

'Parking Pal' just the ticket

Kit can curb summonses

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So you just got another parking ticket and you have two options: Pay it or don't.

Maybe this time.

But in the future, you have a third choice: Don't get the ticket in the first place.

Louis Camporeale, president of Parking Pal, said when it comes to



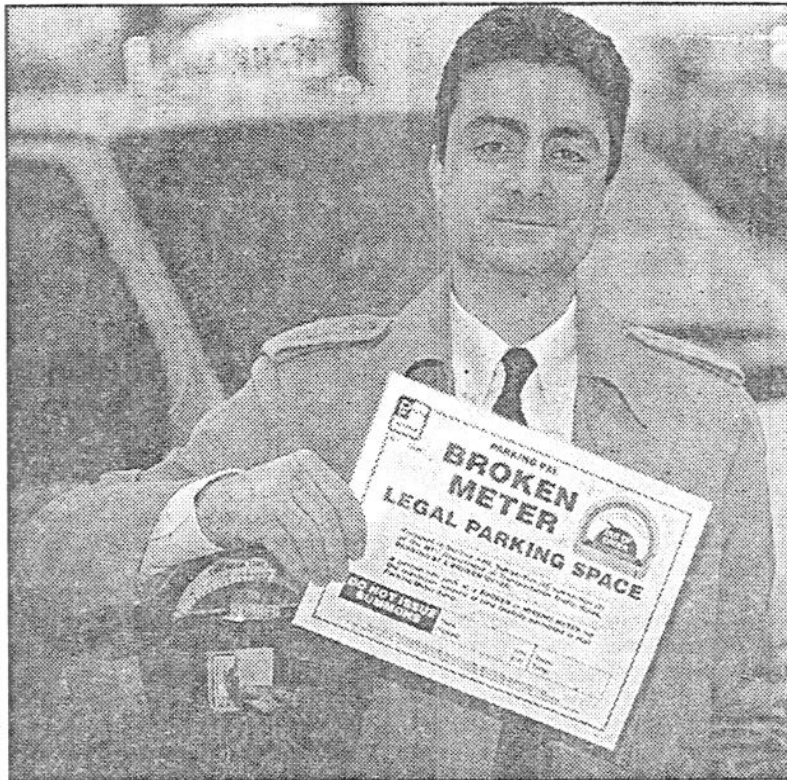
the Parking Violations Bureau, the best offense is a good defense.

"A lot of traffic-enforcement people are not aware of all the regulations," said Camporeale, 36, from his Gravesend, Brooklyn, business.

"Parking Pal is a preventive device that alerts traffic-enforcement people that you know the rules."

The Parking Pal arsenal contains an alternate-side-of-the-street parking calendar; pointers on where not to park; what to look for on a ticket so it'll be dismissed; and a grab bag of multicolored, laminated dashboard signs ranging from "Broken Meter: Legal Parking Space" to "Commercial Vehicle on Service/Delivery Call."

Most signs have a space where the motorist can marker the time when they parked. Camporeale said drivers can win the battle of the dueling



NOT SO FAST: Louis Camporeale's Parking Pal includes placards to notify traffic agents of a broken meter. Kevin P. Coughlin

pens, since half of it is showing the other guy you know what you're doing.

"A lot of people don't know you can legally park at a broken meter for the amount of time legally given on the meter," he pointed out. "So when you write in the time [on a dashboard sign], it's saying: 'Hey, I parked here at noon and I can legally stay here until 1 p.m. It's not just knowing the law, it's substantiating it.'"

Camporeale, who earned his para-

legal credentials from New York University, started Parking Pal in 1994 after taking one too many uppercuts from the PVB.

"I would get a lot of tickets, especially for broken meters, when I was a student at Brooklyn College," he remembered.

"I'd write, and the ticket would get dismissed. I knew the principles of Parking Pal before I realized the concept. I put two and two together and said, 'Hey, people will pay for this information.'"