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**READY TO ROLL.** Tenderfoot Edward Zito, 13, of Whitestone, leads a group of fellow Scouts through the turnstile at the Pelham Bay Park Subway station in the Bronx to begin the 24-hour train ride. The adult in rear is Assistant Scoutmaster Barry Schneider.

# Scouts Blaze Subway Trail, Beating Sleep, Computer

By Ira Rifkin and Linda Charlton

Jamaica—A group of subway-riding Boy Scouts proved themselves this morning to be trustworthy, loyal, brave, obedient, kind, reverent and smarter than a computer when they managed to cover the entire city subway system in less than 24 hours.

What had appeared as a noble experiment doomed to failure as dawn approached ended in triumph as they pulled into the 168th Street station at 7 AM, completing the entire trip in 23 hours and 28 minutes. Though they were running more than a half hour behind schedule as late as 3 AM, some intricate switching and transfers that their scoutmaster said eliminated some backtracking did the trick. Also, they ran into a bit of luck, finding trains waiting for them as they pulled into some of the stations. Until the late-hour maneuvering started, it looked as if they were going to end the trip 44 minutes late.

"It proves," said their hardy expedition leader, 44-year-old scoutmaster Edward M. Levine, "that the human brain is better than a computer." And it also proved that subways are indeed for sleeping as most of the youngsters were out cold when the trip ended. And what did they think of the vast underground system? "It stinks," said one boy. "Kind of messy," said another.

To cover the 236.9 miles of subway tracks, the scouts actually traveled about 365 miles—all of it on one 15-cent subway token each. Their odyssey took them through all

the city's 482 subway stations and they changed trains 65 times.

Here, then, is an eyewitness account, pieced together from notes scrawled on gum wrappers and crumpled paper bags, of the expedition, which combined loftiness of purpose with sheer physical endurance.

Got off on schedule, 7:32 AM at Pelham Bay Park subway station, with the challenge straight ahead, all 236.9 miles of it. All present and accounted for by Levine.

It was Levine who had said it all the day before: "We want to show that the human brain can still outthink a machine. All nine troopers equipped to face unknown rigors and endurance, armed with candy bars, cupcakes, gum against lean years, comic books and paperback books to while away endless stretches of outer Queens. Dressed more or less uniformly in green, some variation in neckerchief color.

Times Square, 2:30 PM. Morning spent in the Bronx. At least, that's what they kept saying, but there is a certain sameness to subway stations. So far, the expedition is 22 minutes behind schedule, eight minutes because of an accident in the East River tunnel and the rest because of logistical difficulty of getting nine persons under 15 to move as one, even across a subway platform.

Sense of honor strong in this little band. When it was learned that they were dropping behind the schedule, one, —Continued on Page 118

# Sonny Posts Bail On Bank Charges

By Bob Greene

Brooklyn—John (Sonny) Franzese, Long Island Cosa Nostra boss and accused mastermind of a nationwide bank robbery ring, got out of jail in \$150,000 bail yesterday by using as security the deeds to 15 parcels of land in Brooklyn, Nassau and Suffolk.

Franzese, 46, of 47 Shrub Hollow Rd., Roslyn, was met in the courtroom by his attractive young wife, Tina, and the pair immediately drove home. At the house, Franzese avoided a photographer by having his wife open the garage doors while he waited in the car, then driving the car into the garage and then slamming down the garage door behind him. Bail for the dapper hoodlum was posted by the Stuyvesant Insurance Co. after Franzese and several relatives gave as security the deeds to 15 parcels of land in Brooklyn, Nassau and Suffolk valued at \$193,000. Franzese posted bail before Federal Judge Joseph Zavatt of Woodmere.

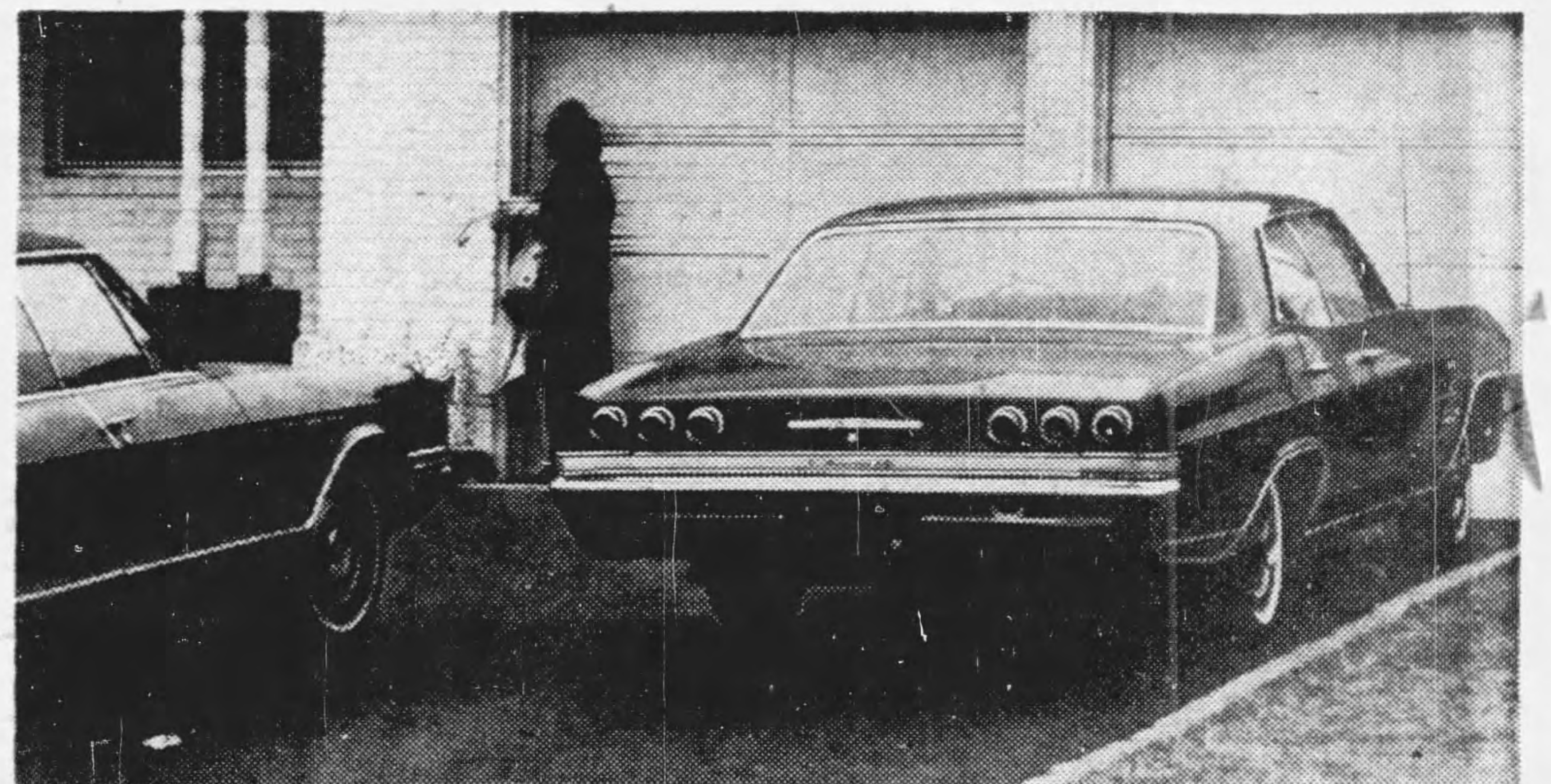
Franzese was arrested in Manhattan by the FBI Tuesday afternoon on two counts of bank robbery, two counts of jeopardizing the lives of bank personnel, three counts of receiving stolen funds and one count of conspiracy. He faces a maximum of 110 years in jail if convicted on all counts.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Gillen said that Franzese was the brains of a nine-member mob that robbed five banks

for a total of \$76,067 in 44 days last summer. The five banks robbed by the gang were in Kew Gardens, Queens; Oceanside; Holyoke, Mass.; Denver, Colo.; and Salt Lake City, Utah, he said.

All of the other defendants are currently in jail on other charges and have not yet been arraigned. They are John (Johnny Irish) Matera, 32, of 96 Elizabeth St., Manhattan, currently jailed in Miami in connection with a \$2,000,000-plus hotel jewel robbery last month; John (Blue Boy) Cordero, 26, of 185 Atlantic Ave., Lynbrook; Richard Parks, 23, of Richmond Hill, Queens, and James J. Smith, 41, of Brooklyn. The latter three are all in jail awaiting sentence on another bank robbery.

Held in lieu of \$65,000 bail were Nicholas Potere, 40, of 1 Arlington Ave., Brooklyn and Joseph (Whitey) Florio, 40, of 754 Glenmore Ave., Brooklyn. Held in lieu of \$25,000 bail was Anthony Polisi, 56, of 527 Autumn Ave., Brooklyn. Polisi had been free in \$40,000 bail pending his appeal of a 15-year sentence for another bank robbery. Freed in \$20,000 bail yesterday was Anne (The Singer) Messineo, 33, of 133-23 114th St., Ozone Park, who is accused of driving the getaway cars. Another defendant, William (Red) Crabbe, 36, of 1825 Madison St., Ridgewood, Queens, surrendered to the FBI in New York today. He was to be arraigned later today.



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Mrs. Franzese Opens Garage Door While Husband Waits in Car . . .



. . . Then Both Drive Into Garage and Escape Photographer

# Suffolk Will Study Division of County

By Art Bergmann

Riverhead—The Suffolk Board of Supervisors, which will receive four proposals next month for reappportioning the county, is expected to hire a consultant to conduct a \$25,000 study into the economic feasibility of splitting Suffolk into two counties, it was learned yesterday.

A poll of the 10 supervisors showed five willing to go on record yesterday in favor of the study, and sources close to the board said that another three could be expected to join them. Actual secession, however, would be favored only by the five eastern Suffolk supervisors, and then only if reappportionment kills their voice in county affairs. A top county source predicted that the board would vote on such a study at its next meeting April 25, or next month, and said that he felt the board would not attempt to reach agreement on any of the four reappportionment plans until the two-county study is completed.

A poll of members on the 10-member, all-Republican county board showed that at least five of them, three from eastern Suffolk and two from western Suffolk, favor the study. They are Supervisors Lester M. Albertson of Southold, Edward V. Ecker of East Hampton, Robert Vojvoda of Riverhead, Charles R. Dominy of Brookhaven and Gilbert C. Hanse of Babylon. Typical of the comments was one from Dominy, who said he favors the study "because I think we should know just what splitting up the county would mean."

Smithtown Supervisor John V. N. Klein said he is not enthusiastic about such a study, since "I would be hard put to vote to spend money to study something I am committed against in the first place." County Board Chairman Evans K. Griffing of Shelter Island, who was reportedly pushing the study, refused to confirm or deny it last night. He said reappportionment is generally a case

of "I don't know where the cat's going to land after it jumps." Meanwhile, the supervisors seemed to be sharply divided into east-west camps over which they favored of the four local reappportionment plans to be submitted to them next month by the Suffolk Reappportionment Study Committee.

Griffing, Albertson and Ecker said that they favor a plan submitted by Albertson, which calls for a 10-member board elected at large, with each supervisor having one vote and required to be a resident of the town he represents.

Huntington Supervisor John P. Kane, Islip Supervisor George Raven, Hanse and Klein said they favor a plan sponsored jointly by Klein and John J. Burns, head of the State Office of Local Government. That plan calls for nine supervisors in the five western towns with a total of —Continued on Page 118