

Inside the maze of SIDC tunnels

Homeless reports unfounded

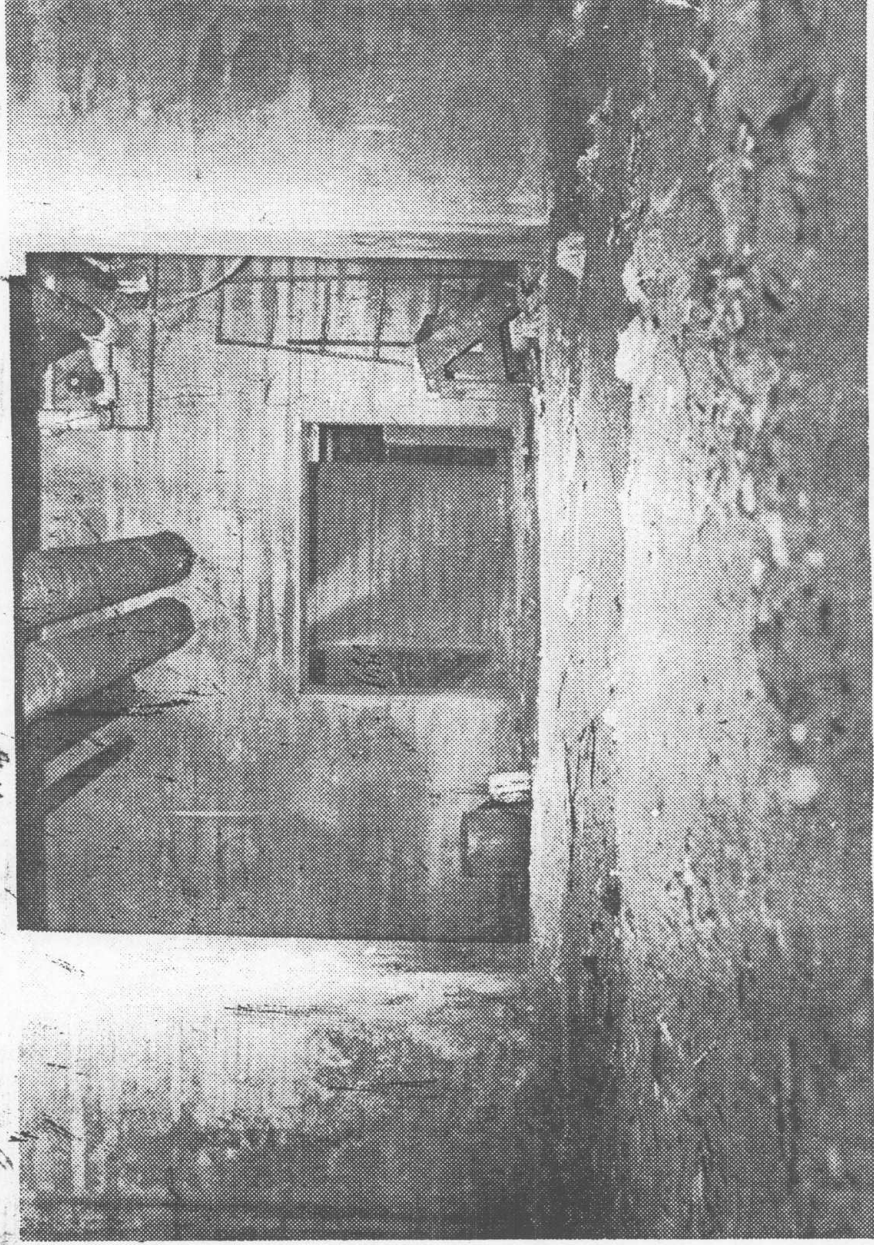
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Scouring the Staten Island Developmental Center grounds hasn't led investigators to Jennifer Schweiger, but the search has spurred rumors that a group of homeless occupy the center's abandoned buildings and tunnels.

The official word, as well as that from SIDC workers and a homeless man who lived for the past few months in an old building there, is that three homeless people, at most, have stayed on the grounds in recent years.

But the cavernous buildings and subterranean passageways — especially the steam tunnels in the winter — would be a haven for street people in need of shelter, and a few observers still contend

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The entrance to the underground steam tunnel maze at the Staten Island Developmental Center.