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The Consolidated Edison name band dances, now in the
~~25th season~~ *25th season*, will feature the following bands at the location
and dates listed below.

Monday July 25 Colonial Park - W. 149th St. & Bradhurst Ave.
Manhattan - Fred Hamilton

" " South Beach - Iroquois St., Richmond
Harry West and Echoes

Tuesday July 26 Tompkins Square Park E. 10th St. Bet. A & B.
Manhattan Jesters and Kurley Benito

" Edenwald Houses Plgd. E. 229th St. & Schiefflin Ave.
Bronx, Fred Hamilton

Wednesday July 27 Baisley Park, Foch Blvd. & 155th St. Queens -
Playboys

" Bushwick Park, Knickerbocker, Irving and Starr Sts.
Brooklyn, Sands 4

Thursday July 28 Ft. Hamilton Plgd. 95th St. and Ft. Hamilton
Parkway, Brooklyn, Jesters 4

" Travers Park, 34 Ave. & 77th St. Jackson Heights,
Queens, Sounds 4

Friday July 29 Riverside Park at 103 St., New York City
Bobby Valentine

" Lyons Square Park, Lyons Ave. at Bruckner Blvd.
Bronx, Playboys

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ATTENTION: NEWS AND FEATURE EDITORS

A "Go Fly a Kite Happening" will take place in the Long Meadow in Prospect Park on Wednesday, July 27th, 1966 beginning at 3:30 p.m., Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today.

The "Kite Happening" will end at dusk.

The "happening" was conceived of and organized by "Go Fly a Kite, Inc.", in cooperation with the Department of Parks and the Prospect Park Centennial Committee. The idea of a "Kite Happening" was simultaneously proposed to Commissioner Hoving by "Go Fly a Kite, Inc. and "Art in America." "Art in America", a well-known art magazine, will sponsor its own "Happening" in the Fall.

The Happening will include demonstration flying, India fighter exhibitions and flying by ordinary kite fanciers. Among the guests who will participate will be Miss Prospect Park, Miss Brooklyn and Miss Summer Festival Queen. Flying experts will include George W. Kelly and Surendra Bahadur, both of Go Fly a Kite, Inc.; Will Yolen, President of the International Kitefliers Association; Harold Levine of the Space-Bird Kite; and Al Hartig of Ace Hi Kites. Commissioner Hoving will also participate in the event.

The Long Meadow in Prospect Park may be reached by car by driving into the park at Flatbush Ave. and Empire Blvd. Go along the drive and turn at the sign marked "Press".

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Gotham's youngsters will be honored by New York City's Park Department on Wednesday (August 24th) at a free entertainment in Central Park, Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today (Thursday, July 28) at the Arsenal in Central Park. Batman, Adam West, and his partner, Robin, Bert Ward, will fly in from California to award citations to youngsters from the metropolitan area who have been nominated as being representative good citizens in their own localities.

"The salute is intended to demonstrate the City's appreciation of its young people," Commissioner Hoving said. "We can't possibly single out every youngster who has made a contribution to their local community but we are asking youth organizations such as the P.A.L., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Head Start programs and many more to nominate a representative from their groups to be cited on the 24th. Of course, all the area's youngsters, whether nominees or not, are invited to the party in the Park."

In addition to Batman and Robin, in full costume, the Central Park Festivities will include music and entertainment. Nominees will be photographed with the masked law enforcer and will also be guests on Sonny Fox's television program "Wonderama" seen on WNEW-TV (Channel 5).

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Following the proceedings in Central Park, Batman and Robin will make some unannounced trips to other Park Department facilities, accompanied by Commissioner Hoving, to greet handicapped children who will not be able to join the gala party in the Park.

Further information may be obtained by writing to P.O. Box Number 3000, Grand Central Station, New York 10017.

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New York's millions, many of whom have never been closer to the sport than their TV screens, are invited to enjoy one of the world's outstanding water ski productions, it was announced Friday by Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving.

According to Mr. Hoving, there will be one performance of the "Mercury Water Ski Festival" on Saturday afternoon, September 10th, on the Central Park Lake (near 72nd Street) and another the following afternoon on Prospect Parke Lake in Brooklyn.

No admission fee will be charged for either performance.

"The water ski show is in keeping with our policy of providing a maximum amount of healthful fun and wholesome entertainment for the greatest number of people to enjoy in our parks", the Commissioner stated.

With costs borne by the Klekhaefer Corp. of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, maker of Mercury outboard engines, the show is being produced by Tommy Bartlett who has staged water ski hits in every State except Alaska and at several World Fairs.

Bartlett Water Ski Shows have also been a permanent entertainment feature for many years at Wisconsin Dells. Talent is said to be the best available and represents a cross-section of the United States.

According to Commissioner Hoving, the production to be presented in Central and Prospect Parks will be considerably longer and will feature more diversification than the shows that thrilled millions at recent Fairs.

In addition to usual and unusual water ski acts, the Mercury Festival will feature a "Jumping Circus", consisting of boats that fly through the air, a sure-fire crowd-pleaser, especially with youngsters.

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"The program of eighteen acts is aimed at every member of the family", Bartlett stated. "There will be clowns to please small fry, ballet for the ladies, and thrills for teen-agers, along with comedy and exhibitions of skill for all."

Both the Central Park and Prospect Park water ski shows will be visible from long stretches of shoreline, with spectators invited to seat themselves, picnic-style, on their own blankets or cushions.

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Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving invites the press to a Champagne Breakfast to celebrate the opening of the new Fountain Cafe at the Bethesda Fountain in Central Park on Monday, August 1st at 9:30 A. M.

Restaurant Associates, the concessionaire which created and will operate the Fountain Cafe, will offer a sampling of the continental cuisine at the breakfast.

The Fountain Cafe is just north of the 72nd Street Drive through Central Park and directly across from the Central Park Mall. To reach the Cafe by car, enter Central Park from East 60th Street and Fifth Avenue, and drive north on the East Drive. Bear left at 72nd Street and continue beyond the Mall and the Fountain Cafe to the horse-shoe shaped parking area a few hundred yards west. Parking will be reserved here for the press.

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There will be a special dance program by the popular five-piece rock and roll combo, Elliott James, scheduled for the East New York Brownsville area at the playground, Lovonia and Barbey Streets, Brooklyn on Monday night, August 1 at 8:30 P.M. Commissioner Hoving announced today.

This program sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company has been added to its regular social dance series of 74 dance concerts in the five boroughs in an effort to bring entertainment to East New York. The Livonia and Barbey playground was selected by a special recreation task force, known as "Operation Safety Valve," which has been working on relieving the tension in that neighborhood.

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The Consolidated Edison name band dances, now in
the 25th season, will feature the following schedule:

Tuesday, Aug. 2 Tompkins Square Park E. 10th, between
Avenue A & B, Manhattan - The Gremmies

" " Edenwald Houses: Flgd, E. 229th St. &
Schiefflin, Bronx Elliot James

Wednesday, August 3 Baisley Park, Foch Blvd, 155 St. Queens
Elliot James

Wednesday August 3 Loretto Flgd, Bronx Morris Park, Tomlinson
and Haight Ave. Jesters 4

Wednesday August 3 Bushwick Park, Knickerbocker, Irving and
Starr, Bklyn, The Gremmies

Thursday August 4 Ft. Hamilton Flgd, 95th St. & Ft. Hamilton
Parkway, Brooklyn The Gremmies

Friday, August 5 Riverside Park, 103 Street, Manhattan
Louis Ramirez

Friday, August 5 Mt. Morris Park East, 120th St. and
Madison, Manhattan Elliot James

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Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announces the following change in the Local 802 Living Music Concert Series. The concert scheduled for Wednesday, August 3rd at Thomas Jefferson Park in Manhattan has been transferred to King Park in Queens.

This change in the schedule has been made because of the small number of people attending the previous Thomas Jefferson Park concerts, and because of the repeated requests for additional concerts for King Park.

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The first of five plus one "Events in Open Air" which will "happen" in Riverside Park at 115th Street on Wednesday, August 3rd at 2 P.M., is a small-scale sneak preview of the series, it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving.

The "happenings", as they are sometimes called, are "experimental public games, restricted to no one, and are designed to create situations that probe the environment we live in by the six (or seven) senses".

The events are planned ^{for} five community parks, one in each Borough and a "plus one", which is a two-day unprecedented-type of festival in Central Park. Others are in preparation. The events consist of experimentation by the community with space and shape, motion and time, plus color and light. The media of expression and discovery range from improvised grid paintings, with each participant contributing in crayon, paint, or construction paper to communal creations; to a neighborhood collage in which photographs of people and places in the neighborhood will be mounted and displayed along with unrestricted scribbles.

"Events in Open Air" is sponsored by George Delacorte in cooperation with the Department of Parks.

The following organizations provided the materials which were required to make "Events in Open Air" possible:

Orgami paper from Azuma, Inc.
Markers from Magic Markers, Inc.
Paper contributed by Lindenmeyer-Schlosser, Inc.
Ribbon from Royal Ribbon Co.
Crayola crayons courtesy of Binney Smith, Inc.
EIOA buttons donated by N. G. Slater, Inc.
Scissors courtesy of Arthur Brown, Inc.
Paint contributed by New Masters, Inc.

The press is welcome to view these most unusual proceedings.

N. B. -- Good Press Photos.

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Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announces that the Chauncey Northern Vocal Arts School will sponsor Singing Sessions for audience participation on Sundays, August 7th, September 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th on the Mall in Central Park from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

A choral group of approximately 30 members will support the audience in their participation in singing songs that are near and dear to the hearts of all New Yorkers of all ages.

There will also be instrumentalists and soloists.

All are invited to come and sing along.

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The Consolidated Edison name band dances, now in the 25th season, will feature the following bands on the dates and at the locations listed below:

Monday, August 8, Elliot James - Colonial Park, West 149th St.
and Bradhurst, New York City

" " 8, Johnny Armarosa - South Beach, Iroquois St.
Richmond, Staten Island

Tuesday, August 9, Rhythm Aces - Pomonok Houses, Kissena Blvd.
65 Ave., Flushing, Queens

" " 9, Elliot James - Bronx River Houses Playground
Bronx River Avenue and E. 174th St. Bronx

Wednesday, August 10, Elliot James - Travers Park, 34 Ave. and
77th St., Jackson Heights, Queens

" " 10, Rhythm Aces - Loretto Playground, Bronx

Thursday, August 11 Rhythm Aces - Fort Hamilton Playground
95th St. and Ft. Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn

Friday, August 12- Pete Terrace - Riverside Park and 103rd St.
New York City

" August 12- Elliot James - Carver Houses Playground,
E. 104th St. between Madison
and Park

The dances originally scheduled for Baisley Park on
August 10, 17, and 24 have been transferred to Travers Park,
located at 34-Avenue and 77th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens.

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Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announces that on Saturday, August 6th, the "Stash the Trash" campaign will kick off at 2:30 P.M. at Coney Island with the Commissioner, Mayor Lindsay, and civic leader Frederick W. Richmond.

"Stash the Trash" is designed to make people aware of the fact that they are directly involved in keeping the beaches clean. Tools will be provided to participants. These tools were contributed by the Frederick W. Richmond Foundation.

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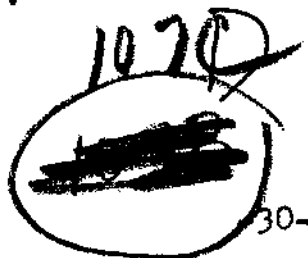
SUNDAY AUGUST 7, 1966

Because of the extended dry spell this summer, some of New York City's 550,000 street trees may die from lack of water.

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving requested that the public aid in preventing the loss of street trees by following this procedure:-

1. Loosen the soil around the tree with a spading fork. (This will permit moisture to seep to the tree roots)
2. Add five pails full of water to the soil each week during dry periods.

Commissioner Robert D. Clarke of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity has granted approval of the use of the water and stated "Because of the quantity of water contained in five pails is insignificant in light of the fact that it is vital to the continued life and growth of the trees and it is consistent with the present policy of permitting use of water for private lawns and gardens six hours per week. Trees not only provide beauty to city streets but also furnish shade to many of our citizens during hot weather."



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Donna De Varona, the youngest member of the 1960 Olympic Team will give a swimming demonstration at two of New York City's municipal pools on Sunday August 7, 1966, it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

At 11:00 A.M. she will perform at Red Hook Pool, Bay and Henry Streets, Brooklyn and 12:30 P.M., another performance will be presented at Astoria Pool, 19th Street and 23rd Drive, Astoria, Queens.

Skip Roggenbuhl, one of America's foremost masters of aquatic comedy will appear at both locations to entertain the guests.

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Entry blanks are now available for a Gyro Disc Derby it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving. This event is open to Boys and Girls in the following classifications:

1. Class "A" - Boys and Girls through 8 years of age.
2. Class "B" - Girls from 9 through 14 years of age.
3. Class "C" - Boys from 9 through 13 years of age.
4. Class "D" - Boys 14, 15 and 16 years of age.

AGES WILL BE DETERMINED AS OF AUGUST 25, 1966.

Sponsored by Birds Eye Division - General Foods Corporation, local competitions will be held during the week of August 8, Five borough competitions will be held on August 18, at the following locations:

MANHATTAN - Sheep Meadow, Central Park
BROOKLYN - 11th Street Bandshell, Prospect Park
BRONX - Mullaly Playground
QUEENS - Pomonok Houses Playground
RICHMOND - Clove Lake Park

CITY-WIDE CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE HELD

Thursday, August 25, 1966 - 10:30 A.M.
Sheep Meadow, Central Park
(Rain date - Friday, August 26, 1966)

PRIZES

Local Contests - Certificates of Award to first and second place team winners in each age group.
Borough Contests - Awake Gyro-Disc Trophies to first and second place team winners in each age group.
City-wide Finals - Transistor radios to first, second and third place team winners in each age group.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 - 6:30 P.M.

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A unique city-wide "flying saucer" competition for children in parks in all five boroughs was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

Teams of boys and girls up to age 16 will compete in a massive "Awake" Gyro Disc Derby by tossing the orange plastic disc which resembles a flying saucer.

The climax of the Derby will be for the "Awake" Gyro Disc Championship at the Sheep Meadow in Central Park at 10:30 A.M. on August 25. Commissioner Hoving will toss out the first disc to signal the start of the Derby finals.

Commissioner Hoving said the "Awake" Gyro Disc Derby is being held through the cooperation of the Birds Eye Division of General Foods Corporation. Birds Eye has donated 8,000 "Awake" Gyro Discs to be distributed to competitors throughout the city and for use as recreational equipment in playgrounds by the Department of Parks. Two thousand of the discs will be given to early arrivers at the Central Park championship along with balloons and lollipops.

"This is another feature in the Department's continuing campaign to reintroduce New York City's parks to the people and to provide wholesome fun for the city's youngsters," Commissioner Hoving said.

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The "Awake" Gyro Disc Derby begins with local competitions at all Department of Parks facilities throughout the city during the week of August 8. The youngsters will compete in four age groups: Class A--boys and girls up to 8 years of age; Class B--girls aged 9 to 14; Class C--boys aged 9 to 13; Class D--boys aged 14 to 16.

Winning teams in the local competitions then will vie on August 18 for Borough Championships in the Bronx at Mullaly Playground, Brooklyn at the 11th Street Bandstand in Prospect Park, Manhattan at the Sheep Meadow in Central Park, Richmond at Clove Lakes Park, and Queens at Pomonok Playground. Winners and runners-up in each borough will receive engraved trophies which have been provided by Birds Eye.

On August 25, two "professionals" will demonstrate the art of throwing the discs before the winning teams face off in the Sheep Meadow for the "Awake" Gyro Disc Championship and transistor radio prizes which were donated by Birds Eye.

The prizes will be awarded by Commissioner Hoving and Mr. Roy W. Stevens, Birds Eye National Sales Manager.

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ATTENTION: NEWS AND FEATURE EDITORS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will hold a press conference at the Arsenal on Wednesday, August 10th at 10 A.M.

The subject of the press conference will be a new proposal for a linear park for the Greenbelt in Staten Island.

The Arsenal is located in Central Park at 64th Street and Fifth Avenue.

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THOMAS P.F. HOVING, COMMISSIONER

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Wednesday, August 10, 1966, after 10:00 A.M.

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today a proposal for a hiking and biking trail through the Greenbelt of Staten Island. In his endorsement of a proposal prepared by Staten Island civic and planning groups, Commissioner Hoving said that "this brochure outlining the Olmsted Trailway is the most exciting plan in the recent history of the conservation movement."

Commissioner Hoving said that he was "prepared to fight for it (the Olmsted Trailway) with all the weapons available to me in this Arsenal--and elsewhere."

"There is a sad phenomenon going on in this country today," said Commissioner Hoving. "It seems that the car has become more important than the people whose servant it is supposed to be. Facilities for cars, from gigantic parking lots to super highways, are eating up the land by a million acres a year. Obviously," said the Parks Commissioner, "the greatest concentration of concrete and asphalt is in the city and its approaches. Equally, people live in this city. Are they supposed, like the Ailanthus, to struggle for survival by thrusting themselves through cracks in the hardtop?", he asked. Commissioner Hoving said that this "conflict of interests...must be resolved--on the side of human beings."

Commissioner Hoving said that "Staten Island is the only borough of New York that is still semi-bucolic. Future generations will ask of us why we did not have the vision of Olmsted when he created Central Park and urged this great linear park in Staten Island."

The Olmsted Trailway was proposed by Citizens

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for a Linear Park in the Staten Island Greenbelt, an association of civic organizations made up of the National Audubon Society, The Sierra Club, New York Chapter, Subcommittee on Open Lands of the Community Council of Greater New York, The Park Association of New York City, Scenic Hudson Preservation Conference, Council for Parks & Playgrounds, The Municipal Art Society of New York, The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, Appalachian Mountain Club, Staten Island Arboretum, Inc., New York Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, Staten Island Greenbelt-Natural Areas League, Staten Island Citizens Planning Committee.

The Olmsted Trailway was inspired by Frederick Law Olmsted, who, with Calvert Vaux, won the competition for the plan for Central Park in 1858. and in 1871, proposed that "This ridge," these "steep and broken declivities" of Staten Island's Greenbelt be made into a park "four miles in length".

The present Olmsted Trailway proposal calls for a linear park along the ridge of the Greenbelt, 300 feet wide along its 4.7 mile length. The Trailway lies in the mapped right-of-way of Section One of the Richmond Parkway. The Mayor's Transportation Council is currently studying alternate routes for Section One.

The Olmsted Trailway would include 10 miles of hiking trails 5.6 miles of bikeway, bridle paths, boating, fishing, picnicking facilities, access to historic Richmondtown and an Arboretum.

Assistance for the development of the Trailway would be sought from the Land and Water Conservation Fund of the federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation; from the Open Space Land Program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and (for development of a ~~university~~-oriented environmental workshop) Title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965. It is proposed that maintenance of the trails be largely undertaken by private initiative as had the Long Trail in Vermont been cared for since 1931. Private funds to match

city funds will be sought for a comprehensive site analysis and for preparing final plans.

The Trailway would run through "oak, beach, sweet gum and hickory, past glacial ponds, past scouting and day camps and the High Rock Nature Conservation Center..." It would "Shelve across the side of Bucks Hollow and into the woods of Lighthouse Hill, then drops below Latourette Golf Course to the fenways of Richmond Creek." At Todt Hill, the Trailway would attain "the highest tidewater elevation on the Atlantic seaboard south of Mt. Desert, Me.", according to the Olmsted Trailway brochure. The brochure points out that "At only three points, in a distance of nearly five miles is the ridge bisected by road. Elsewhere along its length is a hardwood forest more than three-quarters of a mile wide in certain places; a forest containing the chestnut oak, the mockernut, the sassafras and the ironwood; black haw and choke cherry, cinnamon fern and skunk cabbage, arrowhead and Canada mayflower and trout lily." Wildlife in this area, according to the brochure, ranges "from the heron and pheasant to the muskrat, the opossum and racoon."

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Commissioner Hoving announces that another Kite Happening will take place on the Sheep Meadow in Central Park. The time will be from 10 A.M. on. The date is August 14, 1966.

The Happening is to take place for two purposes. One is to emphasize the delights that kite flying can hold for all ages. The other reason is to mark a change of rules concerning kite flying in Manhattan. Heretofore, kite flying in Manhattan has only been allowed on Randall's Island. The Sheep Meadow in Central Park has now been added as another area.

On the day of the Happening, kites will be available to the public. "Go Fly a Kite, Inc." will sell them on the Sheep Meadow.

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Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announces that a Monster Go-Go will take place in the Wollman Rink in Central Park on August 17, 1966 from 12 to 2 P. M.

Officiating at the Monster Go-Go will be Zacherley, the host of Channel 47's Disc-O-Teen.

The program is one of a series of Lunchoteques which have taken place throughout the summer and will continue until August 26, 1966.

The Lunchoteques are jointly sponsored by the Department of Parks and the Rheingold Central Park Music Festival.

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HOVING AND BLUM ANNOUNCE INSTANT VEST POCKET PARK
FOR EAST NEW YORK

Commissioner Hoving and Robert Blum, Assistant to the Mayor, today jointly announced that work had begun on an "instant Vest Pocket Park" in the East New York section of Brooklyn.

This project is the first of the programs coordinated by the temporary office of the City of New York located in East New York. The temporary City office which the Mayor opened with private funds, is coordinating and making more precise, city services in a neighborhood troubled with racial tension.

The vacant lot, located between 509 and 521 New Jersey Avenue, is city-owned. Four city agencies are involved in this project so that within a one week time span, this plot of land will be transformed from a fenced-in weed patch to a black-topped recreation area with basket ball facilities and a small, temporary swimming pool for young children. The city agencies involved are the Departments of Real Estate, Sanitation, Highways, and Parks.

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UPON RECEIPT

On Wednesday, August 17, 1966 at 10 A.M. a new service to the public will be inaugurated at the Cedar Hill section of Central Park, located just off 5th Avenue and 79th Street it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

Registrations for a "Dog Obedience School", the first to be established in the park systems, will be accepted for free classes of instruction in dog training.

Conducted by Louis V. Ciccio, a Park Zoo Keeper who has a background in this field, training dogs for the blind and in obedience, the school will be available for children, adults, and the blind.

Commissioner Hoving who will officiate at the opening stated "Classes will be scheduled for instruction in accordance with the number of registrations. This service will be provided out of doors during warm weather and at an indoor facility during the cold weather. The instructor for this school is an exceptionally well qualified dog trainer."

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Central Park will be the scene of Bicycle Races on Sunday, August 28, 1966 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. to 1 P.M., it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

Sanctioned by the Bicycle League of America Inc., in cooperation with the Eastern Cycling Federation, Inc., and American Machine & Foundry Company the following events will be contested:

NOVICE STOCK BIKE RACES FOR PARK PLAYGROUND BOYS & GIRLS

All races will be one-lap events - approximately two miles long. The winner and runner-up in each event will be awarded Roadmaster bicycles through the courtesy of American Machine & Foundry Company.

GIRLS: 12, 13, & 14 YEARS - Any stock bicycle.
BOYS: 14 YEARS & UNDER - Stock bicycles with middleweight tires
BOYS: 14 YEARS & UNDER - Stock bicycles with lightweight tires.
BOYS: 15, 16, & 17 YEARS - Stock bicycles with middleweight tires.
BOYS: 15, 16, & 17 YEARS - Stock bicycles with lightweight tires.

NOTE: BOYS & GIRLS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARK PLAYGROUND EVENTS NEED NOT FILL OUT ENTRY BLANKS. THEY SHOULD REPORT TO THE STARTING LINE AT 67TH STREET & WEST DRIVE BY 9:45 A.M. ON AUGUST 28TH.

A SPECIAL SURPRISE RACE FOR "KIDDIES" UNDER 8 YEARS OF AGE WILL INITIATE THE RACING PROGRAM

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OPEN EVENTS FOR AMERICAN BICYCLE LEAGUE MEMBERS ONLY

SENIOR MEN: 25 MILE POINT RACE - Registration at 7:30 A.M.
Race at 8:00 A.M. SEE NOTE BELOW
SENIOR MEN: * 10 LAPS-APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES-PRIZES TO 1st
& 2nd PLACE.
WOMEN: 3 LAPS - APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES - PRIZES TO
WINNER ONLY
BOYS: 5 LAPS - APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES- PRIZES TO
1st & 2nd place

*CONTESTANTS IN SENIOR MEN'S 10 LAP RACE MUST COMPETE
IN THE 25 MILE POINT RACE.

All races will begin on the West Drive at 67th Street, near
The Tavern on the Green. The race course will be: from
West Drive and 67th St., south to 60th Street, across to
Center Drive, north on Center Drive to approximately 70th
Street, across to West Drive, and back to finish at 67th
Street.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO WATCH THESE RACES FROM ANYWHERE
ALONG THE RACE COURSE.

ALL PRIZES CONTRIBUTED BY AMERICAN MACHINE & FOUNDRY CO.

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The Consolidated Edison name band dances, now in the 25th season, will feature the following schedule to be held at 8:30 P.M.

Monday, August 22 Kurli Benito and the Pandemoniums,
at Kate Wollman Rink, Prospect Park, Brooklyn

Tuesday, August 23, Johnny Amorosa at Pomonok Houses,
Kissena Blvd. and 65 Ave., Queens

Tuesday, August 23, The Way Outs, Bronx River Houses
Playground, Bronx River Ave. & E. 174th St.
Bronx

Wednesday, August 24, Morph Four, Travers Park, 34th Ave.
77 St., Jackson Heights, Queens

Wednesday, August 24, The Pandemoniums, Marble Hill
Playground, West 230th St. & Kingsbridge Ave.
Bronx.

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The Fifth Annual Distance Hitting Stickball Contest, sponsored by the 6th Memorial Post American Legion, Brooklyn and the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks will be held on Saturday, August 27, 1966 at 10 A.M. at the J.J. Byrne Playground located at 4th Avenue and 4th Street in the Borough of Brooklyn, it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

This event is open to boys up to 16 years of age and has attracted as many as 500 participants in the previous contests.

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UPON RECEIPT

Registrations for the "Dog Obedience School", the first to be established in the park system, will be accepted for free classes of instruction in dog training through Thursday, August 25, 1966 between the hours of 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the Cedar Hill section of Central Park, located just off 5th Avenue and 79th Street it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

Conducted by Louis V. Ciccio, a Park Zoo Keeper who has a background in this field, training dogs for the blind and in obedience, the school is available for children, adults, and the blind.

Classes will be scheduled immediately after the close of the registration period.

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UPON RECEIPT

The summer square and folk dance program at Washington Square Park, which was scheduled to end on Friday, September 2nd, has been extended for three additional Fridays: September 9th, 16th and 23rd because of popular demand it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

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The finale of the Summer Tennis Clinic conducted by the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks will be held on Thursday, September 1st at 1 P.M. at the West 93rd St. Tennis Courts in Central Park.

Trophies will be presented to the four boys and girls who will play an exhibition mixed doubles match. Medals and emblems will be presented to those boys and girls who attended very regularly, and to the most advanced groups. Certificates of awards will be presented to those who showed the most interest in learning the game.

There were 141 boys and girls registered and average attendance was from 60 to 65. The Clinic started on July 5th and continued during the months of July and August on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The boys and girls not only came from Manhattan but also from Jackson Heights, Astoria, Forest Hills and Flushing in Queens; from the Bronx, Fordham, Northeast Bronx and West Bronx; From Brooklyn, Bay Ridge, Canarsie, and the Williamsburg sections.

The widespread attendance indicates the interest in the Tennis Clinics.

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Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving regrets that the performance of "William Tell" scheduled at the East River Park Amphitheatre on Tuesday, August 23, 1966 at 8:30 P. M. has had to be cancelled.

Some members of the cast have been drafted and no replacements were available for this performance.

However, the performance of "Faust" at the Amphitheatre on Tuesday, August 30, 1966 will be presented as scheduled.

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50 YOUNGSTERS HONORED AS
JUNIOR GOOD CITIZENS

Fifty junior good citizens will be honored at special ceremonies sponsored by the Parks Department in the Mall in Central Park today (Wednesday, August 24) with Batman (Adam West) and Robin (Burt Ward) presenting citations to the nominees before an estimated 10,000 youngsters at 11:00 o'clock.

The honorees have been selected from the membership of some twenty-five youth groups, among them the P.A.L., the Y.M.C.A., Girl Scouts, HARYOU-ACT, Mobilization for Youth, the Grand Street Settlement, United Students of the Americas and the C.Y.O. Also among the honorees are newsboys from four local area newspapers and three children nominated through the WNEW-TV show "Wonderama."

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving, television's Sonny Fox, who will be master of ceremonies, and the Rev. R. E. Terwilliger of All Saints Episcopal Church will be honored guests on the dais.

An hour-long program of entertainment, including magicians, a juggler and musicians, will be a part of the event designed by the

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Parks Department to focus attention on the "good kids" of the community who are rarely spotlighted. Further reward for the "good kids" will be the distribution of a variety of Batman souvenirs and a view of the film and television personality's "Batboat" which has been shipped from Texas for the occasion.

Commissioner Hoving has pointed out that "we can't possibly single out every youngster who deserves recognition but we hope that each of them will understand that the nominees receiving citations represent them all."

Rev. Terwilliger is the minister who last week told his parishioners that "Batman" had been successful because it "provided a much needed emotional and almost religious outlet for many television viewers."

No tickets are required for the junior good citizenship program which is free to the public.

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FOR RELEASE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 -- 6:30 P.M.

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When a massive invasion of little people with "flying saucers" is reported in the Central Park Sheep Meadow on Thursday, August 25, don't panic. It will be the City Championships of the "Awake" Gyro Disc Derby.

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving disclosed today that the little people actually are 80 children who proved most skillful in tossing the "Awake" Gyro Discs by winning earlier championships in all five boroughs.

Commissioner Hoving said the Parks Department's Recreation Division conducted local eliminations in the Derby at its facilities in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island. About 9,000 children participated in the local contests to choose the Borough Champions who now will compete for the city title.

The Derby and Championships were held through the cooperation of the Birds Eye Division of General Foods Corporation. It has donated 8,000 "Awake" Gyro Discs and all prizes for the contests to the Parks Department.

Forty two-member teams of girls and boys in four age groups will enter the lists at Central Park at 10:30 a.m. Mr. John (Bud) Palmer, Commissioner of Public Events, and Mr. Roy W. Stevens, Birds Eye National Sales Manager will launch the bright orange plastic saucers

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to signal the start of the tournament to decide who are the City Champions. Transistor radios will be awarded as prizes to the children who finish first, second and third in each age group.

The first 2,000 spectators at the Sheep Meadow will receive free "Awake" Gyro Discs, compliments of Birds Eye. The contestants are competing in four age groups: Class A, boys and girls through 8 years of age; Class B, girls aged 9 through 14; Class C, boys aged 9 through 13, and Class D, boys aged 14, 15 and 16.

Commissioner Hoving said the "Awake" Gyro Disc Derby "was part of the Parks Department program to provide more recreation and entertainment for the people who use New York City's parks. These flying saucer toys provide children with a unique, exciting sport which did not previously exist at our playgrounds. We have received enough of them to supply most of our playgrounds."

The Derby began with local competitions throughout the city during the week of August 8. Winners in these contests then vied for the championships in each borough. First and second place borough champion winners in each age group received "Awake" Gyro Disc Trophies.

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NOTE TO EDITOR: In case of rain on August 25, the City Championships will be held at the same time on Friday, August 26.

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A colorful international program will be presented by the Cama Musical Society of Kew Gardens in the Music Grove Band Stand, Forest Park, Queens, on Saturday, August 27th, at 2 P.M.

Beautiful native costumes from twenty countries accompanied by foreign songs, music and dances will mark the final performance of the season. Among the notables and public officials who will appear are Miss Ellen Buzzall, Broadway and NBC-TV musical star, Miss Shirley Goldstein, Concert Pianist and Program Co-ordinator of NBC-TV, Councillor and Mrs. Arthur J. Katzman, Kurt Shamberg, Director of Candle Films, Walter Drescher, World's Walking Champion and a host of others.

The program is a salute to the various nations from which the performers base their ancestry. The highlights of the show is the sheer artistry of the superb skill these performers display in the native tongue, albeit American by birth.

A special number called "Alley Cat" will be filmed on stage by Kurt Shamberg for his production, Feline Follies.

For the young-at-heart there will be a combo called The Hang Five, who have just returned from a successful tour of resorts and night clubs.

These performers will be competing at the Montreal World Exposition '67 in Canada next summer against top talents from eighty foreign nations. The public will see them in a preview on Saturday at the park, free, under tree-shaded benches with ample facilities for car parking.

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Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, announces that the United States Handball Association will sponsor One-Wall Handball Championships at the Brownsville Recreation Center, 1555 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, beginning October 1, 1966.

The championships will be conducted in five divisions: Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Master Doubles, Novice Singles, and Boys' Singles - 14 through 18 years of age.

The official USHA Ace Ball will be used in all but the Novice matches, where the soft pink handball will be substituted.

Trophies will be awarded to winners in all divisions. In addition, the winner in the Boys' Singles competition will win a trip to the Junior Championships to be held in Miami, Florida during the Christmas school vacation period.

Entry applications are available from the Brownsville Recreation Center or by calling DI-2-6014 (daytime) or HY-8-1121 (evening). Entries close September 24th.

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GIANT PUPPET FESTIVAL BEGINS SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

A Giant Puppet Festival will begin on Sunday, August 28th, under the joint sponsorship of the Council for Parks and Playgrounds and the New York City Department of Parks, Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announced today.

The Festival, which is to be directed by Peter Schumann of the Bread and Puppet Theater, has been developed with the cooperation of community groups and neighborhood children at St. Mary's Recreation Center in St. Mary's Park, 145th Street and St. Ann's Avenue in the South Bronx.

Funds for the program, which is experimental, were provided by the Parks Department and the Taconic Foundation. World-Wide Volkswagen provided two busses for the movement of equipment from park to park.

Each of the four festivals will feature slapstick and puppet shows as well as booths and games throughout the park from 2 to 5:30 P.M. A dragon parade through the streets will herald the main show.

The schedule of performances is as follows:

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| Sunday, August 28th | - Tompkins Park, Greene, Marcy and Lafayette Avenues, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. |
| Monday, August 29th | - Tompkins Square Park, East 7th to East 10th Streets between Avenues A and B, Manhattan. |
| Saturday, September 3rd | - St. Nicholas Park, 135th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, Central Harlem, Manhattan. |
| Sunday, September 4th | - St. Mary's Park, 145th Street and St. Ann's Avenue, South Bronx. |



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FESTIVAL OF EXPERIMENTAL PUBLIC GAMES BEGINS FRIDAY,
AUGUST 26, 1966

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announced today that a festival of experimental public games will begin at 2 P.M., on Friday, August 26th, at Belmont ~~Avenue~~ Playground, 182nd Street and Belmont Avenue, Bronx.

Called "Events in the Open Air" (EIOA), the festival will consist of two kinds of group games. One utilizes paints, Magic Markers, crayons, paper and other collage materials, and results in communal productions involving scores of people. The other is field games played on a grid marked off on the ground on which obstacles are placed. Movements in these field games are cued by the sound of horns and drums.

EIOA is conceived and organized by Phyllis Yampolsky, who is working for the Parks Department during the summer as a Festival Design Consultant on a grant provided by the George and Margarita Delacorte Foundation. Miss Yampolsky, an artist, conducted the widely publicized art "happening" in Central Park on May 15th.

The Festival will feature, among other unusual events, painting with Magic Markers on various participants' vinyl capes.

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Magic Markers have been provided as a public service by the Magic Marker Corporation, and the vinyl capes from Ross and Roberts, Inc.

Active in the preparations for the Belmont Park Festival is a Parks Department recreation team called "Operation Safety Valve". The park, located in one of the city's troubled areas, is presently receiving the coordinated services of the Youth Board, the City Commission on Human Rights and the Parks Department's "Operation Safety Valve" team.

The Bronx event is one of a series designed to create greater use of parks by staging programs involving community participation. Local groups are involved in the planning as well as in participation in the actual production.

To further introduce EIOA, Miss Yampolsky will join six children on Monday, August 29th at Noon for a coordinated painting session in the window of Mark Cross, Ltd., 707 Fifth Avenue, and at 6 P.M. will inaugurate the "Museum in Modern Air", a repository for EIOA materials, in Tennis Court Building #3, Baisley Pond Park, Queens.

Other EIOA projects scheduled in City parks and playgrounds are: September 1st at 745 10th Avenue; September 4th at the west end of Baisley Pond Park, Queens; September 10th at Sara Delano Roosevelt Playground, Canal to E. Houston St., Christie and Forsyth Sts.; and September 17th at 52nd St. and Fort Hamilton Pkwy. Plgd, Brooklyn. All these subsequent events will be held at 1 P.M.

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The final week of this year's Con Edison program will have the following schedule of dances, to be held at 8:30 P.M.

Monday, August 29

Location: Kate Wollman Rink, Prospect Park, Brooklyn
Group : The Morning Glories

Tuesday, August 30

Location: Pomonok Houses Playground
Kissena Boulevard and 65th Avenue
Flushing, Queens
Group : The Morning Glories

Location: Bronx River Houses Playground
Bronx River Avenue and East 174 Street, Bronx
Group : The Ampegs

Wednesday, August 31

Location: Marble Hill Playground
W. 230 Street and Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx
Group : The Morning Glories and the Latinas

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Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced to day that the Department of Parks is looking for qualified ice skaters to work as skating guards. Duties of the guards include control of crowds for safety and maintenance of the ice between skating sessions. Applicants must be over 18 years old. There will be two working shifts for the job, which runs from October to April. Application should be made to the rink in the borough of residence.

Following is a list of the rinks:

Wollman Memorial, Central Park, Manhattan

Kate Wollman Memorial Rink, Prospect Park, Brooklyn

New York City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens

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A Folksong concert will be held Sunday, September 18th at 2:00 p.m. at the Central Park Mall to celebrate the first anniversary of the founding of the Pinewoods Folk music Club of the Country Dance Society of America.

Club members will present folk music of the Anglo-American tradition. Mr. Bernie Klay, Program Chairman of the Club will be MC. Admission is free.

For further information call: AL 5-8895 or FI 3-9575

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A Folksong Happening for children from 4 to 12 years of age will be held at the Central Park Mall on Saturday, September 10th at 2:00 P.M.

The program will be sponsored by the Pinewoods Folk-music Club of the Country Dance Society of America. Anglo-American Folk music appropriate for children will be presented by members of the club. Bernie Klay, Program Chairman of the club will be master of ceremonies. Admission is free.

For further information call: FI 3-9575 or AL 5-8895

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IMMEDIATE

Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announces the First Annual Harvest Dance Contest to be held at Pomonok Houses Park Playground, Kissena Boulevard and 65 Avenue, Flushing on Tuesday, August 30, 1966 at 8:30 P.M. In case of rain the event will be held in the Electrical Industries Auditorium, Parsons Boulevard and Jewel Avenue, Flushing.

Music will be furnished through the courtesy of Con Edison; prizes have been donated by Louis D. Laurino, Queens Chamber of Commerce.

The Community Action Workshop Committee consists of Yetta Rosenberg, President of Pomonok Tenants Council, Patrolman Edward Shanahan (107 Precinct), Robert Delaney, Director of Electchester Workshop, Lee Dedarian, Director of Pomonok Community Center, Mary F. O'Grady and John Byrne of the Department of Parks, Armand DiAngelo, and Deputy Borough President Sid Levias. The judges will be Robert Belkin, President Dance Educators of America, Howard Sinnott of the Sinnott Theatrical Agency and Molly Fisch, Board of Education.

Throughout the parks in Queens this summer 156 dances have been held with 67,200 participants. This will be the culminating dance event in the borough.

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Wednesday, August 31, 1966.

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will express the gratitude of New York City's dancers to the Consolidated Edison Company of New York on Wednesday, August 31st. For the past twenty-five years Con Ed has made it possible for great band leaders like Guy Lombardo and Benny Goodman to appear at summer dance concerts throughout the city. This summer more than seventy locations, many of them in troubled areas, were the scene of these concerts.

On behalf of Commissioner Hoving, Henry J. Stern, Executive Director of the Department of Parks, will present a citation to Con Ed on the occasion of the last dance concert of the summer season. Max M. Ulrich, Vice President of Consolidated Edison, and Franklin E. Vilas, Director of Community Relations of Consolidated Edison, will accept the award at Marble Hill Houses Playground, 230th Street and Kingsbridge Avenue, the Bronx, at 8:30 P.M.

Bronx Borough President Herman Badillo will attend the citation ceremony, as well as a number of elected officials from the area.

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UPON RECEIPT

Professional water skiers who soar through the air on a man-carrying kite, speed backwards on nothing but their bare feet and fly off a jump ramp at 40 miles an hour with two performers on a single pair of skis are among highlights of the Mercury Water Ski Festival, to be presented Saturday, September 10, on Central Park Lake and Sunday, September 11, on Prospect Park Lake, Brooklyn, Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today.

Starting at 2:P.M. on both days, the shows will be free to the public which is invited to line lakeside banks and adjacent lawns at both sites.

In another Water Ski Festival thriller, Larry Eddy of Winter Haven, Florida, and Phil Sperry of Fort Worth, Texas, will complete the difficult "double helicopter spin" in which, taking off side by side, they clear the ramp at 40 mph, each executing a full 360 degree turn before landing on the water.

The same ramps that propel the jumpers into the air will be used for the famed Mercury Jumping Boats, craft that attain unusual height and distance before returning to their natural element.

Water skiing gymnastics, pyramid skiing, comedy, long-distance jumping and ballet will round out the Festival's all-star card of 23 numbers.

According to Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving, the Festival which is being presented with the cooperation of the Kiekhaefer Corp., maker of Mercury outboard engines, is the first spectacular of its kind to be presented on either lake and is in line with his policy of providing fun and entertainment in the Parks for the greatest number of people to enjoy.

"A production such as this one is ideal because it is varied enough to provide enjoyment for all ages," the Commissioner said.

THOMAS P.F. HOVING, COMMISSIONER

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Called "Events in the Open Air" (EIOA), the festival will consist of two kinds of group games. One utilizes paints, magic markers, crayons, paper and other collage materials, and results in communal production involving scores of people. The other is field games played on a grid marked off on the ground on which obstacles are placed. Movements in these field games will be cued by sounds from two local rock-and-roll bands. The Tea Leaves and The Jupiters.

Active in the preparations, and working in co-ordination with the Department of Parks, are the following local Queens groups: Community Council of Springfield and Sequoia, Springfield Garden Taxpayers Association, Community Activity Committee, Springfield Garden Association, Negro Culture Society, Recreation for Youth, Cedar Manor and Baisley Projects Association, PTA of P.S. 30.

Also on the program is the display of a 50-pound sculpted bread by John Fischer, to be shared by the players; and a water-dance by Elaine Summer in Baisley Pond.

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Tuesday, September 6, 1966

HOVING PRESENTS AWARD TO GUGGENHEIM FOUNDATION

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving presented a citation today to the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation for its contribution to the New York City Parks Department in underwriting 49 years of Goldman Band Concerts. The citation was accepted by Harry F. Guggenheim, on behalf of the Foundation.

Commissioner Hoving, in making the presentation, told Mr. Guggenheim that "no other private group has given so much for so long to delight millions of New Yorkers". Referring to the fact that 35,000 people attended the Gay Nineties Party opening of the Goldman Band in the Central Park Mall last June, Commissioner Hoving said that "next year, for the 50th Anniversary of these fine concerts, we will aim for 50,000."

The citation, which was prepared for the Parks Department by graphic artist John Condon, read "For forty-nine years the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation has brought free concerts in the parks to the people of New York City. The Department of Parks gratefully commemorates this occasion with this citation in the name of millions of New Yorkers who have enjoyed music outdoors."

Note to City Editors and Local Desks: Press coverage is invited. The presentation will be at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of the Arsenal, Fifth Avenue and East 64th Street, on Tuesday, September 6th.

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THOMAS P.F. HOVING
COMMISSIONER

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For Release
Thursday, September 6, 1966

HOVING INAUGURATES PLAY PAVILION IN BEDFORD-STUYVESANT

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will hammer the final nail into a play pavilion at Tompkins Park in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn on Thursday, September 8th at 10:30 a.m. The play pavilion, materials and design for which were contributed by the United States Plywood Corporation, is a contemporary version of a Victorian summerhouse or gazebo and can be used as a tree house by children or as a small bandstand or stage for local recreation activities.

The Tompkins Park play pavilion is the first of 5 contributed by United States Plywood for each of the five boroughs. The play pavilions were requested from United States Plywood after Commissioner Hoving saw a photograph of one in a newspaper on June 14, 1966.

Designed by Michael Lax as a model for do-it-yourself carpenters, the play pavilions were fabricated in the Department of Parks carpentry shop at Randall's Island. The play pavilions are made of plywood and stand approximately 12 feet high.

Commissioner Hoving will be accompanied to Tompkins Park on Thursday morning by S.W. Antoville, a member of the Board of Directors of United States Plywood. Tompkins Park is located at Tompkins, Greene, Marcy and Lafayette Avenues. PRESS COVERAGE IS INVITED.

The additional four play pavilions will be finished during the month of September and will be located at the 83rd Street Playground in Riverside Park, Manhattan; Grover Cleveland Park, Stanhope Street, Grandview Avenue and Linden Hill Cemetery in Ridgewood, Queens; Glove Lakes Park, Slossen Avenue, Victory Boulevard, Forest Avenue and Glove Road in West New Brighton, Richmond; and Bronx Park playground at Bronx Park East and Lydig Avenue, the Bronx.

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For Release - Upon Receipt

The Hans-Christian Anderson Story Telling Center in
Central Park on Saturday, September 10, 1966 at 11 A.M.
will feature Oleo Aanrud a professional storyteller
and well known opera singer.

Special guests for the occasion will be a group
of children from the Institute of Physical Medicine
and Rehabilitation.

The Hans Christian Anderson Story Telling Center
is located on the west side of Conservatory Lake just
off 5th Avenue near 72nd Street.

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THOMAS P.F. HOVING
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FOR RELEASE - UPON RECEIPT

Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks announces that the 5th annual Model Sailboat Regatta sponsored by Rappaport's Toy Bazaar, will be held at Conservatory Lake, opposite 72nd Street and 5th Avenue, in Central Park on Saturday, September 10, 1966 at 3:00 P.M.

Boys and girls 17 years of age and under and adults over 55 years will compete in seven racing events by sailing boats ranging from 12 to 50 inches in length. One event will be limited to homebuilt boats. The event for adults, in which there is no limit to the size of boat, will be a handicap race.

Trophies donated by Rappaport's Toy Bazaar will be awarded to contestants finishing first, second, and third in each event.

In case of rain, the event will be conducted on Saturday, September 17th at 2:00 P.M.



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IMMEDIATELY

The City-wide Finals of the PERQUACKEY Tournament sponsored by the Lakeside Toy Company and conducted by the Department of Parks will be held at Lost Battalion Hall Recreation Center, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens on Saturday, September 10th at 11:00 A.M.

Approximately 30 girls and 40 boys winners of the district contests held in the five boroughs will compete against each other in their race against the sand clock to form the greatest number of words in this wacky word-forming tournament.

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THOMAS P.F. HOVING
COMMISSIONER
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For Release - Immediately

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today that the Puerto Rican Folklore Fiesta will take place in Central Park at the Sheep Meadow and in the Mall on Sunday, September 18, 1966 from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

"I am delighted to be the host to this Fiesta," the Commissioner said. "There will be so many events, some new to New Yorkers, that the people who come cannot help but have fun and be entertained." "I hope that thousands of New Yorkers will avail themselves of the open invitation."

The Fiesta will include music of all varieties, games for children, dancing and poetry. There will be an interreligious service from 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. in the Sheep Meadow.

For further information please call Jose Ocasio, Public Relations Assistant for the Puerto Rican Community Development Project at 255-3039.

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THOMAS P.F. HOVING
COMMISSIONER

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For Release - Immediately

Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announces that Macy's New York will caravan a super Teen Fashion Show to three New York City parks: Forest Park, Queens, in the Music Grove at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 17; Central Park Mall in Manhattan at 3 p.m., Saturday, September 17, and Prospect Park, Brooklyn, at 1 p.m., Sunday, September 18. In case of rain, the dates are as follows: Forest Park, Saturday, September 24 at 11 a.m.; Central Park, Saturday, September 24 at 3 p.m.; and Prospect Park on Sunday, September 25 at 1 p.m.

The famous Your Father's Moustache Banjo Band will perform at all three shows. David Cumins, Terrence Logan, and Kenneth Carr, currently appearing on Broadway in "The Impossible Years" will escort Macy's Teen Board models at the shows in Forest Park and Prospect Park.

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THOMAS P.F. HOVING
COMMISSIONER

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For Release
Monday, September 19, 1966, A.M.'s

BRASS ON THE GRASS IN CENTRAL PARK

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving invited all New Yorkers "to come listen to Herb Alpert and his Tijuana Brass on the grass in the Sheep Meadow in Central Park" on Wednesday night, September 21st, at 8:00 p.m.

The free concert, subsidized by Rheingold Breweries, and presented in cooperation with the Department of Parks, "is my way of thanking New Yorkers for their support of this past summer's park activities," Commissioner Hoving said.

Commissioner Hoving suggested that because of the expected crowds, New Yorkers should come early, and bring picnic suppers. He also advised bringing heavy sweaters if the evening is cool and blankets to sit on. Dancing on the grass will be permitted.

The rain date will be Thursday night, September 22nd.

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COMMISSIONER
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FOR RELEASE
Wednesday, September 21, 1966, P.M.'s

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announced yesterday that "immediate action must be taken to preserve more of the natural land of Staten Island". In a statement issued at the office of Holt Meyer, Staten Island Development Co-ordinator, Commissioner Hoving said that the Department of Parks was applying at once to a scientific foundation for the funds to conduct an ecological study of Staten Island. "Once the most significant natural habitats of migratory birds, wild flowers and other forms of animal and plant life are identified", said the Parks Commissioner, "the City must move immediately to protect them from the bulldozer".

Commissioner Hoving said that there are three kinds of recreation that a city must provide for its people--active recreation such as athletic activities, passive recreation in beautiful man-made settings, and re-creation in nature. "It is nature", said Commissioner Hoving, "that is in such short supply in the metropolitan region". The Parks Commissioner noted that, "since a study was made in 1958 of 'Natural Habitats in the

(Metropolitan) Region in Urgent Need of Conservation', by the Regional Plan Association, only 72 acres have been acquired in Staten Island at High Rock for a nature center. "Yet", said the Parks Commissioner, "the Regional Plan study showed that Richmond County was the only source of natural or non-urbanized open land left in all of New York City".

"The ecological study", said Commissioner Hoving, "would not only include the Staten Island Greenbelt and the route of the proposed Olmsted Trailway, but natural ponds, swamps and tidal marshes in other parts of the Island". The Commissioner said, "Such areas will remain purposefully vague because of the possible effect on real estate values. As the urbs and the suburbs continue to sprawl, nature becomes harder and harder to reach either by car or by public transportation. The opportunities offered in a day camp like Camp Kaufman in the Greenbelt--only one hour away from Brooklyn and Manhattan--must be made available to every New York child and to every family. As Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana said at a recent Congressional hearing, 'If we are not careful, we shall leave our children a legacy of billion-dollar roads leading nowhere except to other congested places like those left behind.'"

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THOMAS P.F. HOVING
COMMISSIONER

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For Release - Upon Receipt

Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, announced today that a Chalk Carpet of Color Contest will be held on the Mall in Central Park on Sunday, October 2, 1966 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. In the event of rain, it will be held October 9.

The contest is open to all sidewalk artists who are 15 years of age or over. Contestants will be assigned contiguous four-foot square work spaces so that the overall effect of their designs will be that of a floral carpet. Work spaces in the center area of the Mall will be reserved for those whose designs will be of mosaic, geometric, floral, or oriental patterns which are appropriate to a carpet pattern. Work spaces at either end of the carpet area will be assigned to sidewalk artists who do not wish to be confined to non-representational designs.

Participants should report to the registration desk at the north end of the Mall on the day of the contest to receive their identification tag and to be assigned their numbered work space. Registration begins at 9:00 A.M. and continues until all work spaces have been assigned.

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

Judging will begin at 1:00 P.M. Prizes will be awarded to the six best designs. Judging will be based on beauty of design, color harmony, conformity to the "flower carpet" concept, and contribution to the integral composition of a "flower carpet".

rather than a permanent work. The Myers performance on Wednesday has been made possible through the donation of private funds.

A "Sculpture in Environment" catalogue with commentary on and pictures of each artist and his work will be available beginning Monday, October 23rd, announced Commissioner Heckscher. The catalogue, designed by a member of the Parks Department staff, Amy Stromsten and with photographs by Fred W. McDarrah, may be purchased in the Book Department on the fifth floor of Stern Bros., 41 West 42nd Street, for \$1.25. "The cost of publication has been underwritten by Stern Bros. as a public service", Commissioner Heckscher said.

A map of the sculpture show sites is also available,

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For Release - Upon Receipt

Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today that the Central Park Mall would be the scene of community singing.

The Song Festival, led by D. Thyron Aycock, will take place Sundays, September 25th, October 2, 9 and 16th at 8:00 P.M.

The leaders of the community sing will be Chauncy Northern Vocal Art Singers led by Thyron Aycock. Everyone is invited to attend.

There are no raindates.

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The Consolidated Edison name band dances, now in the 25th season, will feature the following bands at the location and dates listed below.

Monday July 25 Colonial Park - W. 149th St. & Bradhurst Ave.
Manhattan - Fred Hamilton

" " South Beach - Iroquois St., Richmond
Harry West and Echoes

Tuesday July 26 Tompkins Square Park E. 10th St. Bet. A & B.
Manhattan Jesters and Kurley Benito

" Edenwald Houses Plgd. E. 229th St. & Schiefflin Ave.
Bronx, Fred Hamilton

Wednesday July 27 Baisley Park, Foch Blvd. & 155th St. Queens -
Playboys

" Bushwick Park, Knickerbocker, Irving and Starr Sts.
Brooklyn, Sands 4

Thursday July 28 Ft. Hamilton Plgd. 95th St. and Ft. Hamilton
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" Travers Park, 34 Ave. & 77St. Jackson Heights,
Queens, Sounds 4

Friday July 29 Riverside Park at 103 St., New York City
Bobby Valentine

" Lyons Square Park, Lyons Ave. Et Bruckner-Bldg.
Bronx, Playboys

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ATTENTION: NEWS AND FEATURE EDITORS

A "Go Fly a Kite Happening" will take place in the Long Meadow in Prospect Park on Wednesday, July 27th, 1966 beginning at 3:30 p.m., Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today.

The "Kite Happening" will end at dusk.

The "happening" was conceived of and organized by "Go Fly a Kite, Inc.", in cooperation with the Department of Parks and the Prospect Park Centennial Committee. The idea of a "Kite Happening" was simultaneously proposed to Commissioner Hoving by "Go Fly a Kite, Inc. and "Art in America." "Art in America", a well-known art magazine, will sponsor its own "Happening" in the Fall.

The Happening will include demonstration flying, India fighter exhibitions and flying by ordinary kite fanciers. Among the guests who will participate will be Miss Prospect Park, Miss Brooklyn and Miss Summer Festival Queen. Flying experts will include George W. Kelly and Surendra Bahadur, both of Go Fly a Kite, Inc.; Will Yolen, President of the International Kitefliers Association; Harold Levine of the Space-Bird Kite; and Al Hartig of Ace Hi Kites. Commissioner Hoving will also participate in the event.

The Long Meadow in Prospect Park may be reached by car by driving into the park at Flatbush Ave. and Empire Blvd. Go along the drive and turn at the sign marked "Press".



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The Coney Island Community Council, Inc., in conjunction with Nathan's Famous Foundation, Inc. and the Department of Parks will sponsor a series of concerts every Thursday evening at 8:30 P. M. at Kaiser Park, West 28th Street and Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn.

This Thursday, July 28th at 8:30 P. M., Zigi Binor, a well-known accordionist and singer will play music of all kinds and will conduct a Sing-Along with audience participation. All are cordially invited.

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CONTACT: Ruth Cage, CI 6-4180

Gotham's youngsters will be honored by New York City's Park Department on Wednesday (August 24th) at a free entertainment in Central Park, Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today (Thursday, July 28) at the Arsenal in Central Park. Batman, Adam West, and his partner, Robin, Bert Ward, will fly in from California to award citations to youngsters from the metropolitan area who have been nominated as being representative good citizens in their own localities.

"The salute is intended to demonstrate the City's appreciation of its young people," Commissioner Hoving said. "We can't possibly single out every youngster who has made a contribution to their local community but we are asking youth organizations such as the P.A.L., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Head Start programs and many more to nominate a representative from their groups to be cited on the 24th. Of course, all the area's youngsters, whether nominees or not, are invited to the party in the Park."

In addition to Batman and Robin, in full costume, the Central Park Festivities will include music and entertainment. Nominees will be photographed with the masked law enforcer and will also be guests on Sonny Fox's television program "Wonderama" seen on WNEW-TV (Channel 5).

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Following the proceedings in Central Park, Batman and Robin will make some unannounced trips to other Park Department facilities, accompanied by Commissioner Hoving, to greet handicapped children who will not be able to join the gala party in the Park.

Further information may be obtained by writing to P.O. Box Number 3000, Grand Central Station, New York 10017.

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New York's millions, many of whom have never been closer to the sport than their TV screens, are invited to enjoy one of the world's outstanding water ski productions, it was announced Friday by Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving.

According to Mr. Hoving, there will be one performance of the "Mercury Water Ski Festival" on Saturday afternoon, September 10th, on the Central Park Lake (near 72nd Street) and another the following afternoon on Prospect Parke Lake in Brooklyn.

No admission fee will be charged for either performance.

"The water ski show is in keeping with our policy of providing a maximum amount of healthful fun and wholesome entertainment for the greatest number of people to enjoy in our parks", the Commissioner stated.

With costs borne by the Klekhaefer Corp. of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, maker of Mercury outboard engines, the show is being produced by Tommy Bartlett who has staged water ski hits in every State except Alaska and at several World Fairs.

Bartlett Water Ski Shows have also been a permanent entertainment feature for many years at Wisconsin Dells. Talent is said to be the best available and represents a cross-section of the United States.

According to Commissioner Hoving, the production to be presented in Central and Prospect Parks will be considerably longer and will feature more diversification than the shows that thrilled millions at recent Fairs.

In addition to usual and unusual water ski acts, the Mercury Festival will feature a "Jumping Circus"; consisting of boats that fly through the air, a sure-fire crowd-pleaser, especially with youngsters.

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"The program of eighteen acts is aimed at every member of the family", Bartlett stated. "There will be clowns to please small fry, ballet for the ladies, and thrills for teen-agers, along with comedy and exhibitions of skill for all."

Both the Central Park and Prospect Park water ski shows will be visible from long stretches of shoreline, with spectators invited to seat themselves, picnic-style, on their own blankets or cushions.

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Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving invites the press to a Champagne Breakfast to celebrate the opening of the new Fountain Cafe at the Bethesda Fountain in Central Park on Monday, August 1st at 9:30 A. M.

Restaurant Associates, the concessionaire which created and will operate the Fountain Cafe, will offer a sampling of the continental cuisine at the breakfast.

The Fountain Cafe is just north of the 72nd Street Drive through Central Park and directly across from the Central Park Mall. To reach the Cafe by car, enter Central Park from East 80th Street and Fifth Avenue, and drive north on the East Drive. Bear left at 72nd Street and continue beyond the Mall and the Fountain Cafe to the horse-shoe shaped parking area a few hundred yards west. Parking will be reserved here for the press.

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Schiefflin, Bronx Elliot James

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Parkway, Brooklyn The Gremmies

Friday, August 5 Riverside Park, 103 Street, Manhattan
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There will be a special dance program by the popular five-piece rock and roll combo, Elliott James, scheduled for the East New York Brownsville area at the playground, Livonia and Barbey Streets, Brooklyn on Monday night, August 1 at 8:30 P.M. Commissioner Hoving announced today.

This program sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company has been added to its regular social dance series of 74 dance concerts in the five boroughs in an effort to bring entertainment to East New York. The Livonia and Barbey playground was selected by a special recreation task force, known as "Operation Safety Valve," which has been working on relieving the tension in that neighborhood.

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Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announces the following change in the Local 802 Living Music Concert Series. The concert scheduled for Wednesday, August 3rd at Thomas Jefferson Park in Manhattan has been transferred to King Park in Queens.

This change in the schedule has been made because of the small number of people attending the previous Thomas Jefferson Park concerts, and because of the repeated requests for additional concerts for King Park.

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The first of five plus one "Events in Open Air" which will "happen" in Riverside Park at 115th Street on Wednesday, August 3rd at 2 P.M., is a small-scale sneak preview of the series, it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving.

The "happenings", as they are sometimes called, are "experimental public games, restricted to no one, and are designed to create situations that probe the environment we live in by the six (or seven) senses".

The events are planned by five community parks, one in each Borough and a "plus one", which is a two-day unprecedented-type of festival in Central Park. Others are in preparation. The events consist of experimentation by the community with space and shape, motion and time, plus color and light. The media of expression and discovery range from improvised grid paintings, with each participant contributing in crayon, paint, or construction paper to communal creations; to a neighborhood collage in which photographs of people and places in the neighborhood will be mounted and displayed along with unrestricted scribbles.

"Events in Open Air" is sponsored by George Delacorte in cooperation with the Department of Parks.

The following organizations provided the materials which were required to make "Events in Open Air" possible:

Orgami paper from Azuma, Inc.
Markers from Magic Markers, Inc.
Paper contributed by Lindenmeyer-Schlosser, Inc.
Ribbon from Royal Ribbon Co.
Crayola crayons courtesy of Binney Smith, Inc.
EIOA buttons donated by N. G. Slater, Inc.
Scissors courtesy of Arthur Brown, Inc.
Paint contributed by New Masters, Inc.

The press is welcome to view these most unusual proceedings.

N. B. -- Good Press Photos.

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Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announces that the Chauncey Northern Vocal Arts School will sponsor Singing Sessions for audience participation on Sundays, August 7th, September 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th on the Mall in Central Park from 3 P. M. to 5 P. M.

A choral group of approximately 30 members will support the audience in their participation in singing songs that are near and dear to the hearts of all New Yorkers of all ages.

There will also be instrumentalists and soloists.

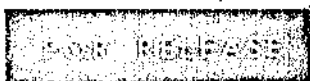
All are invited to come and sing along.

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The Consolidated Edison name band dances, now in the 25th season, will feature the following bands on the dates and at the locations listed below:

Monday, August 8, Elliot James - Colonial Park, West 149th St.
and Bradhurst, New York City

" " 8, Johnny Armarosa - South Beach, Iroquois St.
Richmond, Staten Island

Tuesday, August 9, Rhythm Aces - Pomonok Houses, Kissena Blvd.
65 Ave., Flushing, Queens

" " 9, Elliot James - Bronx River Houses Playground
Bronx River Avenue and E. 174th St. Bronx

Wednesday, August 10, Elliot James - Travers Park, 34 Ave. and
77th St., Jackson Heights, Queens

" " 10, Rhythm Aces - Loretto Playground, Bronx

Thursday, August 11 Rhythm Aces - Fort Hamilton Playground
95th St. and Ft. Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn

Friday, August 12- Pete Terrace - Riverside Park and 103rd St.
New York City

" August 12- Elliot James - Carver Houses Playground,
E. 104th St. between Madison
and Park

The dances originally scheduled for Baisley Park on August 10, 17, and 24 have been transferred to Travers Park, located at 34-Avenue and 77th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens.

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Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announces that on Saturday, August 6th, the "Stash the Trash" campaign will kick off at 2:30 P.M. at Coney Island with the Commissioner, Mayor Lindsay, and civic leader Frederick W. Richmond.

"Stash the Trash" is designed to make people aware of the fact that they are directly involved in keeping the beaches clean. Tools will be provided to participants. These tools were contributed by the Frederick W. Richmond Foundation.

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SUNDAY AUGUST 7, 1966

Because of the extended dry spell this summer, some of New York City's 550,000 street trees may die from lack of water.

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving requested that the public aid in preventing the loss of street trees by following this procedure:-

1. Loosen the soil around the tree with a spading fork. (This will permit moisture to seep to the tree roots)
2. Add five pails full of water to the soil each week during dry periods.

Commissioner Robert D. Clarke of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity has granted approval of the use of the water and stated "Because of the quantity of water contained in five pails is insignificant in light of the fact that it is vital to the continued life and growth of the trees and it is consistent with the present policy of permitting use of water for private lawns and gardens six hours per week. Trees not only provide beauty to city streets but also furnish shade to many of our citizens during hot weather."

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Donna De Varona, the youngest member of the 1960 Olympic Team will give a swimming demonstration at two of New York City's municipal pools on Sunday August 7, 1966, it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

At 11:00 A.M. she will perform at Red Hook Pool, Bay and Henry Streets, Brooklyn and 12:30 P.M., another performance will be presented at Astoria Pool, 19th Street and 23rd Drive, Astoria, Queens.

Skip Roggenbuhl, one of America's foremost masters of aquatic comedy will appear at both locations to entertain the guests.

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Entry blanks are now available for a Gyro Disc Derby it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving. This event is open to Boys and Girls in the following classifications:

1. Class "A" - Boys and Girls through 8 years of age.
2. Class "B" - Girls from 9 through 14 years of age.
3. Class "C" - Boys from 9 through 13 years of age.
4. Class "D" - Boys 14, 15 and 16 years of age.

AGES WILL BE DETERMINED AS OF AUGUST 25, 1966.

Sponsored by Birds Eye Division - General Foods Corporation, local competitions will be held during the week of August 8, Five borough competitions will be held on August 18, at the following locations:

MANHATTAN - Sheep Meadow, Central Park
BROOKLYN - 11th Street Bandshell, Prospect Park
BRONX - Mullaly Playground
QUEENS - Pomonok Houses Playground
RICHMOND - Clove Lake Park

CITY-WIDE CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE HELD

Thursday, August 25, 1966 - 10:30 A.M.
Sheep Meadow, Central Park
(Rain date - Friday, August 26, 1966)

PRIZES

Local Contests - Certificates of Award to first and second place team winners in each age group.
Borough Contests - Awake Gyro-Disc Trophies to first and second place team winners in each age group.
City-wide Finals - Transistor radios to first, second and third place team winners in each age group.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 - 6:30 P.M.

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A unique city-wide "flying saucer" competition for children in parks in all five boroughs was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

Teams of boys and girls up to age 16 will compete in a massive "Awake" Gyro Disc Derby by tossing the orange plastic disc which resembles a flying saucer.

The climax of the Derby will be for the "Awake" Gyro Disc Championship at the Sheep Meadow in Central Park at 10:30 A.M. on August 25. Commissioner Hoving will toss out the first disc to signal the start of the Derby finals.

Commissioner Hoving said the "Awake" Gyro Disc Derby is being held through the cooperation of the Birds Eye Division of General Foods Corporation. Birds Eye has donated 8,000 "Awake" Gyro Discs to be distributed to competitors throughout the city and for use as recreational equipment in playgrounds by the Department of Parks. Two thousand of the discs will be given to early arrivers at the Central Park championship along with balloons and lollipops.

"This is another feature in the Department's continuing campaign to reintroduce New York City's parks to the people and to provide wholesome fun for the city's youngsters," Commissioner Hoving said.

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The "Awake" Gyro Disc Derby begins with local competitions at all Department of Parks facilities throughout the city during the week of August 8. The youngsters will compete in four age groups: Class A--boys and girls up to 8 years of age; Class B--girls aged 9 to 14; Class C--boys aged 9 to 13; Class D--boys aged 14 to 16.

Winning teams in the local competitions then will vie on August 18 for Borough Championships in the Bronx at Mullaly Playground, Brooklyn at the 11th Street Bandstand in Prospect Park, Manhattan at the Sheep Meadow in Central Park, Richmond at Clove Lakes Park, and Queens at Pomonok Playground. Winners and runners-up in each borough will receive engraved trophies which have been provided by Birds Eye.

On August 25, two "professionals" will demonstrate the art of throwing the discs before the winning teams face off in the Sheep Meadow for the "Awake" Gyro Disc Championship and transistor radio prizes which were donated by Birds Eye.

The prizes will be awarded by Commissioner Hoving and Mr. Roy W. Stevens, Birds Eye National Sales Manager.

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800 top athletes, ages 10 to 15 years, will be competing in the New York City Track and Field Championships at the Downing Stadium, Randall's Island on Saturday, August 6, 1966, at 11:00 A.M., it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

The first six winners in each borough event have qualified from among more than 2400 boys and girls who competed in the five borough meets on July 30th.

The August 6th City Finals takes on added importance because the first and second place winners will make up the team of 92 boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 15 years to represent New York City in competition against the teams from Boston and Washington D.C. at Downing Stadium, Randalls Island on August 20, 1966, at 2:00 P.M.

The sports festival is the first step in Mayor Lindsay's program for organizing national youth games.

The Tri-City Competition as well as the New York City Competition is being sponsored by Old London Foods in cooperation with Mayor Lindsay's office, the Board of Education's "Operation Champ" program and the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks.

Mayor John V. Lindsay and Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will attend the New York City competition at 11:45 A.M.



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ATTENTION: NEWS AND FEATURE EDITORS

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will hold a press conference at the Arsenal on Wednesday, August 10th at 10 A.M.

The subject of the press conference will be a new proposal for a linear park for the Greenbelt in Staten Island.

The Arsenal is located in Central Park at 64th Street and Fifth Avenue.

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THOMAS P.F. HOVING, COMMISSIONER

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For Release
Wednesday, August 10, 1966, after 10:00 A.M.

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today a proposal for a hiking and biking trail through the Greenbelt of Staten Island. In his endorsement of a proposal prepared by Staten Island civic and planning groups, Commissioner Hoving said that "this brochure outlining the Olmsted Trailway is the most exciting plan in the recent history of the conservation movement."

Commissioner Hoving said that he was "prepared to fight for it (the Olmsted Trailway) with all the weapons available to me in this Arsenal--and elsewhere."

"There is a sad phenomenon going on in this country today," said Commissioner Hoving. "It seems that the car has become more important than the people whose servant it is supposed to be. Facilities for cars, from gigantic parking lots to super highways, are eating up the land by a million acres a year. Obviously," said the Parks Commissioner, "the greatest concentration of concrete and asphalt is in the city and its approaches. Equally, people live in this city. Are they supposed, like the Ailanthus, to struggle for survival by thrusting themselves through cracks in the hardtop?", he asked. Commissioner Hoving said that this "conflict of interests...must be resolved--on the side of human beings."

Commissioner Hoving said that "Staten Island is the only borough of New York that is still semi-bucolic. Future generations will ask of us why we did not have the vision of Olmsted when he created Central Park and urged this great linear park in Staten Island."

The Olmsted Trailway was proposed by Citizens

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for a Linear Park in the Staten Island Greenbelt, an association of civic organizations made up of the National Audubon Society, The Sierra Club, New York Chapter, Subcommittee on Open Lands of the Community Council of Greater New York, The Park Association of New York City, Scenic Hudson Preservation Conference, Council for Parks & Playgrounds, The Municipal Art Society of New York, The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, Appalachian Mountain Club, Staten Island Arboretum, Inc., New York Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, Staten Island Greenbelt-Natural Areas League, Staten Island Citizens Planning Committee.

The Olmsted Trailway was inspired by Frederick Law Olmsted, who, with Calvert Vaux, won the competition for the plan for Central Park in 1858 and in 1871, proposed that "This ridge," these "steep and broken declivities" of Staten Island's Greenbelt be made into a park "four miles in length".

The present Olmsted Trailway proposal calls for a linear park along the ridge of the Greenbelt, 300 feet wide along its 4.7 mile length. The Trailway lies in the mapped right-of-way of Section One of the Richmond Parkway. The Mayor's Transportation Council is currently studying alternate routes for Section One.

The Olmsted Trailway would include 10 miles of hiking trails 5.6 miles of bikeway, bridle paths, boating, fishing, picnicking facilities, access to historic Richmond-town and an Arboretum.

Assistance for the development of the Trailway would be sought from the Land and Water Conservation Fund of the federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation; from the Open Space Land Program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and (for development of a university-oriented environmental workshop) Title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965. It is proposed that maintenance of the trails be largely undertaken by private initiative as had the Long Trail in Vermont been cared for since 1931. Private funds to match

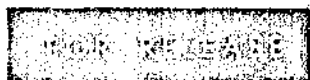
city funds will be sought for a comprehensive site analysis and for preparing final plans.

The Trailway would run through "oak, beach, sweet gum and hickory, past glacial ponds, past scouting and day camps and the High Rock Nature Conservation Center..." It would "Shelve across the side of Bucks Hollow and into the woods of Lighthouse Hill, then drops below Latourette Golf Course to the fenways of Richmond Creek." At Todt Hill, the Trailway would attain "the highest tidewater elevation on the Atlantic seaboard south of Mt. Desert, Me.", according to the Olmsted Trailway brochure. The brochure points out that "At only three points, in a distance of nearly five miles is the ridge bisected by road. Elsewhere along its length is a hardwood forest more than three-quarters of a mile wide in certain places; a forest containing the chestnut oak, the mockernut, the sassafras and the ironwood; black haw and choke cherry, cinnamon fern and skunk cabbage, arrowhead and Canada mayflower and trout lily." Wildlife in this area, according to the brochure, ranges "from the heron and pheasant to the muskrat, the opossum and racoon."

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Commissioner Hoving announces that another Kite Happening will take place on the Sheep Meadow in Central Park. The time will be from 10 A.M. on. The date is August 14, 1966.

The Happening is to take place for two purposes. One is to emphasize the delights that kite flying can hold for all ages. The other reason is to mark a change of rules concerning kite flying in Manhattan. Heretofore, kite flying in Manhattan has only been allowed on Randall's Island. The Sheep Meadow in Central Park has now been added as another area.

On the day of the Happening, kites will be available to the public. "Go Fly a Kite, Inc." will sell them on the Sheep Meadow.

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Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announces that a Monster Go-Go will take place in the Wollman Rink in Central Park on August 17, 1966 from 12 to 2 P. M.

Officiating at the Monster Go-Go will be Zacherley, the host of Channel 47's Disc-O-Teen.

The program is one of a series of Lunchoteques which have taken place throughout the summer and will continue until August 26, 1966.

The Lunchoteques are jointly sponsored by the Department of Parks and the Rheingold Central Park Music Festival.

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HOVING AND BLUM ANNOUNCE INSTANT VEST POCKET PARK
FOR EAST NEW YORK

Commissioner Hoving and Robert Blum, Assistant to the Mayor, today jointly announced that work had begun on an "instant Vest Pocket Park" in the East New York section of Brooklyn.

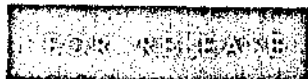
This project is the first of the programs coordinated by the temporary office of the City of New York located in East New York. The temporary City office which the Mayor opened with private funds, is coordinating and making more precise, city services in a neighborhood troubled with racial tension.

The vacant lot, located between 509 and 521 New Jersey Avenue, is city-owned. Four city agencies are involved in this project so that within a one week time span, this plot of land will be transformed from a fenced-in weed patch to a black-topped recreation area with basket ball facilities and a small, temporary swimming pool for young children. The city agencies involved are the Departments of Real Estate, Sanitation, Highways, and Parks.

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UPON RECEIPT

On Wednesday, August 17, 1966 at 10 A.M. a new service to the public will be inaugurated at the Cedar Hill section of Central Park, located just off 5th Avenue and 79th Street it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

Registrations for a "Dog Obedience School", the first to be established in the park systems, will be accepted for free classes of instruction in dog training.

Conducted by Louis V. Ciccio, a Park Zoo Keeper who has a background in this field, training dogs for the blind and in obedience, the school will be available for children, adults, and the blind.

Commissioner Hoving who will officiate at the opening stated "Classes will be scheduled for instruction in accordance with the number of registrations. This service will be provided out of doors during warm weather and at an indoor facility during the cold weather. The instructor for this school is an exceptionally well qualified dog trainer."

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Central Park will be the scene of Bicycle Races on Sunday, August 28, 1966 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. to 1 P.M., it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

Sanctioned by the Bicycle League of America Inc., in cooperation with the Eastern Cycling Federation, Inc., and American Machine & Foundry Company the following events will be contested:

NOVICE STOCK BIKE RACES FOR PARK PLAYGROUND BOYS & GIRLS

All races will be one-lap events - approximately two miles long. The winner and runner-up in each event will be awarded Roadmaster bicycles through the courtesy of American Machine & Foundry Company.

GIRLS: 12,13, & 14 YEARS - Any stock bicycle.
BOYS: 14 YEARS & UNDER - Stock bicycles with middleweight tires
BOYS: 14 YEARS & UNDER - Stock bicycles with lightweight tires.
BOYS: 15, 16, & 17 YEARS - Stock bicycles with middleweight tires.
BOYS: 15, 16, & 17 YEARS - Stock bicycles with lightweight tires.

NOTE: BOYS & GIRLS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARK PLAYGROUND EVENTS NEED NOT FILL OUT ENTRY BLANKS. THEY SHOULD REPORT TO THE STARTING LINE AT 67TH STREET & WEST DRIVE BY 9:45 A.M. ON AUGUST 28TH.

A SPECIAL SURPRISE RACE FOR "KIDDIES" UNDER 8 YEARS OF AGE WILL INITIATE THE RACING PROGRAM

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OPEN EVENTS FOR AMERICAN BICYCLE LEAGUE MEMBERS ONLY

SENIOR MEN: 25 MILE POINT RACE - Registration at 7:30 A.M.
Race at 8:00 A.M. SEE NOTE BELOW
SENIOR MEN: * 10 LAPS-APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES-PRIZES TO 1st
& 2nd PLACE.
WOMEN: 3 LAPS - APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES - PRIZES TO
WINNER ONLY
BOYS: 5 LAPS - APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES- PRIZES TO
1st & 2nd place

*CONTESTANTS IN SENIOR MEN'S 10 LAP RACE MUST COMPETE
IN THE 25 MILE POINT RACE.

All races will begin on the West Drive at 67th Street, near
The Tavern on the Green. The race course will be: from
West Drive and 67th St., south to 60th Street, across to
Center Drive, north on Center Drive to approximately 70th
Street, across to West Drive, and back to finish at 67th
Street.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO WATCH THESE RACES FROM ANYWHERE
ALONG THE RACE COURSE.

ALL PRIZES CONTRIBUTED BY AMERICAN MACHINE & FOUNDRY CO.

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The Consolidated Edison name band dances, now in the 25th season, will feature the following schedule to be held at 8:30 P.M.

Monday, August 22 Kurli Benito and the Pandemoniums,
at Kate Wollman Rink, Prospect Park, Brooklyn

Tuesday, August 23, Johnny Amorosa at Pomonok Houses,
Kissena Blvd. and 65 Ave., Queens

Tuesday, August 23, The Way Outs, Bronx River Houses
Playground, Bronx River Ave. & E. 174th St.
Bronx

Wednesday, August 24, Morph Four, Travers Park, 34th Ave.
77 St., Jackson Heights, Queens

Wednesday, August 24, The Pandemoniums, Marble Hill
Playground, West 230th St. & Kingsbridge Ave.
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AT WILL

The Fifth Annual Distance Hitting Stickball Contest, sponsored by the 6th Memorial Post American Legion, Brooklyn and the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks will be held on Saturday, August 27, 1966 at 10 A.M. at the J.J. Byrne Playground located at 4th Avenue and 4th Street in the Borough of Brooklyn, it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

This event is open to boys up to 16 years of age and has attracted as many as 500 participants in the previous contests.

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Registrations for the "Dog Obedience School", the first to be established in the park system, will be accepted for free classes of instruction in dog training through Thursday, August 25, 1966 between the hours of 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the Cedar Hill section of Central Park, located just off 5th Avenue and 79th Street it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

Conducted by Louis V. Ciccio, a Park Zoo Keeper who has a background in this field, training dogs for the blind and in obedience, the school is available for children, adults, and the blind.

Classes will be scheduled immediately after the close of the registration period.

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The summer square and folk dance program at Washington Square Park, which was scheduled to end on Friday, September 2nd, has been extended for three additional Fridays: September 9th, 16th and 23rd because of popular demand it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

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AT WILL

1-1-1-60M-522145(64) 114 The finale of the Summer Tennis Clinic conducted by the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks will be held on Thursday, September 1st at 1 P.M. at the West 93rd St. Tennis Courts in Central Park.

Trophies will be presented to the four boys and girls who will play an exhibition mixed doubles match. Medals and emblems will be presented to those boys and girls who attended very regularly, and to the most advanced groups. Certificates of awards will be presented to those who showed the most interest in learning the game.

There were 141 boys and girls registered and average attendance was from 60 to 65. The Clinic started on July 5th and continued during the months of July and August on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The boys and girls not only came from Manhattan but also from Jackson Heights, Astoria, Forest Hills and Flushing in Queens; from the Bronx, Fordham, Northeast Bronx and West Bronx; From Brooklyn, Bay Ridge, Canarsie, and the Williamsburg sections.

The widespread attendance indicates the interest in the Tennis Clinics.

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Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving regrets that the performance of "William Tell" scheduled at the East River Park Amphitheatre on Tuesday, August 23, 1966 at 8:30 P. M. has had to be cancelled.

Some members of the cast have been drafted and no replacements were available for this performance.

However, the performance of "Faust" at the Amphitheatre on Tuesday, August 30, 1966 will be presented as scheduled.

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50 YOUNGSTERS HONORED AS
JUNIOR GOOD CITIZENS

Fifty junior good citizens will be honored at special ceremonies sponsored by the Parks Department in the Mall in Central Park today (Wednesday, August 24) with Batman (Adam West) and Robin (Burt Ward) presenting citations to the nominees before an estimated 10,000 youngsters at 11:00 o'clock.

The honorees have been selected from the membership of some twenty-five youth groups, among them the P.A.L., the Y.M.C.A., Girl Scouts, HARYOU-ACT, Mobilization for Youth, the Grand Street Settlement, United Students of the Americas and the C.Y.O. Also among the honorees are newsboys from four local area newspapers and three children nominated through the WNEW-TV show "Wonderama."

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving, television's Sonny Fox, who will be master of ceremonies, and the Rev. R. E. Terwilliger of All Saints Episcopal Church will be honored guests on the dais.

An hour-long program of entertainment, including magicians, a juggler and musicians, will be a part of the event designed by the

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Parks Department to focus attention on the "good kids" of the community who are rarely spotlighted. Further reward for the "good kids" will be the distribution of a variety of Batman souvenirs and a view of the film and television personality's "Batboat" which has been shipped from Texas for the occasion.

Commissioner Hoving has pointed out that "we can't possibly single out every youngster who deserves recognition but we hope that each of them will understand that the nominees receiving citations represent them all."

Rev. Terwilliger is the minister who last week told his parishioners that "Batman" had been successful because it "provided a much needed emotional and almost religious outlet for many television viewers."

No tickets are required for the junior good citizenship program which is free to the public.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 -- 6:30 P.M.



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When a massive invasion of little people with "flying saucers" is reported in the Central Park Sheep Meadow on Thursday, August 25, don't panic. It will be the City Championships of the "Awake" Gyro Disc Derby.

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving disclosed today that the little people actually are 80 children who proved most skillful in tossing the "Awake" Gyro Discs by winning earlier championships in all five boroughs.

Commissioner Hoving said the Parks Department's Recreation Division conducted local eliminations in the Derby at its facilities in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island. About 9,000 children participated in the local contests to choose the Borough Champions who now will compete for the city title.

The Derby and Championships were held through the cooperation of the Birds Eye Division of General Foods Corporation. It has donated 8,000 "Awake" Gyro Discs and all prizes for the contests to the Parks Department.

Forty two-member teams of girls and boys in four age groups will enter the lists at Central Park at 10:30 a.m. Mr. John (Bud) Palmer, Commissioner of Public Events, and Mr. Roy W. Stevens, Birds Eye National Sales Manager will launch the bright orange plastic saucers

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to signal the start of the tournament to decide who are the City Champions. Transistor radios will be awarded as prizes to the children who finish first, second and third in each age group.

The first 2,000 spectators at the Sheep Meadow will receive free "Awake" Gyro Discs, compliments of Birds Eye. The contestants are competing in four age groups: Class A, boys and girls through 8 years of age; Class B, girls aged 9 through 14; Class C, boys aged 9 through 13, and Class D, boys aged 14, 15 and 16.

Commissioner Hoving said the "Awake" Gyro Disc Derby "was part of the Parks Department program to provide more recreation and entertainment for the people who use New York City's parks. These flying saucer toys provide children with a unique, exciting sport which did not previously exist at our playgrounds. We have received enough of them to supply most of our playgrounds."

The Derby began with local competitions throughout the city during the week of August 8. Winners in these contests then vied for the championships in each borough. First and second place borough champion winners in each age group received "Awake" Gyro Disc Trophies.

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NOTE TO EDITOR: In case of rain on August 25, the City Championships will be held at the same time on Friday, August 26.

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A colorful international program will be presented by the Cama Musical Society of Kew Gardens in the Music Grove Band Stand, Forest Park, Queens, on Saturday, August 27th, at 2 P.M.

Beautiful native costumes from twenty countries accompanied by foreign songs, music and dances will mark the final performance of the season. Among the notables and public officials who will appear are Miss Ellen Buzzall, Broadway and NBC-TV musical star, Miss Shirley Goldstein, Concert Pianist and Program Co-ordinator of NBC-TV, Councillor and Mrs. Arthur J. Katzman, Kurt Shamberg, Director of Candle Films, Walter Drescher, World's Walking Champion and a host of others.

The program is a salute to the various nations from which the performers base their ancestry. The highlights of the show is the sheer artistry of the superb skill these performers display in the native tongue, albeit American by birth.

A special number called "Alley Cat" will be filmed on stage by Kurt Shamberg for his production, Feline Follies.

For the young-at-heart there will be a combo called The Hang Five, who have just returned from a successful tour of resorts and night clubs.

These performers will be competing at the Montreal World Exposition '67 in Canada next summer against top talents from eighty foreign nations. The public will see them in a preview on Saturday at the park, free, under tree-shaded benches with ample facilities for car parking.

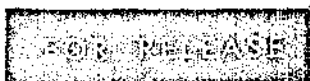
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Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, announces that the United States Handball Association will sponsor One-Wall Handball Championships at the Brownsville Recreation Center, 1555 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, beginning October 1, 1966.

The championships will be conducted in five divisions: Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Master Doubles, Novice Singles, and Boys' Singles - 14 through 18 years of age.

The official USHA Ace Ball will be used in all but the Novice matches, where the soft pink handball will be substituted.

Trophies will be awarded to winners in all divisions. In addition, the winner in the Boys' Singles competition will win a trip to the Junior Championships to be held in Miami, Florida during the Christmas school vacation period.

Entry applications are available from the Brownsville Recreation Center or by calling DI-2-6014 (daytime) or HY-8-1121 (evening). Entries close September 24th.

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GIANT PUPPET FESTIVAL BEGINS SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

A Giant Puppet Festival will begin on Sunday, August 28th, under the joint sponsorship of the Council for Parks and Playgrounds and the New York City Department of Parks. Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announced today.

The Festival, which is to be directed by Peter Schumann of the Bread and Puppet Theater, has been developed with the cooperation of community groups and neighborhood children at St. Mary's Recreation Center in St. Mary's Park, 145th Street and St. Ann's Avenue in the South Bronx.

Funds for the program, which is experimental, were provided by the Parks Department and the Taconic Foundation. World-Wide Volkswagon provided two busses for the movement of equipment from park to park.

Each of the four festivals will feature slapstick and puppet shows as well as booths and games throughout the park from 2 to 5:30 P.M. A dragon parade through the streets will herald the main show.

The schedule of performances is as follows:

- Sunday, August 28th - Tompkins Park, Greene, Marcy and Lafayette Avenues, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn.
- Monday, August 29th - Tompkins Square Park, East 7th to East 10th Streets between Avenues A and B, Manhattan.
- Saturday, September 3rd - St. Nicholas Park, 135th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, Central Harlem, Manhattan.
- Sunday, September 4th - St. Mary's Park, 145th Street and St. Ann's Avenue, South Bronx.

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More than 2,000 children, teens and adults from a Queens area containing residents of many backgrounds and income levels will participate together in an eight-hour festival of experimental public games beginning 2 p.m., Sunday, September 25 at the west end of Baisley Pond Park, it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

Called "Events in the Open Air" (EIOA), the festival will consist of two kinds of group games. One utilizes paints, magic markers, crayons, paper and other collage materials, and results in communal production involving scores of people. The other is field games played on a grid marked off on the ground on which obstacles are placed. Movements in these field games will be cued by sounds from two local rock-and-roll bands, The Tea Leaves and The Jupiters.

EIOA is conceived and organized by Phyllis Yampolsky, who is working for the Parks Department during the summer as a Festival Design Consultant on a grant provided by the George and Margarita Delacorte Foundation. Miss Yampolsky, an artist, conducted the widely publicized art "happening" in Central Park on May 15th.

Active in the preparations, and working in co-ordination with the Department of Parks, are the following local Queens groups: Community Council of Springfield and Sequoia, Springfield Garden Taxpayers Association, Community Activity Committee, Springfield Garden Association, Negro Culture Society, Recreation for Youth, Cedar Manor and Baisley Projects Association, PTA of P.S. 30.

The program will be one of the most elaborate ever put on by the Parks Department, which has been sponsoring during the summer a series of "Events in the Open Air" festivals. In addition to art and field games, there will be the "World Premiere" of the "Sound-Motion-Light Symphony" game played at dusk. It involves players representing Light, Sound or Motion, in a rhythmic spectacle, which may be described as a spontaneous version of the "Son Et Lumiere" performances so popular in Europe. "All the movements," according to Miss Yampolsky, "build up to a stirring series of inter-related rhythms of flashing lights, mass sounds and motions."

Also on the program is the display of a 50-pound sculpted bread by John Fischer, to be shared by the players; and a water-dance by Elaine Summer in Baisley Pond.

A number of municipal and local civic leaders have been invited to attend the festival.

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.....AN UNPRECEDENTED TYPE FESTIVAL.....

based on how we look, what we see, how we sound, what we hear, how we move,
what we bump into, avoid, leap over, or dance to.....

Sunday, Sep't. 25th - Baisley Park! - 2:00 to 10:00 P. M. centered around the
Festival Field House - 118th Avenue
and 155th Street, Jamaica, Queens, N. Y. (Raindate Oct. 2)

PROGRAM

2:00 P.M.

KITE FLYING

(Free kites to the 1st 500!)

PAINTING GAMES

(Bring photos, drawings, tickets, labels, etc. of people and places in your neighborhood for a giant billboard portrait of the community.)

COMMUNITY EXHIBIT

(You are invited to exhibit anything you have painted, drawn, written, sewn, built, collected, etc.)

JAZZ SESSIONS

All Jazz Artists are invited to play in the park 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.

INSTANT "OBSTACLE" BUILDING

Bring an "obstacle" paint, hammers, nails, etc...an "obstacle" is "anything"- broken chairs, tables, carts, cans, tires, etc.

3:30 P.M.

FIELD GAME MARCH

FIELD GAMES

"SWOOSH" .. (A MOMENT OF SCENT)

(Bring any innocent scent to disperse-upon signal-in the air)

5:00 P.M.

Children's Bread and Song Parade to
John Fischer's Bread Sculpture

5:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY PICNIC TRUE AND FALSE
FEAST IN 6 COLORS (Bring anything edible)

THE SCULPTURE

(In (6) colors! Bring anything in Red, Yellow, Blue, Green, Brown or White - or make it that color)

7:30 P.M.

"WATER WORKS"

(Ballet on Water by Elaine Summers & Co.)

7:30 P.M.

LIGHT, SOUND, MOTION SYMPHONY
(A new game to play)

8:00 P.M.

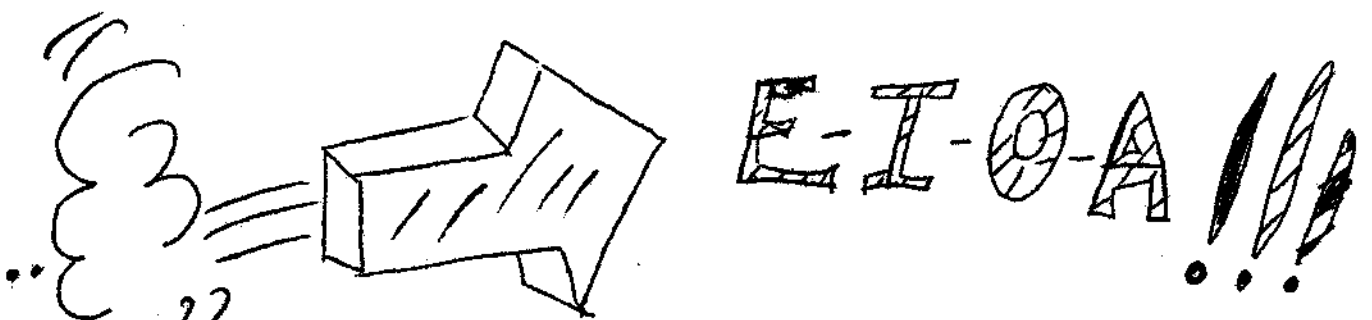
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The final week of this year's Con Edison program will have the following schedule of dances, to be held at 8:30 P.M.

Monday, August 29

Location: Kate Wollman Rink, Prospect Park, Brooklyn
Group : The Morning Glories

Tuesday, August 30

Location: Pomonok Houses Playground
Kissena Boulevard and 65th Avenue
Flushing, Queens
Group : The Morning Glories

Location: Bronx River Houses Playground
Bronx River Avenue and East 174 Street, Bronx
Group : The Ampegs

Wednesday, August 31

Location: Marble Hill Playground
W. 230 Street and Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx
Group : The Morning Glories and the Latinas

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Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced to day that the Department of Parks is looking for qualified ice skaters to work as skating guards. Duties of the guards include control of crowds for safety and maintenance of the ice between skating sessions. Applicants must be over 18 years old. There will be two working shifts for the job, which runs from October to April. Application should be made to the rink in the borough of residence.

Following is a list of the rinks:

Wollman Memorial, Central Park, Manhattan

Kate Wollman Memorial Rink, Prospect Park, Brooklyn

New York City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens

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UPON RECEIPT

A Folksong concert will be held Sunday, September 18th at 2:00 p.m. at the Central Park Mall to celebrate the first anniversary of the founding of the Pinewoods Folk music Club of the Country Dance Society of America.

Club members will present folk music of the Anglo-American tradition. Mr. Bernie Klay, Program Chairman of the Club will be MC. Admission is free.

For further information call: AL 5-8895 or FI 3-9575

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A Folksong Happening for children from 4 to 12 years of age will be held at the Central Park Mall on Saturday, September 10th at 2:00 P.M.

The program will be sponsored by the Pinewoods Folk-music Club of the Country Dance Society of America. Anglo-American Folk music appropriate for children will be presented by members of the club. Bernie Klay, Program Chairman of the club will be master of ceremonies. Admission is free.

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IMMEDIATE

Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announces the First Annual Harvest Dance Contest to be held at Pomonok Houses Park Playground, Kissena Boulevard and 65 Avenue, Flushing on Tuesday, August 30, 1966 at 8:30 P.M. In case of rain the event will be held in the Electrical Industries Auditorium, Parsons Boulevard and Jewel Avenue, Flushing.

Music will be furnished through the courtesy of Con Edison; prizes have been donated by Louis D. Laurino, Queens Chamber of Commerce.

The Community Action Workshop Committee consists of Yetta Rosenberg, President of Pomonok Tenants Council, Patrolman Edward Shanahan (107 Precinct), Robert Delaney, Director of Electchester Workshop, Lee Dedarian, Director of Pomonok Community Center, Mary F. O'Grady and John Byrne of the Department of Parks, Armand DiAngelo, and Deputy Borough President Sid Leviss. The judges will be Robert Belkin, President Dance Educators of America, Howard Sinnott of the Sinnott Theatrical Agency and Molly Fisch, Board of Education.

Throughout the parks in Queens this summer 156 dances have been held with 67,200 participants. This will be the culminating dance event in the borough.

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Wednesday, August 31, 1966.

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving will express the gratitude of New York City's dancers to the Consolidated Edison Company of New York on Wednesday, August 31st. For the past twenty-five years Con Ed has made it possible for great band leaders like Guy Lombardo and Benny Goodman to appear at summer dance concerts throughout the city. This summer more than seventy locations, many of them in troubled areas, were the scene of these concerts.

On behalf of Commissioner Hoving, Henry J. Stern, Executive Director of the Department of Parks, will present a citation to Con Ed on the occasion of the last dance concert of the summer season. Max M. Ulrich, Vice President of Consolidated Edison, and Franklin E. Vilas, Director of Community Relations of Consolidated Edison, will accept the award at Marble Hill Houses Playground, 230th Street and Kingsbridge Avenue, the Bronx, at 8:30 P.M.

Bronx Borough President Herman Badillo will attend the citation ceremony, as well as a number of elected officials from the area.

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UPON RECEIPT

Professional water skiers who soar through the air on a man-carrying kite, speed backwards on nothing but their bare feet and fly off a jump ramp at 40 miles an hour with two performers on a single pair of skis are among highlights of the Mercury Water Ski Festival, to be presented Saturday, September 10, on Central Park Lake and Sunday, September 11, on Prospect Park Lake, Brooklyn, Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today.

Starting at 2:P.M. on both days, the shows will be free to the public which is invited to line lakeside banks and adjacent lawns at both sites.

In another Water Ski Festival thriller, Larry Eddy of Winter Haven, Florida, and Phil Sperry of Fort Worth, Texas, will complete the difficult "double helicopter spin" in which, taking off side by side, they clear the ramp at 40 mph, each executing a full 360 degree turn before landing on the water.

The same ramps that propel the jumpers into the air will be used for the famed Mercury Jumping Boats, craft that attain unusual height and distance before returning to their natural element.

Water skiing gymnastics, pyramid skiing, comedy, long-distance jumping and ballet will round out the Festival's all-star card of 23 numbers.

According to Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving, the Festival which is being presented with the cooperation of the Kiekhaefer Corp., maker of Mercury outboard engines, is the

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Tuesday, September 6, 1966

HOVING PRESENTS AWARD TO GUGGENHEIM FOUNDATION

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving presented a citation today to the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation for its contribution to the New York City Parks Department in underwriting 49 years of Goldman Band Concerts. The citation was accepted by Harry F. Guggenheim, on behalf of the Foundation.

Commissioner Hoving, in making the presentation, told Mr. Guggenheim that "no other private group has given so much for so long to delight millions of New Yorkers". Referring to the fact that 35,000 people attended the Gay Nineties Party opening of the Goldman Band in the Central Park Mall last June, Commissioner Hoving said that "next year, for the 50th Anniversary of these fine concerts, we will aim for 50,000."

The citation, which was prepared for the Parks Department by graphic artist John Condon, read "For forty-nine years the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation has brought free concerts in the parks to the people of New York City. The Department of Parks gratefully commemorates this occasion with this citation in the name of millions of New Yorkers who have enjoyed music outdoors."

Note to City Editors and Local Desks: Press coverage is invited. The presentation will be at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of the Arsenal, Fifth Avenue and East 64th Street, on Tuesday, September 6th.

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For Release
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Boys and girls 17 years of age and under and adults over 55 years will compete in seven racing events by sailing boats ranging from 12 to 50 inches in length. One event will be limited to homebuilt boats. The event for adults, in which there is no limit to the size of boat, will be a handicap race.

Trophies donated by Rappaport's Toy Bazaar will be awarded to contestants finishing first, second, and third in each event.

In case of rain, the event will be conducted on Saturday, September 17th at 2:00 P.M.



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The City-wide Finals of the PERQUACKEY Tournament sponsored by the Lakeside Toy Company and conducted by the Department of Parks will be held at Lost Battalion Hall Recreation Center, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens on Saturday, September 10th at 11:00 A.M.

Approximately 30 girls and 40 boys winners of the district contests held in the five boroughs will compete against each other in their race against the sand clock to form the greatest number of words in this wacky word-forming tournament.

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For Release - Immediately

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today that the Puerto Rican Folklore Fiesta will take place in Central Park at the Sheep Meadow and in the Mall on Sunday, September 18, 1966 from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

"I am delighted to be the host to this Fiesta," the Commissioner said. "There will be so many events, some new to New Yorkers, that the people who come cannot help but have fun and be entertained." "I hope that thousands of New Yorkers will avail themselves of the open invitation."

The Fiesta will include music of all varieties, games for children, dancing and poetry. There will be an interreligious service from 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. in the Sheep Meadow.

For further information please call Jose Ocasio, Public Relations Assistant for the Puerto Rican Community Development Project at 255-3039.

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Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announces that Macy's New York will caravan a super Teen Fashion Show to three New York City parks: Forest Park, Queens, in the Music Grove at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 17; Central Park Mall in Manhattan at 3 p.m., Saturday, September 17, and Prospect Park, Brooklyn, at 1 p.m., Sunday, September 18. In case of rain, the dates are as follows: Forest Park, Saturday, September 24 at 11 a.m.; Central Park, Saturday, September 24 at 3 p.m.; and Prospect Park on Sunday, September 25 at 1 p.m.

The famous Your Father's Moustache Banjo Band will perform at all three shows. David Cumins, Terrence Logan, and Kenneth Carr, currently appearing on Broadway in "The Impossible Years" will escort Macy's Teen Board models at the shows in Forest Park and Prospect Park.

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For Release
Monday, September 19, 1966, A.M.'s

BRASS ON THE GRASS IN CENTRAL PARK

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving invited all New Yorkers "to come listen to Herb Alpert and his Tijuana Brass on the grass in the Sheep Meadow in Central Park" on Wednesday night, September 21st, at 8:00 p.m.

The free concert, subsidized by Rheingold Breweries, and presented in cooperation with the Department of Parks, "is my way of thanking New Yorkers for their support of this past summer's park activities," Commissioner Hoving said.

Commissioner Hoving suggested that because of the expected crowds, New Yorkers should come early, and bring picnic suppers. He also advised bringing heavy sweaters if the evening is cool and blankets to sit on. Dancing on the grass will be permitted.

The rain date will be Thursday night, September 22nd.

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FOR RELEASE
Wednesday, September 21, 1966, P.M.'s

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announced yesterday that "immediate action must be taken to preserve more of the natural land of Staten Island". In a statement issued at the office of Holt Meyer, Staten Island Development Co-ordinator, Commissioner Hoving said that the Department of Parks was applying at once to a scientific foundation for the funds to conduct an ecological study of Staten Island. "Once the most significant natural habitats of migratory birds, wild flowers and other forms of animal and plant life are identified", said the Parks Commissioner, "the City must move immediately to protect them from the bulldozer".

Commissioner Hoving said that there are three kinds of recreation that a city must provide for its people--active recreation such as athletic activities, passive recreation in beautiful man-made settings, and re-creation in nature. "It is nature", said Commissioner Hoving, "that is in such short supply in the metropolitan region". The Parks Commissioner noted that, "since a study was made in 1958 of 'Natural Habitats in the

(Metropolitan) Region in Urgent Need of Conservation', by the Regional Plan Association, only 72 acres have been acquired in Staten Island at High Rock for a nature center. "Yet", said the Parks Commissioner, "the Regional Plan study showed that Richmond County was the only source of natural or non-urbanized open land left in all of New York City".

"The ecological study", said Commissioner Hoving, "would not only include the Staten Island Greenbelt and the route of the proposed Olmsted Trailway, but natural ponds, swamps and tidal marshes in other parts of the Island". The Commissioner said, "Such areas will remain purposefully vague because of the possible effect on real estate values. As the urbs and the suburbs continue to sprawl, nature becomes harder and harder to reach either by car or by public transportation. The opportunities offered in a day camp like Camp Kaufman in the Greenbelt--only one hour away from Brooklyn and Manhattan--must be made available to every New York child and to every family. As Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana said at a recent Congressional hearing, 'If we are not careful, we shall leave our children a legacy of billion-dollar roads leading nowhere except to other congested places like those left behind.'"

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Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, announced today that a Chalk Carpet of Color Contest will be held on the Mall in Central Park on Sunday, October 2, 1966 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. In the event of rain, it will be held October 9.

The contest is open to all sidewalk artists who are 15 years of age or over. Contestants will be assigned contiguous four-foot square work spaces so that the overall effect of their designs will be that of a floral carpet. Work spaces in the center area of the Mall will be reserved for those whose designs will be of mosaic, geometric, floral, or oriental patterns which are appropriate to a carpet pattern. Work spaces at either end of the carpet area will be assigned to sidewalk artists who do not wish to be confined to non-representational designs.

Participants should report to the registration desk at the north end of the Mall on the day of the contest to receive their identification tag and to be assigned their numbered work space. Registration begins at 9:00 A.M. and continues until all work spaces have been assigned.

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

Judging will begin at 1:00 P.M. Prizes will be awarded to the six best designs. Judging will be based on beauty of design, color harmony, conformity to the "flower carpet" concept, and contribution to the integral composition of a "flower carpet".

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Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today that the Central Park Mall would be the scene of community singing.

The Song Festival, led by D. Thyron Aycock, will take place Sundays, September 25th, October 2, 9 and 16th at 8:00 P.M.

The leaders of the community sing will be Chauncy Northern Vocal Art Singers led by Thyron Aycock. Everyone is invited to attend.

There are no raindates.



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More than 2,000 children, teens and adults from a Queens area containing residents of many backgrounds and income levels will participate together in an eight-hour festival of experimental public games beginning 1 p.m., Sunday, September 4 at the west end of Baisley Pond Park, it was announced today by Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving.

Called "Events in the Open Air" (EIOA), the festival will consist of two kinds of group games. One utilizes paints, magic markers, crayons, paper and other collage materials, and results in communal production involving scores of people. The other is field games played on a grid marked off on the ground on which obstacles are placed. Movements in these field games will be cued by sounds from two local rock-and-roll bands, The Tea Leaves and The Jupiters.

EIOA is conceived and organized by Phyllis Yampolsky, who is working for the Parks Department during the summer as a Festival Design Consultant on a grant provided by the George and Margarita Delacorte Foundation. Miss Yampolsky, an artist, conducted the widely publicized art "happening" in Central Park on May 15th.

Active in the preparations, and working in co-ordination with the Department of Parks, are the following local Queens groups: Community Council of Springfield and Sequoia, Springfield Garden Taxpayers Association, Community Activity Committee, Springfield Garden Association, Negro Culture Society, Recreation for Youth, Cedar Manor and Baisley Projects Association, PTA of P.S. 30.

The program will be one of the most elaborate ever put on by the Parks Department, which has been sponsoring during the summer a series of "Events in the Open Air" festivals. In addition to art and field games, there will be the "world premiere" of the "Sound-Motion-Light Symphony" game played at dusk. It involves players representing Light, Sound or Motion, in a rhythmic spectacle, which may be described as a spontaneous version of the "son and lumiere" performances so popular in Europe. "All the movements," according to Miss Yampolsky, "build up to a stirring series of inter-related rhythms of flashing lights, mass sounds and motions."

Also on the program is the display of a 50-pound sculpted bread by John Fischer, to be shared by the players; and a water-dance by Elaine Summer in Baisley Pond.

A number of municipal and local civic leaders have been invited to attend the festival.

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HOVING PRESENTS AWARD TO GUGGENHEIM FOUNDATION

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Commissioner Hoving, in making the presentation, told Mr. Guggenheim that "no other private group has given so much for so long to delight millions of New Yorkers". Referring to the fact that 35,000 people attended the Gay Nineties Party opening of the Goldman Band in the Central Park Mall last June, Commissioner Hoving said that "next year, for the 50th Anniversary of these fine concerts, we will aim for 50,000."

The citation, which was prepared for the Parks Department by graphic artist John Condon, read "For forty-nine years the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation has brought free concerts in the parks to the people of New York City. The Department of Parks gratefully commemorates this occasion with this citation in the name of millions of New Yorkers who have enjoyed music outdoors."

Note to City Editors and Local Desks: Press coverage is invited. The presentation will be at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of the Arsenal, Fifth Avenue and East 64th Street, on Tuesday, September 6th.

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FOR RELEASE

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The City-wide Finals of the PERQUACKEY Tournament sponsored by the Lakeside Toy Company and conducted by the Department of Parks will be held at Lost Battalion Hall Recreation Center, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens on Saturday, September 10th at 11:00 A.M.

Approximately 30 girls and 40 boys winners of the district contests held in the five boroughs will compete against each other in their race against the sand clock to form the greatest number of words in this wacky word-forming tournament.

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For Release - Immediately

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today that the Puerto Rican Folklore Fiesta will take place in Central Park at the Sheep Meadow and in the Mall on Sunday, September 18, 1966 from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

"I am delighted to be the host to this Fiesta," the Commissioner said. "There will be so many events, some new to New Yorkers, that the people who come cannot help but have fun and be entertained." "I hope that thousands of New Yorkers will avail themselves of the open invitation."

The Fiesta will include music of all varieties, games for children, dancing and poetry. There will be an interreligious service from 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. in the Sheep Meadow.

For further information please call Jose Ocasio, Public Relations Assistant for the Puerto Rican Community Development Project at 255-3039.

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For Release - Immediately

Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announces that Macy's New York will caravan a super Teen Fashion Show to three New York City parks: Forest Park, Queens, in the Music Grove at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 17; Central Park Mall in Manhattan at 3 p.m., Saturday, September 17, and Prospect Park, Brooklyn, at 1 p.m., Sunday, September 18. In case of rain, the dates are as follows: Forest Park, Saturday, September 24 at 11 a.m.; Central Park, Saturday, September 24 at 3 p.m.; and Prospect Park on Sunday, September 25 at 1 p.m.

The famous Your Father's Moustache Banjo Band will perform at all three shows. David Cumins, Terrence Logan, and Kenneth Carr, currently appearing on Broadway in "The Impossible Years" will escort Macy's Teen Board models at the shows in Forest Park and Prospect Park.

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THOMAS P.F. HOVING
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For Release
Monday, September 19, 1966, A.M.'s

BRASS ON THE GRASS IN CENTRAL PARK

Parks Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving invited all New Yorkers "to come listen to Herb Alpert and his Tijuana Brass on the grass in the Sheep Meadow in Central Park" on Wednesday night, September 21st, at 8:00 p.m.

The free concert, subsidized by Rheingold Breweries, and presented in cooperation with the Department of Parks, "is my way of thanking New Yorkers for their support of this past summer's park activities," Commissioner Hoving said.

Commissioner Hoving suggested that because of the expected crowds, New Yorkers should come early, and bring picnic suppers. He also advised bringing heavy sweaters if the evening is cool and blankets to sit on. Dancing on the grass will be permitted.

The rain date will be Thursday night, September 22nd.

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STATEMENT BY PARKS COMMISSIONER THOMAS P.F. HOVING AT THE
STATEN ISLAND OFFICE OF MR. HOLT MEYER, TUESDAY, SEPT. 20, 1966

My most recent trips here have convinced me that immediate action must be taken to preserve more of the natural land of Staten Island. The Department of Parks is applying at once to a scientific foundation for the funds to conduct an ecological study of Staten Island.

Once the most significant natural habitats of migratory birds, wild flowers and other forms of animal and plant life are identified, the City must move immediately to protect them from the bulldozer.

There are three kinds of recreation that a city must provide for its people--active recreation such as athletic activities, passive recreation in beautiful man-made settings such as Central or Clove Lakes Parks, and re-creation in nature. It is nature that is in such short supply in the metropolitan region.

Since a study was made in 1958 of "Natural Habitats in the Region in Urgent Need of Conservation" by the Regional Planning Association and 100 members of the Audubon Society and other conservationist groups, only 72 acres have been acquired in Staten Island at High Rock for a nature center. Yet the Regional Planning study showed that Richmond County was the only source of natural or non-urbanized land left in all of New York City. Staten Island Parks are already used by residents of over-crowded New Jersey industrial towns. To quote the Regional Planning Association study, "It seems obvious that with an increment of 8,000,000 people in the New York Region by 1985 conservation measures are imperative if we are to keep from being literally inundated."

The ecological study we plan to make would not only include the Staten Island Greenbelt and the route of the proposed Olmsted Trailway, but natural ponds, streams and tidal marshes in other parts of the Island. Such areas will remain purposefully vague because of the possible effect on real estate values.

As the urbs and the suburbs continue to sprawl, nature becomes harder and harder to reach, either by car or by public transportation. The opportunities offered in a day camp like Camp Kaufman in the Greenbelt--only one hour away from Brooklyn and Manhattan--must be made available to every New York child and to every family.

As Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana said at a recent Congressional hearing, "If we are not careful, we shall leave our children a legacy of billion-dollar roads leading nowhere except to other congested places like those left behind."

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FOR RELEASE

Wednesday, September 21, 1966, P.M.'s

Parks Commissioner Thomas P. F. Hoving announced yesterday that "immediate action must be taken to preserve more of the natural land of Staten Island". In a statement issued at the office of Holt Meyer, Staten Island Development Co-ordinator, Commissioner Hoving said that the Department of Parks was applying at once to a scientific foundation for the funds to conduct an ecological study of Staten Island. "Once the most significant natural habitats of migratory birds, wild flowers and other forms of animal and plant life are identified", said the Parks Commissioner, "the City must move immediately to protect them from the bulldozer".

Commissioner Hoving said that there are three kinds of recreation that a city must provide for its people--active recreation such as athletic activities, passive recreation in beautiful man-made settings, and re-creation in nature. "It is nature", said Commissioner Hoving, "that is in such short supply in the metropolitan region". The Parks Commissioner noted that, "since a study was made in 1958 of 'Natural Habitats in the

(Metropolitan) Region in Urgent Need of Conservation', by the Regional Plan Association, only 72 acres have been acquired in Staten Island at High Rock for a nature center. "Yet", said the Parks Commissioner, "the Regional Plan study showed that Richmond County was the only source of natural or non-urbanized open land left in all of New York City".

"The ecological study", said Commissioner Hoving, "would not only include the Staten Island Greenbelt and the route of the proposed Olmsted Trailway, but natural ponds, swamps and tidal marshes in other parts of the Island". The Commissioner said, "Such areas will remain purposefully vague because of the possible effect on real estate values. As the urbs and the suburbs continue to sprawl, nature becomes harder and harder to reach either by car or by public transportation. The opportunities offered in a day camp like Camp Kaufman in the Greenbelt--only one hour away from Brooklyn and Manhattan--must be made available to every New York child and to every family. As Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana said at a recent Congressional hearing, 'If we are not careful, we shall leave our children a legacy of billion-dollar roads leading nowhere except to other congested places like those left behind.'"

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Sunday, Sep't. 25th - Baisley Park! - 2:00 to 10:00 P. M. centered around the
Festival Field House - 118th Avenue
and 155th Street, Jamaica, Queens, N. Y. (Raindate Oct.2)

PROGRAM

2:00 P.M.

KITE FLYING

(Free kites to the 1st 500!)

PAINTING GAMES

(Bring photos, drawings, tickets, labels, etc. of people and places in your neighborhood for a giant billboard portrait of the community.)

COMMUNITY EXHIBIT

(You are invited to exhibit anything you have painted, drawn, written, sewn, built, collected, etc.)

JAZZ SESSIONS

All Jazz Artists are invited to play in the park 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.

INSTANT "OBSTACLE" BUILDING

Bring an "obstacle" paint, hammers, nails, etc...an "obstacle" is "anything"- broken chairs, tables, carts, cans, tires, etc.

3:30 P.M.

FIELD GAME MARCH

FIELD GAMES

"SWOOSH" .. (A MOMENT OF SCENT)

(Bring any innocent scent to disperse-upon signal-in the air)

5:00 P.M.

Children's Bread and Song Parade to
John Fischer's Bread Sculpture

5:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY PICNIC TRUE AND FALSE
FEAST IN 6 COLORS (Bring anything edible)

THE SCULPTURE

(In (6) colors! Bring anything in Red, Yellow, Blue, Green, Brown or White - or make it that color)

7:30 P.M.

"WATER WORKS"

(Ballet on Water by Elaine Summers & Co.)

7:30 P.M.

LIGHT, SOUND, MOTION SYMPHONY
(A new game to play)

8:00 P.M.

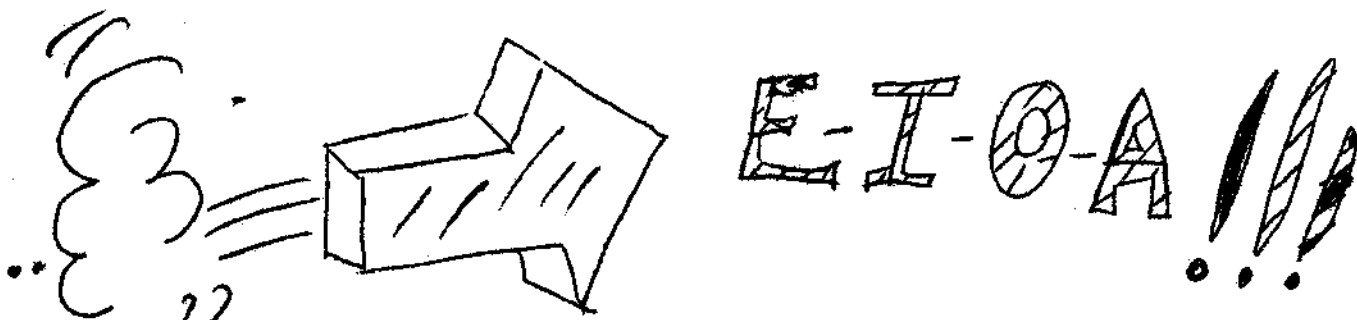
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(To Rock n' Roll)

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For Release - Upon Receipt

Thomas P.F. Hoving, Commissioner of Parks, announced today that a Chalk Carpet of Color Contest will be held on the Mall in Central Park on Sunday, October 2, 1966 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. In the event of rain, it will be held October 9.

The contest is open to all sidewalk artists who are 15 years of age or over. Contestants will be assigned contiguous four-foot square work spaces so that the overall effect of their designs will be that of a floral carpet. Work spaces in the center area of the Mall will be reserved for those whose designs will be of mosaic, geometric, floral, or oriental patterns which are appropriate to a carpet pattern. Work spaces at either end of the carpet area will be assigned to sidewalk artists who do not wish to be confined to non-representational designs.

Participants should report to the registration desk at the north end of the Mall on the day of the contest to receive their identification tag and to be assigned their numbered work space. Registration begins at 9:00 A.M. and continues until all work spaces have been assigned.

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

Judging will begin at 1:00 P.M. Prizes will be awarded to the six best designs. Judging will be based on beauty of design, color harmony, conformity to the "flower carpet" concept, and contribution to the integral composition of a "flower carpet".

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Commissioner Thomas P.F. Hoving announced today that the Central Park Mall would be the scene of community singing.

The Song Festival, led by D. Thyron Aycock, will take place Sundays, September 25th, October 2, 9 and 16th at 8:00 P.M.

The leaders of the community sing will be Chauncy Northern Vocal Art Singers led by Thyron Aycock. Everyone is invited to attend.

There are no raindates.

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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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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 2:30 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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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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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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UPON RECEIPT

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
)	
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¢	Child - 25¢	Child - 50¢
	*Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢	Adult - 50¢
Weekends & Holidays	*Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢	Child - 50¢
	*Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢	Adult - 75¢

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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 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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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.

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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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For information:
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STATEMENT BY THOMAS P.F. HOVING, COMMISSIONER OF PARKS,
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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.

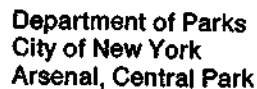
Although most projects may be eligible for Federal, and some for State aid, all amounts in this request have been stated in City funds. The reason is that in the past the City has been required to provide first-instance money, and Federal funds have been available as reimbursement. The few cases where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