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JOSE THE JAGUAR ARRIVED IN CENTRAL PARK ZOO

A new male Jaguar by the name of Jose has recently arrived in the Central Park Zoo, Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today.

"The young fellow is a healthy, somewhat tame animal who outgrew the Children's Zoo in Cleveland and decided to seek his fortune in New York", said Commissioner Hoving. "His disposition alone is worth the \$750 we paid for him", said the Parks Commissioner.

The new Jaguar is 2 years old and weighs about 60 lbs.

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Wednesday, November 2, 1966
10 A. M.

Mrs. Nichols

COMMISSIONER THOMAS P.F. HOVING APPOINTS
DR. BARBARALEE D. DIAMONSTEIN SPECIAL ASSISTANT
FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today the appointment of Dr. Barbaralee D. Diamonstein as Special Assistant for Cultural Affairs. Miss Diamonstein comes to this post from The White House where she served as Executive Assistant to Professor Eric F. Goldman, Special Consultant to President Johnson.

Parks Commissioner Hoving said, "Dr. Diamonstein is uniquely qualified to assist me in handling the broad spectrum of duties in the cultural field that we will be undertaking in the forthcoming reorganization of this Department into the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Administration".

Miss Diamonstein is a native New Yorker who earned her doctorate, with honors, from New York University. She has assisted Dr. Goldman in his role as moderator of the NBC-TV program, The Open Mind. Miss Diamonstein has also taught at the University level, lectured widely, and contributed to scholarly journals and to the Saturday Review.

Miss Diamonstein will be the hostess of Commissioner Hoving's weekly WNYC-TV show, "The World of the Arts", on Thursday, November 10, at 2:30-3:00 P.M. Professor Goldman will be the guest on the show. The WNYC show will be repeated on the following Sunday evening at 9:00-9:30 P.M.

Miss Diamonstein will be available for interviews.

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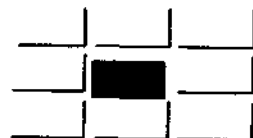
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They may also do landscapes or representations of people,
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1966
10:15 A.M.

HOVING ANNOUNCES "SCHOOLYARD OF THE FUTURE"
AND TOP ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENTS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving unveiled a model of "the schoolyard of the future" at a press conference at The Arsenal today. Designed by architect Richard Stein, the new playground will be installed at P.S. 55 in the Annadale section of Staten Island.

Commissioner Hoving said that "The new design is a radical change from the chain link fenced plot of asphalt this Department has traditionally provided for jointly-operated school playgrounds. The unique features of this new playground", said Commissioner Hoving, "are that it retains the ancient oak trees on the site, that it provides a number of different levels that break up the visual monotony and provide for a variety of activities and, last but perhaps most important, it demonstrates that good design need not cost more." Commissioner Hoving noted that the new design cost approximately \$100,000 less than an original Board of Education plan that would have destroyed the old oak trees and installed a huge retaining wall around the playground.

Another design for a new park at Rochdale Village in Queens, also by Richard Stein, was shown at the press conference. Commissioner Hoving said that "The intention of the design is to provide a social link between the housing project and the residents of the neighborhood." The Rochdale Village park is designed so that it opens both toward the middle income project of some 6,000 residents and toward the community. Commissioner Hoving also pointed out that "The architect has created a terrain with mountains, valleys and plateaus on a flat site so that major use zones are delineated." Some of the active sports that the Rochdale playground will

encompass are football, soccer and baseball. There is another section for roller skating and softball.

Commissioner Hoving also announced the appointment of two top architectural aides: Arthur Rosenblatt, A.I.A., as Director of Park Design; and Charles E. Thomsen, A.I.A., as Assistant Director of Park Design.

(Biographies of the two architects are available.) Commissioner Hoving said, "Mr. Rosenblatt has been working here in the Department since January, 1966, on a foundation grant from Urban America, Inc., as my Design Consultant because there had been no provision for an architect on the top level of the Department of Parks' staff. In this position, he has been responsible for the selection of architects for Park Department projects and for the overall guidance of the Department's design program. He will continue in this capacity as a City employee."

Commissioner Hoving announced that "Mr. Thomsen's duties include coordination of the Park Department's vest-pocket park program and administering the \$450,000 Federal grant for the development of portable parks."

"As new design projects, such as these announced today come forth," said Commissioner Hoving, "they will more than justify the need for architects of this caliber at the top level of government."

The P.S. 55 playground in Staten Island is located west of Preston Avenue between Osborne Avenue and Koch Boulevard. It had been budgeted at \$300,000 but costs have now been reduced by the new design to \$200,000. The playground facilities will include an amphitheatre seating 500; a games area which provides for skelly, hop scotch, shuffleboard and basketball; and a group of concrete sculptures by Costantino Nivola.

The Rochdale Village Park is located at New York Boulevard and 139th Avenue. The total estimated cost is \$584,200.

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The winner and runner-up from each of the 55 playgrounds at which local contests were held, will compete for the City-wide Championships. Prizes of trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place winners.

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The Parks Department has asked a team of astronomers from the Hayden Planetarium to be on hand to tell the assembled star-gazers, via a public address system, what is happening. Dr. Thomas D. Nicholson, Chairman of the Hayden Planetarium, will be in charge of the lectures. He will be assisted by Dr. Franklin M. Branley, Dr. Kenneth L. Franklin, and Dr. Martin Steinbaum. The lecturers will be assisted by electric beam pointers which shine 300 feet up into the air and will be used to point out the various star formations. Commissioner Hoving suggested that parents put their children to bed early and then wake them close to midnight and bring them to Central Park "because the magnificence of this shower of stars may not repeat itself for another 133 years". The Parks Commissioner also urged parents to bring warm blankets and thermos jugs of hot chocolate or coffee.

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Sunset Park, 7th Avenue and 43rd Street - Thursdays from 7 to 9 P.M.

This program is sponsored by the Chess for Youth Committee, of the American Chess Foundation, whose chairman is Mr. Milton F. Goldstein. This organization has sponsored other park chess events in the past.

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Among the participants will be the Lehigh Wheelman of Allentown, Pennsylvania, the Nassau Wheelman Association of Westbury, New York, and the Century Road Club Association, New York Division.

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The meet will feature 12 Park Department skating events for boys and girls from 6 to 17 years of age. A special feature of the meet will be a 10 mile Middle Atlantic Speed Skating Race for men and a 3 mile race for women. These races are sponsored by the Brooklyn Speed Skating Association. Many well known speed skaters have filed their entries for these races, among them Joe Lanigan, former Olympic winner and winner of the 10 mile race for the past two years.

The "Free Skating" session at the Rink will not be held on this day.

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Tuesday, November 22, 1966, 7:30 P.M.

FACT SHEET ON NEW BEDFORD-STUYVESANT SWIMMING-RECREATION COMPLEX

LOCATION: Kosciusko Street and Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn

COST: \$1,900,000.00

Statement by Architect, Morris Lapidus, A.I.A. - "When Commissioner Thomas Hoving asked our firm to undertake the design of a swimming pool complex for a block in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn, we not only accepted with pleasure and anticipation, but we knew in advance that this would be an exciting architectural venture. Although the project is called a swimming pool, it is, in fact, a neighborhood park, providing full community facilities for young and old alike; facilities not only for swimming during the hot summer months but a large recreation area that may be, and should be, used twelve months a year. To design such a complex was not only a challenge but an opportunity to combine the lessons learned from designing resorts for all kinds of people in many parts of the world, as well as the design of many large housing and community complexes scattered along the Eastern seaboard.

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Tuesday, November 22, 1966, 7:30 P.M.

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New York City's ice-skaters will get a treat for the holiday season as the long-awaited Loula D. Lasker Memorial Swimming Pool-Ice Skating Rink opens on Wednesday, December 21st. Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving and Mayor John V. Lindsay will take part in the dedication ceremonies at 2:00 P.M.

Upon completion of the brief formal program, exhibition skaters from the Park Figure Skating Club will put on a show on ice.

The rink will be open to the public for the rest of the day and evening after the dedication ceremonies are concluded at approximately 4 P.M. Regular ice skating sessions will be in operation but there will be no charge for admission on December 21st. (A schedule of skating sessions is attached.)

William Rosensohn, a nephew of the late Loula D. Lasker, will make a presentation of the gift on behalf of the Lasker family and Philip W. Haberman, Jr., an executor of the Estate of Loula D. Lasker, will take part in the ceremonies. The Lasker Family gift of \$600,000 was supplemented by over \$2 million of City funds to create this dual purpose facility. The ice-skating rink converts to a swimming pool in the summer time, providing for year-round recreational use.

Manhattan Borough President Percy E. Sutton will also speak at the dedication ceremonies.

The Loula D. Lasker Memorial Rink and Pool was scheduled to open in February, 1966, but a serious flood caused extensive damage to the freezing equipment. Parks Department and construction personnel have been working around the clock in recent months to get the rink open prior to the holiday season.

Designers of the Lasker Rink and Pool were Fordyce & Hamby, Architects, of 717 Fifth Avenue.

A map of the site is attached.

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LOULA D. LASKER MEMORIAL RINKCENTRAL PARK, MANHATTANICE SKATING SCHEDULE

	<u>10 a. m. - 1 p. m.</u>	<u>2:30 p. m. - 5:30 p. m.</u>	<u>8:30 p. m. - 11 p. m.</u>
Mon thru Fri.	* Child - 50¢	Child - 25¢	Child - 50¢
	* Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢
Weekends and Holidays	* Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢
	* Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢

SPECIAL SCHEDULESSPEED SKATING

Tues., Thurs. and Sat.	6:30 p. m. - 7:00 p. m.	Child - 50¢
		Adult - 50¢

FIGURE & DANCE SKATING

Mon., Wed., & Fri.	6:30 - 8:30 p. m.	** Child - \$1.00
Sundays	9:00 a. m. - 10:00 a. m.	** Adult - \$1.00

* Free period for children 14 years and under from 10 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturdays, Holidays and school vacation. No adults admitted on ice.

** With privilege to stay over for following session.

ICE SHOE SKATE RENTALS AVAILABLE

DAILY COIN-OPERATED LOCKERS AVAILABLE FOR EACH SESSION.

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UPON RECEIPT

Thomas P. F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks and Bernard B. Zients, Executive Head of Gimbels New York will join together at Gimbels to officially open a Theater Workshop for all school children in the City of New York on Wednesday, December 28, 1966 at 10 a. m., 6th Floor Auditorium.

This pilot project under the joint sponsorship of the New York City Parks and Gimbels New York is designed to encourage the establishment of quality theater by and for children in the five boroughs of New York and is completely free of charge.

The Workshop, under the direction of Gordon Duffey of the Parks Department will present two full length plays this season. The plays produced will be one musical play and two short operas for children. One play is an original musical "Asterisk on the Moon" (book and lyrics by Gordon Duffey, music by Edward Mannato). This play will be for younger children. There will also be performances of two short operas for older children, "He Who Says Yes" and "He Who Says No" (librettos by Bertholt Brecht, music by Kurt Weill).

In addition, weekly sessions in creative drama, jazz forms and movement, singing and acrobatics for the stage will be held for all children who register for participation in the Workshop.

Registration for participation in the Gimbels-Parks Department

Theater Workshop will take place in Gimbels 6th Floor Auditorium beginning

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December 28th through December 31st, 1966 - between the hours of 10 to 12 noon and from 4 to 6 p. m. Any school child in New York (from grades 1 through 12) may register for the Workshop and audition for one of the two productions.

Mr. Hoving stated that "the New York City Parks Department is delighted to participate with Gimbels in bringing creative, educational drama to the children of New York." He went on to say "that although the Parks Department has long been involved in bringing theater closer to youngsters, this is the first time they have found a "winter park" in which to carry on their activities during the Winter Season."

Actual workshops and play rehearsals will be held in the Auditorium at Gimbels New York until the end of May, 1967. During the summer, the Workshop will take its activities to parks and playgrounds in the five boroughs.

Mr. Zients of Gimbels stated that "this unique program is part of Gimbels' overall effort to encourage young people to participate more fully in the arts and thereby gives Gimbels the chance to provide the means and facilities to increase such participation."

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UPON RECEIPT

NIGHT SKIING NEW FEATURE AT VAN CORTLANDT PARK SKI SLOPE

The Van Cortlandt Park ski slope will be illuminated for night skiing until 11:00 P. M. , said Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving, announcing the opening of the official ski season at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, on Friday, December 23rd.

Started as an experiment last year, night skiing proved so successful that it has been incorporated into the regular schedule of the Van Cortlandt Park Ski Area's fifth season. "It enables thousands of New Yorkers to leave their offices and be on the slopes in less than an hour," said Art Peterson, director of the ski area.

The ski area will be open from noon to 6 P. M. on weekdays (Wednesdays and Fridays until 11 P. M.) and from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and during the Christmas week. General admission, including the use of tows, is \$4.40 for adults and \$2.40 for juniors 12 years of age and under. After 3 P. M. daily, there is a discount of \$1.00 on the general admission price.

Several major improvements have been made in the Van Cortlandt Park Ski Area which accomodates 500 to 1000 skiers. A new beginner's area has been developed with provisions for full instruction and the ski school staff, which offers group and private instruction at regular times during the day, has been expanded. Four electrically powered rope tows have been repositioned to enlarge the skiing hills.

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In addition, free shuttle transportation from the subway and the Van Cortlandt Park parking lot to the slopes has been provided for skiers. A snack bar at the base lodge and a grandstand area for spectators is available.

Citing the Van Cortlandt Park Ski Area as a place where people can be safely introduced to skiing, Mr. Peterson added, "We're not in competition with Vermont or New Hampshire. Our function is one of preparation -- breaking in new equipment, practicing, or just plain learning how to ski slowly and in safety.

A special ski package that includes admission, tows, rental of equipment and one hour of instruction is being offered to Van Cortlandt Park skiers for \$8.40 for adults, \$6.40 for juniors under 12 years of age.

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LITCHFIELD MANSION, Prospect Park West and Fifth Street,
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"Fontana Mix-Feed", not "Auld Lang Syne", will usher in the New Year on Central Park's Mall, Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announced today. Commissioner Hoving invites New Yorkers to a midnight performance of a John Cage-Max Neuhaus musical "happening" on New Year's Eve.

The New Year's Eve musical event will be organized by Phyllis Yampolsky, the Parks Department's artist-in-residence and creator of a series of highly successful summertime "happenings" for the Department. Max Neuhaus, a young musician, will conduct the performance on a series of microphones, speakers and amplifiers which cause a feedback effect and which can best be described as "the sound of sound".

Hot toddy, hot wine punch, coffee, cocoa, frankfurters and bratwurst sandwiches will be sold at the refreshment kiosk at Bethesda Terrace from 11:30 P.M. New Year's Eve until 1:30 A.M. Bethesda Terrace is directly across and down the steps from the 72nd Street Road at the north end of the Central Park Mall.

A separately organized event featuring a mixed-media helicopter lighting up the skies will take place over the Mall after midnight. The "Hovering" was organized by a group of pioneer happening artists--Allan Kaprow, Claes Oldenburg, Gerd Stern and Ken Dewey--as a tribute to Commissioner Hoving.

For information on the "Hovering", call John Brockman Associates, 874-1007.

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To lure the ladies from their winter hibernation, the Department of Parks has provided private dressing quarters and mirrors for women at all indoor pools in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx. Curtained cubicles and mirrors for checking hair-dos and makeup have been installed at the following pools:

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	East 23rd Street Pool Asser Levy Place	MU 5-1026
	East 54th Street Pool 342 East 54th Street	PL 8-3147
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PARK DEPARTMENT EXPANDS GOLDEN AGE

DANCE PROGRAM

Golden age swingers, 55 years of age and over, can now "swing their partners" every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. at the Brownsville Recreation Center, 1555 Linden Boulevard in Brooklyn, announced Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

The Brownsville dance program, conducted by Joe and Alice Nash, Parks Department dance specialists, is an extension of the popular Golden Age Folk and Square Dance sessions currently under way on Monday afternoons at the same time in the Owen Dolen Golden Age Center in the Bronx, and on Friday afternoons, at the J. Hood Wright Golden Age Center in Manhattan.

The program will culminate in a citywide gala Golden Age Dance Festival to be held on May 22, 1967.

For further information, please call the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks, at REgent 4-1000.

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ATTENTION: NEWS, PICTURE AND FEATURE EDITORS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving and former Olympic gymnast Muriel Davis Grossfeld will officially inaugurate the first Parks Department physical fitness program for teen-age girls at the Brownsville Recreation Center in Brooklyn on Thursday, January 12th at 3:30 P. M. Miss Grossfeld will give a lecture-demonstration to girls 13 to 18, the age span which is eligible for the program.

Miss Grossfeld is Teen-Age Consultant to the Campbell Soup Company and author of a 28-page booklet outlining Campbell's nation-wide "Club-15" teen-age physical fitness program. The booklet, which gives common sense advice on nutrition and exercise will be distributed at each of the Parks Department's five recreation centers where the physical fitness program will be held.

The Club-15 program will be held at the following locations:

- Brooklyn-Brownsville Recreation Center, Linden Blvd. and Christopher Avenue, starting Dec. 15, 1966
Thursdays and Saturdays 3:30 - 5:00 P. M.
- Manhattan-Baruch Recreation Center, Rivington Street and Baruch Place, started Dec. 1, 1966
Thursdays 4:00 P. M., Saturdays 11:00 A. M.
- Queens- Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Blvd., Rego Park, starting January 5, 1967
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- Richmond-Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, started December 10, 1966
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Tuesdays and Saturdays 3:30 P. M.
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Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30 P. M.

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THOMAS P. F. HOVING
COMMISSIONER

Tel. REgent 4-1000

For Release - Upon Receipt

Thomas P. F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, will be host to the members and guests of the Pan Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association of the United States of America, Inc. for a bus tour of the city's new vest pocket parks and playgrounds, on Tuesday, October 4th. The group will assemble at Commissioner Hoving's office in the Arsenal at Central Park at 10:30 A. M.

The playground tour is the first of a series planned by the Association for the coming season. The series is designed to acquaint women from Asia and the Pacific, many of whom are wives of United Nations diplomats, with New York's various cultural, civic and health programs.

PPSEAWA is a non-government, non-profit, international organization composed of 24 member associations. The New York Chapter maintains a center at 880 Lexington Avenue.

PRESS COVERAGE IS INVITED.

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THOMAS P. F. HOVING
COMMISSIONER

REgent 4-1000

For Release
Thursday, September 29, 1966

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announces that the Richard Morris Hunt Monument, located on Fifth Avenue at 71 Street, Central Park will be re-dedicated with ceremonies on Saturday, October 1, 1966 at 11:00 A. M.

The Richard Morris Hunt monument is a semi-circular granite entablature supported on a high base by eight square pillars and four Ionic columns. The latter stand on a projection which serves as a back to a low seat. In the center two pilasters support a projection of the entablature. In front of the screen between them is a simple pedestal, on which stands a bronze bust of Richard Morris Hunt. On a lower pedestal against each end of the structure, stand two female figures heroic size, representing painting and sculpture and architecture, in simple classic costumes. The one at the left holds palette and brushes in the left hand, and in the right a hammer. The right figure holds a model of a building.

Erected in 1898 by the Art Societies of New York in recognition of his services to the cause of art in America, climatic conditions, air borne pollutants, and vandalism necessitated the rehabilitation of this work of art.

The figures were completely and expertly repaired and repatinated to original pompeian green, then reset on pedestals. Many granite blocks of the structure were reset to true alignment and all jointing was raked and repainted. Granite throughout was acid washed and the marble tile esplanade was repaired.

All of the rehabilitation was done by the Park Department personnel under the supervision of Walter Beretta, Monument Artisan.

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Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today that he would take part in the dedication ceremonies for a new vest pocket park in the Inwood area of Manhattan. The dedication will be held on Thursday, September 29, 1966 at 4 P.M.

The vest pocket park, built by the New York Telephone Company on their own land, is located on Sherman Avenue and Arden Street.

The Telephone Company's vest pocket park was developed in cooperation with the Bureau of Vest Pocket Parks in the Department of Parks. The Parks Department coordinator of the Vest Pocket Park Program is Charles E. Thomsen, A.I.A.

Press coverage is invited.

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THOMAS P.F. HOVING, COMMISSIONER

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Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will be the host for Channel 31's weekly series, "World of the Arts," which will be aired live on Thursday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:00 P.M., September 29th through October 20th. Repeats will run on Sundays from 9:00 to 9:30 P.M.

Commissioner Hoving's first guest will be Henry Geldzahler, Associate Curator of American Paintings and Sculpture at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The guests in subsequent programs will be Henry Fisher, Curator of Egyptian Art in the Metropolitan, and Philip Johnson, the prominent architect.

Commissioner Hoving stated: "The format of the show is not designed to bring out cultural generalities, but rather to emphasize the professionalism inherent in those who most influence the art field of today."

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For Release - Upon Receipt

Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, announces that a Sports Festival, sponsored by Buy-Rite Discount Stores, Inc. will take place at the Park Department Playground located at Ralph Avenue and Madison Street in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. This special activity will start at 10:00 a. m. on Saturday, October 1st. In case of rain the Sports Festival will be held over to the following Saturday.

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Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving
announced today that the Sports Festival, which was
postponed from October 1st, will be held on Saturday,
October 8th.

The Sports Festival is being sponsored by
Buy-Rite Discount Stores, which will also donate the
prizes.

The Sports Festival will be held on Madison
Street in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn. Madison
Street is a super-block which will accommodate among other
things an 888-yard relay race. There will be potato races,
standing broad jumps and races for the small children.

Starting time is 10 A.M.

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UPON RECEIPT

PARK DANCE PROGRAM MOVES INDOORS

Following a highly successful summer season outdoors, the Department of Parks' popular programs of square, round and folk dances soon will move indoors at various recreation centers in the City, it was announced today by Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving.

The department's famed dance specialists, Joe and Alice Nash, will supervise the delightful dancing events which can be enjoyed by New Yorkers free of charge. A specific schedule has been arranged whereby the dance programs will be featured on a regular weekly basis at the following indoor facilities on the dates indicated:

SQUARE AND FOLK DANCING - Every Thursday night, starting October 20, 1966 through June 15, 1967 from 8:00 to 10:30 P.M., at Lost Battalion Hall Recreation Center, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park, Queens.

SPECIAL DANCE PROGRAMS - For senior citizens, Friday afternoons, from October 21, 1966 to May 5, 1967, 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at Jay Hood Wright Golden Age Center, 173rd St. and Ft. Washington Avenue, Manhattan.

SPECIAL DANCE PROGRAMS - Also for senior citizens every Monday afternoon, beginning October 17, 1966 through June 12, 1967 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Owen Dolen Golden Age Center, East Tremont Ave. and Westchester Square, Bronx.

ROUND DANCING - Every Thursday night, starting October 18, 1966 through June 6, 1967 from 8:00 to 10:30 P.M. at the Mullaly Recreation Center, 164th St. and Jerome Ave., Bronx, near Yankee Stadium.

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UPON RECEIPT

The groundbreaking ceremony for New York City's first "adventure playground" will take place on Tuesday, October 11th, at 3:30 P.M. in the West 67th Street playground in Central Park, Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today.

Hosts for the groundbreaking ceremonies will be a citizen's group, the Committee for a Creative Playground in the Lincoln Square Community. Participants in the ceremonies will be Mrs. Leonard Lauder of the Estee and Joseph Lauder Foundation, which is financing the \$81,000 reconstruction of the West 67th Street Playground; the architect for the new playground, Richard Dattner; State Senator Jerome L. Wilson, founding President of the Council for Parks and Playgrounds; Assemblyman Jerome Kretchmer; the Hon. Edward I. Koch, Chairman of the Committee to Keep New York City Habitable; Mr. Maurice Taylor, President of the Lincoln Square Community Council; Mrs. Regina Gilbert, Director of Stephen Wise Nursery School; City Planning Commissioner Elinor Guggenheimer; Mrs. Margo Waltuch, Director of Shearith Israel Nursery School; Rev. Dr. Louis Gerstein of Shearith Israel Congregation; Mrs. Jules Mayer, President of the Board of the Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center; Mr. Carlos Morales, Executive Director of the Lincoln Square

Neighborhood Center; Mrs. Ann Bittenweiser, President of the Council for Parks and Playgrounds; Mrs. R. Peter Straus and Parks Commissioner Hoving.

Mrs. Fred Beckhardt, President of the Committee for a Creative Playground in the Lincoln Square Community, will officiate at the ceremonies.

The citizens' committee is committed to raising \$18,000 to ensure the services of a supervisor for the playground for three years.

At the ceremonies, Commissioner Hoving will urge public participation in the Committee for a Creative Playground's fund raising drive.

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For information from the Committee for a
Creative Playground: SU-7-6589



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ATTENTION: NEWS, FEATURE AND PICTURE EDITORS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving will hold a press conference at The Arsenal on Thursday, October 13th, at 10:00 a. m. to announce a coming Fall event, an important staff appointment and several other items of public interest.

The Arsenal is located at 64th Street and Fifth Avenue in Central Park. The press conference will take place on the third floor.

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Arsenal, Central Park

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Wednesday, October 12, 1966

The Wollman Memorial Skating Rink in Central Park, Manhattan, and the Kate Wollman Memorial Rink in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, will be reopened for ice skating starting Saturday, October 15, 1966 at 10 A.M., it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

On opening day there will be the usual free session for children 14 years of age and under from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon (no adults will be admitted to this session). The other sessions will be from 2:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. and from 8:30 P.M. to 11 P.M. Both adults and children will be admitted at weekend prices at these sessions.

The Wollman Memorial Rink is located in Central Park at 63rd Street, west of the Central Park Zoo and north of the 59th Street Lake, and dressing rooms, a food concession and incidental facilities are provided.

The Kate Wollman Memorial Rink in Prospect Park is located on the north shore of Prospect Park Lake near Ocean Avenue and may be reached from either the Lincoln Road or Parkside Avenue entrances. Dressing rooms, a food concession and incidental facilities are also available. There is also a parking field adjacent to the rink, free of charge. Special carnival and holiday events will be arranged for both rinks. These events will be announced at a future date.

The attached schedules of sessions and rates for each skating rink will be in effect.

Attachments

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WOLLMAN SKATING RINK

IN CENTRAL PARK, MANHATTAN

ICE SKATING SCHEDULE

	<u>10 a. m. - 1 p. m.</u>	<u>2:30 p. m. - 5:30 p. m.</u>	<u>8:30 p. m. - 11 p. m.</u>
Mon. thru Fri.	*Child - 50¢ *Adult - 50¢	Child - 25¢ Adult - 50¢	Child - 50¢ Adult - 50¢
Weekends & Holidays	*Child - 50¢ *Adult - 75¢	Child - 50¢ Adult - 75¢	Child - 50¢ Adult - 75¢

SPECIAL SCHEDULES

SPEED SKATING:

Mon. Wed. Fri	6:00 p. m. - 7:00 p. m.	Child - 50¢ Adult - 50¢
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Figure & Dance Skating:

Tues., Thurs.	6:30 p. m. - 8:30 p. m.)	** Child - \$1.00
)	
Sat.	7:30 p. m. - 8:30 p. m.)	**Adult - \$1.00
)	
Sun.	9:00 a. m. - 10:00 a. m.)	

* Free period for children from 10:00 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturdays, Holidays, and school vacation. No adults admitted on the ice.

** With privilege to stay over for following session.

Shoe Ice Skate Rentals available.

1966-1967

KATE WOLLMAN MEMORIAL RINK
IN PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN

ICE SKATING SCHEDULE

	<u>10 a. m. - 1 p. m.</u>	<u>2:30 p. m. - 5:30 p. m.</u>	<u>8:30 p. m. - 11 p. m.</u>
Mon. Thru Fri.	*Child - 50¢	Child - 25¢	Child - 50¢
	*Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢
Weekends & Holidays	*Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢
	*Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢

SPECIAL SCHEDULES

SPEED SKATING:

Tues. & Sun.	6:00 - 7:00 p. m.	(Child - 50¢ ((Adult - 50¢
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FIGURE & DANCE SKATING:

Mon. Wed. & Fri.	6:30 - 8:30 p. m.	(**Child - \$1.00 (
Sundays	9:00 - 10:00 a. m.	(** Adult - \$1.00

* Free period for children from 10 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturdays, Holidays, and school vacation. No adults admitted on ice.

** With privilege to stay over for following session.

Ice Shoe Skate Rentals available.

Daily Coin-Operated Lockers available for each session.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1966-10 A.M.

COMMISSIONER HOVING ANNOUNCES OKTOBERFEST

Surrounded by Zum Zum and Lowenbrau girls and the aroma of hot German sausages, Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today the details of a forthcoming Oktoberfest in Bryant Park. The Oktoberfest will take place on Thursday, October 20th and Friday, October 21st between 11 A.M. and 7 P.M.

"Meine Damen und Herren: Es freut mich sehr, Sie alle hier zu sehen," said Commissioner Hoving. "Ein Oktoberfest in Muenchen ist herrlich, aber hier sollte es noch besser werden," Commissioner Hoving declared. "Mein Deutsch reicht leider nur um ein paar Worte zu sprechen. Viel Spass, und hoch sollen Sie leben!" (Translation: "Ladies and Gentlemen: I am very happy to see you here. An Oktoberfest in Munich is fun, but it should be even better here. My German unfortunately suffices for only a few words. Have fun, and three cheers!")

Commissioner Hoving said that his administration "is going all out to encourage nationality festivals of all kinds in the parks because this is one of the greatest forms of recreation--having a good time and watching others have a good time". "At the two-day festival," Commissioner Hoving said, "there will be public dancing and dancing by groups such as the United Bavarian Society; which is asking all its constituent 'Schuplattler' groups to participate. Commissioner Hoving said that the food served at the press conference at the Arsenal today--wienerbrot, bratwurst and several other wursts and beer--will also be served at the Oktoberfest at low prices. Zum Zum is providing the sausages and Lowenbrau the beer. In addition, Lowenbrau is providing a band. Another band, Julius and his Platzl Boys, will be supplied by M. Hohner, Inc., a famous German music company. The event will be held on the lawn area of Bryant Park. Part of the festivities will be held inside a giant air structure which was donated by Air-Tech Industries.

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FOR INFORMATION ON PARKS DEPARTMENT EVENTS, PLEASE CALL
755-4100.

For information:
Mary Perot Nichols
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1966

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today the appointment of Daniel S. Garvey to the post of Director of Engineering and Construction in the Department of Parks. Mr. Garvey, a Professional Engineer, comes to the Department of Parks from the Bureau of the Budget where he directed the preparation of the Executive Capital Budget.

Commissioner Hoving said that "this administration is fortunate in being able to secure the services of a dedicated professional in government, one who is familiar with all the snags and snafus of bureaucracy, and because of this will be able to help us to expedite our capital projects".

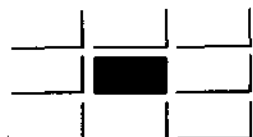
The Parks Commissioner noted that Mr. Garvey "has had ten years of experience in New York City's government, six of which have been devoted to the Executive Capital Budget, which includes all parks construction and rehabilitation projects".

Mr. Garvey's salary will be \$22,000 a year.

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UPON RECEIPT

TILLSTROM GIFT TO MARIONETTE THEATRE

Burr Tillstrom of "Kukla, Fran and Ollie" fame has donated his portable stage, built for concert performances and touring shows, to the Department of Parks Marionette Theatre, it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving.

The portable stage, valued at \$3,000, has three openings, with velvet drapes and elaborate baroque-style proscenium flats. Parks Department Marionette Theatre Director Rod Young plans to set it up this Spring on the lawn of the Swedish Cottage in Central Park for the presentation of hand puppet Punch and Judy shows.

"It's a wonderful gift," said Mr. Young, new director of the Marionette Theatre which has been in operation for the past twenty seven years. "We've never used hand or rod puppets before and they can be very exciting."

The Marionette Theatre is hard at work on its new production of "Beauty and the Beast" which will open in the schools during the first week of December.

Free open house sessions, being held this month for New Yorkers interested in learning about marionette construction and operation, have been completely booked up, reports Mr. Young, so more are planned for this coming Spring. Reservations must be made by calling Mr. Young at YU 8-9093.

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Upon Receipt

Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks announces that an a' Blo Go contest for boys and girls 13 years of age and under will be conducted in 55 park playgrounds on Saturday, October 22, at 11:00 A.M.

The a' Blo Go is a new toy with which children can test their perception and skill at keeping a plastic foam ball going around in an arrangement of tubes faintly resembling a French horn.

A practice period at each of the 55 playgrounds will will run through Friday, October 21, so that children may become familiar with the a' Blo Go toy.

The contest is sponsored by the Jefcor Industries who have contributed the equipment for the competition and the prizes which will be awarded to the winners. Each participant will be provided with an individual hygienic mouthpiece .

The winner and runner-up from each playground will be eligible to compete in the City Championships to be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 12 at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park, Queens.

Children who wish to participate may register for the contest with the Recreation Director at their neighborhood park playground.

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UPON RECEIPT

Dial 755-4100 if you want to know where the action is in New York City's parks! Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving today announced the new Department of Parks telephone number which the public may call for information on park events.

Callers dialing 755-4100 will be connected with a 90-second tape recording, giving the highlights of happenings in New York City's parks. This service will be in operation around the clock, seven days a week.

Commissioner Hoving said that increased public interest in parks had necessitated the additional line which can respond to ten callers simultaneously. "Our switchboard has been so overloaded by inquiries," stated the Commissioner, "that there have been times when we couldn't make or receive other calls."

The Parks Department telephone tape will carry not only up-to-date daily information, but will also keep New Yorkers informed of future park events of general public interest.

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**FOR INFORMATION ON PARKS DEPARTMENT EVENTS, PLEASE
CALL 755-4100**



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UPON RECEIPT

Thomas P. F. Hoving Commissioner of Parks
announces that New York City's Annual Outdoor
Chrysanthemum Display is now in bloom with over
1,000,000 blossoms on view in four park areas -

Central Park Conservatory Garden
105th Street and Fifth Avenue

The Plaza at 59th Street and Fifth Avenue

Bryant Park - 42nd Street and Avenue of the Americas.

Bowling Green at Broadway and Whitehall Street.

Planted solidly in beds, the flowers range in color
from white through pale yellow - to pink to brilliant red,
and the plants range in size from dwarf varieties to more
than three feet high and three feet in spread.

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Parks Commissioner Hoving announces "Build-Your-Own-Castle-
and _____*In-It-Day" in Central Park on October 23, 1966. *The
activities that take place in the Castle environment will depend
on the public's imagination.

The Events-In-Open-Air festival will begin at 11 A.M. near
the Delacorte Theatre and will end at 3:30 P.M. with a picnic
in red, brown, orange and gold. The public is invited to bring
an autumn lunch.

This will be the sixth in the EIOA series of outdoor public
games which evolved from the historic "Painting Happening" of
last May. Art materials, plastics, fabrics, hay, wood and tools
have been donated and will be assembled according to public
whimsy to create four environments. Much of the fabric will be
used for on-the-spot costuming for those who wish to dance or
join the bread parade.

"What we have been developing all summer in various neighbor-
hoods around the City is a method of allowing individual
spontaneity, creativity and game playing", said Commissioner Hoving.
Artists, sculptors, musicians and dancers have volunteered to be
catalysts among the participants. Featured performers will be the
Dini Zulu troupe of African dancers.

The Belvedere Castle will be converted into a fun house, an
enormous balloon sculpture will float in the Belvedere Lake, and
the castle building will take place under the stands of the
Delacorte Theatre. There will be slides, music, public dancing and
an exhibition of paintings created by children and adults from all
over the City.

The festival is conceived by Miss Phyllis Yampolsky, a proponent
of public art. In case of rain, EIOA will be postponed until the
following Sunday at the same time.

SPONSORS

Elm Coated Fabrics - Vinyl
Krakus Hams
N. Y. C. Marionette Theater
Air-Chem - Smells
Magic Marker Inc.
Union Carbide - Vinyl
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Dow Chemicals - Styro Foam
Styro Sales - Styro Foam
Stauffer Chemical Co. - Vinyl
Oxhall Tool Co. - Hammers and Saws
A. J. Trucco - Nuts
Fablok Mills Inc. - Nettings
Astrup Co. - Muslin
Magid- Robinson Co. - Vinyl
Serge Boutourline - Slide Show and Technical Advisor
Switzerland Swiss Cheese
Dessart Bros., Inc. - Masks
New York Commodities Corp. - Ham
Liberty Import Co.
Atlanta Cheese Co. - Finland Cheese
Fuller Tool Co. - Hammers
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Denmark Cheese Association
Hertz-Rent-A-Car - Kites
Dorman's Cheese
Plymouth Rock - Ham
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Royal Ribbon Co.
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Commodore Pins - Safety Pins
Hammer and Sons - Hay
Bazzini - Peanuts
Service Poly-Pak, Inc. Plastic Bags
Adam Metal Co. - Aluminum
Creative Playthings - Leggo
Nutex Corp. - Netting
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Azuma Trading Co; Inc. - Origami Paper
Binney and Smith - Crayons
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Ross and Roberts - Vinyl
Excelcior Meat Market
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A. & P.
Kelly's - Flags
Ratner's Cake
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Woolworths - Novelties
Katz's - Salami
Emil's Pork Store

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ATTENTION: NEWS, FEATURE AND PICTURE EDITORS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will hold a breakfast press conference at The Arsenal on Tuesday, October 25th, at 10:15 A.M. to announce a special event to be held in Central Park.

Representatives of the many sponsors of this unique event will be present.

(Doughnuts, pumpkin pie and coffee will be served at the press conference.)

The Arsenal is located at 64th Street and Fifth Avenue in Central Park. The press conference will take place on the Third Floor.

(Other general announcements will be made at the same time.)



Department of Parks
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for release

Tuesday, October 25, 1966

The Wollman Memorial Skating Rink in Central Park will be the scene of figure-skating exhibitions on Saturday, October 29, 1966 at 10:15 A.M., Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today. The exhibitions will feature such stars as Scott Ethan Allen, the United States Men's Champion and winner of the 1964 Olympic Bronze Medal; Patrick Perra, French National Men's Champion; and Albertina Noyes, runner-up in the 1966 United States Ladies National Championships, and member of our 1964 Olympic team.

Sponsored by the Park Figure Skating Club and the United States Figure Skating Association, these exhibitions will initiate the first of three skating clinics for children in New York City, with funds made available by the 1961 World Team Memorial Fund to develop physical fitness through figure-skating among the youth of our country.

Registration for the first free clinic, which will be conducted in six sessions, will start immediately after the skating exhibition at the Wollman Rink in Central Park. It will be limited to children between the ages of 6 to 14 years of age and they must provide their own figure skates.

Plans are now being made for future clinics which will be held at the Flushing Meadow Rink in Queens and the Wollman Memorial Rink in Brooklyn.

The public is cordially invited to witness these exhibitions.

for release

10:15 A.M., Tuesday,
October 25, 1966

GIANT FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY TO BE HELD IN CENTRAL PARK

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.P. Hoving announced today the details of a giant, old-fashioned family Halloween Party to be held in Central Park on Sunday, October 30th, from 3 to 7 P.M. "Among the highlights of the Halloween Party" said Commissioner Hoving, "will be a children's costume parade and pumpkin-carving, chalk-drawing and doughnut-eating contests". Refreshments will be available as well as prizes for everyone entering the contests, and there will be free pumpkins for families taking part in the pumpkin-carving competitions.

At the press conference Tuesday morning, Commissioner Hoving was presented with a gigantic pumpkin by Richard Gott of the Coca-Cola Company on behalf of the upcoming television show, "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown". The Coca-Cola Company, which is sponsoring the show on Thursday evening, October 27th, will provide 2,400 pumpkins and free Coca-Cola for the Parks Department's Halloween Party.

Commissioner Hoving was also confronted with a real, live witch Tuesday morning who demonstrated the art of competing in a doughnut-eating contest. The witch, and the doughnuts which will be given out at the Sunday Halloween Party, are provided by Mister Donut, Inc.

Commissioner Hoving said that the costume parade will begin at 3 P.M. at the intersection of the 72nd Street Transverse Road and the East Drive in Central Park and will march past a reviewing stand in which will sit Mayor John V. Lindsay and other dignitaries. Parents of younger children are asked to accompany their children in the parade, but without costume.

"The Chalk Art Competition will take place on the Central Park Mall, the doughnut-eating competition in the Sheep Meadow, and the free hayrides will debark every half-hour from the bridge path near 64th Street and Central Park West, just south of the Tavern-on-the-Green", Commissioner Hoving said. Commissioner Hoving noted that the pumpkin-carving competition was to be a family event and that no children would be permitted to carry pumpkin-carving tools in the park if they were unaccompanied by a parent. Families are to bring their own carving tools for the competition.

All the competitions will take place at 3:30 P.M. after the costume parade.

Other sponsors of the Halloween Party are the Broadway Maintenance Corporation, which will decorate the costume parade route; Hasbro Toys; the Clove Lakes Stables of Staten Island, which is providing the hay rides; and artist Peter Max who designed the poster announcing the Halloween Party.

There will be no rain date.

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After 10 A.M., Wednesday,
October 26, 1966

ALL EDITORS PLEASE NOTE

Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks,
issued the attached statement on Wednesday morning,
October 26th, at the departmental hearing before the
City Planning Commission.

The complete text of Commissioner Hoving's
statement is attached.



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UPON RECEIPT

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will join with other city officials and private sponsors to celebrate the opening of a garden vest pocket park, at 103rd Street and Northern Boulevard, in Corona, Queens, on Wednesday, November 2, 1966 at 2 P. M.

Citing the city's newest 40 x 100 foot vest pocket park as a "uniquely cooperative project," the Commissioner praised the City Gardens Club which had initiated the new park together with the Corona Congregational Church and the 103rd Street Block Association.

Other cooperating agencies were the Rehabilitation Interim Action Office of the Housing and Redevelopment Board, headed by Mrs. Kerstene Morse, the New York City Departments of Real Estate, Parks, Sanitation and Highways, the Neighborhood Youth Corps, and the Vista Workers.

The City Gardens Club which celebrates its fiftieth anniversary in 1968, maintains offices at 829 Madison Avenue in Manhattan. Mrs. Russell C. Veit is the president and Mrs. Morton Banks was chairwoman of the vest pocket project.

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PRESS COVERAGE IS INVITED

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Wednesday, November 2, 1966
10 A. M.

COMMISSIONER THOMAS P.F. HOVING APPOINTS
DR. BARBARALEE D. DIAMONSTEIN SPECIAL ASSISTANT
FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today the appointment of Dr. Barbaralee D. Diamonstein as Special Assistant for Cultural Affairs. Miss Diamonstein comes to this post from The White House where she served as Executive Assistant to Professor Eric F. Goldman, Special Consultant to President Johnson.

Parks Commissioner Hoving said, "Dr. Diamonstein is uniquely qualified to assist me in handling the broad spectrum of duties in the cultural field that we will be undertaking in the forthcoming reorganization of this Department into the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Administration".

Miss Diamonstein is a native New Yorker who earned her doctorate, with honors, from New York University. She has assisted Dr. Goldman in his role as moderator of the NBC-TV program, The Open Mind. Miss Diamonstein has also taught at the University level, lectured widely, and contributed to scholarly journals and to the Saturday Review.

Miss Diamonstein will be the hostess of Commissioner Hoving's weekly WNYC-TV show, "The World of the Arts", on Thursday, November 10, at 2:30-3:00 P.M. Professor Goldman will be the guest on the show. The WNYC show will be repeated on the following Sunday evening at 9:00-9:30 P.M.

Miss Diamonstein will be available for interviews.

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UPON RECEIPT

JOSE THE JAGUAR ARRIVED IN CENTRAL PARK ZOO

A new male Jaguar by the name of Jose has recently arrived in the Central Park Zoo, Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today.

"The young fellow is a healthy, somewhat tame animal who outgrew the Children's Zoo in Cleveland and decided to seek his fortune in New York", said Commissioner Hoving. "His disposition alone is worth the \$750 we paid for him", said the Parks Commissioner.

The new Jaguar is 2 years old and weighs about 60 lbs.

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UPON RECEIPT

PARKS COMMISSIONER HOVING CAMPAIGNS FOR PROPOSITION I,
THE \$200,000,000 RECREATION BOND ISSUE.

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving began to stump this week for Proposition I, the \$200,000,000 Recreation Bond issue that will appear on the ballot on November 8th. At a luncheon before the Rotary Club of the Bronx at the Concourse Plaza Hotel today, Commissioner Hoving urged a "Yes" vote for the bond issue proposition, "because it will make millions of dollars available for acquisition and development of New York City park facilities".

"New York City cannot afford to turn this proposition down", Commissioner Hoving told the Bronx Rotarians. Noting that, "New York is a wealthy state while New York City is impoverished", Commissioner Hoving said, "We must work toward getting back a fairer share of our tax dollar that goes to Albany as well as to Washington." "The passage of Proposition I will not give us our fair share of the \$200,000,000 State Recreation Bond issue, but it is a step in the right direction. Our \$25,000,000 share, plus the undetermined amount that we may receive from it for marinas and for historical sites, is important money and we can spend it for the benefit of City dwellers", Commissioner Hoving said.

Commissioner Hoving will speak again this week for Proposition I at a dinner meeting of the United States Olympians on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 7 P.M., at the Seventh Regiment Armory, Park Avenue at 66th Street; and at a luncheon of the Park Association of New York on Thursday, November 3rd, at the National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Place, New York City.

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ON RECEIPT

Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, announces that a new series of free dog obedience classes will be held at Roosevelt Playground, Building C, Chrystie and Forsyth Streets, Manhattan. The instruction classes will be held outdoors in good weather and indoors during inclement weather.

Mr. Louis Ciccio, who will conduct the classes, will be at Roosevelt Playground to receive applications on weekdays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. through Friday, November 18. All dogs must be inoculated and licensed in order to participate.

Certificates of Merit were presented to owners of the more than 100 dogs that successfully passed the required tests held at the termination of the classes held in Central Park during the past summer.

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Department of Parks
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Friday, November 4, 1966

ATTENTION: NEWS, FEATURE AND PICTURE EDITORS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will unveil a model of "the schoolyard of the future" at a press conference at The Arsenal on Wednesday, November 9th at 10:15 A.M. The new schoolyard will be built on Staten Island.

Commissioner Hoving will also announce a new design for a park in Rochdale Village, Queens and two top appointments in the Parks Department's Design Division.

This press conference will be of special interest to the architectural press.

The Arsenal is located in Central Park at 64th Street and Fifth Avenue. The press conference will be held on the third floor.

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"The first newsletter for employees ever issued by the Department of Parks was distributed today to all employees", announced Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

Describing the newsletter, "leaflet", as "our attempt to establish direct communications with the Park Department's men and women in the field", Commissioner Hoving pointed out that although he has traveled throughout the five boroughs to most of the department's installations, it was difficult "to make personal contact with all 6,000 of our year-round employees".

The Commissioner stated that the newsletter would be as controversial as the employees wished to make it, adding, "I want our employees to know what is happening top-side and I want them to communicate their suggestions and complaints to us directly. We'll print critical letters and attempt to do something about the complaints, but we primarily hope that "leaflet" will encourage Park Department employees to propose their ideas for improving this huge park system".

The sixteen-page newsletter, "leaflet", is multilithed on the Park Department's own machine and is edited by Miss Jan Henry of the Division of Public Relations.

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Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks,
today invited sidewalk artists to "Chalk a Carpet of
Color" on Sunday, November 13th, from 11 A. M. to 2 P. M.
at two areas in Manhattan:

Carl Schurz Playground - 84th Street and East
End Avenue

Washington Square Park - Fountain Area - 5th
Avenue & Thompson St.

Participants of all ages are welcome to sketch
designs of mosaic, geometric, floral or oriental pattern.
They may also do landscapes or representations of people,
animals or houses.

Only chalk may be used. A basic kit of chalk
will be given to all participants but they may bring
their own for a wider range of color.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1966
10:15 A.M.

HOVING ANNOUNCES "SCHOOLYARD OF THE FUTURE"
AND TOP ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENTS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving unveiled a model of "the schoolyard of the future" at a press conference at The Arsenal today. Designed by architect Richard Stein, the new playground will be installed at P.S. 55 in the Annadale section of Staten Island.

Commissioner Hoving said that "The new design is a radical change from the chain link fenced plot of asphalt this Department has traditionally provided for jointly-operated school playgrounds. The unique features of this new playground", said Commissioner Hoving, "are that it retains the ancient oak trees on the site, that it provides a number of different levels that break up the visual monotony and provide for a variety of activities and, last but perhaps most important, it demonstrates that good design need not cost more." Commissioner Hoving noted that the new design cost approximately \$100,000 less than an original Board of Education plan that would have destroyed the old oak trees and installed a huge retaining wall around the playground.

Another design for a new park at Rochdale Village in Queens, also by Richard Stein, was shown at the press conference. Commissioner Hoving said that "The intention of the design is to provide a social link between the housing project and the residents of the neighborhood." The Rochdale Village park is designed so that it opens both toward the middle income project of some 6,000 residents and toward the community. Commissioner Hoving also pointed out that "The architect has created a terrain with mountains, valleys and plateaus on a flat site so that major use zones are

encompass are football, soccer and baseball. There is another section for roller skating and softball.

Commissioner Hoving also announced the appointment of two top architectural aides: Arthur Rosenblatt, A.I.A., as Director of Park Design; and Charles E. Thomsen, A.I.A., as Assistant Director of Park Design.

(Biographies of the two architects are available.) Commissioner Hoving said, "Mr. Rosenblatt has been working here in the Department since January, 1966, on a foundation grant from Urban America, Inc., as my Design Consultant because there had been no provision for an architect on the top level of the Department of Parks' staff. In this position, he has been responsible for the selection of architects for Park Department projects and for the overall guidance of the Department's design program. He will continue in this capacity as a City employee."

Commissioner Hoving announced that "Mr. Thomsen's duties include coordination of the Park Department's vest-pocket park program and administering the \$450,000 Federal grant for the development of portable parks."

"As new design projects, such as these announced today come forth," said Commissioner Hoving, "they will more than justify the need for architects of this caliber at the top level of government."

The P.S. 55 playground in Staten Island is located west of Preston Avenue between Osborne Avenue and Koch Boulevard. It had been budgeted at \$300,000 but costs have now been reduced by the new design to \$200,000. The playground facilities will include an amphitheatre seating 500; a games area which provides for skelly, hop scotch, shuffleboard and basketball; and a group of concrete sculptures by Costantino Nivola.

The Rochdale Village Park is located at New York Boulevard and 139th Avenue. The total estimated cost is \$584,200.

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UPON RECEIPT

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announces that the finals of the "Blo-Go" contest for boys and girls 13 years of age and under will be held at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park, Queens on Saturday, November 12th at 11:00 A.M.

The winner and runner-up from each of the 55 playgrounds at which local contests were held, will compete for the City-wide Championships. Prizes of trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place winners.

The contest is sponsored by the Jefcor Industries who have contributed the equipment for the competition and the prizes which will be awarded to the winners.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1966

**HOVING INVITES NEW YORKERS
TO MIDNIGHT SCIENTIFIC "HAPPENING"**

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving invited New Yorkers to witness a scientific "happening" that takes place only once every thirty-three and one-third years, in the Sheep Meadow in Central Park on Wednesday night, November 16th, from midnight to 3 A.M. The "happening" is the expected meteor shower of Leonids, which provided its most spectacular display on November 12, 1833.

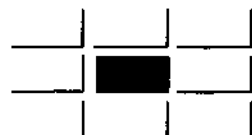
The Parks Department has asked a team of astronomers from the Hayden Planetarium to be on hand to tell the assembled star-gazers, via a public address system, what is happening. Dr. Thomas D. Nicholson, Chairman of the Hayden Planetarium, will be in charge of the lectures. He will be assisted by Dr. Franklin M. Branley, Dr. Kenneth L. Franklin, and Dr. Martin Steinbaum. The lecturers will be assisted by electric beam pointers which shine 300 feet up into the air and will be used to point out the various star formations. Commissioner Hoving suggested that parents put their children to bed early and then wake them close to midnight and bring them to Central Park "because the magnificence of this shower of stars may not repeat itself for another 133 years". The Parks Commissioner also urged parents to bring warm blankets and thermos jugs of hot chocolate or coffee.

Astronomers have predicted, weather permitting, that the November 16th meteor shower will probably equal the extraordinary one of 1833 when thousands of streams of light seemed to be falling from the sky like snowflakes. Research after the 1833 occurrence uncovered a history of these showers dating back to 585 A.D. Scientists were able to make predictions that the meteor showers of Leonids occur every 33-1/3 years. There were minor displays of the November meteor shower in 1866, 1899 and 1933. The Sheep Meadow in Central Park is west of the center of Central Park from West 66th to West 71st Streets.

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UPON RECEIPT

Thomas P. F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, announced that the Department of Parks' award-winning Marionette Theatre will present a series of eight special performances of "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" at the Hunter College Playhouse, 68th Street between Lexington and Park Avenues, Manhattan, during Christmas week.

The schedule of performances is as follows:

Tuesday, December 27th	at 2:30 p.m. only
Wednesday, December 28th	at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 29th	at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Friday, December 30th	at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 31st	at 11:00 a.m. only

Admission to all performances will be by ticket only. A very limited number of free tickets are still available. These may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

PUPPET SHOW, Department of Parks, 830 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York 10021

Indicate on the inside flap of the envelope the date and time of performance requested. It is recommended that a second choice be indicated in the request in the event that tickets for the first choice are not available. Because of the heavy demand for seats, no more than four tickets will be permitted for each request. Requests will be honored in the order in which they are received.

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Upon Receipt

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving, announces the inauguration of a Brooklyn Chess for Youth instruction program beginning Saturday, November 19 and continuing through May 27, 1967. This is in conjunction with Borough President Abe Stark's proclamation of Brooklyn Chess month.

Boys and girls 18 years of age and under who wish to participate may register at any of the locations listed below. At each location, qualified chess instructors will initiate beginners in the rudiments of the game and help the more advanced to improve their play.

The Saturday sessions will be conducted at the following times and locations:

Brooklyn War Memorial, Cadman Plaza, Fulton and Orange Streets -
Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon

St. John's Recreation Center, Prospect Place and Schnectady Avenue -
Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon

Brownsville Recreation Center, 1555 Christopher Avenue at Linden Blvd.
Saturdays from 2 to 4 P.M.

Beginning Thursday, December 1 and continuing every Thursday through May, similar programs will be conducted at these locations:

Betsy Head Playground, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues - Thursdays from
4 to 6 P.M.

Sunset Park, 7th Avenue and 43rd Street - Thursdays from 7 to 9 P.M.

This program is sponsored by the Chess for Youth Committee, of the American Chess Foundation, whose chairman is Mr. Milton F. Goldstein. This organization has sponsored other park chess events in the past.

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Call SO 8-2300 for additional information.

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UPON RECEIPT

Commissioner of Parks Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today that the 4th Annual John F. Kennedy Memorial Bicycle Race will be held on Sunday, November 20th.

The race, sponsored by the Century Road Club Association, will take place in Central Park. Starting at 8 A.M. on top of Cats Paw Hill on the East Drive behind the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the course will take in the entire park.

Among the participants will be the Lehigh Wheelman of Allentown, Pennsylvania, the Nassau Wheelman Association of Westbury, New York, and the Century Road Club Association, New York Division.

The John F. Kennedy Memorial race will be held rain or shine. The public is invited to witness the event.

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Upon Receipt

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced that 25 members of the Park Department Owen Dolen Golden Age Center will entertain the residents of the St. Patrick's Home For the Aged, 66 Van Cortlandt Park South, Bronx, with a varied program of Folk and Square Dances, on Monday, November 28th at 2:00 P.M.

The Owen Dolen Golden Agers Dance Group under the direction of Joe and Alice Nash, Dancing Specialists for the Recreation Division of the New York City Park Department, meet regularly on Monday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Owen Dolen Golden Age Center, East Tremont and Westchester Avenues, Bronx. All those 55 years of age and over are welcome to join them in their popular dance sessions. They have already visited and entertained at the Beth Abraham Home for Incurables and the Bronx State Hospital, and are available for similar appearances at local facilities. Those interested can receive further information by calling the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks at REgent 4-1000, Ext. 857.

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November 21, 1966

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UPON RECEIPT

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announced that on Thursday, November 24th from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks will conduct the Fourth Annual Thanksgiving Day Ice Skating Meet at the Kate Wollman Memorial Ice Rink in Prospect Park.

The meet will feature 12 Park Department skating events for boys and girls from 6 to 17 years of age. A special feature of the meet will be a 10 mile Middle Atlantic Speed Skating Race for men and a 3 mile race for women. These races are sponsored by the Brooklyn Speed Skating Association. Many well known speed skaters have filed their entries for these races, among them Joe Lanigan, former Olympic winner and winner of the 10 mile race for the past two years.

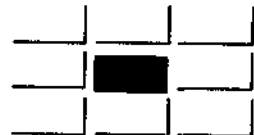
The "Free Skating" session at the Rink will not be held on this day.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1966

ATTENTION: NEWS, FEATURE AND ARCHITECTURAL EDITORS

A BEACH CLUB FOR BEDFORD-STUYVESANT

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will present plans and a model for a unique swimming pool and recreation complex for the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn at a community meeting at the Salvation Army Headquarters, 601 Lafayette Street in Brooklyn, on Tuesday evening, November 22nd at 7:30 P.M.

The pool, to be located at Kosciuszko Street and Marcy Avenue, is budgeted at \$1,900,000 and was designed by Morris Lapidus Associates, architects for such showcase swimming clubs as the Eden Roc in Miami Beach and the Arawak in the British West Indies. Morris Lapidus was also the architect for Miami Beach's Fontainebleau Hotel pool, made famous by the James Bond film, "Goldfinger". Mr. Lapidus will be at the Bedford-Stuyvesant meeting to explain his conception to the community.

An interesting sidelight for feature editors is the fact that Morris Lapidus was born and raised in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

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For information:
Mary Perot Nichols
REgent 4 1000

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Tuesday, November 22, 1966, 7:30 P.M.

FACT SHEET ON NEW BEDFORD-STUYVESANT SWIMMING-RECREATION COMPLEX

LOCATION: Kosciusko Street and Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn

COST: \$1,900,000.00

Statement by Architect, Morris Lapidus, A.I.A. - "When Commissioner Thomas Hoving asked our firm to undertake the design of a swimming pool complex for a block in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn, we not only accepted with pleasure and anticipation, but we knew in advance that this would be an exciting architectural venture. Although the project is called a swimming pool, it is, in fact, a neighborhood park, providing full community facilities for young and old alike; facilities not only for swimming during the hot summer months but a large recreation area that may be, and should be, used twelve months a year. To design such a complex was not only a challenge but an opportunity to combine the lessons learned from designing resorts for all kinds of people in many parts of the world, as well as the design of many large housing and community complexes scattered along the Eastern seaboard.

"Except for the swimming pool, the entire project will be carried out in reinforced concrete. The locker facilities, as well as all other utility spaces, will be partly below street level. The locker rooms will be reached by inviting ramps from Marcy Avenue. There are no buildings as such. The roof over the locker rooms and administrations areas, showers and toilets, as well as other utility

spaces, become play areas such as amphitheaters, picnic plaza and many other community facilities. Climbing pyramids for children will house the ventilating system. Vent pipes for the plumbing below will become a forest of trees to be climbed by children. A cascading water fall, dropping into a lagoon will be used by toddlers as water slides and a wading pool. The area for snacks and picnicking can become an amphitheater for puppet shows or for community concerts or serious dramatic presentations. The bleachers, facing the swimming pool, become a terraced piazza complet with varying sized balconies for large groups, small groups and couples. Every square foot of space is designed for multiple use during warm weather and cold, during the day and during the evening. The swimming pool and the diving pool (they are two separate entities) are made entirely of aluminum. The swimming pool is 250 feet by 100 feet and is one of the largest installations of its kind. The aluminum pools are an innovation in New York City. They will be completely maintenance free and will overcome the problems of possible cracking or other faults which occur in large pools of this size when formed of their normal material, concrete. The large pool may be used for swimming during the cold months by placing a plastic air bubble over it, or it may be turned into a half-dozen basketball courts or several touch football fields. The ultimate all-weather uses are still to be determined. The concrete that will be used in the construction of the Bedford-Stuyvesant pool will employ many textures and treatments. Here will be found no dull concrete walls or floors. The flexibility of concrete will be utilized to its fullest capacity to produce excitement and beauty, aside from the unusual and

varying textures of the surfaces, we intend to have inlays of colored ceramic glass, which will create large murals on a number of the walls. Floors will be covered with non-slip epoxy in bright, vibrant primary colors and unusual patterns. Great economies are anticipated from the use of concrete and aluminum.

"The lighting for the entire area will be designed by Abe Feder, who worked with us in designing the illumination for the first mall in the United States - - The Lincoln Road Mall on Miami Beach. This is the same Feder who illuminated the John F. Kennedy Airport and parts of Central Park.

"The Bedford-Stuyvesant Park and Swimming Pool will be a place to sit, a place to rest, to dream, to relax, a place for children to climb, slide, to explore, to pretend, to exercise and to release an overabundance of energy. It will be a place to socialize in pairs or in groups, it will be a place for movement, both horizontally and vertically, and even in a side wise direction. In effect, this park will be able to create environments for the old as well as for the young, or an environment for the entire community. It has been designed for competitions and exhibitions, for amusements and serious music, dance and drama, as well as a place for children's puppet shows and pageants.

"The Bedford-Stuyvesant Park will not be just a swimming pool and a group of locker buildings, nor will it be a playground with slides, swings and sand boxes. It is intended to be a living space. One of the great living spaces in the world is the Piazza de San Marco in Venice, which is the focal life for the city and the community. The Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood park will in its way become a large living space intended for the enjoyment of members of the entire community."

Department of Parks
The Arsenal
Central Park, New York, 10021

For Information call
Re 4-1000, Ext. 819

UPON RECEIPT

Applications are available for the Municipal Lifeguard Training Course which is conducted each year by the Department of Parks to prepare men for the position of Lifeguard at New York City's municipal pools and beaches, it was announced today by Park Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving.

Tuition is free and the course consists of practical and theoretical instruction in lifesaving skills, water safety, rescue techniques and other procedures and practices taught by special Park Department instructors.

Applicants must be male citizens of the United States who will have reached their 17th birthday on the day of appointment and can pass a non-competitive free-style swimming test of 50 yards in 35 seconds. The minimum height and weight requirements are 5'7" and 135 lbs., at time of registration. Candidates will not be considered eligible for appointment if they have reached their 35th birthday.

Applications are available until the end of December at all public, private and parochial and Hebrew high schools, university and college placement offices; all YMCA, YMHA, and Red Cross Chapter offices; also, at all borough offices of the Department of Parks. Applications will be accepted by the register clerk at East 54th Street Pool at 342 East 54th Street, Manhattan.

The instructive classes will begin early in January 1967, and enrollees will be required to attend 14 sessions (2 hours weekly) which will be held afternoons and evenings each weekday, and mornings and afternoons on Saturdays. Applicants will be given their choice of class periods.

Successful candidates will receive certificates of qualification at the termination of the course.

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UPON RECEIPT

Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, announces that 28 Christmas trees located throughout the city will be lighted on Thursday, December 15, 1966 at 5:00 P.M. with special tree lighting ceremonies to be held at City Hall, Manhattan; Borough Hall, Brooklyn; Joyce Kilmer Park, Bronx; Queens Borough Hall; and Richmond Borough Hall.

The City Hall ceremonies in Manhattan will be broadcast over WNYC. Mayor Lindsay will deliver the Christmas message. Then a switch will be thrown, lighting a huge 60-foot high tree, officially beginning New York's observance of the Yuletide season. Honorable Mario A. Procaccino, Comptroller of the City of New York, will also speak at the Manhattan ceremony. Christmas music will be played by the Department of Sanitation Band. The Equitable Life Assurance Society Choral Club and the Glee Club of The School of Education of Fordham University will sing traditional Christmas songs and carols.

The switch lighting the tree will also light a giant green wreath, 18-feet in diameter decorated with red berries, pine cones, hemlock, holly and red ruscus, over the main entrance of the Park Department headquarters at the Arsenal, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, Central Park, Manhattan. In the center of the wreath is a star on a field of sky blue. This colorful display, weighing approximately 2,000 lbs. was fabricated and installed by Park personnel.

The trees and the wreath's star will be lighted each evening after the ceremony from 4:30 to midnight until January 8, 1967. Christmas trees also have been erected in the following locations:

MANHATTAN **City Hall, Broadway & Murray Street
Washington Square Park, at Washington Arch
Tavern-on-the-Green, Central Park W. & 67th St.
Mt. Morris Park, Approx. 123rd St. and Madison Avenue
Ft. Tryon Park, Broadway & Dyckman Street
Carl Schurz Park, East End Ave. & 85th Street
Bellevue Hospital, East 26th St., On Grounds
Madison Square Park, Fifth Avenue 24th Street

more

BROOKLYN **Borough Hall, Fulton & Joralemon Sts.
Grand Army Plaza, Flatbush Ave. & Union St.
McCarren Park, Driggs Ave. & Lorimer St.
Dyker Beach Park, 86th St. & 7th Ave.
Liev Eiriksson Park, 67th St., at Fourth Aves.
Cadman Plaza, Fulton & Tillary Streets
Esplanade, Montague Terrace, bet. Remsen and
Pierrepont Sts.

QUEENS **Borough Hall Queens Blvd. & Union Turnpike
King Park, Jamaica Avenue & 151st St.
Flushing Park, Northern Blvd. & Main St.
Highland Park, Jamaica Ave. & Elton St.
St. Albans Mem. Park, Merrick Blvd. & 113th Ave.
Elmhurst Plgd., Broadway & Britton Ave.
Douglaston Golf Course, Commonwealth Blvd.
Buddy Monument, Forest Park

BRONX **Joyce Kilmer Park, 163rd St. & Grand Concourse
St. Mary's Park, Recreation Bldg., St. Anns Ave.
St. James Park, Oval Lawn, 191st St. & Jerome Ave.

RICHMOND **Borough Hall, Bay St. & Borough Place
Tappen Park, Bay & Canal Streets

**Denotes Principal Ceremony

Borough Presidents Stark, Cariello, Badillo and Connors
will light the trees in their respective boroughs with appropriate
ceremonies.

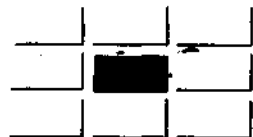
In addition, the Park Department's Recreation Division
has arranged more than 300 children's Christmas parties to be held
between December 14th and the New Year in neighborhood playgrounds
throughout the five boroughs. In general the parties will include
carol singing, special Christmas games and entertainment, and visits
from Santa Claus.

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Arsenal, Central Park

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UPON RECEIPT

ATTENTION FEATURE, PICTURE AND MUSIC EDITORS!

The New York Choral Society and the New York Department of Parks will revive the spirit of Christmas by presenting an old-fashioned choral concert and community carol sing on Wednesday, December 21, 1966 at the Pulitzer Fountain, Fifth Avenue and 59th Street at 7:30 p. m.

Martin Josman, Director of the celebrated New York Choral Society will lead the group in a performance of old and new carols of many lands. The Choral Society's forty members, attired in seasonal garb, will be accompanied by the solo voice of Richard Krause of the New York City Center Opera Company and the organ music of Roland Gagnon.

Following the performance the public will be invited to join in the caroling and song sheets will be distributed. Yuletide organ selections will begin the festivities at 7:00 p. m.

PRESS COVERAGE IS INVITED.

(Organs lent for the occasion by the Carroll Musical Instrument service and the Wurlitzer Company.)

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UPON RECEIPT

LASKER RINK AT HARLEM MEER WILL OPEN

New York City's ice-skaters will get a treat for the holiday season as the long-awaited Loula D. Lasker Memorial Swimming Pool-Ice Skating Rink opens on Wednesday, December 21st. Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving and Mayor John V. Lindsay will take part in the dedication ceremonies at 2:00 P.M.

Upon completion of the brief formal program, exhibition skaters from the Park Figure Skating Club will put on a show on ice.

The rink will be open to the public for the rest of the day and evening after the dedication ceremonies are concluded at approximately 4 P.M. Regular ice skating sessions will be in operation but there will be no charge for admission on December 21st. (A schedule of skating sessions is attached.)

William Rosensohn, a nephew of the late Loula D. Lasker, will make a presentation of the gift on behalf of the Lasker family and Philip W. Haberman, Jr., an executor of the Estate of Loula D. Lasker, will take part in the ceremonies. The Lasker Family gift of \$600,000 was supplemented by over \$2 million of City funds to create this dual purpose facility. The ice-skating rink converts to a swimming pool in the summer time, providing for year-round recreational use.

Manhattan Borough President Percy E. Sutton will also speak at the dedication ceremonies.

The Loula D. Lasker Memorial Rink and Pool was scheduled to open in February, 1966, but a serious flood caused extensive damage to the freezing equipment. Parks Department and construction personnel have been working around the clock in recent months to get the rink open prior to the holiday season.

Designers of the Lasker Rink and Pool were Fordyce & Hamby, Architects, of 717 Fifth Avenue.

A map of the site is attached.

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LOULA D. LASKER MEMORIAL RINKCENTRAL PARK, MANHATTANICE SKATING SCHEDULE

	<u>10 a. m. - 1 p. m.</u>	<u>2:30 p. m. - 5:30 p. m.</u>	<u>8:30 p. m. - 11 p. m.</u>
Mon thru Fri.	* Child - 50¢	Child - 25¢	Child - 50¢
	* Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢
Weekends and Holidays	* Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢
	* Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢

SPECIAL SCHEDULESSPEED SKATING

Tues., Thurs. and Sat.	6:30 p. m. - 7:00 p. m.	Child - 50¢ Adult - 50¢
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FIGURE & DANCE SKATING

Mon., Wed., & Fri.	6:30 - 8:30 p. m.	** Child - \$1.00
Sundays	9:00 a. m. - 10:00 a. m.	** Adult - \$1.00

* Free period for children 14 years and under from 10 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturdays, Holidays and school vacation. No adults admitted on ice.

** With privilege to stay over for following session.

ICE SHOE SKATE RENTALS AVAILABLE

DAILY COIN-OPERATED LOCKERS AVAILABLE FOR EACH SESSION.

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UPON RECEIPT

Thomas P. F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks and Bernard E. Zients, Executive Head of Gimbels New York will join together at Gimbels to officially open a Theater Workshop for all school children in the City of New York on Wednesday, December 28, 1966 at 10 a. m., 6th Floor Auditorium.

This pilot project under the joint sponsorship of the New York City Parks and Gimbels New York is designed to encourage the establishment of quality theater by and for children in the five boroughs of New York and is completely free of charge.

The Workshop, under the direction of Gordon Duffey of the Parks Department will present two full length plays this season. The plays produced will be one musical play and two short operas for children. One play is an original musical "Asterisk on the Moon" (book and lyrics by Gordon Duffey, music by Edward Mannato). This play will be for younger children. There will also be performances of two short operas for older children, "He Who Says Yes" and "He Who Says No" (librettos by Bertholt Brecht, music by Kurt Weill).

In addition, weekly sessions in creative drama, jazz forms and movement, singing and acrobatics for the stage will be held for all children who register for participation in the Workshop.

Registration for participation in the Gimbels-Parks Department

Theater Workshop will take place in Gimbels 6th Floor Auditorium beginning

December 28th through December 31st, 1966 - between the hours of 10 to 12 noon and from 4 to 6 p.m. Any school child in New York (from grades 1 through 12) may register for the Workshop and audition for one of the two productions.

Mr. Hoving stated that "the New York City Parks Department is delighted to participate with Gimbels in bringing creative, educational drama to the children of New York." He went on to say "that although the Parks Department has long been involved in bringing theater closer to youngsters, this is the first time they have found a "winter park" in which to carry on their activities during the Winter Season."

Actual workshops and play rehearsals will be held in the Auditorium at Gimbels New York until the end of May, 1967. During the summer, the Workshop will take its activities to parks and playgrounds in the five boroughs.

Mr. Zients of Gimbels stated that "this unique program is part of Gimbels' overall effort to encourage young people to participate more fully in the arts and thereby gives Gimbels the chance to provide the means and facilities to increase such participation."

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NIGHT SKIING NEW FEATURE AT VAN CORTLANDT PARK SKI SLOPE

The Van Cortlandt Park ski slope will be illuminated for night skiing until 11:00 P. M. , said Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving, announcing the opening of the official ski season at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, on Friday, December 23rd.

Started as an experiment last year, night skiing proved so successful that it has been incorporated into the regular schedule of the Van Cortlandt Park Ski Area's fifth season. "It enables thousands of New Yorkers to leave their offices and be on the slopes in less than an hour," said Art Peterson, director of the ski area.

The ski area will be open from noon to 6 P. M. on weekdays (Wednesdays and Fridays until 11 P. M.) and from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and during the Christmas week. General admission, including the use of tows, is \$4. 40 for adults and \$2. 40 for juniors 12 years of age and under. After 3 P. M. daily, there is a discount of \$1. 00 on the general admission price.

Several major improvements have been made in the Van Cortlandt Park Ski Area which accomodates 500 to 1000 skiers. A new beginner's area has been developed with provisions for full instruction and the ski school staff, which offers group and private instruction at regular times during the day, has been expanded. Four electrically powered rope tows have been repositioned to enlarge the skiing hills.

In addition, free shuttle transportation from the subway and the Van Cortlandt Park parking lot to the slopes has been provided for skiers. A snack bar at the base lodge and a grandstand area for spectators is available.

Citing the Van Cortlandt Park Ski Area as a place where people can be safely introduced to skiing, Mr. Peterson added, "We're not in competition with Vermont or New Hampshire. Our function is one of preparation -- breaking in new equipment, practicing, or just plain learning how to ski slowly and in safety.

A special ski package that includes admission, tows, rental of equipment and one hour of instruction is being offered to Van Cortlandt Park skiers for \$8.40 for adults, \$6.40 for juniors under 12 years of age.

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The Department of Parks announces openings for three temporary positions for summer 1967: Seasonal Parkman, Seasonal Park Helper, and Playground Assistant.

Applications will be issued in person or by mail from December 27, 1966 to February 28, 1967, Mondays through Fridays, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. PLEASE NOTE that from December 27th through December 30th, applications will be issued and received ONLY at the Brooklyn War Memorial Recreation Center in Cadman Plaza, Brooklyn. From January 3rd through February 28th, 1967, applications will be issued and received at the Department of Parks' Borough Offices:

THE ARSENAL, 830 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021.

LITCHFIELD MANSION, Prospect Park West and Fifth Street,
Prospect Park, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11215.

BRONX ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue,
Bronx Park, N. Y. 10462.

THE OVERLOOK, Union Turnpike and Park Lane South, Forest Park,
Kew Gardens, New York, 11415.

CLOVE LAKE PARK, 1150 Clove Road, West New Brighton, Staten Island,
New York, 10301.

For further information on job requirements please get in touch with the Borough Offices listed above.

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"Fontana Mix-Feed", not "Auld Lang Syne", will usher in the New Year on Central Park's Mall, Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announced today. Commissioner Hoving invites New Yorkers to a midnight performance of a John Cage-Max Neuhaus musical "happening" on New Year's Eve.

The New Year's Eve musical event will be organized by Phyllis Yampolsky, the Parks Department's artist-in-residence and creator of a series of highly successful summertime "happenings" for the Department. Max Neuhaus, a young musician, will conduct the performance on a series of microphones, speakers and amplifiers which cause a feedback effect and which can best be described as "the sound of sound".

Hot toddy, hot wine punch, coffee, cocoa, frankfurters and bratwurst sandwiches will be sold at the refreshment kiosk at Bethesda Terrace from 11:30 P.M. New Year's Eve until 1:30 A.M. Bethesda Terrace is directly across and down the steps from the 72nd Street Road at the north end of the Central Park Mall.

A separately organized event featuring a mixed-media helicopter lighting up the skies will take place over the Mall after midnight. The "Hovering" was organized by a group of pioneer happening artists--Allan Kaprow, Claes Oldenburg, Gerd Stern and Ken Dewey--as a tribute to Commissioner Hoving.

For information on the "Hovering", call John Brockman Associates, 874-1007.

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THOMAS P. F. HOVING
COMMISSIONER

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For Release - Upon Receipt

Thomas P. F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, will be host to the members and guests of the Pan Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association of the United States of America, Inc. for a bus tour of the city's new vest pocket parks and playgrounds, on Tuesday, October 4th. The group will assemble at Commissioner Hoving's office in the Arsenal at Central Park at 10:30 A. M.

The playground tour is the first of a series planned by the Association for the coming season. The series is designed to acquaint women from Asia and the Pacific, many of whom are wives of United Nations diplomats, with New York's various cultural, civic and health programs.

PPSEAWA is a non-government, non-profit, international organization composed of 24 member associations. The New York Chapter maintains a center at 880 Lexington Avenue.

PRESS COVERAGE IS INVITED.

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THOMAS P. F. HOVING
COMMISSIONER

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For Release
Thursday, September 29, 1966

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announces that the Richard Morris Hunt Monument, located on Fifth Avenue at 71 Street, Central Park will be re-dedicated with ceremonies on Saturday, October 1, 1966 at 11:00 A. M.

The Richard Morris Hunt monument is a semi-circular granite entablature supported on a high base by eight square pillars and four Ionic columns. The latter stand on a projection which serves as a back to a low seat. In the center two pilasters support a projection of the entablature. In front of the screen between them is a simple pedestal, on which stands a bronze bust of Richard Morris Hunt. On a lower pedestal against each end of the structure, stand two female figures heroic size, representing painting and sculpture and architecture, in simple classic costumes. The one at the left holds palette and brushes in the left hand, and in the right a hammer. The right figure holds a model of a building.

Erected in 1898 by the Art Societies of New York in recognition of his services to the cause of art in America, climatic conditions, air borne pollutants, and vandalism necessitated the rehabilitation of this work of art.

The figures were completely and expertly repaired and repatinated to original pompeian green, then reset on pedestals. Many granite blocks of the structure were reset to true alignment and all jointing was raked and repainted. Granite throughout was acid washed and the marble tile esplanade was repaired.

All of the rehabilitation was done by the Park Department personnel under the supervision of Walter Beretta, Monument Artisan.

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Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today that he would take part in the dedication ceremonies for a new vest pocket park in the Inwood area of Manhattan. The dedication will be held on Thursday, September 29, 1966 at 4 P.M.

The vest pocket park, built by the New York Telephone Company on their own land, is located on Sherman Avenue and Arden Street.

The Telephone Company's vest pocket park was developed in cooperation with the Bureau of Vest Pocket Parks in the Department of Parks. The Parks Department coordinator of the Vest Pocket Park Program is Charles E. Thomsen, A.I.A.

Press coverage is invited.

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Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will be the host for Channel 31's weekly series, "World of the Arts," which will be aired live on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M., September 29th through October 20th. Repeats will run on Sundays from 9:00 to 9:30 P.M.

Commissioner Hoving's first guest will be Henry Geldzahler, Associate Curator of American Paintings and Sculpture at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The guests in subsequent programs will be Henry Fisher, Curator of Egyptian Art in the Metropolitan, and Philip Johnson, the prominent architect.

Commissioner Hoving stated: "The format of the show is not designed to bring out cultural generalities, but rather to emphasize the professionalism inherent in those who most influence the art field of today."

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COMMISSIONER
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For Release - Upon Receipt

Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, announces that a Sports Festival, sponsored by Buy-Rite Discount Stores, Inc. will take place at the Park Department Playground located at Ralph Avenue and Madison Street in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. This special activity will start at 10:00 a. m. on Saturday, October 1st. In case of rain the Sports Festival will be held over to the following Saturday.

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Friday, September 30, 1966

Mayor John V. Lindsay today announced that five of the nation's leading architectural firms will enter an architectural competition for the design of a \$5.7 million combined stable and police precinct house in Central Park.

The architectural firms invited to compete are Edward L. Barnes, Marcel Breuer & Associates, Kelly & Gruzen, Philip Johnson Associates and Whittlesey, Conklin & Rossant.

The Mayor was scheduled to make the announcement in a joint press conference with Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving at 10:00 a.m. today (September 30) in City Hall.

Mayor Lindsay said that this was "the single most important architectural competition held in New York City since Olmsted and Vaux won the competition for the design of Central Park in 1858."

The Mayor noted that "this competition is unique in the history of architectural competitions because there are built-in safeguards so that the combined police and stable facility will be built within our budget."

The Mayor explained that each architect will be assigned a professional estimator who will scrutinize all budget items in the firm's entry to insure that the design does not go over the \$5.7 million limit. Entries which, in the opinion of the estimators, exceed the cost limit will not be considered in the judging.

Mayor Lindsay said, "The assigning of estimators to each architect is a landmark in the history of municipal architectural competition. In the past too many competitions for public buildings have ended up as mere architectural exercises because the cost control factor was absent."

The Mayor said that funds for the competition come from Stephen Currier, a private philanthropist, who is providing \$15,000 for each entrant.

The Mayor said that the first prize winner will receive an additional \$10,000 as well as the commission for the design of the police-stable facility. Stephen Currier also will provide \$8,000 for the second-prize winner and \$5,000 for the third prize.

The combined police-public stable will be located south of 86th Street Transverse Road near the present 22nd Precinct station house. One of the conditions of the competition is that the existing 22nd Precinct station house, designed by Calvert Vaux, will remain and be a useful adjunct to the new precinct house and stable.

The judges of the architectural competition will be Parks Commissioner Hoving; Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary; Stephen Currier, President of Urban America, Inc.; Arthur Rosenblatt, member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), design consultant to Commissioner Hoving; William Breger, AIA; Lewis Davis, AIA; Paul Rudolph, AIA; and M. Paul Friedberg, landscape architect.

Program requirements for the facility have been researched over a 4½ month period by Bentel & Bentel, Architects, of Locust Valley, New York. Bentel & Bentel's staff visited stable facilities throughout the country to study public facilities of this type. Fred Bentel will serve as professional advisor to the competition.

The competition will close in late December, 1966, and the judging will take place in January, 1967.

The stable facilities will provide 150 stalls for the mounted police, 150 stalls divided between privately-boarded and hack horses, as well as space for Polo Association horses. There will be a multi-purpose indoor ring for horse shows and polo matches, which will be designed so as to permit division for horse training and public and private classes.

"The entire facility is to be designed from the point of view of the park user", Mayor Lindsay said. The building will intrude as little as possible on park land and many of the activities within the stables, such as the training and exercising of police mounts, may be observed by groups of City school children.

The funds for the construction of the combined facility will be divided equally between the capital budgets of the Police and Parks Departments.

In commenting on the history of the precinct-stable facility, Commissioner Hoving said that shortly after he became Parks Commissioner, he began discussions with the Mayor and Police Commissioner Leary to change the plans for the facility which had been put forward under the previous administration.

Commissioner Hoving said that there had been complaints from both City Planning Commissioners, Mrs. Randolph C. Guggenheimer and Harmon H. Goldstone, that the facility as originally designed was both architecturally obtrusive and provided inadequate public facilities.

The Parks Commissioner said he, the Mayor and Commissioner Leary reviewed the original plans, decided they were inadequate, and solicited financial assistance from Stephen Currier for the competition.

Commissioner Hoving said that a number of distinguished architects currently are doing work for the Parks Department, including John Carl Warnecke, F.A.I.A.; Paul Rudolph; Edward L. Barnes, A.I.A.; and Philip Johnson, F.A.I.A.



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ATTENTION: NEWS, FEATURE AND PICTURE EDITORS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving
announced today that the Sports Festival, which was
postponed from October 1st, will be held on Saturday,
October 8th.

The Sports Festival is being sponsored by
Buy-Rite Discount Stores, which will also donate the
prizes.

The Sports Festival will be held on Madison
Street in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn. Madison
Street is a super-block which will accommodate among other
things an 888-yard relay race. There will be potato races,
standing broad jumps and races for the small children.

Starting time is 10 A.M.

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PARK DANCE PROGRAM MOVES INDOORS

Following a highly successful summer season outdoors, the Department of Parks' popular programs of square, round and folk dances soon will move indoors at various recreation centers in the City, it was announced today by Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving.

The department's famed dance specialists, Joe and Alice Nash, will supervise the delightful dancing events which can be enjoyed by New Yorkers free of charge. A specific schedule has been arranged whereby the dance programs will be featured on a regular weekly basis at the following indoor facilities on the dates indicated:

SQUARE AND FOLK DANCING - Every Thursday night, starting October 20, 1966 through June 15, 1967 from 8:00 to 10:30 P.M., at Lost Battalion Hall Recreation Center, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park, Queens.

SPECIAL DANCE PROGRAMS - For senior citizens, Friday afternoons, from October 21, 1966 to May 5, 1967, 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at Jay Hood Wright Golden Age Center, 173rd St. and Ft. Washington Avenue, Manhattan.

SPECIAL DANCE PROGRAMS - Also for senior citizens every Monday afternoon, beginning October 17, 1966 through June 12, 1967 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Owen Dolen Golden Age Center, East Tremont Ave. and Westchester Square, Bronx.

ROUND DANCING - Every Thursday night, starting October 18, 1966 through June 6, 1967 from 8:00 to 10:30 P.M. at the Mullaly Recreation Center, 164th St. and Jerome Ave., Bronx, near Yankee Stadium.

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UPON RECEIPT

The groundbreaking ceremony for New York City's first "adventure playground" will take place on Tuesday, October 11th, at 3:30 P.M. in the West 67th Street playground in Central Park, Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today.

Hosts for the groundbreaking ceremonies will be a citizen's group, the Committee for a Creative Playground in the Lincoln Square Community. Participants in the ceremonies will be Mrs. Leonard Lauder of the Estee and Joseph Lauder Foundation, which is financing the \$81,000 reconstruction of the West 67th Street Playground; the architect for the new playground, Richard Dattner; State Senator Jerome L. Wilson, founding President of the Council for Parks and Playgrounds; Assemblyman Jerome Kretchmer; the Hon. Edward I. Koch, Chairman of the Committee to Keep New York City Habitable; Mr. Maurice Taylor, President of the Lincoln Square Community Council; Mrs. Regina Gilbert, Director of Stephen Wise Nursery School; City Planning Commissioner Elinor Guggenheimer; Mrs. Margo Waltuch, Director of Shearith Israel Nursery School; Rev. Dr. Louis Gerstein of Shearith Israel Congregation; Mrs. Jules Mayer, President of the Board of the Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center; Mr. Carlos Morales, Executive Director of the Lincoln Square

Neighborhood Center; Mrs. Ann Bittenweiser, President of the Council for Parks and Playgrounds; Mrs. R. Peter Straus and Parks Commissioner Hoving.

Mrs. Fred Beckhardt, President of the Committee for a Creative Playground in the Lincoln Square Community, will officiate at the ceremonies.

The citizens' committee is committed to raising \$18,000 to ensure the services of a supervisor for the playground for three years.

At the ceremonies, Commissioner Hoving will urge public participation in the Committee for a Creative Playground's fund raising drive.

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For information from the Committee for a
Creative Playground: SU-7-6589

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ATTENTION: NEWS, FEATURE AND PICTURE EDITORS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving will
* breakfast () Tuesday
hold a press conference at The Arsenal on ~~Thursday~~,
October 13th, at 10:00 a.m. to announce a coming ~~Fall~~ Special
Children's Halloween Festival to be held in
~~event, an important staff appointment and several other~~
~~Central Park.~~
~~items of public interest.~~

The Arsenal is located at 64th Street and Fifth
Avenue in Central Park. The press conference will
take place on the third floor.

Representatives of the many sponsors
of this unique event will be present.

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* Doughnuts, pie & coffee will be served
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PARK DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY DANCE SERVICE

The Department of Parks has completed arrangements for a series of eight free dance instruction sessions exclusively for leaders of Golden Age programs in New York City agencies, it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving.

For the fourth consecutive year the department's noted dance specialists, Joe and Alice Nash, will impart their knowledge on the "Techniques of Dance Instruction" and the "Presentation of Folk, Square and Round Dancing" to weekly classes limited to 25 members. This year's instruction sessions will cover the important area of Folk and Square Dance programming for Golden Agers.

The sessions are scheduled for eight consecutive Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M., beginning October 19, 1966 and will be held at the Brooklyn War Memorial, Cadman Plaza, Fulton and Orange Street, Brooklyn. Presented as a service of the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks, the weekly series is open only to members of qualified organizations. For registration and further information, call or write to: Acting Director of Recreation, Arsenal Building, 830 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021. The telephone number is REgent 4-1000 Ext. 827

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Wednesday, October 12, 1966

The Wollman Memorial Skating Rink in Central Park, Manhattan, and the Kate Wollman Memorial Rink in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, will be reopened for ice skating starting Saturday, October 15, 1966 at 10 A.M., it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

On opening day there will be the usual free session for children 14 years of age and under from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon (no adults will be admitted to this session). The other sessions will be from 2:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. and from 8:30 P.M. to 11 P.M. Both adults and children will be admitted at weekend prices at these sessions.

The Wollman Memorial Rink is located in Central Park at 63rd Street, west of the Central Park Zoo and north of the 59th Street Lake, and dressing rooms, a food concession and incidental facilities are provided.

The Kate Wollman Memorial Rink in Prospect Park is located on the north shore of Prospect Park Lake near Ocean Avenue and may be reached from either the Lincoln Road or Parkside Avenue entrances. Dressing rooms, a food concession and incidental facilities are also available. There is also a parking field adjacent to the rink, free of charge. Special carnival and holiday events will be arranged for both rinks. These events will be announced at a future date.

The attached schedules of sessions and rates for each skating rink will be in effect.

Attachments

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WOLLMAN SKATING RINK

IN CENTRAL PARK, MANHATTAN

ICE SKATING SCHEDULE

	<u>10 a. m. - 1 p. m.</u>	<u>2:30 p. m. - 5:30 p. m.</u>	<u>8:30 p. m. - 11 p. m.</u>
Mon. thru Fri.	*Child - 50¢ *Adult - 50¢	Child - 25¢ Adult - 50¢	Child - 50¢ Adult - 50¢
Weekends & Holidays	*Child - 50¢ *Adult - 75¢	Child - 50¢ Adult - 75¢	Child - 50¢ Adult - 75¢

SPECIAL SCHEDULES

SPEED SKATING:

Mon. Wed. Fri	6:00 p. m. - 7:00 p. m.	Child - 50¢ Adult - 50¢
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Figure & Dance Skating:

Tues., Thurs.	6:30 p. m. - 8:30 p. m.)	** Child - \$1.00
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Sat.	7:30 p. m. - 8:30 p. m.)	**Adult - \$1.00
)	
Sun.	9:00 a. m. - 10:00 a. m.)	

* Free period for children from 10:00 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturdays, Holidays, and school vacation. No adults admitted on the ice.

** With privilege to stay over for following session.

Shoe Ice Skate Rentals available.

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KATE WOLLMAN MEMORIAL RINK

IN PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN

ICE SKATING SCHEDULE

	<u>10 a. m. - 1 p. m.</u>	<u>2:30 p. m. - 5:30 p. m.</u>	<u>8:30 p. m. - 11 p. m.</u>
Mon. Thru Fri.	*Child - 50¢ *Adult - 50¢	Child - 25¢ Adult - 50¢	Child - 50¢ Adult - 50¢
Weekends & Holidays	*Child - 50¢ *Adult - 75¢	Child - 50¢ Adult - 75¢	Child - 50¢ Adult - 75¢

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FIGURE & DANCE SKATING:

Mon. Wed. & Fri.	6:30 - 8:30 p. m.	(**Child - \$1.00 (
Sundays	9:00 - 10:00 a. m.	(** Adult - \$1.00

* Free period for children from 10 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturdays, Holidays, and school vacation. No adults admitted on ice.

** With privilege to stay over for following session.

Ice Shoe Skate Rentals available.

Daily Coin-Operated Lockers available for each session.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1966-10 A.M.

COMMISSIONER HOVING ANNOUNCES OKTOBERFEST

Surrounded by Zum Zum and Lowenbrau girls and the aroma of hot German sausages, Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today the details of a forthcoming Oktoberfest in Bryant Park. The Oktoberfest will take place on Thursday, October 20th and Friday, October 21st between 11 A.M. and 7 P.M.

"Meine Damen und Herren: Es freut mich sehr, Sie alle hier zu sehen," said Commissioner Hoving. "Ein Oktoberfest in Muenchen ist herrlich, aber hier sollte es noch besser werden," Commissioner Hoving declared. "Mein Deutsch reicht leider nur um ein paar Worte zu sprechen. Viel Spass, und hoch sollen Sie leben!" (Translation: "Ladies and Gentlemen: I am very happy to see you here. An Oktoberfest in Munich is fun, but it should be even better here. My German unfortunately suffices for only a few words. Have fun, and three cheers!")

Commissioner Hoving said that his administration "is going all out to encourage nationality festivals of all kinds in the parks because this is one of the greatest forms of recreation--having a good time and watching others have a good time". "At the two-day festival," Commissioner Hoving said, "there will be public dancing and dancing by groups such as the United Bavarian Society, which is asking all its constituent 'Schuplattler' groups to participate. Commissioner Hoving said that the food served at the press conference at the Arsenal today--wienerbrot, bratwurst and several other wursts and beer--will also be served at the Oktoberfest at low prices. Zum Zum is providing the sausages and Lowenbrau the beer. In addition, Lowenbrau is providing a band. Another band, Julius and his Platzl Boys, will be supplied by M. Hohner, Inc., a famous German music company. The event will be held on the lawn area of Bryant Park. Part of the festivities will be held inside a giant air structure which was donated by Air-Tech Industries.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1966

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today the appointment of Daniel S. Garvey to the post of Director of Engineering and Construction in the Department of Parks. Mr. Garvey, a Professional Engineer, comes to the Department of Parks from the Bureau of the Budget where he directed the preparation of the Executive Capital Budget.

Commissioner Hoving said that "this administration is fortunate in being able to secure the services of a dedicated professional in government, one who is familiar with all the snags and snafus of bureaucracy, and because of this will be able to help us to expedite our capital projects".

The Parks Commissioner noted that Mr. Garvey "has had ten years of experience in New York City's government, six of which have been devoted to the Executive Capital Budget, which includes all parks construction and rehabilitation projects".

Mr. Garvey's salary will be \$22,000 a year.

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TILLSTROM GIFT TO MARIONETTE THEATRE

Burr Tillstrom of "Kukla, Fran and Ollie" fame has donated his portable stage, built for concert performances and touring shows, to the Department of Parks Marionette Theatre, it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving.

The portable stage, valued at \$3,000, has three openings, with velvet drapes and elaborate baroque-style proscenium flats. Parks Department Marionette Theatre Director Rod Young plans to set it up this Spring on the lawn of the Swedish Cottage in Central Park for the presentation of hand puppet Punch and Judy shows.

"It's a wonderful gift," said Mr. Young, new director of the Marionette Theatre which has been in operation for the past twenty seven years. "We've never used hand or rod puppets before and they can be very exciting."

The Marionette Theatre is hard at work on its new production of "Beauty and the Beast" which will open in the schools during the first week of December.

Free open house sessions, being held this month for New Yorkers interested in learning about marionette construction and operation, have been completely booked up, reports Mr. Young, so more are planned for this coming Spring. Reservations must be made by calling Mr. Young at YU 8-9093.

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Upon Receipt

Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks announces that an a' BLO GO contest for boys and girls 13 years of age and under will be conducted in 55 park playgrounds on Saturday, October 22, at 11:00 A.M.

The a' Blo Go is a new toy with which children can test their perception and skill at keeping a plastic foam ball going around in an arrangement of tubes faintly resembling a French horn.

A practice period at each of the 55 playgrounds will will run through Friday, October 21, so that children may become familiar with the a' Blo Go toy.

The contest is sponsored by the Jefcor Industries who have contributed the equipment for the competition and the prizes which will be awarded to the winners. Each participant will be provided with an individual hygienic mouthpiece .

The winner and runner-up from each playground will be eligible to compete in the City Championships to be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 12 at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park, Queens.

Children who wish to participate may register for the contest with the Recreation Director at their neighborhood park playground.

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Department of Parks
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UPON RECEIPT

Dial 755-4100 if you want to know where the action is in New York City's parks! Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving today announced the new Department of Parks telephone number which the public may call for information on park events.

Callers dialing 755-4100 will be connected with a 90-second tape recording, giving the highlights of happenings in New York City's parks. This service will be in operation around the clock, seven days a week.

Commissioner Hoving said that increased public interest in parks had necessitated the additional line which can respond to ten callers simultaneously. "Our switchboard has been so overloaded by inquiries," stated the Commissioner, "that there have been times when we couldn't make or receive other calls."

The Parks Department telephone tape will carry not only up-to-date daily information, but will also keep New Yorkers informed of future park events of general public interest.

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WOLLMAN SKATING RINK

CENTRAL PARK, MANHATTAN

ICE SKATING SCHEDULE

	<u>10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</u>	<u>2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.</u>
Mon. thru Fri.	*Child - 50¢	Child - 25¢	Child - 50¢
	*Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢
Weekends & Holidays	*Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢
	*Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢

SPECIAL SCHEDULESSPEED SKATING

^{and} Mon. Fri.	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Child - 50¢
^		Adult - 50¢

FIGURE & DANCE SKATING

Tues, Thurs.	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)	**Child - \$1.00
		**Adult - \$1.00
Sat.	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	
Sun.	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	

*Free period for children from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays, Holidays, and school vacation. No adults admitted on the ice.

**With privilege to stay over for following session

Shoe Ice Skate Rentals available

1966 - 1967

KATE WOLLMAN MEMORIAL RINK

PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN

ICE SKATING SCHEDULE

	<u>10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</u>	<u>2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.</u>
Mon. thru Fri.	*Child - 50¢	Child - 25¢	Child - 50¢
	*Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢
Weekends and Holidays	*Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢
	*Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢

SPECIAL SCHEDULES

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Thurs. and Sat.	6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Child - 50¢
		Adult - 50¢

FIGURE & DANCE SKATING

Mon. Wed. & Fri.	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	** Child - \$1.00
Sundays	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	** Adult - \$1.00

* Free period for children from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays, Holidays and school vacation. No adults admitted on ice.

** With privilege to stay over for following session.

ICE SHOE SKATE RENTALS AVAILABLE

DAILY COIN-OPERATED LOCKERS AVAILABLE FOR EACH SESSION.



Department of Parks
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Arsenal, Central Park

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UPON RECEIPT

Thomas P. F. Hoving Commissioner of Parks
announces that New York City's Annual Outdoor
Chrysanthemum Display is now in bloom with over
1,000,000 blossoms on view in four park areas -

Central Park Conservatory Garden
105th Street and Fifth Avenue

The Plaza at 59th Street and Fifth Avenue

Bryant Park - 42nd Street and Avenue of the Americas.

Bowling Green at Broadway and Whitehall Street.

Planted solidly in beds, the flowers range in color
from white through pale yellow - to pink to brilliant red,
and the plants range in size from dwarf varieties to more
than three feet high and three feet in spread.

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Parks Commissioner Hoving announces "Build-Your-Own-Castle-and _____*In-It-Day" in Central Park on October 23, 1966. *The activities that take place in the Castle environment will depend on the public's imagination.

The Events-In-Open-Air festival will begin at 11 A.M. near the Delacorte Theatre and will end at 3:30 P.M. with a picnic in red, brown, orange and gold. The public is invited to bring an autumn lunch.

This will be the sixth in the EIOA series of outdoor public games which evolved from the historic "Painting Happening" of last May. Art materials, plastics, fabrics, hay, wood and tools have been donated and will be assembled according to public whimsy to create four environments. Much of the fabric will be used for on-the-spot costuming for those who wish to dance or join the bread parade.

"What we have been developing all summer in various neighborhoods around the City is a method of allowing individual spontaneity, creativity and game playing", said Commissioner Hoving. Artists, sculptors, musicians and dancers have volunteered to be catalysts among the participants. Featured performers will be the Dini Zulu troupe of African dancers.

The Belvedere Castle will be converted into a fun house, an enormous balloon sculpture will float in the Belvedere Lake, and the castle building will take place under the stands of the Delacorte Theatre. There will be slides, music, public dancing and an exhibition of paintings created by children and adults from all over the City.

The festival is conceived by Miss Phyllis Yampolsky, a proponent of public art. In case of rain, EIOA will be postponed until the following Sunday at the same time.

SPONSORS

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Krakus Hams
N. Y. C. Marionette Theater
Air-Chem - Smells
Magic Marker Inc.
Union Carbide - Vinyl
N. B. C. Special Effects
Dow Chemicals - Styro Foam
Styro Sales - Styro Foam
Stauffer Chemical Co. - Vinyl
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A. J. Trucco - Nuts
Fablok Mills Inc. - Nettings
Astrup Co. - Muslin
Magid- Robinson Co. - Vinyl
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Switzerland Swiss Cheese
Dessart Bros., Inc. - Masks
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Bazzini - Peanuts
Service Poly-Pak, Inc. Plastic Bags
Adam Metal Co. - Aluminum
Creative Playthings - Leggo
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Conklin, Brass and Copper Co. - Aluminum
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Glitterex Corp. - Glitter
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Binney and Smith - Crayons
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Ross and Roberts - Vinyl
Excelcior Meat Market
Nature Food Products - Health Candy
The Big Store - Buttons
Goodyear Rubber - Tiles
A. & P.
Kelly's - Flags
Ratner's Cake
Century Meat and Supply Co.
Pastemaker, Inc.
Fischer Bros. & Leslie, Kosher Meats
Woolworths - Novelties
Katz's - Salami
Emil's Pork Store

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THE N.Y.C. DEPT. OF PARKS UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE DELACORTE FOUNDATION-PRESENTS

BRING HAMMERS, SAWS, STAPLES, ETC!!!

BUILD-YOUR-OWN-CASTLE-AND-IN-IT DAY

IN THE SERIES OF "EVENTS-IN-OPEN-AIR" - THE UNPRECEDENTED FESTIVAL

AT 11:00 A.M. ALL THOSE WANTING TO BEGIN WILL BEGIN TO BUILD A THING IN 4 SPACES (SEE ASTERISK) - OUT OF ANYTHING

SUN. OCT 23, 1966 AROUND THE DELACORTE THEATRE IN CENTRAL PARK

ANYTHING IS ANY OBJECT LOST, FOUND, BROKEN, AND OTHERWISE OR USELESS - BRING ONE

12:00 TO 3:00 TRIP TUNNEL (A SPOOK HOUSE)

AT 1:00 - ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN DRESSING-FOR THE OCCASION MAY BEGIN WITH

AT NOON ALL THOSE WANTING TO BEGIN MAY BEGIN TO PAINT, FURNISH, OR DELORATE THE "ENHANCEMENT'S"

NEON TO 3 BELVEDERE TOWER - A FOUND-CASTLE

AT 1:00 P.M. - ALL THOSE WHO ARE EQUIPPED WITH SOUND MAKERS MAY JOIN ANY ONE OF THE SOUND-MAKING GROUPS AND MAKE NOISE

AT 1:00 P.M. THE 4 GROUPS OF SOUND MAKERS WILL PICK A SPACE OUT OF A MAT

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS FROM "EVENTS-IN-OPEN-AIR" NO. 1 TO 5

A SOUNDMAKER MAY BE ANYTHING

EAT SLEEP WORK PLAY

AT 1:00 P.M. 4 GROUPS OF THE COSTUMED CROWD MAY PICK A SOUND GROUP OUT OF A MAT

3:00 P.M. GRAND AUCTION OF SAID PAINTINGS

WHEREUPON ALL THOSE OF THE COSTUMED CROWD MAY REHEARSE WITH THEIR SOUND GROUP PLAYING THEIR CHOSEN SPACE AND PERFORM

AN OCTURNAL FEAST IN RED, BROWN, ORANGE, AND GOLD TO WHICH YOU MAY ADD ANYTHING EDIBLE IN THOSE COLORS. 2:30 P.M.

AFTER WHICH, WE SHALL CERTAINLY DANCE



SPECIAL! E-I-O-A-PICTURE SLIDE SHOW!! - NOON TO 3:00 P.M. - UNDER THE GRANDSTAND!!

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UPON RECEIPT

ATTENTION: NEWS, FEATURE AND PICTURE EDITORS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will hold a breakfast press conference at The Arsenal on Tuesday, October 25th, at 10:15 A.M. to announce a special event to be held in Central Park.

Representatives of the many sponsors of this unique event will be present.

(Doughnuts, pumpkin pie and coffee will be served at the press conference.)

The Arsenal is located at 64th Street and Fifth Avenue in Central Park. The press conference will take place on the Third Floor.

(Other general announcements will be made at the same time.)

Department of Parks
City of New York
Arsenal, Central Park

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Tuesday, October 25, 1966

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The Wollman Memorial Skating Rink in Central Park will be the scene of figure-skating exhibitions on Saturday, October 29, 1966 at 10:15 A.M., Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today. The exhibitions will feature such stars as Scott Ethan Allen, the United States Men's Champion and winner of the 1964 Olympic Bronze Medal; Patrick Bertra, French National Men's Champion; and Albertina Noyes, runner-up in the 1966 United States Ladies National Championships, and member of our 1964 Olympic team.

Sponsored by the Park Figure Skating Club and the United States Figure Skating Association, these exhibitions will initiate the first of three skating clinics for children in New York City, with funds made available by the 1961 World Team Memorial Fund to develop physical fitness through figure-skating among the youth of our country.

Registration for the first free clinic, which will be conducted in six sessions, will start immediately after the skating exhibition at the Wollman Rink in Central Park. It will be limited to children between the ages of 6 to 14 years of age and they must provide their own figure skates.

Plans are now being made for future clinics which will be held

at the Flushing Meadow Rink in Queens and the Wollman Memorial Rink in Brooklyn. *Venus has date - Dec 1 to Dec 3* *Chick Feller in Cabaret*

The public is cordially invited to witness these exhibitions.

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10:15 A.M., Tuesday,
October 25, 1966

GIANT FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY TO BE HELD IN CENTRAL PARK

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today the details of a giant, old-fashioned family Halloween Party to be held in Central Park on Sunday, October 30th, from 3 to 7 P.M. "Among the highlights of the Halloween Party" said Commissioner Hoving, "will be a children's costume parade and pumpkin-carving, chalk-drawing and doughnut-eating contests". Refreshments will be available as well as prizes for everyone entering the contests, and there will be free pumpkins for families taking part in the pumpkin-carving competitions.

At the press conference Tuesday morning, Commissioner Hoving was presented with a gigantic pumpkin by Richard Gott of the Coca-Cola Company on behalf of the upcoming television show, "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown". The Coca-Cola Company, which is sponsoring the show on Thursday evening, October 27th, will provide 2,400 pumpkins and free Coca-Cola for the Parks Department's Halloween Party.

Commissioner Hoving was also confronted with a real, live witch Tuesday morning who demonstrated the art of competing in a doughnut-eating contest. The witch, and the doughnuts which will be given out at the Sunday Halloween Party, are provided by Mister Donut, Inc.

Commissioner Hoving said that the costume parade will begin at 3 P.M. at the intersection of the 72nd Street Transverse Road and the East Drive in Central Park and will march past a reviewing stand in which will sit Mayor John V. Lindsay and other dignitaries. Parents of younger children are asked to accompany their children in the parade, but without costume.

"The Chalk Art Competition will take place on the Central Park Mall, the doughnut-eating competition in the Sheep Meadow, and the free hayrides will debark every half-hour from the bridge path near 64th Street and Central Park West, just south of the Tavern-on-the-Green", Commissioner Hoving said. Commissioner Hoving noted that the pumpkin-carving competition was to be a family event and that no children would be permitted to carry pumpkin-carving tools in the park if they were unaccompanied by a parent. Families are to bring their own carving tools for the competition.

All the competitions will take place at 3:30 P.M. after the costume parade.

Other sponsors of the Halloween Party are the Broadway Maintenance Corporation, which will decorate the costume parade route; Hasbro Toys; the Clove Lakes Stables of Staten Island, which is providing the hay rides; and artist Peter Max who designed the poster announcing the Halloween Party.

There will be no rain date.

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After 10 A.M., Wednesday,
October 26, 1966

ALL EDITORS PLEASE NOTE

Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks,
issued the attached statement on Wednesday morning,
October 26th, at the departmental hearing before the
City Planning Commission.

The complete text of Commissioner Hoving's
statement is attached.

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STATEMENT BY THOMAS P.F. HOVING, COMMISSIONER OF PARKS,
AT THE DEPARTMENTAL HEARING BEFORE THE CITY PLANNING
COMMISSION ON 1967-68 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST,
OCTOBER 26, 1966

The 1967-68 Capital Budget Request of the Parks Department is a clear mirror of the pressing recreational needs of New York City for the coming year. This budget has been considered, planned and prepared in an entirely new way.

It is the accurate reflection not only of hundreds of man-hours of work by the Department's professional staff with considerable help from the City Planning Commission, but equally important, it is the result of many regularly scheduled discussions with the Borough Presidents, their staffs, numerous Community Planning Boards and countless civic associations. In short, it is a community-inclined and community-impelled document. It is a grass-roots budget for development and improvement. It makes its appearance in this fashion because we feel that the Parks Department must reflect the specific recreational needs of all segments of the City's population, after continuing and detailed discussions with each and every community.

The presentation of this year's budget differs from preceding years, too. Formerly, it was the custom to supply elaborate books, furnished with photos of each site under consideration, neatly bound and embellished properly. This has not been done this year because we discovered that the preparation of the book cost our Room 100--the Engineers and Architects--no less than \$105,300.

This year's budget is an ambitious undertaking. The total request is \$81,250,000. Of this amount \$30,508,000 involves land acquisition, \$35,000,000 involves ongoing projects, \$8,100,000 involves rehabilitation projects in both design and construction and \$2,000,000 for the design alone of new projects.

The size of this request takes into consideration the clear fact that the City must continue to add to its land holdings in order to bring about a correct balance of open space throughout the entire City. It is an attempt to meet the changed and changing needs of open space requirements. It faces squarely the fact that, in the future, we will have to re-study the intrinsic value of retaining certain park holdings and facilities that no longer contribute significantly to the recreational life of New York.

From the first day that I assumed the office of the Commissioner of Parks, I have been reviewing the operations of this Department in an effort to establish methods and procedures which will provide for more efficiency.

In this regard, I have reached the conclusion that only a bold step concerning the financing of the engineering and architectural work of the Department will eliminate a very wasteful and archaic procedure. I therefore am revising my budget request to include an amount of \$2,000,000 under Project P-11 instead of \$300,000 to provide for the salaries of the engineering and architectural staff. Why? Under the present system, the engineers

and architects are paid by a set percentage of the costs of each capital task they perform. We have found that some jobs have cost the taxpayer three to four times the amount budgeted for the job. In other cases, we have discovered that money originally allotted for design had to be diverted solely to meet the payroll. It is our contention that it is right and proper to pay those individuals charged with working on Capital projects out of Capital Funds, as has been the practice since the early days of the Department, but that the current system of a percentage of each Capital job is outworn, inefficient and inflexible. It doesn't recognize the need for long-range plans, nor does it permit free choice to assign certain tasks to our architects and engineers which would be more effectively done by outside consultants. Further, it burdens our payroll division with an artificial, archaic and overwhelmingly complicated accounting system.

In January, this parks administration encountered a large backlog of unassigned jobs, some going back to 1963-64. Now I am happy to announce that all formerly unassigned Capital projects of 1963-64, 1964-65, 1965-66, and 1966-67 have been given out. We are demonstrating a strong ability to move. The tally of unexpended or "pipeline" moneys now is far below the amount of ten months ago. We are ~~able~~ now, and in future months will be even more capable of getting the vitally needed jobs for parks and recreation done faster.

Although most projects may be eligible for Federal, and some for State aid, all amounts in this request have been stated in City funds. The reason is that in the past the City has been required to provide first-instance money, and Federal funds have been available as reimbursement. The few cases where Federal or State aid is indicated concern projects where the work is performed by the Federal or State Government and the City makes the reimbursement.

I believe this Budget Request is an absolute necessity. You will be interested to know that after many intra-departmental discussions involving the priorities of these projects, the present figure was obtained from the initial submission of more than one-hundred million dollars. We have pared down considerably.

I fully realize that other areas of community life have always been considered more important than parks. Nevertheless, it is imperative that we face up to the vital and continuing needs of a Parks Department of a highly creative and progressive nature.

Without the capital funds, we can neither "bank" new lands for the growing population, nor rehabilitate what facilities we already possess, nor reach out into fresh fields.

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UPON RECEIPT

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will join with other city officials and private sponsors to celebrate the opening of a garden vest pocket park, at 103rd Street and Northern Boulevard, in Corona, Queens, on Wednesday, November 2, 1966 at 2 P. M.

Citing the city's newest 40 x 100 foot vest pocket park as a "uniquely cooperative project," the Commissioner praised the City Gardens Club which had initiated the new park together with the Corona Congregational Church and the 103rd Street Block Association.

Other cooperating agencies were the Rehabilitation Interim Action Office of the Housing and Redevelopment Board, headed by Mrs. Kerstene Morse, the New York City Departments of Real Estate, Parks, Sanitation and Highways, the Neighborhood Youth Corps, and the Vista Workers.

The City Gardens Club which celebrates its fiftieth anniversary in 1968, maintains offices at 829 Madison Avenue in Manhattan. Mrs. Russell C. Veit is the president and Mrs. Morton Banks was chairwoman of the vest pocket project.

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PRESS COVERAGE IS INVITED



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Wednesday, November 2, 1966
10 A. M.

COMMISSIONER THOMAS P.F. HOVING APPOINTS
DR. BARBARALEE D. DIAMONSTEIN SPECIAL ASSISTANT
FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today the appointment of Dr. Barbaralee D. Diamonstein as Special Assistant for Cultural Affairs. Miss Diamonstein comes to this post from The White House where she served as Executive Assistant to Professor Eric F. Goldman, Special Consultant to President Johnson.

Parks Commissioner Hoving said, "Dr. Diamonstein is uniquely qualified to assist me in handling the broad spectrum of duties in the cultural field that we will be undertaking in the forthcoming reorganization of this Department into the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Administration".

Miss Diamonstein is a native New Yorker who earned her doctorate, with honors, from New York University. She has assisted Dr. Goldman in his role as moderator of the NBC-TV program, The Open Mind. Miss Diamonstein has also taught at the University level, lectured widely, and contributed to scholarly journals and to the Saturday Review.

Miss Diamonstein will be the hostess of Commissioner Hoving's weekly WNYC-TV show, "The World of the Arts", on Thursday, November 10, at 2:30-3:00 P.M. Professor Goldman will be the guest on the show. The WNYC show will be repeated on the following Sunday evening at 9:00-9:30 P.M.

Miss Diamonstein will be available for interviews.

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UPON RECEIPT

JOSÉ THE JAGUAR ARRIVED IN CENTRAL PARK ZOO

A new male Jaguar by the name of José has recently arrived in the Central Park Zoo, Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announced today.

"The young fellow is a healthy, somewhat tame animal who outgrew the Children's Zoo in Cleveland and decided to seek his fortune in New York", said Commissioner Hoving. "His disposition alone is worth the \$750 we paid for him", said the Parks Commissioner.

The new Jaguar is 2 years old and weighs about 60 lbs.

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UPON RECEIPT

PARKS COMMISSIONER HOVING CAMPAIGNS FOR PROPOSITION I,
THE \$200,000,000 RECREATION BOND ISSUE.

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving began to stump this week for Proposition I, the \$200,000,000 Recreation Bond issue that will appear on the ballot on November 8th. At a luncheon before the Rotary Club of the Bronx at the Concourse Plaza Hotel today, Commissioner Hoving urged a "Yes" vote for the bond issue proposition, "because it will make millions of dollars available for acquisition and development of New York City park facilities".

"New York City cannot afford to turn this proposition down", Commissioner Hoving told the Bronx Rotarians. Noting that, "New York is a wealthy state while New York City is impoverished", Commissioner Hoving said, "We must work toward getting back a fairer share of our tax dollar that goes to Albany as well as to Washington." "The passage of Proposition I will not give us our fair share of the \$200,000,000 State Recreation Bond issue, but it is a step in the right direction. Our \$25,000,000 share, plus the undetermined amount that we may receive from it for marinas and for historical sites, is important money and we can spend it for the benefit of City dwellers", Commissioner Hoving said.

Commissioner Hoving will speak again this week for Proposition I at a dinner meeting of the United States Olympians on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 7 P.M., at the Seventh Regiment Armory, Park Avenue at 66th Street; and at a luncheon of the Park Association of New York on Thursday, November 3rd, at the National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Place, New York City.

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ON RECEIPT

Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, announces that a new series of free dog obedience classes will be held at Roosevelt Playground, Building C, Chrystie and Forsyth Streets, Manhattan. The instruction classes will be held outdoors in good weather and indoors during inclement weather.

Mr. Louis Ciccio, who will conduct the classes, will be at Roosevelt Playground to receive applications on weekdays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. through Friday, November 18. All dogs must be inoculated and licensed in order to participate.

Certificates of Merit were presented to owners of the more than 100 dogs that successfully passed the required tests held at the termination of the classes held in Central Park during the past summer.

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Department of Parks
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Friday, November 4, 1966

ATTENTION: NEWS, FEATURE AND PICTURE EDITORS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will unveil a model of "the schoolyard of the future" at a press conference at The Arsenal on Wednesday, November 9th at 10:15 A.M. The new schoolyard will be built on Staten Island.

Commissioner Hoving will also announce a new design for a park in Rochdale Village, Queens and two top appointments in the Parks Department's Design Division.

This press conference will be of special interest to the architectural press.

The Arsenal is located in Central Park at 64th Street and Fifth Avenue. The press conference will be held on the third floor.

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UPON RECEIPT

"The first newsletter for employees ever issued by the Department of Parks was distributed today to all employees", announced Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

Describing the newsletter, "leaflet", as "our attempt to establish direct communications with the Park Department's men and women in the field", Commissioner Hoving pointed out that although he has traveled throughout the five boroughs to most of the department's installations, it was difficult "to make personal contact with all 6,000 of our year-round employees".

The Commissioner stated that the newsletter would be as controversial as the employees wished to make it, adding, "I want our employees to know what is happening top-side and I want them to communicate their suggestions and complaints to us directly. We'll print critical letters and attempt to do something about the complaints, but we primarily hope that "leaflet" will encourage Park Department employees to propose their ideas for improving this huge park system".

The sixteen-page newsletter, "leaflet", is multilithed on the Park Department's own machine and is edited by Miss Jan Henry of the Division of Public Relations.

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FOR INFORMATION ON PARK DEPARTMENT EVENTS, PLEASE DIAL 755-4100.



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ON RECEIPT

Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks,
today invited sidewalk artists to "Chalk a Carpet of
Color" on Sunday, November 13th, from 11 A. M. to 2 P. M.
at two areas in Manhattan:

Carl Schurz Playground - 84th Street and East
End Avenue

Washington Square Park - Fountain Area - 5th
Avenue & Thompson St.

Participants of all ages are welcome to sketch
designs of mosaic, geometric, floral or oriental pattern.
They may also do landscapes or representations of people,
animals or houses.

Only chalk may be used. A basic kit of chalk
will be given to all participants but they may bring
their own for a wider range of color.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1966
10:15 A.M.

HOVING ANNOUNCES "SCHOOLYARD OF THE FUTURE"
AND TOP ARCHITECTURAL APPOINTMENTS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving unveiled a model of "the schoolyard of the future" at a press conference at The Arsenal today. Designed by architect Richard Stein, the new playground will be installed at P.S. 55 in the Annadale section of Staten Island.

Commissioner Hoving said that "The new design is a radical change from the chain link fenced plot of asphalt this Department has traditionally provided for jointly-operated school playgrounds. The unique features of this new playground", said Commissioner Hoving, "are that it retains the ancient oak trees on the site, that it provides a number of different levels that break up the visual monotony and provide for a variety of activities and, last but perhaps most important, it demonstrates that good design need not cost more." Commissioner Hoving noted that the new design cost approximately \$100,000 less than an original Board of Education plan that would have destroyed the old oak trees and installed a huge retaining wall around the playground.

Another design for a new park at Rochdale Village in Queens, also by Richard Stein, was shown at the press conference. Commissioner Hoving said that "The intention of the design is to provide a social link between the housing project and the residents of the neighborhood." The Rochdale Village park is designed so that it opens both toward the middle income project of some 6,000 residents and toward the community. Commissioner Hoving also pointed out that "The architect has created a terrain with mountains, valleys and plateaus on a flat site so that major use zones are

encompass are football, soccer and baseball. There is another section for roller skating and softball.

Commissioner Hoving also announced the appointment of two top architectural aides: Arthur Rosenblatt, A.I.A., as Director of Park Design; and Charles E. Thomsen, A.I.A., as Assistant Director of Park Design. (Biographies of the two architects are available.) Commissioner Hoving said, "Mr. Rosenblatt has been working here in the Department since January, 1966, on a foundation grant from Urban America, Inc., as my Design Consultant because there had been no provision for an architect on the top level of the Department of Parks' staff. In this position, he has been responsible for the selection of architects for Park Department projects and for the overall guidance of the Department's design program. He will continue in this capacity as a City employee."

Commissioner Hoving announced that "Mr. Thomsen's duties include coordination of the Park Department's vest-pocket park program and administering the \$450,000 Federal grant for the development of portable parks."

"As new design projects, such as these announced today come forth," said Commissioner Hoving, "they will more than justify the need for architects of this caliber at the top level of government."

The P.S. 55 playground in Staten Island is located west of Preston Avenue between Osborne Avenue and Koch Boulevard. It had been budgeted at \$300,000 but costs have now been reduced by the new design to \$200,000. The playground facilities will include an amphitheatre seating 500; a games area which provides for skelly, hop scotch, shuffleboard and basketball; and a group of concrete sculptures by Costantino Nivola.

The Rochdale Village Park is located at New York Boulevard and 139th Avenue. The total estimated cost is \$584,200.

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UPON RECEIPT

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announces that the finals of the "Blo-Go" contest for boys and girls 13 years of age and under will be held at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park, Queens on Saturday, November 12th at 11:00 A.M.

The winner and runner-up from each of the 55 playgrounds at which local contests were held, will compete for the City-wide Championships. Prizes of trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place winners.

The contest is sponsored by the Jefcor Industries who have contributed the equipment for the competition and the prizes which will be awarded to the winners.

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Department of Parks
City of New York
Arsenal, Central Park

for release
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1966

HOVING INVITES NEW YORKERS
TO MIDNIGHT SCIENTIFIC "HAPPENING"

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving invited New Yorkers to witness a scientific "happening" that takes place only once every thirty-three and one-third years, in the Sheep Meadow in Central Park on Wednesday night, November 16th, from midnight to 3 A.M. The "happening" is the expected meteor shower of Leonids, which provided its most spectacular display on November 12, 1833.

The Parks Department has asked a team of astronomers from the Hayden Planetarium to be on hand to tell the assembled star-gazers, via a public address system, what is happening. Dr. Thomas D. Nicholson, Chairman of the Hayden Planetarium, will be in charge of the lectures. He will be assisted by Dr. Franklin M. Branley, Dr. Kenneth L. Franklin, and Dr. Martin Steinbaum. The lecturers will be assisted by electric beam pointers which shine 300 feet up into the air and will be used to point out the various star formations. Commissioner Hoving suggested that parents put their children to bed early and then wake them close to midnight and bring them to Central Park "because the magnificence of this shower of stars may not repeat itself for another 133 years". The Parks Commissioner also urged parents to bring warm blankets and thermos jugs of hot chocolate or coffee.

Astronomers have predicted, weather permitting, that the November 16th meteor shower will probably equal the extraordinary one of 1833 when thousands of streams of light seemed to be falling from the sky like snowflakes. Research after the 1833 occurrence uncovered a history of these showers dating back to 585 A.D. Scientists were able to make predictions that the meteor showers of Leonids occur every 33-1/3 years. There were minor displays of the November meteor shower in 1866, 1899 and 1933. The Sheep Meadow in Central Park is west of the center of Central Park from West 66th to West 71st Streets.

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For information:
Mary Perot Nichols
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Department of Parks
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UPON RECEIPT

Thomas P. F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, announced that the Department of Park's award-winning Marionette Theatre will present a series of eight special performances of "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" at the Hunter College Playhouse, 68th Street between Lexington and Park Avenues, Manhattan, during Christmas week.

The schedule of performances is as follows:

Tuesday, December 27th	at 2:30 p.m. only
Wednesday, December 28th	at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 29th	at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Friday, December 30th	at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 31st	at 11:00 a.m. only

Admission to all performances will be by ticket only. A very limited number of free tickets are still available. These may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

PUPPET SHOW, Department of Parks, 830 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York 10021

Indicate on the inside flap of the envelope the date and time of performance requested. It is recommended that a second choice be indicated in the request in the event that tickets for the first choice are not available. Because of the heavy demand for seats, no more than four tickets will be permitted for each request. Requests will be honored in the order in which they are received.

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Department of Parks
City of New York
Arsenal, Central Park

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Upon Receipt

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving, announces the inauguration of a Brooklyn Chess for Youth instruction program beginning Saturday, November 19 and continuing through May 27, 1967. This is in conjunction with Borough President Abe Stark's proclamation of Brooklyn Chess month.

Boys and girls 18 years of age and under who wish to participate may register at any of the locations listed below. At each location, qualified chess instructors will initiate beginners in the rudiments of the game and help the more advanced to improve their play.

The Saturday sessions will be conducted at the following times and locations:

Brooklyn War Memorial, Cadman Plaza, Fulton and Orange Streets -
Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon

St. John's Recreation Center, Prospect Place and Schnectady Avenue -
Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon

Brownsville Recreation Center, 1555 Christopher Avenue at Linden Blvd.
Saturdays from 2 to 4 P.M.

Beginning Thursday, December 1 and continuing every Thursday through May, similar programs will be conducted at these locations:

Betsy Head Playground, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues - Thursdays from
4 to 6 P.M.

Sunset Park, 7th Avenue and 43rd Street - Thursdays from 7 to 9 P.M.

This program is sponsored by the Chess for Youth Committee, of the American Chess Foundation, whose chairman is Mr. Milton F. Goldstein. This organization has sponsored other park chess events in the past.

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Call SO 8-2300 for additional information.

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UPON RECEIPT

Commissioner of Parks Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today that the 4th Annual John F. Kennedy Memorial Bicycle Race will be held on Sunday, November 20th.

The race, sponsored by the Century Road Club Association, will take place in Central Park. Starting at 8 A.M. on top of Cats Paw Hill on the East Drive behind the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the course will take in the entire park.

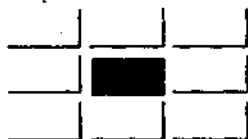
Among the participants will be the Lehigh Wheelman of Allentown, Pennsylvania, the Nassau Wheelman Association of Westbury, New York, and the Century Road Club Association, New York Division.

The John F. Kennedy Memorial race will be held rain or shine. The public is invited to witness the event.

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Department of Parks
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Arsenal, Central Park

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Upon Receipt

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced that 25 members of the Park Department Owen Dolen Golden Age Center will entertain the residents of the St. Patrick's Home For the Aged, 66 Van Cortlandt Park South, Bronx, with a varied program of Folk and Square Dances, on Monday, November 28th at 2:00 P.M.

The Owen Dolen Golden Agers Dance Group under the direction of Joe and Alice Nash, Dancing Specialists for the Recreation Division of the New York City Park Department, meet regularly on Monday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Owen Dolen Golden Age Center, East Tremont and Westchester Avenues, Bronx. All those 55 years of age and over are welcome to join them in their popular dance sessions. They have already visited and entertained at the Beth Abraham Home for Incurables and the Bronx State Hospital, and are available for similar appearances at local facilities. Those interested can receive further information by calling the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks at REgent 4-1000, Ext. 857.

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Department of Parks
City of New York
Arsenal, Central Park

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UPON RECEIPT

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announced that on Thursday, November 24th from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks will conduct the Fourth Annual Thnaksgiving Day Ice Skating Meet at the Kate Wollman Memorial Ice Rink in Prospect Park.

The meet will feature 12 Park Department skating events for boys and girls from 6 to 17 years of age. A special feature of the meet will be a 10 mile Middle Atlantic Speed Skating Race for men and a 3 mile race for women. These races are sponsored by the Brooklyn Speed Skating Association. Many well known speed skaters have filed their entries for these races, among them Joe Lanigan, former Olympic winner and winner of the 10 mile race for the past two years.

The "Free Skating" session at the Rink will not be held on this day.

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Arsenal, Central Park

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1966

ATTENTION: NEWS, FEATURE AND ARCHITECTURAL EDITORS

A BEACH CLUB FOR BEDFORD-STUYVESANT

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will present plans and a model for a unique swimming pool and recreation complex for the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn at a community meeting at the Salvation Army Headquarters, 601 Lafayette Street in Brooklyn, on Tuesday evening, November 22nd at 7:30 P.M.

The pool, to be located at Kosciusko Street and Marcy Avenue, is budgeted at \$1,900,000 and was designed by Morris Lapidus Associates, architects for such showcase swimming clubs as the Eden Roc in Miami Beach and the Arawak in the British West Indies. Morris Lapidus was also the architect for Miami Beach's Fontainebleau Hotel pool, made famous by the James Bond film, "Goldfinger". Mr. Lapidus will be at the Bedford-Stuyvesant meeting to explain his conception to the community.

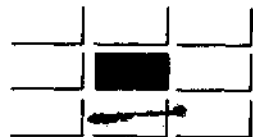
An interesting sidelight for feature editors is the fact that Morris Lapidus was born and raised in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

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For information:
Mary Perot Nichols
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Department of Parks
City of New York
Arsenal, Central Park

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Tuesday, November 22, 1966, 7:30 P.M.

FACT SHEET ON NEW BEDFORD-STUYVESANT SWIMMING-RECREATION COMPLEX

LOCATION: Kosciusko Street and Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn

COST: \$1,900,000.00

Statement by Architect, Morris Lapidus, A.I.A. - "When Commissioner

Thomas Hoving asked our firm to undertake the design of a swimming pool complex for a block in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn, we not only accepted with pleasure and anticipation, but we knew in advance that this would be an exciting architectural venture.

Although the project is called a swimming pool, it is, in fact, a neighborhood park, providing full community facilities for young and old alike; facilities not only for swimming during the hot summer months but a large recreation area that may be, and should be, used twelve months a year. To design such a complex was not only a challenge but an opportunity to combine the lessons learned from designing resorts for all kinds of people in many parts of the world, as well as the design of many large housing and community complexes scattered along the Eastern seaboard.

"Except for the swimming pool, the entire project will be carried out in reinforced concrete. The locker facilities, as well as all other utility spaces, will be partly below street level. The locker rooms will be reached by inviting ramps from Marcy Avenue. There are no buildings as such. The roof over the locker rooms and administrations areas, showers and toilets, as well as other utility

spaces, become play areas such as amphitheaters, picnic plaza and many other community facilities. Climbing pyramids for children will house the ventilating system. Vent pipes for the plumbing below will become a forest of trees to be climbed by children. A cascading water fall, dropping into a lagoon will be used by toddlers as water slides and a wading pool. The area for snacks and picnicking can become an amphitheater for puppet shows or for community concerts or serious dramatic presentations. The bleachers, facing the swimming pool, become a terraced piazza complet with varying sized balconies for large groups, small groups and couples. Every square foot of space is designed for multiple use during warm weather and cold, during the day and during the evening. The swimming pool and the diving pool (they are two separate entities) are made entirely of aluminum. The swimming pool is 250 feet by 100 feet and is one of the largest installations of its kind. The aluminum pools are an innovation in New York City. They will be completely maintenance free and will overcome the problems of possible cracking or other faults which occur in large pools of this size when formed of their normal material, concrete. The large pool may be used for swimming during the cold months by placing a plastic air bubble over it, or it may be turned into a half-dozen basketball courts or several touch football fields. The ultimate all-weather uses are still to be determined. The concrete that will be used in the construction of the Bedford-Stuyvesant pool will employ many textures and treatments. Here will be found no dull concrete walls or floors. The flexibility of concrete will be utilized to its fullest capacity to produce excitement and beauty, aside from the unusual and

varying textures of the surfaces, we intend to have inlays of colored ceramic glass, which will create large murals on a number of the walls. Floors will be covered with non-slip epoxy in bright, vibrant primary colors and unusual patterns. Great economies are anticipated from the use of concrete and aluminum.

"The lighting for the entire area will be designed by Abe Feder, who worked with us in designing the illumination for the first mall in the United States -- The Lincoln Road Mall on Miami Beach. This is the same Feder who illuminated the John F. Kennedy Airport and parts of Central Park.

"The Bedford-Stuyvesant Park and Swimming Pool will be a place to sit, a place to rest, to dream, to relax, a place for children to climb, slide, to explore, to pretend, to exercise and to release an overabundance of energy. It will be a place to socialize in pairs or in groups, it will be a place for movement, both horizontally and vertically, and even in a side wise direction. In effect, this park will be able to create environments for the old as well as for the young, or an environment for the entire community. It has been designed for competitions and exhibitions, for amusements and serious music, dance and drama, as well as a place for children's puppet shows and pageants.

"The Bedford-Stuyvesant Park will not be just a swimming pool and a group of locker buildings, nor will it be a playground with slides, swings and sand boxes. It is intended to be a living space. One of the great living spaces in the world is the Piazza de San Marco in Venice, which is the focal life for the city and the community. The Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood park will in its way become a large living space intended for the enjoyment of members of the entire community."

Department of Parks
The Arsenal
Central Park, New York, 10021

For Information call
Re 4-1000, Ext. 819

UPON RECEIPT

Applications are available for the Municipal Lifeguard Training Course which is conducted each year by the Department of Parks to prepare men for the position of Lifeguard at New York City's municipal pools and beaches, it was announced today by Park Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving.

Tuition is free and the course consists of practical and theoretical instruction in lifesaving skills, water safety, rescue techniques and other procedures and practices taught by special Park Department instructors.

Applicants must be male citizens of the United States who will have reached their 17th birthday on the day of appointment and can pass a non-competitive free-style swimming test of 50 yards in 35 seconds. The minimum height and weight requirements are 5'7" and 135 lbs., at time of registration. Candidates will not be considered eligible for appointment if they have reached their 35th birthday.

Applications are available until the end of December at all public, private and parochial and Hebrew high schools, university and college placement offices; all YMCA, YMHA, and Red Cross Chapter offices; also, at all borough offices of the Department of Parks. Applications will be accepted by the register clerk at East 54th Street Pool at 342 East 54th Street, Manhattan.

The instructive classes will begin early in January 1967, and enrollees will be required to attend 14 sessions (2 hours weekly) which will be held afternoons and evenings each weekday, and mornings and afternoons on Saturdays. Applicants will be given their choice of class periods.

Successful candidates will receive certificates of qualification at the termination of the course.

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Department of Parks
City of New York
Arsenal, Central Park

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Tuesday P. M.
Wednesday A. M.

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND WCBS-TV
ANNOUNCE 1966-67 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

New York City Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving and Clark B. George, Vice President and General Manager of WCBS-TV (Channel 2), announced today joint sponsorship of a city-wide boys basketball tournament beginning Saturday, December 3 and culminating in two championship games to be played in Madison Square Garden on March 18, 1967.

An estimated 800 teams with more than 9000 boys will vie for city championships in two divisions: a junior division for boys 15 years old and under, and a senior division for boys 16 and 17 years of age.

Commissioner Hoving welcomed the WCBS-TV-City Parks Department tournament as "a very exciting and important recreational event consistent with the city's aim to increase interest and participation of youngsters in park activities."

Mr. George said he considered it "a privilege for WCBS-TV to sponsor the tournament as a community service. He added, We look for as many boys and teams as possible to participate."

WCBS-TV will provide equipment for all games as well as individual prizes and uniforms for members of the championship teams.

Posters provided by WCBS-TV announcing the tournament are displayed in every park in the city. Participation is open to all New York City residents who meet the age requirement and have not, or are not, currently playing varsity basketball on the high school or college level.

All 31 park districts in New York City will be involved in the tournament, with district finalists vying for borough titles and borough champions then playing each other. The last two teams remaining in each division, junior and senior, will meet in final games at Madison Square Garden on March 18, prior to a professional basketball game between the New York Knickerbockers and the champion Boston Celtics.

/ Following the final games, prizes will be awarded to all finalists by WCBS-TV.

Coordinating the entire program is George Nicholaw, Director of Community Relations for WCBS-TV and Mel Daus, Director of Recreation for the New York City Department of Parks.

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UPON RECEIPT

Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, announces that 28 Christmas trees located throughout the city will be lighted on Thursday, December 15, 1966 at 5:00 P.M. with special tree lighting ceremonies to be held at City Hall, Manhattan; Borough Hall, Brooklyn; Joyce Kilmer Park, Bronx; Queens Borough Hall; and Richmond Borough Hall.

The City Hall ceremonies in Manhattan will be broadcast over WNYC. Mayor Lindsay will deliver the Christmas message. Then a switch will be thrown, lighting a huge 60-foot high tree, officially beginning New York's observance of the Yuletide season. Honorable Mario A. Procaccino, Comptroller of the City of New York, will also speak at the Manhattan ceremony. Christmas music will be played by the Department of Sanitation Band. The Equitable Life Assurance Society Choral Club and the Glee Club of The School of Education of Fordham University will sing traditional Christmas songs and carols.

The switch lighting the tree will also light a giant green wreath, 18-feet in diameter decorated with red berries, pine cones, hemlock, holly and red ruscus, over the main entrance of the Park Department headquarters at the Arsenal, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, Central Park, Manhattan. In the center of the wreath is a star on a field of sky blue. This colorful display, weighing approximately 2,000 lbs. was fabricated and installed by Park personnel.

The trees and the wreath's star will be lighted each evening after the ceremony from 4:30 to midnight until January 8, 1967. Christmas trees also have been erected in the following locations:

MANHATTAN **City Hall, Broadway & Murray Street
Washington Square Park, at Washington Arch
Tavern-on-the-Green, Central Park W. & 67th St.
Mt. Morris Park, Approx. 123rd St. and Madison Avenue
Ft. Tryon Park, Broadway & Dyckman Street
Carl Schurz Park, East End Ave. & 85th Street
Bellevue Hospital, East 26th St., On Grounds
Madison Square Park, Fifth Avenue 24th Street

more

BROOKLYN

**Borough Hall, Fulton & Joralemon Sts.
Grand Army Plaza, Flatbush Ave. & Union St.
McCarren Park, Driggs Ave. & Lorimer St.
Dyker Beach Park, 86th St. & 7th Ave.
Liev Eiriksson Park, 67th St., at Fourth Aves.
Cadman Plaza, Fulton & Tillary Streets
Esplanade, Montague Terrace, bet. Remsen and
Pierrepont Sts.

QUEENS

**Borough Hall Queens Blvd. & Union Turnpike
King Park, Jamaica Avenue & 151st St.
Flushing Park, Northern Blvd. & Main St.
Highland Park, Jamaica Ave. & Elton St.
St. Albans Mem. Park, Merrick Blvd. & 113th Ave.
Elmhurst Plgd., Broadway & Britton Ave.
Douglaston Golf Course, Commonwealth Blvd.
Buddy Monument, Forest Park

BRONX

**Joyce Kilmer Park, 163rd St. & Grand Concourse
St. Mary's Park, Recreation Bldg., St. Anns Ave.
St. James Park, Oval Lawn, 191st St. & Jerome Ave.

RICHMOND

**Borough Hall, Bay St. & Borough Place
Tappen Park, Bay & Canal Streets

**Denotes Principal Ceremony

Borough Presidents Stark, Cariello, Badillo and Connors
will light the trees in their respective boroughs with appropriate
ceremonies.

In addition, the Park Department's Recreation Division
has arranged more than 300 children's Christmas parties to be held
between December 14th and the New Year in neighborhood playgrounds
throughout the five boroughs. In general the parties will include
carol singing, special Christmas games and entertainment, and visits
from Santa Claus.

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UPON RECEIPT

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving made it clear today that he was not backing a proposal by Raymond Loewy, William Snaith, Inc. for a Mall between Lincoln Center and Central Park. "This was a case of promotional planning or planned promotion on the part of Loewy-Snaith", said Commissioner Hoving.

Commissioner Hoving said that the Loewy-Snaith plan "was not only not endorsed by me but permission to use my name in connection with it was expressly forbidden in a telephone call between my Public Relations Director and Miss Elizabeth Reese, public relations officer for Loewy-Snaith on December 7th and again, later that week, by me." Commissioner Hoving released a copy of a letter to himself from Miss Reese, dated December 9, 1966, confirming the fact that his endorsement of the Loewy-Snaith plan had not been granted.

"The fact that I showed the Loewy-Snaith plan to the Mayor," said Commissioner Hoving, "or that I met with representatives of Loewy-Snaith at an earlier date to discuss their Mall proposal confers no special status on the idea." Commissioner Hoving said, "I show many proposals to the Mayor and I meet with many groups in the City which have ideas to promote. This is not the same thing as an official endorsement."

December 18, 1966

DESIGN
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RESEARCH

Raymond Loewy / William Snaith INC.
685-2500
DEPT. OF PARKS

TO: Thomas Hoving
FROM: Elizabeth Reese
DATE: 9 December 1966

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED LINCOLN CENTER AREA PLAZA

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Thank you for telephoning following this morning's meeting with Mayor Lindsay. You must know how bitterly disappointed we are that we are requested to not release our drawings. It is precisely because our proposal should allay fears of tenants in the area that we have sought your approval so diligently.

Mr. Snaith and I both fear that before we can finally show this work other drawings will start to appear, and the time and thought this organization has devoted to a plan will be lost.

Yours and the Mayor's desire to mollify the institutions that have protested is understandable. We believe that our plan would help to accomplish this, and it is difficult to understand why this immediate, positive virtue in our study is not sufficiently apparent to obtain its endorsement.

copy: Mayor John Lindsay

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UPON RECEIPT

ATTENTION FEATURE, PICTURE AND MUSIC EDITORS!

The New York Choral Society and the New York Department of Parks will revive the spirit of Christmas by presenting an old-fashioned choral concert and community carol sing on Wednesday, December 21, 1966 at the Pulitzer Fountain, Fifth Avenue and 59th Street at 7:30 p. m.

Martin Josman, Director of the celebrated New York Choral Society will lead the group in a performance of old and new carols of many lands. The Choral Society's forty members, attired in seasonal garb, will be accompanied by the solo voice of Richard Krause of the New York City Center Opera Company and the organ music of Roland Gagnon.

Following the performance the public will be invited to join in the caroling and song sheets will be distributed. Yuletide organ selections will begin the festivities at 7:00 p. m.

PRESS COVERAGE IS INVITED.

(Organs lent for the occasion by the Carroll Musical Instrument service and the Wurlitzer Company.)

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UPON RECEIPT

LASKER RINK AT HARLEM MEER WILL OPEN

New York City's ice-skaters will get a treat for the holiday season as the long-awaited Loula D. Lasker Memorial Swimming Pool-Ice Skating Rink opens on Wednesday, December 21st. Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving and Mayor John V. Lindsay will take part in the dedication ceremonies at 2:00 P. M.

Upon completion of the brief formal program, exhibition skaters from the Park Figure Skating Club will put on a show on ice.

The rink will be open to the public for the rest of the day and evening after the dedication ceremonies are concluded at approximately 4 P. M. Regular ice skating sessions will be in operation but there will be no charge for admission on December 21st. (A schedule of skating sessions is attached.)

William Rosensohn, a nephew of the late Loula D. Lasker, will make a presentation of the gift on behalf of the Lasker family and Philip W. Haberman, Jr., an executor of the Estate of Loula D. Lasker, will take part in the ceremonies. The Lasker Family gift of \$600,000 was supplemented by over \$2 million of City funds to create this dual purpose facility. The ice-skating rink converts to a swimming pool in the summer time, providing for year-round recreational use.

Manhattan Borough President Percy E. Sutton will also speak at the dedication ceremonies.

The Loula D. Lasker Memorial Rink and Pool was scheduled to open in February, 1966, but a serious flood caused extensive damage to the freezing equipment. Parks Department and construction personnel have been working around the clock in recent months to get the rink open prior to the holiday season.

Designers of the Lasker Rink and Pool were Fordyce & Hamby, Architects, of 717 Fifth Avenue.

A map of the site is attached.

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LOULA D. LASKER MEMORIAL RINKCENTRAL PARK, MANHATTANICE SKATING SCHEDULE

	<u>10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</u>	<u>2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30p.m. -11pm.</u>
Mon thru Fri.	* Child - 50¢	Child - 25¢	Child - 50¢
	* Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢
Weekends and Holidays	* Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢
	* Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢	Adult- 75¢

SPECIAL SCHEDULESSPEED SKATING

Tues., Thurs. and Sat.	6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Child - 50¢
		Adult - 50¢

FIGURE & DANCE SKATING

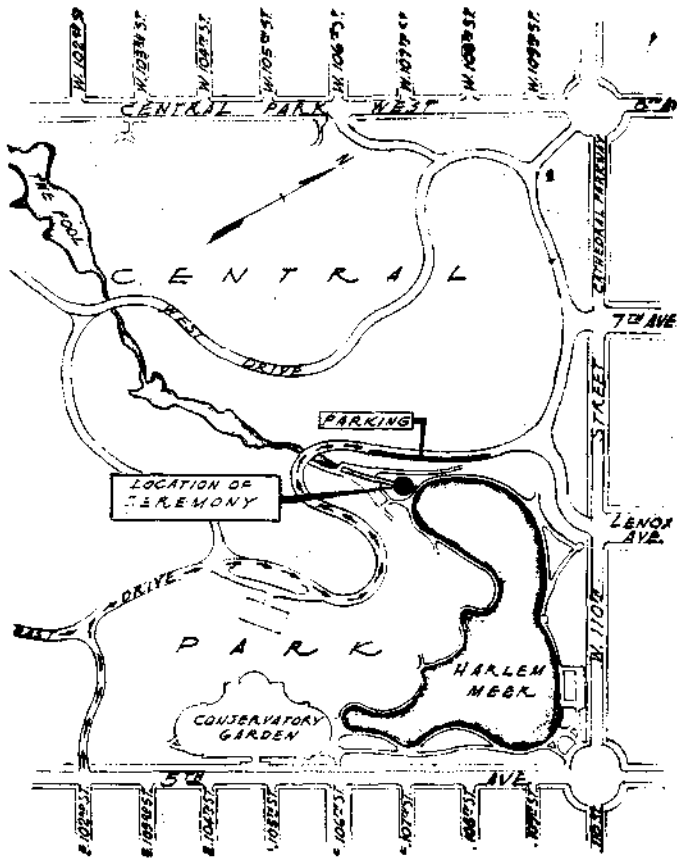
Mon., Wed., & Fri.	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	** Child - \$1.00
Sundays	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	** Adult - \$1.00

* Free period for children 14 years and under from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays, Holidays and school vacation. No adults admitted on ice.

** With privilege to stay over for following session.

ICE SHOE SKATE RENTALS AVAILABLE

DAILY COIN-OPERATED LOCKERS AVAILABLE FOR EACH SESSION.



FACTS ABOUT THE LOULA D. LASKER MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL-SKATING RINK

This combined swimming pool-skating rink, located in the Harlem Meer section of Central Park, is the first such facility to be constructed in the city of New York. Designed by Fordyce & Hamby Associates, Architects, it can accommodate about 2,000 skaters or swimmers at one time.

The swimming pool's oval form has a total circumference of 750 ft. with a maximum diameter of 245 ft. in a north-south direction and 195 ft. in an east-west direction. The area of the pool is about 33,500 square feet and the area of the skating rink within it is 23,000 square feet, approximately the same area as the present Wollman Rinks in Central Park and Prospect Park in Brooklyn. The floor slab of the pool contains the refrigerant piping necessary to transform it into a skating rink.

The heavy flood which occurred last February and which delayed the opening of the rink-pool complex had one fortunate result: it enabled us to re-examine the design of the pool and provide a portable ramp at one end which will permit non-swimming children to bathe in safety, as the pool has a uniform water depth of 3 ft. 6 in.

The water for the pool is supplied by four waterfalls, each 20 ft. high and 7 ft. wide, and 80 small jet fountains set between them which rise from 3 to 10 feet, all forming a water curtain around the south edge of the pool. The entire area will be illuminated at night.

The building adjoining the swimming pool-skating rink also serves a dual function. During the winter, it will house areas for clothes checking, skate rental and changing, and a skate shop. During the summer season, these facilities will become lockers.

The first aid room, mechanical equipment spaces, toilets, storage areas and supervisor's office serves both facilities, and there are observation facilities on the roof of the building for spectators.

The site of the Loula D. Lasker Memorial Swimming Pool-Skating Rink at the southwest end of Harlem Meer in Central Park, within the

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curve of the East Drive was selected for its naturally hollow contour which permitted construction in the existing shape of the land without major excavations. The existing stream feeding the Meer has been diverted below the pool.

The mechanical equipment is also designed for dual use, i.e., the same boilers and tanks which will produce hot water for showers in the summer time, heat the building during the winter.

The pool and rink are constructed of concrete while the buildings are of brick and precast stone.

The final cost of the swimming pool-skating rink is \$2,650,000 of which the Estate of Loula D. Lasker donated \$600,000.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

WHY WAIT IN LINE?
TRY THE NEW LASKER RINK AT THE HARLEM MEER
(110th Street in Central Park)

Take the Madison Avenue Bus up to 110th Street
Or the Lexington Avenue IRT Line to 110th Street
Or the IRT 7th Avenue Line to Lenox Avenue and
110th Street.

ICE SKATING SCHEDULE

10 A.M. - 1 P.M. 2:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M. 8:30 PM-11 PM

Mon. thru Fri.	* Child - 50¢	Child - 25¢	Child - 50¢
	* Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢
Weekends and Holidays	* Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢
	* Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢

SPECIAL SCHEDULES

SPEED SKATING

Tues., Thurs. and Sat.	6:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	Child - 50¢ Adult - 50¢
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UPON RECEIPT

Thomas P. F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks and Bernard B. Zients, Executive Head of Gimbels New York will join together at Gimbels to officially open a Theater Workshop for all school children in the City of New York on Wednesday, December 28, 1966 at 10 a. m., 6th Floor Auditorium.

This pilot project under the joint sponsorship of the New York City Parks and Gimbels New York is designed to encourage the establishment of quality theater by and for children in the five boroughs of New York and is completely free of charge.

The Workshop, under the direction of Gordon Duffey of the Parks Department will present two full length plays this season. The plays produced will be one musical play and two short operas for children. One play is an original musical "Asterisk on the Moon" (book and lyrics by Gordon Duffey, music by Edward Mannato). This play will be for younger children. There will also be performances of two short operas for older children, "He Who Says Yes" and "He Who Says No" (librettos by Bertholt Brecht, music by Kurt Weill).

In addition, weekly sessions in creative drama, jazz forms and movement, singing and acrobatics for the stage will be held for all children who register for participation in the Workshop.

Registration for participation in the Gimbels-Parks Department Theater Workshop will take place in Gimbels 6th Floor Auditorium beginning

December 28th through December 31st, 1966 - between the hours of 10 to 12 noon and from 4 to 6 p.m. Any school child in New York (from grades 1 through 12) may register for the Workshop and audition for one of the two productions.

Mr. Hoving stated that "the New York City Parks Department is delighted to participate with Gimbels in bringing creative, educational drama to the children of New York." He went on to say "that although the Parks Department has long been involved in bringing theater closer to youngsters, this is the first time they have found a "winter park" in which to carry on their activities during the Winter Season."

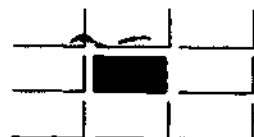
Actual workshops and play rehearsals will be held in the Auditorium at Gimbels New York until the end of May, 1967. During the summer, the Workshop will take its activities to parks and playgrounds in the five boroughs.

Mr. Zients of Gimbels stated that "this unique program is part of Gimbels' overall effort to encourage young people to participate more fully in the arts and thereby gives Gimbels the chance to provide the means and facilities to increase such participation."

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UPON RECEIPT

NIGHT SKIING NEW FEATURE AT VAN CORTLANDT PARK SKI SLOPE

The Van Cortlandt Park ski slope will be illuminated for night skiing until 11:00 P. M. , said Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving, announcing the opening of the official ski season at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, on Friday, December 23rd.

Started as an experiment last year, night skiing proved so successful that it has been incorporated into the regular schedule of the Van Cortlandt Park Ski Area's fifth season. "It enables thousands of New Yorkers to leave their offices and be on the slopes in less than an hour," said Art Peterson, director of the ski area.

The ski area will be open from noon to 6 P. M. on weekdays (Wednesdays and Fridays until 11 P. M.) and from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and during the Christmas week. General admission, including the use of tows, is \$4.40 for adults and \$2.40 for juniors 12 years of age and under. After 3 P. M. daily, there is a discount of \$1.00 on the general admission price.

Several major improvements have been made in the Van Cortlandt Park Ski Area which accomodates 500 to 1000 skiers. A new beginner's area has been developed with provisions for full instruction and the ski school staff, which offers group and private instruction at regular times during the day, has been expanded. Four electrically powered rope tows have been repositioned to enlarge the skiing hills.

In addition, free shuttle transportation from the subway and the Van Cortlandt Park parking lot to the slopes has been provided for skiers. A snack bar at the base lodge and a grandstand area for spectators is available.

Citing the Van Cortlandt Park Ski Area as a place where people can be safely introduced to skiing, Mr. Peterson added, "We're not in competition with Vermont or New Hampshire. Our function is one of preparation -- breaking in new equipment, practicing, or just plain learning how to ski slowly and in safety.

A special ski package that includes admission, tows, rental of equipment and one hour of instruction is being offered to Van Cortlandt Park skiers for \$8.40 for adults, \$6.40 for juniors under 12 years of age.

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UPON RECEIPT

The Department of Parks announces openings for three temporary positions for summer 1967: Seasonal Parkman, Seasonal Park Helper, and Playground Assistant.

Applications will be issued in person or by mail from December 27, 1966 to February 28, 1967, Mondays through Fridays, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. PLEASE NOTE that from December 27th through December 30th, applications will be issued and received ONLY at the Brooklyn War Memorial Recreation Center in Cadman Plaza, Brooklyn. From January 3rd through February 28th, 1967, applications will be issued and received at the Department of Parks' Borough Offices:

THE ARSENAL, 830 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021.

LITCHFIELD MANSION, Prospect Park West and Fifth Street, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11215.

BRONX ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue, Bronx Park, N. Y. 10462.

THE OVERLOOK, Union Turnpike and Park Lane South, Forest Park, Kew Gardens, New York, 11415.

CLOVE LAKE PARK, 1150 Clove Road, West New Brighton, Staten Island, New York, 10301.

For further information on job requirements please get in touch with the Borough Offices listed above.

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UPON RECEIPT

"Fontana Mix-Feed", not "Auld Lang Syne", will usher in the New Year on Central Park's Mall, Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announced today. Commissioner Hoving invites New Yorkers to a midnight performance of a John Cage-Max Neuhaus musical "happening" on New Year's Eve.

The New Year's Eve musical event will be organized by Phyllis Yampolsky, the Parks Department's artist-in-residence and creator of a series of highly successful summertime "happenings" for the Department. Max Neuhaus, a young musician, will conduct the performance on a series of microphones, speakers and amplifiers which cause a feedback effect and which can best be described as "the sound of sound".

Hot toddy, hot wine punch, coffee, cocoa, frankfurters and bratwurst sandwiches will be sold at the refreshment kiosk at Bethesda Terrace from 11:30 P.M. New Year's Eve until 1:30 A.M. Bethesda Terrace is directly across and down the steps from the 72nd Street Road at the north end of the Central Park Mall.

A separately organized event featuring a mixed-media helicopter lighting up the skies will take place over the Mall after midnight. The "Hovering" was organized by a group of pioneer happening artists--Allan Kaprow, Claes Oldenburg, Gerd Stern and Ken Dewey--as a tribute to Commissioner Hoving.

For information on the "Hovering", call John Brockman Associates, 874-1007.

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