but biking is best, according to the organizers of a rush-hour race Thursday from Brooklyn's Fort Greene to Union Square, which pedal power won handily.

Transportation Alternatives said bicyclist Jamie Favaro won the 4.5-mile race (about the average for a New York commute) in 17 minutes, while a train commuter took 22 minutes and a driver 29. A biker also won last year's race.

"New Yorkers care a lot about money and the environment, but they care more than anything about time," said rep Wiley Norvell. "What we want to

show is that bicycling is often the fastest way to get through New York City."

Norvell, who bikes to work every day, said bicycling not only saves time and your health, but is also "a critical component of any sustainable city." While the driver created six pounds of carbon emissions during the race and the transit commuter one pound, the bike trip was carbon-neutral, he said. Biking to work is "the most powerful environmental act any American can make," Norvell said. The group's goal is to have half a million New Yorkers biking to work within a decade.

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Bicyclist Jamie Favaro scorched transit rider April Greene and driver Emmanuel Fuentebella in the Great NYC Commuter Race.