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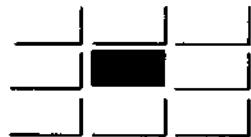
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is responsible for the establishment of this theater company, has performed a great service for Queens, a service which I hope will be emulated in the other boroughs of the City," he added.

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SPECIAL EVENT

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THROUGH FEBRUARY

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THROUGH FEBRUARY

MARIONETTE THEATER SHOWS: The Park Department Puppeteers will tour schools in Queens. These puppeteers design, construct and costume all the marionettes. They write their own scripts and design and build the stage props and scenery for their productions.

MONDAYS-FEBRUARY through MAY 15, 1968

CHESS FOR ALL AGES: Classes to teach children and adults the game of chess are conducted continuously in Park Department Recreation Centers and Board of Education Community Centers. For further information write to: "Chess for All Ages", Department of Parks, 830 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10021.

HOLIDAY PARTIES will be held in local playgrounds throughout the city on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14th, and Washington's Birthday, Thursday, February 22.

SPORTS EVENTSEVERY WEDNESDAY

Roller Skating for boys and girls up to 14 years, 2:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M. at John Mullaly Playground at East 164th Street and Jerome Ave., Bronx.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

DAY OF CHAMPIONS: Track races and tournaments to pick the borough champions. Awards & Prizes, 2:00 P. M., Faber Recreation Center, Faber Street and Richmond Terrace, Staten Island.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

WINTER CARNIVAL: Speed Skating Races and Costume Parade sponsored by the Long Island Press and Star Journal. Speed skating events open to boys and girls from 6 to 17 years. Costume Parade open to skaters of all ages. Trophies and prizes will be awarded. Starts at 5:30 P. M. at the N. Y. Building, Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, Queens.

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Borough Finals of Basketball Tournament. 2 P. M. at St. Mary's Park Recreation Center, East 145th Street and St. Ann's Ave., Bronx

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Washington's Birthday Ice Skating Meet open to boys and girls 6 to 16 years, 10:00 A. M. at the Kate Wollman Rink, Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Abraham & Straus Ice Skating Carnival. Novice races and costume Parade. Open to boys and girls 6 to 16 years. Beginning 10:00 A. M. at Kate Wollman Rink, Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

For further information on the above, contact the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks.

CULTURAL EVENTS: CARDBOARD DISPOSABLE DISPLAY UNITS

The prototype of cardboard disposable display units, designed by Bob Malone from Pratt University, will be completed by the middle of January. Attractive, inexpensive, easy to set up and store, these units will

be used for outdoor exhibitions, traveling shows, and for loan to community groups and schools who want to use them.

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SPECIAL EVENT

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RECREATION EVENTS THROUGH FEBRUARY

STORIES FROM MANY LANDS WITH DIANE WOLKSTEIN will be heard on WNYC Radio: 83 AM . and 93.3 FM every Sunday morning from 8:00 to 8:30

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CHINA

"To the Far Southwest"

Alice Ritchie

music of Bernard Baschet

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

GERMANY

"The Musicians of Bremen"

Grimm

with the 2nd graders of PS 79

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

FRANCE

"Him-lo-co or the 8th Child"

Micheline Maurel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

INDIA

"The Honey and the Beetle"

A. Turnbull

with Tabla drums.

Diane Wolkstein is a Recreation Division specialist for the Department of Parks. She tours parks, playgrounds and recreation centers with stories ranging from classic fairy tales of all nations through e.e. cummings and Dr. Seuss.

THROUGH FEBRUARY

CREATIVE PUPPETRY: Rod Young, Park Department Creative Puppetry expert, illustrates the many types of puppets used around the world and demonstrates how children can make their own puppets from common household materials. Designed especially for children of grades 3 to 6, the Creative Puppetry program will tour schools in Queens and Bronx. For complete schedule contact the Department of Parks, Recreation Division.

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MARIONETTE THEATER SHOWS: The Park Department Puppeteers will tour schools in Queens. These puppeteers design, construct and costume all the marionettes. They write their own scripts and design and build the stage props and scenery for their productions.

MONDAYS-FEBRUARY through MAY 15, 1968

CHESS FOR ALL AGES: Classes to teach children and adults the game of chess are conducted continuously in Park Department Recreation Centers and Board of Education Community Centers. For further information write to: "Chess for All Ages", Department of Parks, 830 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10021.

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SPORTS EVENTSEVERY WEDNESDAY

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ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

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The 1968 Winter Games, sponsored by Cold Power, will feature competitions in skating, skiing and sledding--open to young people ages 18 and under, and in snow sculpture--open to New Yorkers of all ages.

New Yorkers may compete by pre-registering at Parks Department skating rinks, borough recreation offices or the Van Cortlandt Park Ski Slope; or simply by checking in at the events a half hour before the starting time.

Highlights of the three-day Cold Power Winter Games will be a fashion show of winter sportswear and exhibition speed skating races by members of the Middle Atlantic Skating Association.

Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of all the racing events. The wide variety of prizes includes P & M imported Austrian skis and ski poles, season passes to the Van Cortlandt Park Ski Area, F.A.O. Schwartz toys, games and sports equipment, Hans Heitsch-designed Swedish skiing and skating hats, and many more.

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Events and Locations at which to obtain Applications

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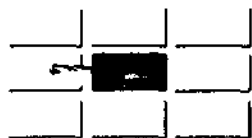
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Borough office, Clove Lakes Park, 1150
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UPON RECEIPT

PARKS DEPARTMENT AND COLD POWER TO SPONSOR 1968 WINTER GAMES
ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

As the 1968 Olympic Games get under way in Grenoble, New York City will hold its own 1968 Winter Games in Central and Van Cortlandt Parks on February 10th, 11th and 12th, announced August Heckscher, Administrator of Recreation and Cultural Affairs and Hayes W. Jones, Commissioner of Recreation.

The 1968 Winter Games, sponsored by Cold Power, will feature competitions in skating, skiing and sledding--open to young people ages 18 and under, and in snow sculpture--open to New Yorkers of all ages.

New Yorkers may compete by pre-registering at Parks Department skating rinks, borough recreation offices or the Van Cortlandt Park Ski Slope; or simply by checking in at the events a half hour before the starting time.

Highlights of the three-day Cold Power Winter Games will be a fashion show of winter sportswear and exhibition speed skating races by members of the Middle Atlantic Skating Association.

Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of all the racing events. The wide variety of prizes includes P & M imported Austrian skis and ski poles, season passes to the Van Cortlandt Park Ski Area, F.A.O. Schwartz toys, games and sports equipment, Hans Heitsch-designed Swedish skiing and skating hats, and many more.

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1968 WINTER GAMES

Events and Locations at which to obtain Applications

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Races will be held for boys and girls in the following categories: under 8 years of age; ages 8 and 9, 10 and 11, 12 and 13, 14 and 15.

SKIING RACES: Sunday, February 11th at 1 p. m. at Van Cortlandt Park Ski Slope.

Races will be held for boys and girls in the following categories: under 8 years of age; from 8 to 13, and from 14 to 18.

SLED AND "OPEN" SLIDING RACES: Monday, February 12th at 10 a. m. on Pilgrim Hill (in Central Park at 72nd Street).

After sledding races and an "open" sliding competition will be held. Contestants may use any sliding equipment except sleds. Races for both sledding and "open" sliding will be held in two categories: boys and girls under eight years of age; and ages 8 to 15.

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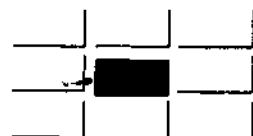
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Circle Central Park on the non-motorized vehicle of your choice in exactly 80 minutes and win The Great "Around the Park in 80 Minutes" Race on Sunday, February 18th, invited August Heckscher, Administrator of Recreation and Cultural Affairs and Commissioner of Parks.

The Race will begin at 1 P.M. at the Columbus Circle entrance to Central Park and cover the park roads which are closed weekends to motor traffic. Sponsored by United Artists, the race is inspired by the motion picture "Around the World in 80 Days."

There will be four separate categories in the race--single entrant on wheels, multiple entrant on wheels, single entrant without wheels, and multiple entrant without wheels. The winner in each category will be the person or team that makes the circuit of the Park in the time closest to 80 minutes.

"Enter on a bicycle, scooter, dog sled, rickshaw, oxcart--any contraption you can think of," Commissioner Heckscher said. The entrant on the most unusual conveyance will win a \$500 bond. The winner of each race will win a \$100 bond.

New Yorkers can compete by registering at the Columbus Circle entrance to Central Park one hour before starting time or by sending their name, address, age and type of vehicle to:

"80 Minutes" Race
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The Theater Workshop, which begins its second year this winter, offers an extensive training program in dramatic arts for New York City youngsters. Under the direction of the workshop's founder, Gordon Duffey, the 1968 program will include weekly sessions in acting, improvisation, dance, Kabuki, music theory, singing and speech.

During the winter, sessions are held in a studio at 210 West 65th Street after school hours and on weekends. In the summer, the workshop moves outdoors to the East River Amphitheater and classes and rehearsals for public performances are expanded into a full-time, five-day-a-week program. The program is under the aegis of the Office of Cultural Affairs.

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PRESS MEMORANDUM:

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BUDGET ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1968.

Mayor Lindsay, Members of the Board of Estimate and Members of
the City Council Finance Committee:

This is my first appearance before you on behalf of the
Capital Budget of the Department of Parks and of the emerging
Administration of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. The
budget before you today is a tight budget, but it is an action
budget.

This budget reflects two themes or areas of concentration
with which I have been constantly occupied since I became
Parks Commissioner and Administrator of Parks, Recreation and
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One area of concentration has been on the reorganization
of the Design and Construction Divisions so that Capital Budget
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The inauguration of this modern management system has
initially slowed us down, but today I am able to say with

confidence that in the next six months you will see concrete results. We have already cut the cycle of design and construction on jointly-operated school playgrounds in half. In the past ten years or so it took an average of three years from inception to completion of these jointly-operated playgrounds. In the coming year, we anticipate opening twenty-five jointly-operated playgrounds, a record I don't believe any previous administration has matched.

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Street trees are miniature vest pocket parks. The Parks Department has a tremendous backlog of requests for pruning and treatment of street trees. Requests for street tree pruning is the single greatest source of letters we receive. Now if we

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26th OPENING DATE FOR SALE OF GOLF LOCKERS

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Brooklyn
Litchfield Mansion
Prospect Park West and 5th St.
Prospect Park
Brooklyn, New York 11215
SO 8-2300

Richmond
Clove Lakes Park
1150 Clove Road
West New Brighton
Richmond, New York 10301
Gibralter 2-7640

Queens
The Overlook
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Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26th OPENING DATE FOR SALE OF GOLF LOCKERS

GOLFERS...the opening date for the sale of seasonal golf lockers is Monday, February 26, at 9:00 a. m. August Heckscher, Administrator of Recreation and Cultural Affairs and Commissioner of Parks, announced today that a locker can be purchased for \$10.00 plus 50¢ N. Y. C. sales tax in person or by mail at the following borough offices:

Brooklyn

Litchfield Mansion
Prospect Park West and 5th St.
Prospect Park
Brooklyn, New York 11215
SO 8-2300

Richmond

Clove Lakes Park
1150 Clove Road
West New Brighton
Richmond, New York 10301
Gibralter 2-7640

Queens

The Overlook
Union Turnpike and Park Lane
Forest Park
Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415
Llggett 4-4400

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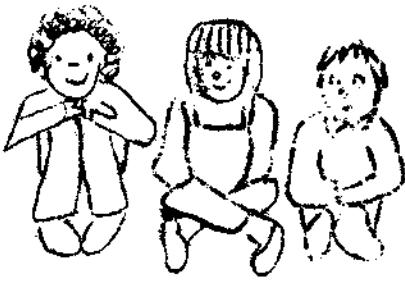
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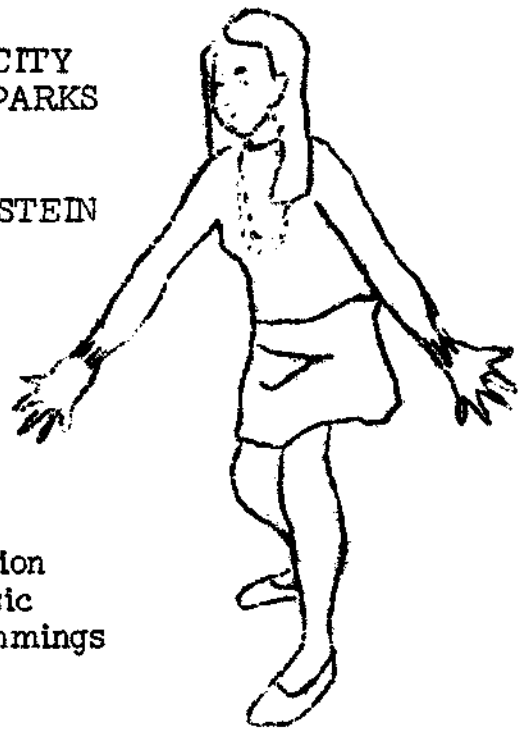
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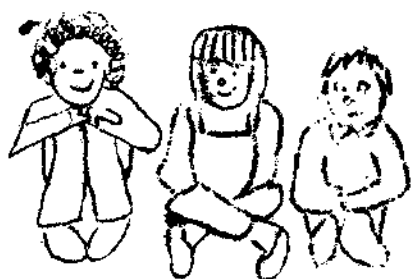
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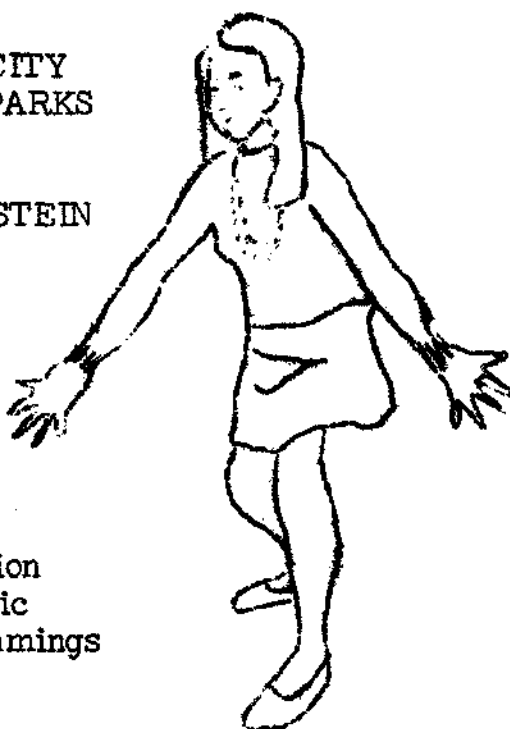
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(FACT SHEET ATTACHED)

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Acreage: 3.6 acres

Cost: \$400,000 Total cost
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Facilities: A barnyard with a barn, a sheep meadow, corn crib, a pond near the chicken and duck coops, a pony stable and a track for pony rides. The concessionaire for the pony rides will have 10 ponies. There is also a farm house where a concessionaire will operate a souvenir counter and sell light refreshments.

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COMPLETION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

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BROOKLYN

A path on Ocean Parkway from Foster Avenue to Avenue M has been rehabilitated from an outmoded bridle path to an attractive pedestrian walk, with benches at regular intervals and grass. The consulting engineers were Shumavon, Buckley and Goul and the total cost was approximately \$205,100.

MANHATTAN

\$137,300 has been spent to complete the interior alterations for the installation of a new exhibition hall of earth history on the fourth floor of the American Museum of Natural History. This is part of a three-fold program of improvement which will, when completed, include a new cafeteria and another alteration of exhibition space for the People of the Pacific.

BRONX

A triangular sitting park at D'Auria-Murphy Square, Crescent Ave., Adams Place and East 183rd Street has been rehabilitated and accepted for use as of February 6, 1968. The cost of this was \$41,530.

QUEENS

Two playgrounds have been completed and accepted for use.
(See attached fact sheets)

RICHMOND

A JO playground adjacent to JHS #7 has been completed and accepted for use. (See attached fact sheet)

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FACT SHEET ON THE PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO PS #206, QUEENS

Location: Adjacent to PS #206, north of 62nd Drive between
97th Place and 98th Street, Queens

Designer: Vollmer Associates

Size: App. 200' x 300'

Facilities: Baseball diamond, 2 basketball courts and 2
basketball standards, and 1 volleyball court.
For young children the equipment includes:
three-tier climbers; a space station; swings;
sand pit; games tables; a concrete dinosaur,
turtle and porpoise. Also included are a
sprinkler, comfort station and shade trees.

Total Estimated Cost: \$143,597

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FACT SHEET ON PLAYGROUND AT BEACH 54th STREET, NORTH OF
ALMEDA AVE., EDGEMERE PARK, QUEENS

Designer: Gustave Shirlian Consulting Engineers
George C. Green, Landscape Architect

Supervision: Schumavon, Buckley, Goul

Location: Beach Street 54th, North of Almeda Ave., Edgemere
Park, Queens

Total Estimated Cost: \$136,082

Description of Site: This is a peninsula, created by land-fill, stretching out north to Kennedy Airport. The area is flanked on the east by tennis courts and on the west by baseball fields. The south is abuted by promenades and sitting areas. All these surrounding areas were built by the Park Department in 1960.

Facilities Offered: A sports area consisting of two handball courts, a combined basketball and volleyball court and an additional two basketball courts. The care for children has a modern type sand pit, outdoor shower, play swings, three-step climber, pipe frame exercise unit, kindergarten slides and see saw. There are trees at the sitting areas and between the different units.

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FACT SHEET ON THE PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO JHS #7
RICHMOND

Location: Adjacent to JHS #7, south of Hyland Boulevard,
at Edith Avenue between Huguenot Avenue and
Irvington Street, Richmond

Size: Approximately 320' x 145'

Total Estimate Cost: \$167,013

Site Description: Across the street from a wooded area and
adjacent to the public school

Facilities: Baseball diamond, Basketball rings, shuffle-
board court, basketball and volleyball court.
For small children there is an enclosed area
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COMPLETION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

August Heckscher, Administrator of Recreation and Cultural Affairs and Commissioner of Parks, announced today the completion of the following capital projects:

BROOKLYN

A path on Ocean Parkway from Foster Avenue to Avenue M has been rehabilitated from an outmoded bridle path to an attractive pedestrian walk, with benches at regular intervals and grass. The consulting engineers were Shumavon, Buckley and Goul and the total cost was approximately \$205,100.

MANHATTAN

\$137,300 has been spent to complete the interior alterations for the installation of a new exhibition hall of earth history on the fourth floor of the American Museum of Natural History. This is part of a three-fold program of improvement which will, when completed, include a new cafeteria and another alteration of exhibition space for the People of the Pacific.

BRONX

A triangular sitting park at D'Auria-Murphy Square, Crescent Ave., Adams Place and East 183rd Street has been rehabilitated and accepted for use as of February 6, 1968. The cost of this was \$41,530.

QUEENS

Two playgrounds have been completed and accepted for use.
(See attached fact sheets)

RICHMOND

A JO playground adjacent to JHS #7 has been completed and accepted for use. (See attached fact sheet)

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FACT SHEET ON THE PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO PS #206, QUEENS

Location: Adjacent to PS #206, north of 62nd Drive between
97th Place and 98th Street, Queens

Designer: Vollmer Associates

Size: App. 200' x 300'

Facilities: Baseball diamond, 2 basketball courts and 2
basketball standards, and 1 volleyball court.
For young children the equipment includes:
three-tier climbers; a space station; swings;
sand pit; games tables; a concrete dinosaur,
turtle and porpoise. Also included are a
sprinkler, comfort station and shade trees.

Total Estimated Cost: \$143,597

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FACT SHEET ON PLAYGROUND AT BEACH 54th STREET, NORTH OF
ALMEDA AVE., EDMERE PARK, QUEENS

Designer: Gustave Shirlian Consulting Engineers
George C. Green, Landscape Architect

Supervision: Schumavon, Buckley, Goul

Location: Beach Street 54th, North of Almeda Ave., Edgemere
Park, Queens

Total Estimated Cost: \$136,082

Description of Site: This is a peninsula, created by land-fill, stretching out north to Kennedy Airport. The area is flanked on the east by tennis courts and on the west by baseball fields. The south is abuted by promenades and sitting areas. All these surrounding areas were built by the Park Department in 1960.

Facilities Offered: A sports area consisting of two handball courts, a combined basketball and volleyball court and an additional two basketball courts. The care for children has a modern type sand pit, outdoor shower, play swings, three-step climber, pipe frame exercise unit, kindergarten slides and see saw. There are trees at the sitting areas and between the different units.

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FACT SHEET ON THE PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO JHS #7
RICHMOND

Location: Adjacent to JHS #7, south of Hyland Boulevard,
at Edith Avenue between Huguenot Avenue and
Irvington Street, Richmond

Size: Approximately 320' x 145'

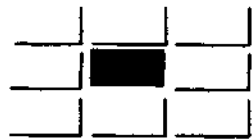
Total Estimate Cost: \$167,013

Site Description: Across the street from a wooded area and
adjacent to the public school

Facilities: Baseball diamond, Basketball rings, shuffle-
board court, basketball and volleyball court.
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In case of rain, the press conference will be held at 35 West 10th Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

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COMMISSIONER HECKSCHER INITIATES FINAL DESIGN STAGE OF
WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK RENOVATION

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"When completed, the \$897,000 renovation will represent a unique combination of community and government cooperation in planning," Commissioner Heckscher said. The design contracts for Washington Square Park contain a unique "community approval" clause, stating that all design plans are subject to the approval of a board of community representatives. This board is the Architects Committee of Community Planning Board No. 2, the local Greenwich Village board.

All plans drawn up by Kassner & Co. have been approved by the Department of Parks and this committee. A member of the Architects Committee, Robert Nichols, landscape architect, was designated to work with Kassner & Co. Mr. Nichols was then hired by Kassner as a consultant on the project.

The provision for community approval was included in the city contracts in 1964 when the Greenwich Village community vehemently objected to a design for the park that was about to be imposed by the

Parks Department. The objections were based on the fact that the Parks Department design radically changed the original basic design of the park and made it too formal.

In a series of three open community meetings held by the planning board, the community outlined 14 points which they felt must be included in the renovation in order to retain Washington Square Park's basic character. The then Mayor of New York City Robert Wagner accepted the fourteen point plan and had the community approval clause included in the city contract.

"Thanks to the persistent efforts of the community and the co-operation of the city, this 19th century landmark will continue to serve 'new' New York as it did the 'old'," said Commissioner Heckscher.

"Many, many Greenwich Village residents--too numerous to mention--have worked hard to this end," the Commissioner added, "however I must mention Tony Dapolito and Ruth Wittenberg, two planning board members, who have dedicated themselves unceasingly to this cause."

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Contract Signers: August Heckscher, New York City Commissioner of Parks and David Levine, secretary and chief architect and landscape architect of John J. Kassner & Co.

Cost: \$897,000

Location of Park: Greenwich Village from MacDougal Street to Wooster Street and from Waverly Place to West Fourth Street.

Construction Time: Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 1968. Completion is expected the following fall.

Description of Renovation: The renovation will retain the basic original design of the park, but modernize and rehabilitate it. The central fountain, a favorite gathering place, will be surrounded by a slightly depressed circular plaza. The bluestone rim of the fountain which dates from 1850, will be retained and rehabilitated. A spray of water from jets in the center of the fountain will form sculptural patterns and the whole fountain, illuminated at night. Provision has been made for the fountain's use as a children's wading pond and spray pool; and when drained it may be used as a sitting area. The design of the circular plaza allows for a possible future installation of ice skating facilities.

There are six existing secondary plazas in the park, two of which flank the central portion of the park and one at each of the park's four corners. These will be retained in their present locations.

All three park playgrounds will be reequipped and redesigned. The northeast playground will be resurfaced and renewed as a play area for young children. The southwest playground will be rebuilt into an adventure playground with one area reserved as a playfield for games. The southeast playground or "raised" playground will be a combination of informal children's play space and teenage center with a small fountain, shaded benches and tables, and a paved dance floor. Adjacent to the dance floor will be a small stage on which may be placed a demountable concert shell.

The old vehicular roadways in the park will be replaced with paved walkways and plazas. The lawn areas will be rehabilitated to eliminate low spots for improved drainage. The present comfort stations and services building will be demolished. A new comfort station will be erected with special provision for use by children; and the new service building will contain offices for park personnel, locker rooms, storage areas, toilets, showers and park maintenance facilities.

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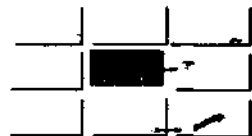
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Commissioner Heckscher today released the following statement on Shea Stadium:

"I am deeply concerned about the recent controversy caused by the proposed Jet-Giant exhibition football game. I feel it is necessary for the Park Department to clarify its position in relation to the lease with the New York Mets for the use of Shea Stadium.

I, as well as thousands of other New Yorkers, would like to see this game played. That the existing lease prohibits such pre-season football games is a fact. When this lease was signed in 1961, and approved by the Board of Estimate, it was done in the best interests of the City of New York. Both Mr. Grant, Chairman of the Board, and the New York Mets have been helpful to the City of New York in matters relating to sports and youth programs. Mr. Grant has been instrumental in the signing of an agreement between the City and Madison Square Garden that will result in a minimum of ten additional income-producing events at Shea Stadium during the coming year. This agreement, personally stimulated by Mr. Grant, will insure a minimum of \$100,000 per year of additional revenue for the City of New York, and with a potential of considerably more. The

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Brooklyn, N. Y. 11215

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QUEENS - The Overlook, Union Turnpike and Park Lane, Kew Gardens,
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RICHMOND - Clove Lakes Park, 1150 Clove Road, West New Brighton,
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Oscar, Carl and Ruby Obert, winners of seventy-six National Titles, will conduct a handball clinic on Saturday, March 16th, from 2 to 4 P.M., Commissioner Heckscher announced today. The clinic, co-sponsored by the Parks Department and Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co., will be held at the North Meadow Recreation Area, 97th Street and Transverse Road in Central Park.

Oscar and Carl Obert will play an exhibition handball game with play-by-play commentary and analysis by Ruby Obert.

The Obert brothers have won seventy-six National Titles during thirteen years of competition. They have performed all over the United States and Canada in competition and exhibitions.

The clinic is free and all are welcome.

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Mr. Christopher W. White, Director of Summer Planning and Scheduling, will moderate the discussion. The topics on the agenda will be 1) What programs are needed in Baisley Pond Park 2) How can the community help structure the summer programs, 3) How can the Parks Department Unit of Summer Planning and Scheduling help the community.

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SCHEDULE FOR FILM-ARTS PROGRAM

The schedule for the Cinemobile, a special pre-school film and arts program run by the Office of Cultural Affairs, was released today by August Heckscher, Administrator of Recreation and Cultural Affairs and Commissioner of Parks.

The Cinemobile, a school bus converted into a miniature movie theater visits 9 pre-school centers in poverty areas of the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Queens every week. Some of the films are chosen for the way in which they visually explore space, form and color, without narration. Such films are: One by One by Tourtelot, Tarantella by D'Avino, Lines Horizontal and Serenal by McLaren, Dwightiana by Menken, and Form in Motion by Pavon. Other films relate more to the children's lives and to books as, Whistle for Willie and Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats.

After the showing of the film the children discuss their reactions in small groups with trained counselors and then participate in an arts program which interweaves dance, drama, music and art.

Cinemobile is jointly sponsored by the New York City Office of Cultural Affairs and the Office of Economic Opportunity with the cooperation of the Department of Social Services and Headstart.

Schedule Attached

CINEMOBILE SCHEDULE - MARCH UNTIL JUNE

Monday	10 a. m.	Parks Department Playground, Brook Ave. and 141st Street S. E. Bronx
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SCHEDULE FOR FILM-ARTS PROGRAM

The schedule for the Cinemobile, a special pre-school film and arts program run by the Office of Cultural Affairs, was released today by August Heckscher, Administrator of Recreation and Cultural Affairs and Commissioner of Parks.

The Cinemobile, a school bus converted into a miniature movie theater visits 9 pre-school centers in poverty areas of the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Queens every week. Some of the films are chosen for the way in which they visually explore space, form and color, without narration. Such films are: One by One by Tourtelot, Tarantella by D'Avino, Lines Horizontal and Serenal by McLaren, Dwightiana by Menken, and Form in Motion by Pavon. Other films relate more to the children's lives and to books as, Whistle for Willie and Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats.

After the showing of the film the children discuss their reactions in small groups with trained counselors and then participate in an arts program which interweaves dance, drama, music and art.

Cinemobile is jointly sponsored by the New York City Office of Cultural Affairs and the Office of Economic Opportunity with the cooperation of the Department of Social Services and Headstart.

Schedule Attached

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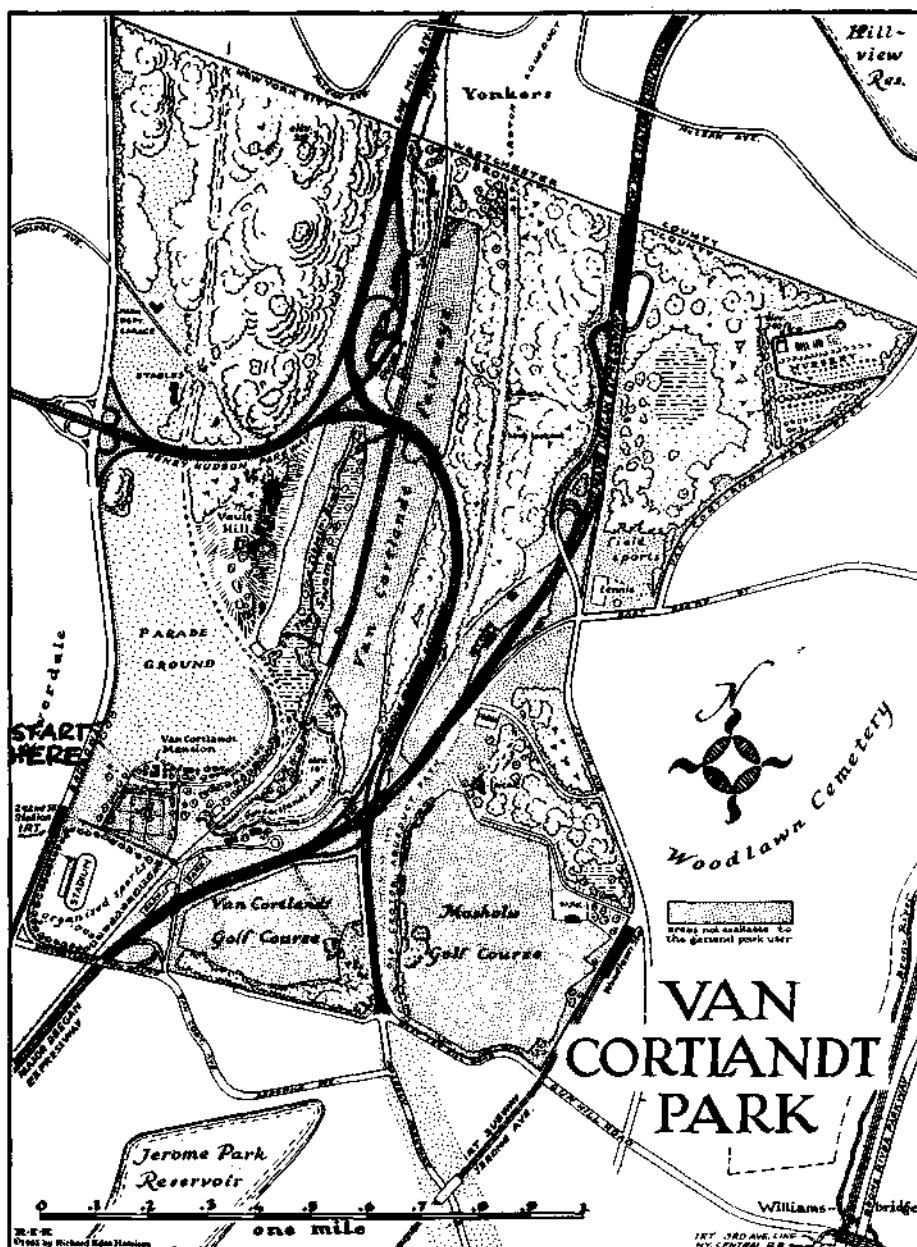
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PARKING is available.

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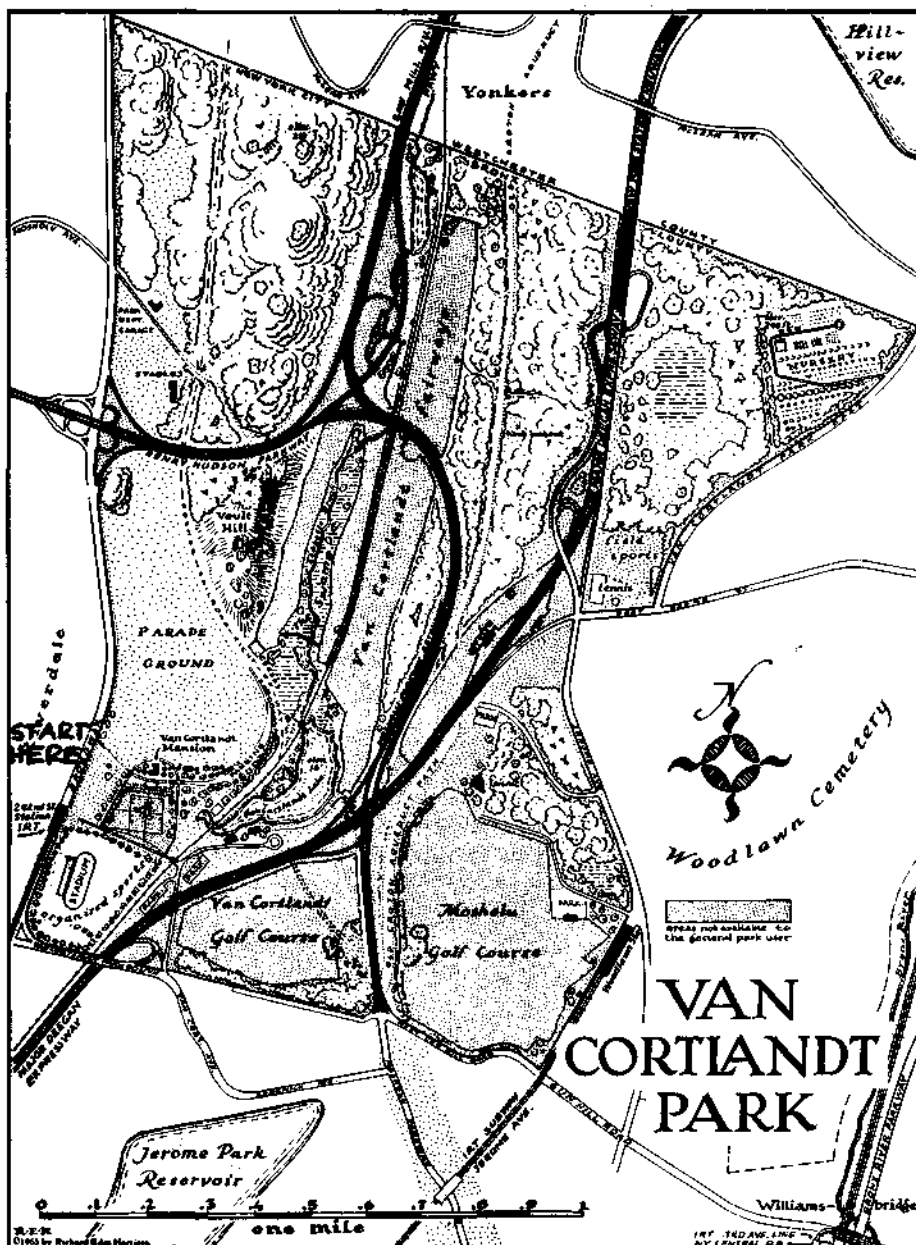
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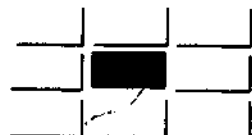
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