

THE HOBOKEN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

INTERVIEWEE: FR. FREDERICK EID
INTERVIEWER: ANN GRAHAM
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TAPE 1, SIDE ONE

Q: It's 7 o'clock in the evening at the rectory of our Lady of Grace at 400 Willow Street. I will be interviewing Fr. Frederick Eid?...

A: correct

Q: that's how you pronounce your name, correct? All right and... about the church and his recollections of the church and its relation to the history of the city of Hoboken. Thank you very much for your willingness to do this Fr. Eid.

A: You're welcome

Q: I appreciate it. Why don't you start off by telling me how long you've been here at the parish.

A: I was assigned here on... I began here on Dec 7 1968, which would be 33 years ago and I was sent primarily because of being bilingual and the need to take care of Spanish speaking members of our parish, as well as to fit into the rectory with the pastor and the other priests.

Q: How did you happen to learn Spanish?

A: Well, back in 1962 I volunteered to staff a parish in Honduras. And I went to Mexico primarily for 4 months to study the Spanish language, to study also culture of central and South America and then to go into Honduras and work there for 2.5 years

Q: How fascinating. How did you find that - being in Honduras?

A: I loved being in Honduras. It was very very taxing but extremely rewarding. I found the poor people very open to the thoughts of God and I found them very open to even Americans who would come to help them, their needs were so great.

Q: And did you feel that that experience gave you a good background for the work that you found here when you came to Hoboken?

A: Yes, I did have a good background for it. The reason was because when I grew up myself, we were not affluent, we were a poor family, there were eight of us and I went

through the sufferings of even of the Depression and I knew and understood the needs of people, because I went thru that.

Q Where did you grow up?

A: In Union City New Jersey, just at the top of the hill.

Q: Oh, very close. Used to be called West Hoboken.

A: Yes, originally it was Union Hill and West Hoboken but in 1927 or '28 they actually united both and called it then Union City.

Q: Interesting history of this area. How long has this church, this parish been in existence?

A: This parish began, the first records of a Baptism were found in 1851. There was a father Anthony Covan, who came over from the archdiocese of New York, who was a native of France originally, and who was given the task of forming services to those between Hudson River and Hackensack River as far north as Ft Lee. And he actually began in Union Hill, at that time, or rather West Hoboken and then he came to Hoboken, where he began, he lived in a house, rented a house. And began to baptize and preach and to establish a catholic community from 1851 on.

Q: and the reasons for starting a Catholic community here were?

A: Yeah, there must have been. Because, he had, at the time, a great number of Irish American immigrants (more came later). Also there were a good number of German immigrants, as many as maybe 4000.

Q: and they were catholic?

A: Well, yes, because at that time, you may remember, there was a great deal of discontent in Europe and many many people, well for basically for economic reasons, were coming to this country and the liners would berth here at Hoboken, the German American line, the Holland American line ultimately and this would bring workers, not just aboard the ships but also you would need restaurants and other types of needs that people would actually experience and it brought a great many people with them.

Q: So at the time there was a small Irish catholic and German catholic population?

A: Yes, and that increased of course. By the way, this was just prior to the Civil War and you may recall that the great number of Irish gentlemen, men, came to this country and they were living in new York city, in the lower New York City, and there they had tremendous problems because they came usually alone, they didn't bring their wives and families with them. But after awhile they were more numerous because of the famine in Ireland and the problems, economic problems in Ireland and they began coming together

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in a greater number, they emigrated from Ireland to here. So this being a port city, it was very easy, for example, to emigrate and to come here. The other point was that by that time they had established a ferry service between New York City and Hoboken, they were the first power driven ferry boats, which were actually manufactured in Hoboken by one of the Stevens family.

Q: Very influential in this town.

A: Yes, He was the most influential man who came. Originally the Dutch were here. And in fact, Hoboken was founded by Henry Hudson. Actually he was coming down in his famous boat/ship that he came in, looking for a place to anchor. He didn't want to go to New York because he feared the Indians in NY. So he found a place and as he went by he saw Hoboken, which was an island, he saw these bluffs and it was ultimately he who noticed it and actually founded it and Holland, the Dutch, were the first immigrants here, the first residents along with the Indians. There were two Indian wars fought right here in Hoboken.

Q: Oh really?

A: Yes and that's because of their relationships with the Dutch. And then the Dutch and then ultimately, as we said the German and then the Irish and years later the Italians. That was the process of immigration.

Q: Now, was this the first Catholic Church started?

A: Yes, this is the mother church. When he founded he had to build, of course, a much smaller church than he did here. Interesting part, he wanted to build in park but because it was...

Q: the park?

A: yes, the park right across the street – Church Square park - here but he wasn't allowed to because it belonged to the city. And he said some other churches over there when that was found out, they had to move. So he couldn't build there so he found territory/land/real estate here and he built a smaller church and then he went from one to another. And yes, he did certainly did develop a community. It was much smaller then it is now because remember where we're standing was bogs and swampland. The buildings we're in now were built on pilings. See because if you'll notice, the other up the hill, is where the rock was. And that's where it got its name "Hoboken". because it's an Indian name meaning that the slabs from the rock were used to make peace pipes.

Q: I did read that and I also read that comparison between the Dutch word for High Bluff – Hobok?; Ever heard that?

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A: No, everything I've studied comes to the fact that was an Indian name. The study I made states, and even habit, has to do with the smoking of the peace pipe. That's essentially what it is.

Q: So how large was the original parish community?

A: Well, it grew. In other words, He would start with the smallest number possible but it would grow rapidly. Just as Hoboken did. There was a time when Hoboken had 59,000 population at one time. And that's quite a number.

Q: And when was that?

A: Yes, but it was a process of 40/50/60/100/200 and so on. There was also a German population that had a priest and he served them.

Q: Catholics?

A: Catholics, yes.

Q: So it was a separate parish?

A: That was a separate parish.

Q: So this one was strictly Irish?

A: Essentially yes. It became that. But Fr Covan he took care of anyone who was here but He wanted a German speaking priest to take care of the German speaking Catholics and he requested that of the bishop.

Q: He stayed with the Irish?

A: Yes, it did become that, yes. This became known ultimately, as a large Irish parish.

Q: And how long was it strictly an Irish parish?

A: Well, I would say that even when I came here it was still considered such.

Q: in 1968?

A: in other words, I came in 1969. But at that time, of course, two things happened. A great number of Croatians came from an island called Susak and since there were poor they lived in Hoboken in these apartments until they could make some money. Now they all have moved out to the suburbs.

Q: Why did the Croatians come to Hoboken?

A: Well, because first of all there was work here. There had mills where they could sew, where the woman... And the men could also find work on the waterfront. And also, the rent was cheap, it was cheaper to live here.

Q: And when was this?

A: This would have to go back to the middle '50s and '60s. I think it reached a point about in the middle '60s and they from the '70s on it began to die down. They came from small an island called Susak which was not the mainland of Yugoslavia, that's what they're called Croatian.

Q: So they started leaving after the Second World War?

A: Yes they had their own language and we would sometimes bring in Croatian priests to hear confessions, and things like... And also in the 40s the tootsie roll factory up in northern part of Hoboken began to invite and get Hispanics from Puerto Rico basically for menial tasks. And there was a great increase then of people, mostly from Puerto Rico. Cubans came later. Cubans came after the '60s, in the middle '60s and then '68/'69 they really increased their number.

Q: after boat??????????????

A: no that was Marial, that was in 1980. This was prior to the ?????t. This was a group of Cubans who were not satisfied with Fidel Castro and with the deprivation of liberty and their rights, so they picked up and left. They came in poverty and they helped each other when they came and they lived in places like Washington Street and Garden Street in those apartment buildings, the railroad flats, we called them.

Q: So it was my understanding that most of them went to Union City.

A: Yes, the greater number went to Union City. Then from Union City to West New York. And now they're just spread all over, Elizabeth... Now you'll find them in just about in any suburban city you'll find them or suburban town.

Q: So they still are in Hoboken?

A: We still have some in Hoboken. Not the number we had, there's been a great... Many have returned to Florida, many have died. I say the greater number have gone to Miami and moved out of the city, now that they have developed themselves and are educated and know English and are skilled, now they can afford to live in places like Rutherford and Secaucus and Leonya and places like that.

Q: And what was their reason for coming to NJ in the first place?

A: Well first of all, I can tell you the reason. It was because that's where their friends were. And that's where they received the help they needed. Most of them came penniless

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King: "An hour. Sometimes less."

► WHITE HOUSE SCANDAL

1 SECRET SERVICE: Not So Secret Anymore

Chief U.S. District Judge **Norma Holloway Johnson** on 5/22 ruled that Secret Service agents "can be compelled to testify" in Ind. Counsel **Ken Starr's** investigation of **Monica Lewinsky**. Pres. **Clinton** said the decision could "have a chilling effect" on the way presidents work, and may bring "far-reaching diplomatic consequences." *Newsweek* learned "a top aide to" Canadian PM **Jean Chretien** in 1/98 met with Secret Service director **Lewis Merletti** to relay "Chretien's concerns" that he would "refuse Secret Service protection on a U.S. trip if his privacy could be compromised" ("Periscope," *Newsweek*, 6/1 issue).

The judge's decision "could accelerate" Starr's "fiercely fought" investigation of Clinton. Johnson, in the 10-page ruling: "When people act within the law, they do not ordinarily push away those they trust or rely upon for fear that their actions will be reported to a grand jury. It is not at all clear that a president would push Secret Service protection away if he were acting legally or even if he were engaged in personally embarrassing acts." Clinton, "in a gibe at Starr": "It never occurred to anybody that anyone would ever be so insensitive to the responsibility of the Secret Service that this kind of legal question would arise" (Willman, *Los Angeles Times*, 5/23). Ex-Secret Service agent **Jerry Parr**, on the loss of a protective function privilege: "That could be the straw that breaks the camel's back. There's no doubt that the Secret Service would have to manage the security of the president in a different way if we did not have proximity." NBC's Russert: "Do you believe this ruling will increase the risk of assassination?" Parr: "I'm absolutely convinced over time it will. It might be like one of these little wounds that is insignificant now but it has the potential to have catastrophic -- something catastrophic could happen in the future. I think it's possible" ("Meet," NBC, 5/24).

Ex-Secret Service Agent **Tim McCarthy**, who was shot during the attempted assassination on **Reagan**: "The Secret Service has never claimed -- nor should they -- that they will not report a crime that they observe -- a felony, misdemeanor, whatever. They will report that. ... I think we're really talking about the bigger picture -- that, how far does this go -- that you'll have committees in Congress, special prosecutors, U.S. Attorneys, and others who could be examining the personal lives of protectees" ("Today Show," NBC, 5/26).

Winners And Losers

ABC's Jennings: "Kenneth Starr has won an important legal victory, and it's a setback for President Clinton" (5/22). CBS' Bradley: "This is the latest in a series of legal setbacks for President Clinton." CBS' Pelley: "The president has now lost every single legal challenge in the Monica Lewinsky obstruction of justice investigation" (5/22). FNC's Cosby: "It's another legal victory for independent counsel Kenneth Starr and a setback for the Clinton Administration" ("Special Report," 5/22). Ex-Bush AG **Dick Thornburgh**, on Ken Starr: "Every time the issue is one of law, Judge Starr prevails. Every time it's one of politics, he goes down the chute" ("Late Edition," CNN, 5/24).

and most did not speak English. One of the reasons also was because, we had in this area priests I was one of them, there were about 5 or 4 of us who were able to speak their language.. They grouped together with their relatives and friends. And Cubans would help Cubans. So that's why they would find themselves to Hoboken. One, my doctor came because St Mary's Hospital accepted him so he could get his residency and get his state license; other Cubans doctors did the same thing.

Q: So this parish serves both Cuban and Puerto Rican?

A: Oh yes, all Spanish speaking. I've been doing it since I'm here.

Q: And how do the Cubans and Puerto Ricans get along?

A: Well, I would say they do. Now, the reason is because they are two distinct personalities. Puerto Ricans by nature are very docile type of people. Columbus found that out when he founded Puerto Rico. He was so surprised at their nature. Cubans on other hand are more volatile, more aggressive, more ambitious. And the two can make it together because sometimes they are like distinct opposites and the two can work together?

Q: Interesting...So when you came in 68, what was the composition of this parish?

A: Of this parish? It was a higher % was Irish American; there was a certain % German American but smaller, Italian American to a degree, and Croatian was growing, and also when I first came, the Hispanic was low but after awhile it had built up.

Q: But they recognized that it was going to grow?

A: Yes, that's the reason that they sent me here. The archbishop asked me to start a Spanish center in Our Lady of Grace. Why, because we are diocesan priests. We do not belong to a religious order, we work under the bishop and that's why I'm here so long. Because I'm dedicated to work for these people.

Q: Tell me a little bit about how the composition changed since you came here.

A: Well the change took place, it began to take place. There was prejudice when I first came here. I received letters and I wasn't too well received by certain people.

Q: Prejudice by whom? Against whom?

A: Well, certain people in the parish. It could be any nationality. It could be Italian as well as Irish or... They tried to have me removed but the bishop didn't do it. The argument was that we had so many Spanish speaking that we needed a Spanish-speaking priest, so he kept me here. Then we found in that in the '70s, something disastrous began to happen, we had these very horrible fatal fires.

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Q: Tell me about that.

A: Well the fires were... Most of them would happen on the weekends, surprisingly so. The highest percentage would start on Friday night and then Saturday. I can tell you the locations. There were two on 11th street. In those two fires, we lost at least between 7-11 people. There was one on 13th or 12th and Washington. We lost 11 there.

Q: Primarily Hispanics?

A: Mostly Hispanics, yes... Then, we had them again on 14th and Bloomfield. Another one where we lost about between 9 or 10 people. There were about 21 of Indians on Clinton Street on a Friday night/Saturday. There was a great loss of life there. Then, there was another on Park Ave, another on Washington Street. In the greater instances, they felt that there was arson. The fires raged out of control so quickly that there was a great concern. And the charge was by certain people that this was a way of getting rid of the poor. In other words, burning them out if you want to put it that way. But on the other hand what was happening was, people were now selling their properties to new owners who in turn renovated the property and began forming condos and began renting out/selling condos. That took place in the '80s. Many many Hoboken people sold (because they made a very good profit) they bought it for much less than they sold their houses and moved out.

Q: Where did they go?

A: They would go to South Jersey. I know people who would go as far south as you know the island down in southern Jersey, I can't think of the name of it now but it's right near ship bottom.

Q: Long Beach Island.

A: Long Beach Island. And they would go to Middletown, they would go to places like Howell, Asbury Park, just generally they'd go to places like that.

Q: Was it ever determined who caused these fires?

A: Well, we, since I worked with the police on three distinct occasions. We had evidence but we could never have anyone identify who did it. In both cases the fire started on the stairwell and the other cases started on the second floor underneath the stairwell.

Q: So there were never any charges?

A: Never, never because arson is the most difficult thing to prove. I turned in names. I turned in witnesses. We had circumstantial evidence but there was never enough sufficient evidence to have a court case to condemn anyone for arson.

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► SPOTLIGHT

That Other California Free-spender

While LG **Davis** enjoys a primary lead over Democratic millionaires **Checchi** and **Harman** for Governor (#9), **Darrell Issa's** self-financed GOP campaign for Senator has had a rough weekend. (#8)

A *L.A. Times* poll shows a tie between Issa and CA Treasurer **Matt Fong** in the 6/2 primary to face Sen. **Boxer** in the Fall. But that was before a *Times* story about Issa's "spurned associates" from his old business and allegations of arson in an '82 Issa plant fire. Issa says stories are from "convicted felons and their cohorts" but they seem sure to dominate Issa/Fong debate on 5/28.

And: Massive undecideds dominate the polls for down-ballot races for LG, AG, etc. (#11); Prop 226 to curb union dues in politics is now up with reg. voters by only 47%/38% (#10).

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Damn-near tragic."

-- GOP consultant *Craig Shirley* on his party's congressional election troubles, *Boston Globe*, 5/25 (#4)

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Q: Was the city supportive of trying to find out who caused this?

A: The Police dept was supportive but at that time the city was more or less concerned about the fact that the poor was costing them money. In other words, the taxes weren't coming in, factories were closing, that's another thing. And the city was dirty. At that time I remember the streets were much different than they are now. And sometimes not careful care taking in homes led to certain fires, certain situations. The buildings were rundown. So some buildings were condemned. So this is what happened. It just was... And as the Spanish-speaking people began getting greater education, they began moving up and now going to college. One of the girls I had as a child is now a VP of a school in Jersey City. Another young man is a doctor; another man is an engineer. All Spanish speaking with us here in this parish and poor when they came. They came from Spain. Of course, there had gone to Spain from Cuba.

Q: So it was is was ever determined who caused the fires and people were burned out...

A: No, this was the suspicion. Charges were made pro and con in papers but there was never a court case, never was anyone convicted of arson. We called in the state police, we knew how acceleration we used but no one would ever tell, no one was ever convicted. Despite all the efforts.

Q: that's a shame

A: Yes, it is.

Q: So How did the parish change after that?

A: Well, once the parishioners who lived here in Hoboken all their lives, once they began to move out. . Now coming into the city, were what we called yuppies, young urban professionals who received a much cheaper rent than what they could get in New York City. So Two or three would band together, and they would buy a condo and live together and then go work in New York and buy what they needed in New York. So that began to accelerate to a very high degree. So the native Hobokenites if they didn't have their own homes, drifted into applied housing as well as church towers. And then of course, there were two buildings built by the Knights of Columbus - one on Bloomfield and one on Madison. The one built by the archdiocese ????? Mt. Carmel Guild on first and Adams. Then there were senior citizen houses/buildings that were there. One on 13th street ??? Sparks Hills. And then 2nd and Jackson, 2nd and Adams, 3rd and Adams, excuse me.

Q: So people the people that didn't have their own homes, they congregated in public housing?

A: That's right. They had to go to public housing.

Q: After they were encouraged to leave?

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A: Well, What would happen would be... If a new owner came in, up until a certain time he couldn't raise the rents, but if he made certain improvements, after a period then he would raise the rents. And the people could no longer afford the rents so they had to move out.

Q: so is that when public housing became more and more...

A: like applied housing, yes

Q: applied housing is a management?..

A: that's federal.

Q: Oh, that is federal. I've always wondered...

A: Yes, we have many different places. There up at 12th and Willow. 13th and Washington, on both sides. Let's see, Bloomfield Street also over on 5th street here and , also on 9th from 9th to to, 9th runs to about 12th street.

Q: So all subsidized housing?

A: That's all applied housing. See that goes basically by income. If one has a lower income, the rent is lower.

Q: Now the land in all these were, the Projects over here?

A: Oh I'm sorry, let's remember that. The projects also contained the lowest... That's Hoboken housing. That down by the western part of the city. That has been probably the poorest area of Hoboken. That was called the projects. Because they were built with that in mind.

Q: When did that start, in the 70s?

A: Well that was there when I came, that was there in '68 '69 , already there, already built.

Q: So this had been going on for a while?

A: Oh yes.

Q: Can you tell me a little bit about the composition of parish now?

A: The parish now is a combination of still certain Irish American residents, more Italian American residents now, and Hispanics possibly about 25-30% of the parish; the rest

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Last Night

NBC led with Pres. Clinton and Memorial Day. ABC, FNC and CNN led with the OR high school shooting. CBS led with a church bombing in IL. "NewsHour" led with Indonesia. "O'Reilly Factor" hosted Dick Morris. "Nightline" examined the Big Bang theory and how old the universe really is.

TV SOUNDBITE

"Kol Ha'Chavod, all honor to you."

-- House Speaker Newt Gingrich, to the Israeli Knesset this morning, C-SPAN, 5/26

Predictions

Pat Buchanan: Gray Davis wins the CA Gov.

Dem primary. Eleanor Clift: "Republicans will get scorched if they pursue the China money because Republicans lobbied for technological transfers along with the Clinton administration." Chris Matthews: "The Massachusetts Congressional seat held by James Michael Curley, John F. Kennedy and Tip O'Neill, my old boss, will go to a woman this time, Marjorie Claptrud" ("Group," 5/23).

Laugh Track

David Letterman, on Pres. Clinton's Memorial Day plans: "President Clinton will be laying a wreath -- which I think is a nice change for him" ("Late Show," 5/22). Leno, on D.C. mayor Marion Barry announcing he won't run for a fifth term: "However, he did say he will run for mayor of some district in Colombia" ("Tonight Show," 5/22). Conan O'Brien, on Monica Lewinsky: "Speaking of Washington, this is weird: Yesterday, the man who recommended Monica Lewinsky for her White House internship was questioned by Kenneth Starr. That's right; Starr's first question was, 'Could you recommend an intern for me?'" ("Late Night," 5/22). For North Carolina tubthumping Domino champs who like being called "Chief," click [Back Bench](#).

TOP TEN WAYS TO MAKE A BARBECUE MORE EXCITING

10. Get friends to make circle around Hibachi and put out flames "the old fashioned way."
9. Hot briquette plus Dad's shorts equals hilarious dancing Dad.
8. Hire ventriloquist to make hamburgers scream in pain when people bite into them.
7. Have it on the median strip of I-95.
6. Everyone strips naked and goes nuts on each other with tongs.
5. Hide the mustard, and later when everybody's looking for it, you can find it and be a hero.
4. Wear apron reading: "Don't kiss the cook, as he has a festering cold sore."
3. Ribs.
2. Have George Michael prepare the barbecue sauce.
1. Cole slaw made out of real slaw ("Late Show," 5/22).

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would have to be called young urban professionals, in other words what we call the yuppies.

Q: And how many Catholic parishes are?

A: In Hoboken we have 5, and one in Weehawken, we have 6. St Joseph's on 61 Monroe. Our Lady of Grace is two. St Peter and Paul is three. St Francis is four. St Ann's is five. And St Lawrence in Weehawken 6. There are 6 parishes in this mile 1.5 area.

Q: And do all of them have similar compositions?

A: No, St. Ann's and St. Francis are basically primarily for the Italian speaking. That's what they would call the Italian parishes?

Q: Now, why is it that some Italians belong here?

A: Well after awhile... After those primary years, like in Sinatra's time, when he was beaten up so often when they were really not encouraged to come here, that was the truth and they will tell you that. They began to come to our school. And that began to...the prejudice began to die down. There is something about the Italian temperament. They have a tendency not to leave. They have a tendency to fix up their homes and to build a home for their family. So they stayed. They stayed and fixed up their homes and this is what keeps them here. And their children are here. And it's so interesting to see the children continuing doing what the parents are doing.

Q: Now the Italians are staying in this area?

A: Italian Americans – pretty much. Only now if they marry then it's hard for them to find a place because they just can't afford the rents that are being asked now. The rents are too high. It's running between \$1000 and \$2000

Q: How do the Italians feel about the yuppies?

A: Well, when the yuppies first came, it was a definite tension. And there's a definite reason for it. First of all they are transient people. They come for a time. Their interest is not essentially in Hoboken or Hoboken people. They're basically European and I would say they're white European. Therefore they don't have the warmth that the Hispanics would have. They don't greet people on the streets, some do, majority don't. They have a tendency to be autonomous. They stick to themselves and they maintain their own way of living. You'll notice, that for example, on the 31st or 1st of each month when they move in and out every month that goes on the 15th, they band together and they gather together in restaurants and bars. So for a long while there was a definite tension between the two. Now I would say that it's lessening. Right now, because a higher percentage of Hoboken is basically immigrants, yuppies.

Issa Response

Issa statement on the 5/23 *Los Angeles Times* story on his business history: "In an attempt to discredit me, the *Times* gives voice to accusations made by convicted felons and their cohorts, most notably, Joey Adkins. Before talking to the *Times*, Adkins contacted me with an offer to sell me a worthless provisional patent application for \$4-5 million dollars. He said he had been contacted by a *Times* reporter and needed to hear from me soon. I turned down the Adkins extortion attempt -- so the *Times* got their story" (release, 5/23).

Not So Memorial A Weekend For Issa

San Francisco Chronicle's Wildermuth writes on Issa's "rough weekend": the *L.A. Times* story that "suggested that Issa ... has used threats and hardball business tactics," the *Times* poll that showed his lead over Fong "had almost disappeared," and "he ended up dumping a planned Memorial Day speech on military affairs, a victim of the campaign time pressures are candidates dread" (5/26).

Follow Fong's Money, Too

Fong, though "far outspent" by Issa, commands the state Treas. office, which "has historically been a prime perch for raising campaign funds." Fong has received campaign money from private interests -- "law firms, financial consultants, accountants, investment companies and developers -- who have a stake in decisions at the treasurer's office." Campaign records show that law firms "and others vying to profit from the state's bond deals" have donated more than \$325K to Fong, with an additional \$160K coming from developers and others who deal with the Treas. cmte that helps finance affordable housing, and \$150K "from firms tied to the state's two big employee pension funds." Fong: "There's no ethical problems, there is no pay-to-play. ... Many of the firms we've retained have never given me anything" (Bailey, *Los Angeles Times*, 5/25). Issa release: "One has to wonder how many special interests would have in-boxes in a U.S. Senator Matt Fong's office?" (5/25).

Unfair Advantage?

In a 5/22 candidate forum, Issa said he disagrees with the federal campaign finance law forcing Fong "to scrape for" \$1K contris "while he pours millions into his own campaign." Issa: "We need to increase how much Matt can get in a contribution." Issa then urged reducing the now-unlimited money special interest groups can give to parties or spend on independent political campaigns, and reminded the audience that his independent wealth "allows him to be free of obligations to special interests" (Vellinga, *Sacramento Bee*, 5/23). Issa's remarks "brought enthusiastic applause" from the "financially strapped" Fong, who was "the only member of the audience to" applaud, "prompting a round of laughter" (Perry, *Los Angeles Times*, 5/23). Fong later told reporters "he would support lifting all limits on contributions to federal candidates" (Vellinga, *Sacramento Bee*, 5/23).

Ad Watch Issa "is expected to unleash a barrage of" TV commercials in the final week, with Fong getting campaign assistance "from one of California's more enduring political figures: his mother," ex-state Assembly member/ex-CA Sec/State **March Fong Eu**. While Issa in 1/98 began advertising on TV, Fong "began commercials in Cantonese on Chinese-language stations in San Francisco and Los Angeles and English-language commercials on stations throughout the state only last week" (Perry, *Los Angeles Times*, 5/23).

Bee My Friend

Fresno Bee endorses Fong: "The choice is clear: By virtue of preparation, temperament and invention, Fong is the better choice. He represents a more mainstream perspective on most issues and has a record of public service Issa cannot approach" (5/26). *Fresno Bee's* Howard looks at both GOPers. In Fresno, GOPers "say Fong wins points for his knowledge" of agriculture and water issues. Issa "scores big with his personal story" (5/25). *San Jose Mercury News* endorses Fong (5/26).

Don't Be My Friend

Issa's campaign send a release to Christian media: "The Log Cabin Political Action Committee -- an organization of gay Republicans -- has mailed out its candidate slate, headlined by none other than U.S. Senate candidate Matt Fong" (5/25).

And From The Boxer Camp...

A: Higher?

Q: Highest, sure, definitely. There is no question. And you see it everywhere you go.

Q: What would you say the percentage of Italians?

SIDE TWO, TAPE ONE:

Q: the Hispanic population?

A: Oh, that's down, that's down to, it's about 20, it's down.

Q: And the rest primarily yuppies?

A: the higher percentage, yes

Q: Going back you mention Frank Sinatra being beat up all the time. Can you tell me a little more about this?

A: Oh yes, I get this from the people. Frankie never... he was an only child. His father was originally a prizefighter. And his mother was, I guess you could call her, one who was involved in midwife and something similar to that. And they moved from Monroe Street up to Garden Street. And Frankie was kind of, he was a very thin emaciated type of a boy. And he didn't really have too many friends unless he bought them. Like if his mother gave him money he'd buy them candy and things like that. But he was a scrawny type of a boy and the other kids could handle him. And they told me, 2 or 3 of them told me— I beat him up. He wanted to be a singer. He never went to high school. He registered but never went, never got his degree. In fact, when he was given an honorary title, a diploma at Stevens, Hoboken sent him a high school certificate. And so that there was great discussion as to why he rarely came back. Some said he just didn't like it. His father ultimately became a fireman. His father died and I believe he is buried in Ft. Lee. His mother was in that terrible plane crash out west. Both of them are buried, I believe he took their bodies out to the west coast. It's just one of those stories that kids will tell. In fact they said that the first time he ever sang publicly was in our school hall.

Q: Did he attend your school?

A: No, in those days, they had CYO dances one night a week and they had a band come in and he kept bugging the band leader "let me sing, let me sing." And fellow says "alright, sing." And I understand he did very well, that's where he started. And from there he went to the rustic cabin up in Englewood Cliffs. When I was growing up I heard about him from... Gradually he was able to fit into New York with Tommy Dorsey and then ultimately the Paramount Theater. And that's how he made his way up the stairs but he always wanted to be the singer. And one thing about him, which a lot of people don't know, he worked very hard at his trade. Whenever he found there was something wrong with his voice, he would go to an opera singer and go over it until he corrected it. That's

► CALIFORNIA CABLE

8 SENATE: Fong, Issa Tied In Poll; Issa's Rough Weekend

Los Angeles Times poll, conducted 5/16-20; surveyed 1,097 regis. voters and 506 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3% for regis. voters, +/- 5% for likely voters. Tested: Sen. **Barbara Boxer** (D), Treas. **Matt Fong** (R) and businessman **Darrell Issa** (R) (5/24). Primary: 6/2.

Primary Match-Up

| | RV | LV | Dem | Ind | GOP |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Boxer | 42% | 40% | 64% | 42% | 15% |
| Fong | 15 | 20 | 11 | 8 | 24 |
| Issa | 16 | 22 | 7 | 15 | 26 |
| Undec'd | 26 | 18 | 18 | 35 | 34 |

Certainty Of Voting For:

| | (of voters choosing candidate) | | |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------|----------|
| | Very | Prob. | Not Sure |
| Boxer | 55% | 26% | 17% |
| Fong | 38 | 30 | 31 |
| Issa | 32 | 33 | 35 |

General Election Match-Ups

| | RV | Dem | Ind | GOP |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Boxer | 49% | 73% | 56% | 18% |
| Fong | 36 | 14 | 22 | 70 |
| Undec'd | 14 | 13 | 21 | 12 |

| | RV | Dem | Ind | GOP |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Boxer | 50% | 74% | 51% | 19% |
| Issa | 35 | 12 | 22 | 67 |
| Undec'd | 14 | 13 | 26 | 13 |

Fong Name ID

| | RV | LV | Dem | Ind | GOP |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Fav. | 31% | 40% | 27% | 27% | 39% |
| Unfav. | 10 | 13 | 12 | 7 | 7 |
| ID | 95 | 97 | 94 | 98 | 96 |

Issa Name ID

| | RV | LV | Dem | Ind | GOP |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Fav. | 24% | 30% | 12% | 29% | 35% |
| Unfav. | 13 | 17 | 16 | 10 | 10 |
| ID | 95 | 96 | 93 | 98 | 95 |

Boxer Job

| | RV | LV | Dem | Ind | GOP |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Approv. | 44% | 44% | 59% | 50% | 25% |
| Disapp. | 28 | 38 | 15 | 15 | 49 |

Boxer Name ID

| | RV | LV | Dem | Ind | GOP |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Fav. | 48% | 47% | 66% | 48% | 26% |
| Unfav. | 34 | 43 | 18 | 26 | 55 |
| ID | 97 | 97 | 96 | 98 | 97 |

Vote For Self-Financed Cand?

| | RV | LV | Dem | Ind | GOP |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| More Lkly | 29% | 21% | 27% | 43% | 25% |
| No Diff. | 36 | 41 | 35 | 31 | 41 |
| Less Lkly | 27 | 27 | 31 | 19 | 24 |

"Despite a huge disparity in campaign spending," Fong and Issa "are deadlocked," with a "considerable chunk" of likely GOP voters undecided. As neither Fong nor Issa "had a particularly solid base of support," the importance of the lone debate, scheduled for 5/28 may be "heightened." While the GOP race is "up for grabs," Boxer may face "a tough reelection fight" with her 50% mark in general election match-ups (Barabak, Los Angeles Times, 5/24).

Issa Business Woes Chronicled

Los Angeles Times Lichtblau chronicles Issa's success in business, which "reveals a ... complex tale, rooted as much in discord as in dogged determination." Issa "has left a trail of spurned associates" from NY to CA "who accuse him of distorting his record and of trampling them on his way to the top," including allegations of arson in an '82 plant fire, as Issa's company boosted its fire insurance "weeks before the fire." Issa: "There was finger-pointing every which way." Issa's ex-business assoc. **Joey Adkins**, on the car-alarm industry Issa founded: "Darrell stole that company out from under me. He screwed us. It's been a rough 17 years. He's got \$250 million, and I'm lucky if I can pay my taxes." But Adkins' sister, **Ernestine Brown**, defended Issa: "Darrell always worked his tail off, and I thought he was very fair." Issa: "It's an ugly past chapter. If I had not succeeded in business and they had, I could be saying this in reverse. ... It's sour grapes, period. But that's business. You tell me how I can sell a million products a year and not run into some of these [problems]." Issa "has achieved both rising revenues ... and rising stature among industry leaders." Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Assn VP **Jonathan Thompson**: "He's a man with a vision, with core beliefs and a strong business savvy. I would call him a hands-on industry leader, someone who's willing to roll up his sleeves" (5/23).

why he started with a very scrawny voice, but he ended up with a powerful voice that he developed.

Q: Well, he certainly was a great singer. One of the reasons that we wanted to interview you especially apparently the museum, the Hoboken Historical Museum brought a tour group here and you took them through the church and told them about the history of Hoboken??

A: OH Yes, I took them through the church on a Sunday.

Q: When was this church built?

A: This church was built in, the cornerstone states incorrectly, in 1875.

Q: incorrectly?

A: 1875.

Q: that's correctly or incorrectly?

A: That's correct. There was a fire, If you look at the bricks by the belfry, there are different colors. There was a fire in the belfry and but it was repaired. And if you look there is a different color brick there. The school was built in 1891 as one of the largest schools in United States, parochial schools. This rectory was built about the same time as the school. Fr. Dugan began both. But it was Fr Corrigan who completed both. Fr. Patrick Corrigan.

Q: And this parish school is still in operation today?

A: Well no. It was closed two years ago. We are renting out to two schools. Mustard Seed which is a private school and Hudson School which is another private school. Rent out the three floors of the school.

Q: And why did your school close?

A: Well, what happened was, we were unable financially to afford a school. First of all, the teacher's salaries and then the benefits, which we'd have to give them. We weren't able to do that with the tuition or the support from the parish because the parish was dropping in numbers.

Q: This was strictly a parish school?

A: And now it's closed. Now, closing... They had closed St. Joseph's, St. Francis, and Our Lady of Grace. And they took the two other areas – Madison Street and Hudson Street and We now have one catholic school called Hoboken Catholic Academy.

Backlash Over Dissatisfaction With Managed Care?

Speaker **Newt Gingrich's** (R-GA) "rejection" last week of a bill that would have expanded access to doctors "has raised fears within the GOP" that voters in the '98 election will hold GOPers "responsible for the flaws in managed health care." Democats "could score big political points by fighting for expanded health- care rights" because House GOPers "had urged Gingrich to put a milder GOP initiative on the agenda." Gingrich rejected a moderate bill crafted by GOPers, saying he would not allow it to reach the floor for a vote. Gingrich: "That kind of legislation conflicts with Republican conservatives values" (O'Rourke, *Sacramento Bee*, 5/26). ([Back to Contents](#))

► WHITE HOUSE 2000

5 GIULIANI: Partnership Bill Draws Fire From O'Connor

New York *Daily News'* Lombardi & Breen report **Cardinal John O' Connor** 5/24 called NYC Mayor **Rudy Giuliani's** (R) proposed domestic partnership bill "contrary to natural moral law." O'Connor at Mass: "The proposed domestic partnership legislation fails to provide the necessary moral and even civil protection for the uniqueness of marriage and family." Giuliani's "bill instructs city agencies to extend to roughly 8,700 gay, lesbian and other unmarried partners the same benefits now offered spouses." Giuliani on O'Connor: He "has every right to preach and argue for his moral point of view. But my analysis of it is that this is a human rights issue...necessary to protect the right of people who have different sexual orientation" (5/25). ([Back to Contents](#))

6 GINGRICH: Make K'nice To K'nesset

Speaking to the Israeli Knesset, Speaker **Newt Gingrich** praised the Knesset as the "one truly democratic parliament in the entire Middle East": "As we celebrate the remarkable achievements of the last 50 years, let me simply say Kol Ha'chavod, all honor to you." More Gingrich: "The ties that bind America to Israel are greater than the economic and security interests that our nations share. We are two nations grown from a common source: both forged by the courage and imagination of pioneers, and both expressing in our founding documents our ultimate reliance on divine providence." His first applause came when he said the Congress stands "with you today in recognizing Jerusalem as the united and eternal capital of Israel." Gingrich also spoke on the need to: contain rogue dictatorships who seek weapons of mass destruction; block other countries like Russia from assisting in those efforts; the need for anti-missile systems; and water security issues. He also announced a new U.S.-Israel interparliamentary initiative on strategic cooperation which will focus on "security issues, particularly the crucial question of missile defense" (C-SPAN, 5/26). ([Back to Contents](#))

7 QUAYLE: In Iowa, Harsh Words For Clinton

Des Moines Register's Yepsen reports **Dan Quayle** said 5/22 in IA "the Clinton Administration's Chinese connection is likely to make it the most scandal plagued administration in the history of our republic." Quayle called it "a fact that the Chinese army funneled more than \$100.000 to Clinton's re-election effort, and that agents for the Chinese military had access" to Clinton "in the Oval Office" and "policies were changed to accommodate the Chinese military." Quayle "believes that the administration approved allowing U.S. satellites to be launched by Chinese rockets, something that gave the Chinese access to U.S. military secrets about how to target rockets" (5/23). ([Back to Contents](#))

Q: One in the entire town?

A: One school, one catholic school. The primary grades go to Madison Street and the higher grades go to Hudson Street

Q: A lot of schools were closed then as a result..?

A: Well see, the thing is we receive no aid from the state or from the government and it has to be run by the parish and by the tuition that the parents can pay. You are paying lay teachers and they have to be paid a certain salary. That's more or less, more in line with what they're doing. Secondly, the parents cannot afford to do that along with the benefits. So what was happening was... In this parish we went through a million dollars in about 15 years. One million dollars we had in reserve, went into that school. And ultimately we couldn't afford it. We were now bankrupt and we had to close. The diocese was helping to support us and the diocese, the archbishop decided to close the school because it was too expensive.

Q: And what kind of reaction did the people..?

A: It was terrible. It was the worst years of my priesthood. I've never suffered as I did that time.

Q: So what...?

A: Well, they were angry. They did not truly understand the situation. Unless you are on the inside as we are, you don't understand what it means when the end of the month comes and the teachers salaries have to be paid and you don't take it in on a Sunday. Some parents would be delaying the tuition. Some wouldn't pay. As a result we were constantly in trouble financially.

Q: What ethnicity were the students?

A: At the time it closed it was 35% Hispanic, probably more, maybe 40%.

Q: and the consolidated school now?

A: Well, it's a combination. It's a... I see the children of Italian American descent, Irish American, Hispanic, a few Blacks, Asians by the way, Philipinos, Koreans. The interesting thing too is that some of the children that come to our school come from outside Hoboken. When we... One summer we lost about 10-15% of our students. They all moved out of the city. At the time we closed our school we had as high as 15-20 % lived outside the city.

Q: And they paid tuition?

A: They paid the tuition and that made them parishioners.

Loral case, the report says "US national security has been harmed" (Landay, *Christian Science Monitor*, 5/26).

Trip Watch

The House on 5/21 voted 417-4 "to forbid the President from making any technology deals" during his China visit. A pending vote, "also expected to pass," will forbid the sale of commercial satellites to China. NBC's Reed: "These were not big votes in terms of substance ... The White House believes it's basically a political show, so there's been little or no reaction" ("Big Show, MSNBC, 5/21).

Gov't Reform and Oversight Cmte chief investigative counsel **Barbara Comstock**: "What's troubling about the President's trip [to China] is that it's continuing to go on before any of these questions are answered, and one of the things that the Justice Department task force has been very concerned about is that they have not been able to get visas to go over to China and investigate. Nor has Congress" ("Hardball, CNBC, 5/21). ([Back to Contents](#))

3 HUBBELL: Take What You Want From Them

"Suzy, this phone is recorded. Ree-Corded. Not only listened to; Ree-Corded." -- **Webster Hubbell** "speaking to wife from prison telephone on" 6/21/96. David Willman of the *Los Angeles Times* writes "even after he went to prison,... Hubbell remained within the orbit of the Clinton White House. That much is clear, based on interviews and tape-recorded phone conversations that Hubbell conducted from prison" in '96 "with friends, family members, Clinton administration officials and others." Yet, communications -- which aides to IC **Kenneth Starr** "are examining--have both galvanized and frustrated investigators as they seek evidence that would merit conspiracy or obstruction-of-justice charges against the Clintons or others." First, "there are plenty of words that could suggest" the WH "was cementing Hubbell's loyalty to the Clintons as investigators were pressing him about aspects of... Whitewater and other controversies." But, "the conversations, by themselves, may not prove a conspiracy to ensure Hubbell's silence. Such prosecutions are rare, difficult to establish and typically rely on one of the conspirators admitting guilt and implicating his cohorts. Hubbell has shown no inclination to do so. Thus, the contacts now represent a tantalizing intrigue--one with particularly important consequences for the Clintons and the outcome of the independent counsel investigation." The "full texts of 49 of Hubbell's prison phone calls, reviewed by The Times, provide the starkest view yet of evidence that continues to fuel Starr's high-stakes investigation of the Clintons." The voices who are "recorded or are referred to in the conversations--including the Hubbells and" Dep WH Counsel **Bruce Lindsey** -- "have declined to characterize what was said or to otherwise comment in any detail." So, the "taped conversations must speak for themselves" (5/25). ([Back to Contents](#))

► NATIONAL BRIEFING

4 GOP: Dems Making Much About A "Do-Nothing" Congress

House GOP leaders, "stung by a series of self-inflicted wounds," have begun "to fear the worst" in the '98 elections -- "a startling defeat that would restore the Democrats to power." Just months after "the prospect" of GOPers "relinquishing majority rule in the House seemed unfathomable," Democrats "have seized on what they brand the GOP's 'do-nothing' leadership and bungling of the campaign finance probe and forged a national strategy to try to win back the speaker's gavel." The situation has "jolted GOP leaders, emboldened Democrats, and enlivened campaigns. **Charlie Cook**: "The Democrats have a little momentum, and House Republicans are clearly in a state of panic. The way things are going, the Republicans ought to be nervous, even if their panic is a little overblown." **Stuart Rothenberg**: "The seesaw is tilting toward the Democrats right now. Still, picking up 11 seats is going to be tough." GOP consultant **Craig Shirley**: "What is damn-near tragic is that instead of talking about gaining 15 to 40 seats, we are trying to hold on to what we have or survive with a little less" (Hohler, *Boston Globe*, 5/25).

Q: and now it was the diocese's decision to close the school?

A: Yes, it was.

Q: and how long did that decision take?

A: I would say that He waited about five years before he made the final decision.

Q: So were people aware that this decision was coming or was it a surprise?

A: I don't think there were. I was. Course I'm on the inside. But I don't think they knew how bad the situation was.

Q: For what reasons was this not communicated to people?

A: Well, I think that at the time that it happened, the pastor was trying to avoid that head on collision. I think he would try to paint a much more positive picture than actually existed. That's what I think happened. And He did not communicate well or if he did they weren't listening. But I do believe that what he did was, he tried to soften it for their feelings.

KNOCK KNOCK!!.

A: YES!

Q: So we were talking about the consolidation of the schools and what a painful decision that was. Are there still reverberations of that decision today or are people moved on..?

A: The new school is still in the process of development. The second year they had less students than they did the first year. See Hoboken right now has lost a great many students because so many families have moved out. It's no longer a family town. I believe that possibly, there may be as many as 2 or 3000 students in all of Hoboken schools. Hoboken high school was a grade 4, a group 4 high school and now it's group 2

Q: What does that mean?

A: the lower number of students I don't think there's any more than 5 or 600 students in Hoboken high school.

Q: So you are saying that Italian American families and the Irish American families do not have young children

A: Well, see they are older. The younger people when they marry, move out. They can't afford to live in Hoboken.

made an agreement to grant Monica Lewinsky complete immunity and sent Ms. Lewinsky a letter confirming the grant of immunity. Under that agreement Judge Starr has the right to meet face to face with Ms. Lewinsky at any time and for as long as he wishes to meet. His continued insistence that he cannot have a face to face talk with Ms. Lewinsky has no basis in fact. Under the immunity agreement, Mr. Starr has the right to polygraph tests and other forensic mechanisms to test the truth and veracity of Ms. Lewinsky."

Deborah Gershman, Starr's spokeswoman, said last night that his office had no immediate comment on the Ginsburg statement.

The Washington Post reported yesterday that prosecutors decided a written statement Lewinsky provided this week was not solid enough to form the basis of a cooperation agreement because it contained inconsistencies and contradictions. While she acknowledged a sexual relationship with Clinton in the "proffer," sources familiar with the document said she offered a muddled account of whether Clinton or Jordan urged her to lie about it.

Starr's staff has asked Lewinsky's lawyers, who were with her in California, to decide by today whether they will make her available for an interview.

The independent counsel continued to move forward on other fronts yesterday as Podesta appeared before a Washington grand jury to testify about his efforts to help Lewinsky get a job in New York.

Starr also issued a second subpoena to **Jones's** lawyers, this time seeking records not just about Lewinsky but also about Kathleen E. Willey, a onetime White House aide who has said the president groped her, and about any other "Jane Doe" women whose relationships with Clinton they had researched.

For his part, Clinton publicly denied the allegations for the third time since the crisis erupted two weeks ago. "I've already said that the charges are false," he said when asked about the nature of his relationship with Lewinsky at an appearance with visiting British Prime Minister Tony Blair. "But there is an ongoing investigation. And I think it's important that I go back and do the work for the American people that I was hired to do."

Clinton began his day at the National Prayer Breakfast, a bipartisan, multid denominational event that draws nearly 4,000 people.

Q: and the new people that have moved in/ the yuppies have very few children or small children ?

A: Yes and Of course, those who own there own homes will rehabilitate the floors and then and rent out. Many people, residents have done that in Hoboken. They build condos and they either sold them or rented. And the rent is so high that they can afford on almost to live on it. So they stay. They keep their homes.

Q: The people that have moved in to pay rent that are having babies.. ?

A: Most people in Hoboken are not young married couples not having babies. When they marry, there's the tendency to live here for a while and then move out.

Q: So there's no demand to improve the local schools?

A: No. The demand is of course to give them the proper education. Yes. Definitely there always is the cry. In fact they established charter schools, you know, about 2 or 3 years ago in Hoboken. So along with the public schools, we have charter schools. Which certainly took a certain number away from the catholic schools.

Q: and how are the charter schools doing?

A: From what I understand, they're doing well. I don't have first hand info with them I just speak with the parents, they're pleased. But they're in existence and they continue in existence so they must be doing well enough to stay in existence.

Q: So there must be some sort of demand for better schools here...?

A: In other words, one of the important facts that we are dealing with here was education. I know that the previous superintendent of education worked hard to improve the educational system in Hoboken. And I know many teachers personally and they do who work hard. But you must have a family, you must have parents who will work with you. And then you can improve your school system. Because if the students, as much as learning as you can give them, if they don't come in motivated or properly prepared, you are at a loss.

Q: so the parish, though, is able to make money by renting out the school to private schools?

A: Well, Hoboken Catholic Academy is doing well, now I know that. Mustard Seed is doing very well and Hudson ...

Q: and they give money to your parish or to the catholic schools?

A: now these are two private schools

Lewinsky was one of several women Clinton was asked about during his deposition as **Jones's** attorneys tried to establish a pattern of illicit sexual behavior to help their client prove that he once propositioned her for sex in a Little Rock hotel suite in 1991. However, sources familiar with the six-hour, closed-door session said the questions about Lewinsky stood out to Clinton because of the depth of detail -- Did he ever give her presents? Was Lewinsky signed in to the White House by Currie but actually visited with Clinton while there?

The focus on Lewinsky apparently troubled Clinton enough that when he returned to the White House that Saturday evening, he called Currie and asked her to come into work the next day to discuss the matter, according to one source knowledgeable about the incident. At that point, he ran through a series of questions with her that tracked those he had been asked the day before.

Investigators later asked Currie why she told Clinton he was right when he said she was always in earshot, the source said. Currie responded that she considered the president's statement "basically right" because she was always in the outer office outside the Oval Office, the source said.

Lawrence Wechsler, Currie's lawyer, did not respond to several telephone messages left at his home and office last night. In a statement he gave to the Times, Wechsler said, "Without commenting on the allegations raised in this article, to the extent that there is any implication or suggestion that Mrs. Currie was aware of any legal or ethical impropriety by anyone, that implication or suggestion is entirely inaccurate."

The Currie development capped a day when Starr jockeyed publicly with Ginsburg over securing Lewinsky's testimony. In a rare written statement issued last evening, Starr said he and his staff have concluded they cannot decide whether to offer her some form of immunity until they interview her face to face, something they have not been able to do so far.

"We cannot responsibly determine whether she [Lewinsky] is telling the truth without speaking directly to her," Starr said. "We have found that there is no substitute for looking a witness in the eye, asking detailed questions, matching the answers against verifiable facts, and if appropriate, giving a polygraph test."

Ginsburg responded with his own statement, in which he essentially accused Starr of wanting Lewinsky to lie, and said: "Judge Starr has

Q: they give the rent money goes to whom?

A: well the children in those schools? They come...

Q: The rent money from?

A: Oh no, there are private.

Q: but they rent this from you, the building?

A: they rent from us but they charge tuition.

Q: yes, but the rental money does it come to the parish?

A: The rental money comes to us and part of it we have to give to Hoboken Catholic Academy a certain % because they closed our school and when we rent out we have to pay a certain % to Hoboken catholic academy And then each parish has to pay a certain quota to Hoboken Catholic Academy along with tuition of the parents and that's how they manage to run it.

Q: So right now, it's still struggling a little bit?

A: well, the second year they had less students than the first year. They're now having open house for next year we'll have to wait and to see. But they... I've spoken to parents and they're pleased with the education. And they did get from our school some of our best teachers. Some of the better teachers from here and I know them personally.

Q: how's the pay at the catholic academy compared to the public schools?

A: It's not the same. We're striving to improve it but no it's not the same as public schools

Q: but there are benefits in working at the Catholic school?

A: There are benefits but the base pay is not the same.

Q: Are there any areas that I've not asked you about that are important that you feel we should know about thinking about the history of the church here and the neighborhood?

A: Well I would think that this type of city is giving us a chance, myself personally, to reach out to those who have come most of them have college educations and ourselves always prepared as well as we were and you know that of priests, our background and our formation, I'm right at home with them. And I feel that it's an opportunity to know them, to meet them, to work with them. And that I enjoy, that I like. Because at least I'm getting to know them and meet them and I've married them, I've baptized their children. But also, it's a chance, an opportunity to teach and that we're doing. See in so many of

in hand and accused Starr of "an orchestrated campaign to pressure Ms. Lewinsky into statements that are not true."

Starr has been searching for independent witnesses who can place the president alone in a room with Lewinsky, and his staff has led the grand jury through a methodical examination of the West Wing to establish who could see what from where. Currie's reported testimony would be the first known corroboration that Clinton was alone with Lewinsky in the White House.

But a source close to Clinton said Currie's account was more ambiguous than prosecutors apparently see it. By asking her to come to the White House to discuss the matter the day after his deposition in the **Jones** case, Clinton was trying to confirm the accuracy of his own memory, not coaching Currie about what she should say if asked, the source said.

"There's a perfectly innocent explanation for this," said this person. "And the innocent explanation is that he basically was recollecting what had transpired and was checking to see if Ms. Currie's recollection was the same as his. And basically, it was."

The White House declined to discuss Currie's account, which was first reported in the early edition of today's New York Times. "We've been the subject for two weeks of false leaks designed to mislead both reporters and the American public," said one White House official who did not want to be named. "We're not going to respond to the latest false leak."

Currie's name has surfaced repeatedly since the Lewinsky allegations first were reported last month. Washington lawyer Vernon E. Jordan Jr., a close friend of Clinton's, said that he helped arrange private-sector job interviews for Lewinsky, who left a job at the Pentagon in late December, after Currie requested his help. White House deputy chief of staff John D. Podesta, who testified before the grand jury yesterday, has said that his request to Bill Richardson, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, to find Lewinsky a job at Richardson's office also was at the request of Currie.

According to White House logs turned over to Starr's office, Lewinsky visited the White House three dozen times after she left her employment there for the Pentagon in April 1996. For many of those visits, sources have said, she gained admission from Currie.

Currie was also the designated recipient of more than a half-dozen packages Lewinsky sent to the Oval Office.

the colleges today, I don't know whether you are aware of it, but there has been a great deal of loss of spiritual preparation in colleges, it has basically been a secular education. So when they come out of the colleges, unless it's a really strong spiritual atmosphere, they come out with less of a spiritual background. And even some of the books I've read on it, have been in dealing with Robert Bork's book *Slouching Towards Gomorrah*, he brings that out clearly. As also there was another famous book called *The Closing of the American Mind*. That he spent one chapter on the lack of spirituality in the students in Catholic universities. He argued that they got that from their homes and their parents. After the Second World War the emphasis was on affluence and giving them everything that we didn't have. And so the spiritual concept was diminished in the Catholic universities and this was all over the country. And this man wrote this very famous book *The Closing of the American Mind* so, do you remember?

Q: the Catholic Church as an institution is still very well situated in Hoboken?

A: Oh yes, we're very fortunate. We have, first of all, we have excellent priests in Hoboken and I'm not talking about myself now... I do say they are superior and we are all interested, as we would be in from our training, in those who live here, and who share our lives with us and We are always striving to educate them, to help them. The poor as well as the intelligent. And we try to live a life of service and whatever we can do, we do.

Q: Now tell me a little bit. You said you came here in '69 to primarily to serve the Hispanic community, can you tell me about how that community has changed since you've been here.

A: OH yes. When I first came here, there were probably about maybe about 25 people at mass. Within 12 or 13 years, I had up to 400 500 600.

Q: and this is primarily because of your efforts to reach out?

A: Yes and you see because they were here and we were reaching out to them. I built up a program for them.

Q: what kind of program?

A: But as time has gone on and they have been forced to move out, now even that community has dropped in attendance. Because they are not in Hoboken any longer. Many come to me from North Bergen, Union City, Jersey City, Bayonne, as far away as Rutherford, Secaucus they'll come into me.

Q: Do you still conduct Spanish mass?

A: Oh yes, every Sunday, 12:00.

Q: How about the growth of the Pentecostal churches? I see them a lot.

In between Lindsey's morning and afternoon sessions on the witness stand, prosecutors questioned Charlie Duncan, the White House's liaison officer to the Defense Department during the time that Lewinsky was transferred there in 1996 from a job as a low-level White House aide.

Also yesterday, an attorney for Lewinsky's mother, Marcia Lewis, met behind closed doors in Judge Johnson's courtroom. After the 30-minute hearing, Lewis's attorney, Billy Martin, declined to say what he had told the judge or whether he was attempting to prevent Starr from calling Lewis for further questioning.

Lewis testified for more than six hours over two days last week, at one point becoming so overwrought that a courthouse nurse was summoned to attend to her. She appeared distraught as she left the courthouse at the end of her second day of testimony, and her lawyer has cited her distress in arguing that a mother should not be forced to testify about what she knows of her daughter's sexual activities.

Yesterday, Martin characterized his client as still "not doing well." He said that she had been excused from testifying yesterday but that she remained under subpoena.

Lindsey arrived at the courthouse shortly after 9 a.m. yesterday with his attorney, Bill Murphy, and White House deputy counsel Cheryl Mills. He appeared to be in good humor during the midday break and, again, when he left the courthouse late in the afternoon. He teased reporters that they "might show up tomorrow and see" whether he would finish his testimony.

He refused, however, to discuss the contents of his testimony or the hearing before the judge.

Lindsey was involved in at least one set of conversations of interest to prosecutors. Last summer, he was sought out by Linda R. Tripp, Lewinsky's friend who later would make secret tape recordings of conversations in which the former intern said she had had an 18-month affair with the president.

But Tripp, who had worked briefly as Lindsey's executive assistant, talked to him about an incident involving Clinton and a different woman -- Willey.

According to a version of the incident that Tripp publicly gave last August, Willey had told her that, one day in 1993 when she had

A: They have dropped too.

Q: They've dropped? When did they start growing?

A: I would say that I know at least 2 or 3 that have closed. There was one on 9th and Washington Street. Now it's condos. There was one on 14th, I'm sorry Bloomfield and 13th. That is now condos. Another one was 6th and Garden. I thought it was going to close a year ago, the attendance was so poor.

Q: When did they start coming in the first place? When did churches start establishing themselves here, the Pentecostal?

A: Oh, when I came they were here. They were here already

Q: And they've grown and now they've subsiding. Why do you think that's happening?

A: Well I think because the people are not here. There's another factor too. Religion is very much like a restaurant or anything else. When you have a crowd, you have a tendency to draw a crowd. If you go to a diner and there are three cars outside the diner, you keep going. If you see a diner with 20 cars, that's where you go to eat. And so there's no question about it, the the community has a tendency to draw to itself those who feel wanted and part of it. And this is precisely what happens. And when they move out and when it starts to lessen, you'll see it dropping. And I have whole entire families who are gone. They were with us one day. I married them and they're all gone.

Q: What was the reaction of the catholic community to the growth of the Pentecostal church? Any tension?

A: Well we never allowed that to bother us. Now the reason is, because first of all, because of the 2nd Vatican council, we have a new law of love. When someone is teaching someone to pray or teaching them the Bible, they are teaching them something about God. And Christ himself warned his disciples about that. In other words, Not to be so condemnatory of those who would be not with him. In other words, since Vatican II, we have a very strong tendency to be much more affable to ministers and to non-catholic congregations and the like. Even though laws of the church have changed. Whereas, years ago, a non-catholic could not get married in the church, or couldn't be married at a mass. I remember when I first came to Hoboken, marrying couples in the rectory. That was the law. At that time, if a catholic married a non catholic they had to be married in the rectory.

Q: Oh you could marry but they had to be married in the rectory? When did that change?

A: That changed in the '50s and '60s. And then of course, then we began marrying them in church, now we marry them even in a nuptial mass. So there's a definite, a

subpoena from the **Jones** attorneys, Jordan found her a lawyer. A few days later he took her in his chauffeured limousine to the lawyer's office. When he learned of Lewinsky's role in the **Jones** case, the source said, Jordan asked both Lewinsky and Clinton whether they had had a sexual relationship, the source said, and was assured by each that there had been no such relationship.

The details of a third meeting between the two could not be learned, but Jordan's final meeting with Lewinsky took place the week of Jan. 12, as Starr opened his probe. It was a meeting, the source said, in which Lewinsky thanked Jordan for helping her land a public relations job at Revlon in New York, on whose board Jordan serves. That offer has been revoked, however, in the wake of the allegations against Clinton.

While prosecutors postponed Jordan's scheduled testimony, they proceeded to focus on other members of Clinton's inner circle. Lindsey's grand jury testimony yesterday appeared to produce the first skirmish over the extent to which senior White House officials can be forced to disclose their confidential dealings with the president. The White House has objected to such questioning and suggested that it could invoke "executive privilege" in an attempt to block such inquiries.

Yesterday's testimony by Lindsey was interrupted by a 45-minute hearing before U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson, in which attorneys apparently argued over the scope of prosecutors' questioning. Afterward, the White House said that Clinton had not formally claimed the privilege and that it was continuing to seek a compromise over testimony by Clinton's top aides.

The matter of privilege also applies to White House deputy chief of staff John D. Podesta, who already has testified before the grand jury and was originally scheduled to return today. At the request of Currie, Clinton's secretary, Podesta asked U.N. Ambassador Bill Richardson to find Lewinsky a job at the United Nations.

Yesterday, prosecutors also appeared to ratchet up the intensity of the grand jury proceedings. For the first time since the panel began hearing testimony involving the Lewinsky allegations three weeks ago, one of Starr's top deputies, Jackie Bennett, appeared in court. Bennett, known to be a highly aggressive prosecutor from his days in the Justice Department's public integrity section, took part in questioning at least one of the day's two witnesses.

whole new view among Christians and I say that Pope John 23 started that. When he insisted that we... And it's what you call ecumenism. That all Christians band together and be in communication with each other. Because we are serving and loving the same God. So that's what we're doing. So it never really bothered us. It didn't bother me.

Q: Can you tell us are there any other people in your parish that would be good for us to interview as part of this project?

A: Well I tell you, you could... Yes, it would be interesting. The woman that's been at my side for 30 years. Mrs. Martha Caburom, my doctor's wife. She's been here since '69, she's seen everything happen here in Hoboken. She's intelligent and she knows. That's one person. I think one of our trustees would be good - Ignatius Depalmer. He'd be very good to interview. That's two. And at least he knows... Another one that would be good would be Carol Wilson. She's the sister of Norma Wilson who was the councilman of the fifth ward about ten years ago.

Q: I believe that she has been interviewed.

A: Carol Wilson, yes.

Q: Now are you familiar with the group that was organized around the arson issue? The arsons in the early 70s. Was that called Por le Gente?

A: I'm not sure?

Q: Por le Gente!

A: OH that, that caused the riots. Oh yes, I do know about that. This was caused by, first of all the situation in Hoboken proper. There was no question but that the poor felt neglected by the powers that be. And from New York City came about 3 or 4 young people and they came to me ...

Q: In the early '70s?

A: In the 70s, came to me, early 70s, came to me and asked me if they could help me. They wanted to help me form youth and I wouldn't, I didn't accept them. They were the ones that came in who became the leaders behind the movement, excited some of the local young men and woman who in turn led the riots.

Q: And these people were?

A: They came from NYC.

Q: And they were Hispanic?

A: Yeah, they were Hispanic, definitely, yes.

sexual harassment case were not previously known.

Jordan was scheduled to appear before the grand jury today, but prosecutors abruptly canceled his appearance late yesterday. Jordan's attorney, William G. Hundley, said independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's office offered no explanation for the postponement and said only that it will be "a considerable period of time" before they reschedule. Hundley said prosecutors earlier canceled an interview with Jordan, again without explanation.

Meanwhile, at the courthouse yesterday, the grand jury heard testimony from Bruce Lindsey, one of President Clinton's closest advisers, who testified for more than 4 1/2 hours and will face further questioning today.

Lindsey, the deputy White House counsel, is a potentially central witness in Starr's probe of Clinton's alleged relationship with Lewinsky. In addition to being one of Clinton's most trusted aides, a status developed over a 30-year friendship, Lindsey is in a position to shed light on reports that Clinton may have had a sexual encounter nearly five years ago with another woman, Kathleen E. Willey, a White House volunteer at the time.

In their efforts to understand Jordan's role, Starr's staff has not yet spoken with him. But they have interviewed secretaries at his law firm and obtained records there to learn details of his discussions with Lewinsky.

Jordan inferred from Currie's call that she was seeking to help Lewinsky find a job at the behest of the president, according to the source familiar with the matter. Three days earlier, Clinton's lawyers had received a list of proposed witnesses -- that included Lewinsky's name -- from lawyers for Paula **Jones** who were seeking to interview women they suspected of having been sexually involved with or harassed by Clinton. Although Clinton's defense team knew Lewinsky had been included among the potential witnesses, there is no evidence that Jordan knew her testimony was being sought for the **Jones** case.

On Dec. 11, Jordan and Lewinsky had a meeting in his office, the source said. It was right around that day that Jordan placed a call to American Express, the first of three companies he would approach on Lewinsky's behalf.

In subsequent weeks, three more meetings ensued between Jordan and Lewinsky, the source said. On Dec. 19, the day Lewinsky received a

Q: And the Hispanics rioted here?

A: Yes, on First Street and Washington Street

Q: Because of the situation?

A: Because of the riots, yes.

Q: Because of the poor situation in the community?

A: Well they used it. It happened just after Labor Day. Labor Day was always the time of the great Italian celebration. You know with the band going through the streets and the bombs going off. And a.. It was just about that time that started. But see then what happened was...Louis Pascal was the mayor. And they took some of the ringleaders and they gave them jobs in the city. Very very wise. And then of course they began hiring more Hispanic fireman and policeman. See because there was a very brutal thought and concept in the early years in police work. The same thing was true in Jersey City, it was all over. Then a whole new concept of relationships with cultures developed. And the result was it was a much more amiable, a much more just appreciation of other talents of others.

Q: How long did... What year were the riots?

A: Had to be early '70s.

Q: And how long did it last?

A: Oh, just about...it didn't last very long at all. In fact we had a call into the Jersey City tactical police to take care of it on First Street. So I would say it was over in a week. Then we had meetings of all organizations with the city, with the mayor, with the police chief, ministers and priests. We all went out to our flocks and spoke about it. They took care of that part of the ringleaders, the city did, Louis Pascal did. That calmed it down and ultimately everything quieted down.

Q: And was much property destroyed?

A: Oh yes. They broke windows and set a couple of fires here in there.

Q: That must have been a difficult time?

A: Yes, in fact it was because you'd... One night I came home and I was asked to go to headquarters. And the policeman would ride shotgun in cars, with shotguns out the windows. And when you'd come down the street there'd be a policeman on the corner with a shotgun and riot gear. That only lasted for about 4-5 days.

Ideas for Action

A. Look at the pictures. ~~Cross out~~ what makes you tired.



B. Look at the pictures. Circle what helps you relax.



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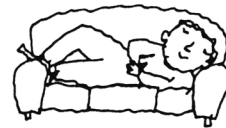
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fixing a car



taking a nap



cooking



listening to music



taking a shower



dancing



sewing



watching children



driving



shopping



watching TV

C. Write what helps you relax.

Q: Now was this after the city began to gentrify?

A: I would say it was before. See, in other words, the trouble came from outside. Because they came to me first and I didn't fall for it. And when I saw them I wanted to know more about them, who did the represent. They came from the Bronx.

Q: They wouldn't tell you?

A: No. But they're main point was to gain crowds. See and the day that the riots broke out, they were standing behind the kids and getting the kids to throw Molotov cocktails at the police.

TAPE 2, Side 1

Q:

A: Well, there were local people. One young man was called Louis Lopez. He was a young man and He had the qualities of leadership. People like that. Sometimes all it takes is just one person, a leader, to walk down the main street and he'll get 15 people to follow them.

Q: What happened to the people that did..., besides the ones that were hired by the city?

A: Well, it just quieted down. In other words, once... Don't forget now, the one thing we did have here at that time was, we priests and ministers we had a certain amount of control. If we got up in church and asked them or spoke to our parish, they didn't want trouble. The Hispanics are not troublemaking people. They are not by nature that type. That's the last thing they want. They think more in terms of people and persons rather than causing damage. But once injured or once provoked, they're just as dangerous as anybody else. But normally it's not their nature to be violent; it's not Hispanic nature.

Q: Do you feel that the church still has that kind of control? To be able to speak from the pulpits on Sundays in this town and get a message across.

A: Right now the church is struggling. The catholic church I would say our % at Sunday celebration is possibly between 30-35%, that's down about 30% and 40% in 30 years.

Q: 35% of capacity?

A: No, of the people. See a good percentage of Catholics do not attend Mass on Sunday. A high percentage.

Q: 35% of the catholic population, I see.

A: Exactly, do not attend Mass. So we don't have...also, the time has come in America, and I have to be very careful now because we're dealing with what we call a secular

he weighed whether to allow the satellite launch and ignore the pleas of prosecutors and the likely outrage from some in Congress." As it "all came to a head," senior WH staff members "were concluding that the president's broader strategy of engaging China should not be endangered by blocking the launch." From a 2/12 memo: "We believe that the advantages of this project outweigh this risk, and that we can effectively rebut the criticism of the waiver. The project is in the national interest because the development of China's civil communications infrastructure will promote access by Chinese citizens in remote areas to people and ideas in democratic societies. The project also will help maintain the competitiveness of U.S. satellite exporters in a most important satellite market." Clinton's "top advisers warned him in the memo that his approval might be seen as letting Loral's space subsidiary 'off the hook on criminal charges for its unauthorized assistance to China's ballistic missile program.' But they also said it would be unfair to 'penalize' Loral by denying them a license 'before they have even been charged with any crime.'" The documents were made available by the WH to the news media and to the House International Relations Cmte on 5/22. Cmte Chair **Benjamin Gilman** (R-NY) said 5/22 that the documents "raise some troubling questions that will have to be pursued," and that the cmte was awaiting further documents from the WH and other agencies. The DoJ "is also weighing whether to investigate the president's approval for Loral and if so, whether it should be done by its own campaign task force or by an" indep. counsel (Gerth and Broder, *New York Times*, 5/23).

The Politics Of It All

Time's Pooley writes, since Clinton's signing of the waiver was first reported two weeks ago -- "mixed in with the sensational but apparently tangential" **Johnny Chung** and **Liu Chao-ying** allegations -- "the embarrassment has mounted beyond anything Clinton could have imagined." A House GOP leader "confirmed to *Time* that" Speaker **Newt Gingrich** (GA) and Senate Maj. Leader **Trent Lott** (MS) have met with cmte chairs "to discuss ways to highlight Clinton's embarrassing China dealings in advance of" Clinton's visit to Beijing in 6/98. "The strategy appears to be working. Though the China connection may have nothing to do with Clinton's decision to grant the waiver, it is giving" GOPers "a kind of traction the **Lewinsky** scandal never did." Last week the WH "was alarmed to discover that" Clinton's ratings "in internal polls had 'fallen through the floor,' as a source put it" (6/1 issue).

Seek Shelter

National Journal's **Stuart Taylor**: "It's this administration's own Justice Department that has uncovered the damaging facts we're reading about. It's hard to attack your own Justice Department; it's easy to attack an independent counsel ("Big Show," MSNBC, 5/21).

Washington Post media critic **Howard Kurtz**: "The press has gone so wild over first Whitewater. And then campaign finance problems. And then **Monica Lewinsky**. And then **Paula Jones**. And so forth and so on. A lot of people are just desensitized. It's scandal, scandal, scandal. They're sick of Washington ... This is exactly the attitude that the White House spin team wants to encourage. ... Maybe we have overkilled some of these scandals so when a really important one comes along -- like these China questions, like **Johnny Chung**, like **Charlie Trie** -- people are kind of tuning out. It's just another show" ("Hardball," CNBC, 5/21).

Weapons Or Science?

Scripps Howard's Hoffman writes that China launches satellites "not for military purposes, but to make money." Intelligence experts say China's aerospace focus is for economic, not strategic military purposes, and should be viewed in that context. "Experts said ... it is unlikely that China might have learned much that would pose an imminent or even long-term major threat to US national security." Fed. of Amer. Scientist's dir. of space policy John Pike told a Senate cmte that China would have picked up info "of only marginal military benefit" after the explosion of a Loral rocket. "Other experts noted that China has had missiles that could reach the [US] since 1981, although their capability and arsenal is considered to be more than 20 years behind the U.S." (*Washington Times*, 5/26).

Some experts say that U.S. firms are "anxious to ensure their satellites are successfully launched," which can sometimes mean exchanging information on the design and operation of rockets. One US official: "The Chinese have gained not only a much greater reliability, but a much greater efficiency and accuracy, which is directly transferable to their intercontinental ballistic missiles." According to sources who have read parts of a classified Pentagon report on the

society. And they would say about the priest “well, that little old man over there, what does he know?” “what does the church know” “I’m not going to go to confession to a somebody who puts a gown on and sits there, who’s he?” The viewpoint towards religion today is not the same as it was. It doesn’t have the power that it once has. Even though we can speak truth, it takes awhile for us to... Now, on the day of the 11th of September, there you saw a difference. When I was down by the river “oh Father, come over here.” “Oh, Father come over here.” “Oh Father, do this” “Oh Father, do that.” Immediately God had a meaning. America isn’t that way anymore.

Q: Did your parish lose any members that day?

A: No, there was no member of this parish who was lost. There was a young I knew who lived on Park Avenue but not a member of the parish, I knew him personally, who was lost. Just one that I know. One girl I knew, because I knew her mother, was in the building but did get out. But no member of the parish was lost. See it’s a living example how few attend church. Of the numbers that they put in the paper as coming from Hoboken who were lost, you speak to your other parishes – 2 here, 2 there, 1 ... they’re not churchgoers... in general.

Q: Is that happening in the other churches here as well?

A: Yes, I think so. See we’re all struggling. I told you, that’s why I’m studying so much. We’re struggling. We’re struggling for truth and for them, we’re struggling for people. But I do know that we will win, truth will always win out over error, love will always conquer evil and hatred. Oh, It will!

Q: Well, I really appreciate this time you’ve given me. And I’d be happy to...