

HUDSON DISPATCH

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Suspect, 19, in homicide gives up

By Pete Donohue
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ORANGE — A 19-year-old city man wanted for homicide surrendered to police early yesterday morning, ending an intensive hunt involving Orange and Union City detectives, authorities said.

David Christian, who fled to Union City after a Sunday morning shooting here, walked into an Orange police station with his mother around 1 a.m., authorities said.

"He got scared and tired of running," Orange Police Director Charles

Essex man fled to Union City, got 'tired of running'

Cobbett said. "We had all the bases covered. He was running back and forth between first and second base and got tired."

Orange Police charged Christian with homicide for allegedly shooting Antoine Bailey, 20, of Newark, in Orange around 12:20 a.m. Sunday, police said.

Investigators are unsure exactly what prompted the shooting, but Bailey and a companion apparently came to Orange intending to commit robbery,

Cobbett said. They encountered Christian and three other men at Park Avenue and North Center Street. Members of both groups drew guns and Bailey was shot once in the side. Three men dropped Bailey off at an Orange hospital and then left, Cobbett said. Bailey died of a bullet wound, but no details were available.

After identifying Christian as a suspect, Orange detectives called his beeper number Monday around 11 a.m. and he returned the call. Detectives traced the call to a public phone booth

at 47th Street and Park Avenue in Union City, Orange Police Lt. Edward Smith said.

Orange and Union City detectives, along with investigators with the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, staked out the area yesterday afternoon and evening but they failed to spot Christian, police said.

Detectives called Christian's beeper a second time but he failed to respond. Detectives do not know how long Christian was in Union City or if he was

staying with relatives or friends, Smith said.

"He wouldn't say anything," Smith said.

During the search for Christian, authorities also closely watched places he frequented in Orange, police said.

Christian was being held last night in the Orange municipal lockup. He is scheduled to be arraigned on the charge today in Superior Court in Newark.

Orange Police and Essex County Prosecutor's Office investigators want to question a second suspect in connection with the shooting. They would not identify that suspect.

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Two boys hurt in street fight

WEST NEW YORK — At least six people armed with baseball bats were involved in a street fight Monday evening in front of 5711 Hudson Ave.

Two young brothers were injured in the incident and were taken to Meadowlands Hospital, where they were later released, police said. Police did not name the youths.

The brothers, who were the only people left at the scene when police arrived at around 5:30 p.m., told police the fight was over two girls.

Police found a school book and a razor blade at the scene. No charges were filed.

Girls accused in vandalism

WEST NEW YORK — Two Memorial High School girls were charged with damage to property yesterday after allegedly defacing school bathrooms and classrooms with graffiti.

The girls, aged 15 and 16, are accused of using lipstick and Magic Markers to vandalize the school sometime between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday, said Capt. Al Oriente Sr. of the Juvenile Aid Bureau. The graffiti were discovered by a school janitor around 4:40 p.m., he said.

Although the graffiti included Satanic symbols and references, Oriente said the girls were not into Satanism.

"We were very concerned about that and they are not," he said.

Oriente said the graffiti were apparently in response to teasing to which the girls had been subjected.

The girls were suspended from school until tomorrow, when they are scheduled to appear at a disciplinary hearing before school district officials, Oriente said.

Thief gets woman's purse

SECAUCUS — A woman was knocked to the ground Monday after a thief snatched her pocketbook and fled, police said.

The thief approached three women in the parking level behind Embassy Suites and Red Robin, 455 Harmon Meadow Blvd., around 10:50 p.m. and yanked the pocketbook from one of the women, police said.

After pushing the victim to the ground, the thief fled in a two-door black car, police said. The victim — who lost about \$120 and various credit cards — was unharmed, police said.

Library access up for debate

SECAUCUS — Tonight at 7 o'clock the Mayor and Council, Public Library trustees and Fire Department officials will meet to discuss expanding the library and providing access to the disabled. The meeting will be held in the Secaucus Public Library basement, Plaza Center.

Girl, 16, charged as shoplifter

SECAUCUS — A 16-year-old Carlstadt girl was arrested Sunday after allegedly attempting to walk out of a Mill Creek Mall department store with \$170 worth of compact discs, police said.

Store employees observed the juvenile attempting to bypass the cash registers at Caldor, Route 3 and Mill Creek Drive, Lt. Howard Lenz said. The girl was charged with shoplifting, he said.

Surf 'n' turf ripped off

RIDGEFIELD — A Route 46 restaurant was robbed of \$3,500 worth of steak and shrimp Sunday morning, police said.

Police believe the burglar or burglars entered the Phoenix Too Restaurant about 12:30 a.m., said Lt. Vincent Zacco.

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BY GRACE SCHEURLE

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Householders have been in a quandary as to whether to save tin cans for salvage for victory drive. To clear up the confusion, John Mitchell, editor of the Hudson Dispatch, sent a telegram to the War Production Board requesting advice. A reply came from Robert G. Walker, General Salvage Section, advising that the War Production Board is planning to reclaim tin cans and that defuncting would be done at Sea-warren. When all the phases of the campaign have been outlined, the public will be notified through the press and radio. Cooperation will be appreciated.

Latest celebrity to contribute to the campaign aimed at ridiculing the pensions voted by Congressmen for themselves is



Sally Rand. The bubble dancer reportedly mailed in a scanty piece of lingerie with the note, "It's my last stitch. Send it to Congress."

An estimated reduction of \$2.25 per \$1,000 valuation in the tax rate for 1942 is shown in the Secaucus budget approved by the Town Council. The decrease would have been about \$4.25, Town Attorney Edward A. Smarack explained, if not for the town's tax losses.

A \$1 billion insurance fund expected to ease the minds of nervous citizens who fear enemy bombs may blast their homes and property won speedy Senate approval.

Taxpayers angered

Reval shocks owners

By Pete Donohue
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UNION CITY — Facing an eightfold increase in the assessed value of his laundromat, Bakrad Boghosian sarcastically wondered if the city would like to buy his New York Avenue business.

"It's too high," Boghosian said recently, referring to the \$197,000 tag a city-hired corporation put on his laundromat. "No one will buy it for that much."

Boghosian was among the hundreds of property owners — some stunned and some irate — who came forward in recent weeks to question the preliminary results of the first citywide property revaluation in nearly two decades.

Assessed property values have risen on the average about six times, according to reviewers Market Value Appraisal Services Inc.

Market Value informed property owners of proposed changes in their property values last month. Appraisers with the corporation then explained the figures and took additional information from property owners during a series of meetings that ended Thursday at the Kennedy Center at 32nd Street and Bergenline Avenue.

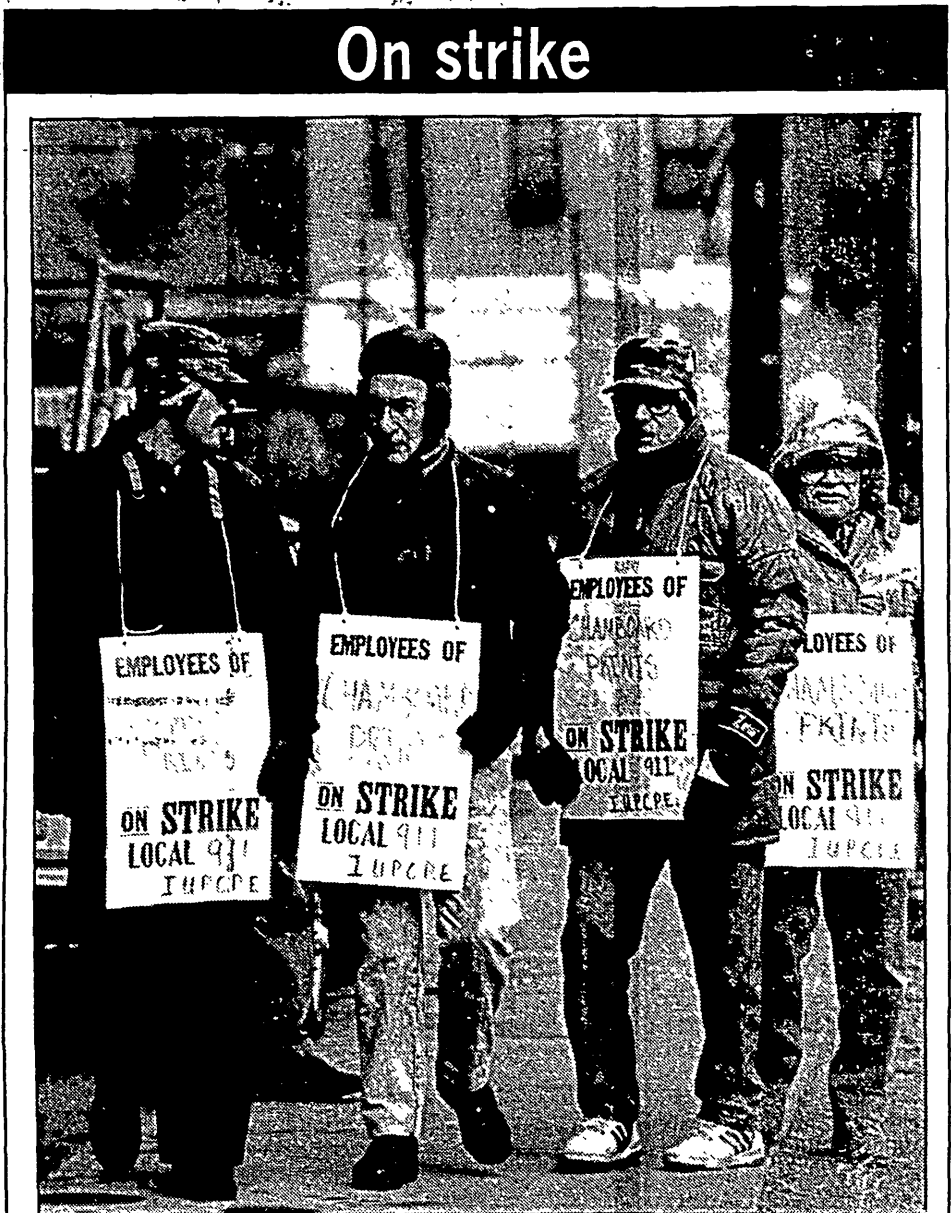
Property values are used to calculate local tax bills. City officials have been cautioning people not to assume the increased values will lead to skyrocketing taxes. When property values increase dramatically after a revaluation, the tax rate usually drops sharply.

But rising taxes and utility rates were on the minds of several property owners who met with Market Value representatives at the Kennedy Center.

"Taxes are going to drive the property owners under," said Tom Mesce, who owns an apartment building at New York Avenue and Ninth Street.

Market Value believes Mesce's 27-apartment building — now valued at \$150,000 — should be valued at nearly \$935,000, Mesce said.

Last month, the Hoboken/Union City/Weehawken Sewerage Authority sent residents of those municipalities sewerage bills



Journal photo by Larry Cutchall
Employees of a Hoboken manufacturing firm walked the picket line yesterday for what they call inadequate pay increases proposed in a new labor contract. About 40 workers of the Chamberlains Prints at 38 Jackson St. were protesting. The workers, members of Local 911 of the International Union of Production, Clerical and Public Employees, have been without a contract since the end of the year. The company produces hand-printed wallpaper. Details on the labor negotiations were not available.

reflecting a 66 percent across-the-board increase. The increase is to help the Tri-City authority pay back the \$125 million it borrowed to upgrade its treatment plant in Hoboken, authority officials said.

Union City is under a court order to conduct a property revaluation, which was last done in 1974. Revaluations are conducted to bring property values in line with what they would

fetch in the real estate market and to distribute the tax burden fairly among property owners.

Property owners will be notified of their final assessments at the end of the month or during the beginning of March, said Joseph Politi, Market Value president. Starting with the date the values are issued, property owners will have 45 days to file appeals with the Hudson County Board of Taxation, according to

the board.

A recently enacted state statute gave municipalities until Feb. 1 to inform property owners of their assessments. The statute also set April 1 as the deadline for property owners to file appeals with their county tax boards. Those deadlines do not apply to this city, because the courts are monitoring its revaluation, according to the Hudson County Board of Taxation.

Substance abusers' home fought

Residents oppose Easter Seals again

By Gretchen Lang
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NORTH BERGEN — Hundreds of angry residents are expected to pack Town Hall tonight to protest a charity's plan to house mentally ill substance abusers here.

The Easter Seals Society of New Jersey is scheduled to present its case for a zoning variance before the township's Board of Adjustment at 7 p.m.

Various meetings on the issue have drawn large crowds. Mayor Nicholas Sacco said the board had arranged for one police officer to be present.

Last fall, construction code official Louis Scala denied the charity's application for needed building permits saying the project required a zoning variance. This decision will likely be questioned in the courts because under state zoning laws, a home for the disabled must be a permitted use in a residential area.

Easter Seals officials have said they will go through the administrative procedure of seeking a zoning variance be-

fore taking the issue to court. State officials backing the project have already expressed skepticism that the board would make an impartial decision.

Representatives of the North Bergen Community Association, a grassroots organization founded to fight Easter Seals, said they also expect the issue to be resolved in court.

Richard Shaffan, a spokesman for the association, said a recent meeting with state Director of the Division of Mental Health and Hospitals Alan Kaufman had failed to resolve differences between the two sides.

Two armed men rob PSE&G serviceman

HOBOKEN — A Public Service Electric & Gas serviceman was robbed by two armed men while he was on a service call, police reported.

Julian Yecora, from North Bergen, was leaving a building at 109 Willow Ave. Monday at 9 p.m. when he was confronted by two men in the vestibule. One wielded a utility knife and the other held a straight-edge razor, police said.

They demanded money and Yecora threw \$30 to the floor. When one man bent to pick it up, Yecora ran out of the building. The other chased him but then gave up.