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200 Tenants Balk At Parking Plans

By Jean Schindler

Floral Park-About 200 angry tenants of North Shore Towers charged the management of the 1,800-unit luxury complex with treating them "like criminals" by proposing an electronic entrance system and a fee for guest parking.

In a stormy meeting beneath a lobby chandelier, an ad hoc group of lawyers, doctors and real estate brokers who live in the buildings was formed to research whether tenants of the three 30-story towers have a case for obtaining an injunction against the proposed actions.

"People have to vent their anger," said a Queens social worker who lives in one of the buildings and would not give her name. "When people pay \$1,000 to \$2,000 in rent, they should have free garage space. I'm living here in a luxury apartment, and I'm not going to live here



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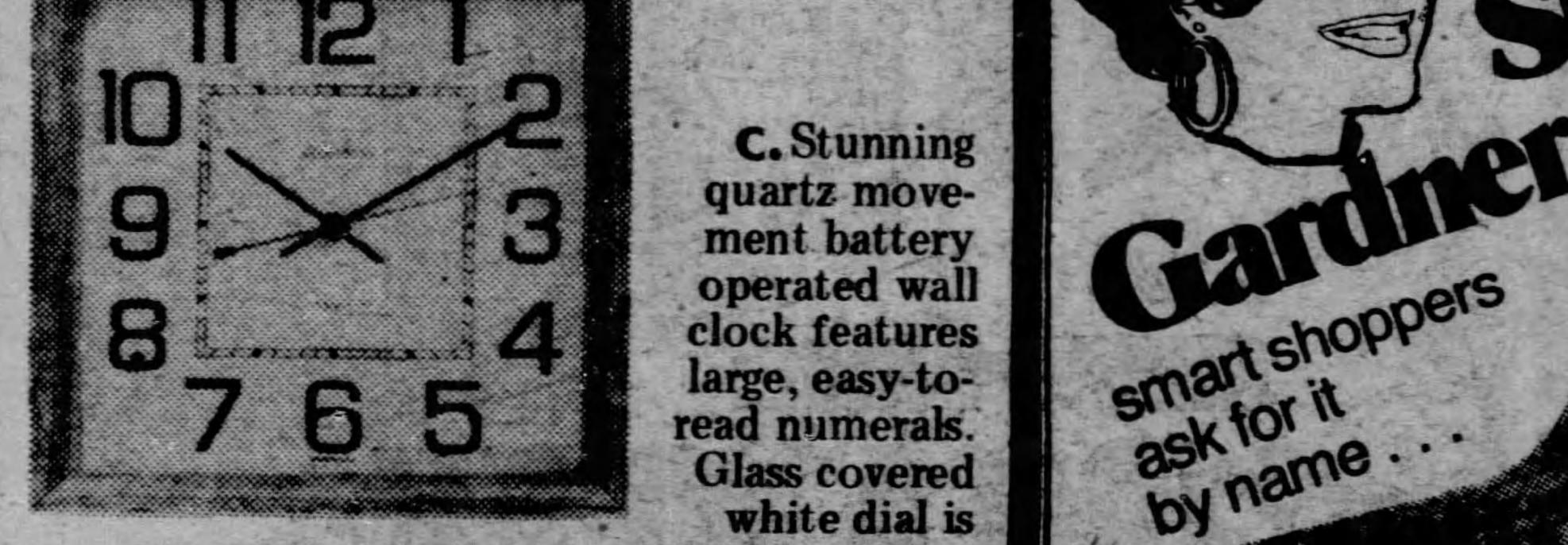
Ruth Ehrlich, who called the meeting, said that free guest parking in the ground-level parking lot had been promised in advertising and by management. Most tenants are paying for assigned underground parking, but many use the surface-level lot for convenience, tenants said. There is no street parking.

Owner Jack Sommers and Frank Keller, general manger of the complex, could not be reached for comment.

Keller said in a letter to residents last week that an card-activated security system for underground parking beneath the three 30-story towers would be introduced to alleviate the parking jam-up. Visitors staying more than an hour would have to pay a \$3 parking fee. "The notice was just a feeler," Mrs. Ehrlich said, "they only wanted to see how we would react. A legal notice would have had an effective date."

Parole for Franzese

Reputed organized crime figure John (Sonny) Franzese, who is serving a 50-year prison term for conspiracy to rob banks, will be released on parole next month.



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An official of the United States Parole Commission said that Franzese, who has been in prison for nine years, will be released Nov. 14. Franzese, of Roslyn, was convicted in 1968, along with four co-defendants, of conspiringduring the summer of 1965-to rob banks in Oceanside, Kew Gardens and Salt Lake City.

At the time, law enforcement authorities labeled Franzese as a fast-rising figure in organized crime, dealing mainly in bookmaking and loansharking rackets. U.S. District Court Judge Jacob Mishler sentenced Franzese to two consecutive prison terms of 25 years each and a \$20,000 fine. The other defendants received lesser sentences.

Four men who actually robbed the banks pleaded guilty to bank robbery charges nearly two years before Franzese went on trial and later testified against him. Franzese served several years of his sentence at the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and was later transferred to the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga.

Franzese had applied for parole earlier and had been turned down. His lawyer, Harold Borg of Queens, presented a new request for a parole at a hearing before a board of parole examiners at the Atlanta prison on Aug. 14. The examiners recommended a release date of Feb. 8, 1979. Borg appealed the decision through the parole commission, and the national appeals board set the current release date of Nov. 14. -Manny Topol

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Blast Near Garden

New York (AP)-An explosion shattered windows in a sporting goods store across from Madison Square Garden last night, frightening people leaving a New York Knicks basketball game. No injuries were reported.

The blast at the Gerry Cosby sporting goods emporium at Two Penn Plaza was reported at 11:30 PM. The store's windows were blown out, and shards of glass flew across the street, breaking windows in the Capuchin monastery of the Church of St. John and puncturing a stainedglass window.

Police said they are seeking a white female in her 20s, about 5-feet-2, with blonde hair tied in a pony-tail. She was reported running from the area just before the explosion occurred.