



Hoboken artist Roy Kinzer gazes at a self-portrait on display at the offices of the Hoboken Cultural Council.

Hoboken artists well-suited to cultural festival

Kathleen Caputo and Roy Kinzer are visual arts coordinators for Hoboken Celebration '82, an upcoming three-month festival of historical, cultural and artistic events to be held all over the riverfront city.

Their job is to contact visual artists throughout Hoboken about participating in the Celebration, which is scheduled to begin on April 3.

But what makes them particularly suited to their task is that both are themselves Hoboken artists.

Ms. Caputo, 24, has been painting and designing since she did window designs for a store at the age of 14.

Kinzer, 25, began painting at the age of nine, and has since seen his work exhibited at galleries in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and New Haven, Conn.

Both artists are very enthusiastic about Hoboken Celebration '82, which is being organized by the recently-formed Hoboken Cultural Council.

"The experience of being involved with something as large as this has been extraordinary," said Ms. Caputo. "I've learned a lot and met many artists. Being an artist myself makes a difference because I'm sensitive to their needs."

"This has been a phenomenal

opportunity," adds Kinzer. "Planning the Celebration has been like doing a massive piece of art."

Kinzer is well acquainted with "massive" works of art, since many of his paintings are done on very large canvases.

"I used to work with small canvases, but they just got bigger and bigger," he explained. "I find I feel more comfortable with a large work."

Kinzer has studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, where he met Ms. Caputo, who was also a student there. Although he is still quite young, he has already sold many paintings.

"It is very satisfying to me when someone buys one of my paintings," he observed. "To me, a painting is only complete when it is viewed."

Ms. Caputo has studied at the Academy of Fine Arts, the California College of Arts and Crafts, and Manhattan's School of Visual Arts. Her work has been exhibited in all three schools.

Although she hopes to display more of her work in the future, Ms. Caputo says that her main goal is just to continue to paint.

"I'm involved in art because it is so individual, it gives you an opportunity to express yourself as nothing else can," she explains. "The more I paint, the more I learn about myself."

Peep shows, massage parlors not welcome

By John Watson

Hoboken City Council President Walter Cramer has directed a committee of council members to prepare proposals for an ordinance to prevent the opening of massage parlors and pornography shops in the city.

Cramer said during last night's council meeting there was no current problem with pornography or sex shops in the city but the moves would be taken to prevent them.

The recent movie "Tattoo," filmed in Hoboken, gave the impression that the city had a sex strip similar to Manhattan's West 42nd Street. Cramer said the committee would coordinate

fact-finding sessions and public hearings to determine if such an ordinance was necessary and how it should be written.

The City Council has introduced an ordinance that would allow the city health official to make emergency heating oil purchases for tenants left heatless by delinquent landlords.

As proposed at last night's council meeting, the city would be reimbursed for the fuel oil purchase by collecting rents directly from the tenants or by placing a tax lien against the property involved.

Health officer Patricia Mitten told the council there were 25 cases this winter when the ordinance

could have helped freezing tenants. Of these, two were particularly troublesome.

Councilman Robert Ranieri said the number of tenants who lost heat was so few as to constitute a "minor problem." He said he did not want to have the city collecting rents and become a "quasi-landlord." "The potential of the remedy is much heavier than the problem," he added.

Council President Cramer voiced concern that the city would have to make the initial payments for the oil until it was able to recoup the money from the landlord.

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Hoboken will distribute 3,000 cartons of cheese

The Hoboken Welfare Department will distribute about 3,000 five-pound cartons of government surplus cheese next Thursday, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at three sites.

According to Welfare Director Robert Drasheff, the cheese will be distributed uptown at the Hoboken YMCA, at 1301

Washington St.; midtown at the Kealey School yard at 501 Adams St., and downtown at the Projects' Community Room alongside the Housing Authority ballfield, at 400 Harrison St.

Drasheff said that the cheese will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to qualify, persons must present a welfare identification, dis-

ability or Medicaid card. Seniors wishing to qualify must prove that they are receiving Social Security, but no pensions.

The cheese was supplied to the Hoboken Welfare Department by the Hudson County Chapter of the Red Cross, which received 13,000 blocks of surplus cheese from the federal govern-

Hoboken, state out as defendants in fire

Hoboken and the state are immune from civil suit involving 18 deaths in 1979 tenement fire, Superior Court Judge Thomas S. O'Brien has ruled.

Both the city and state were also removed by O'Brien as defendants in actions stemming from two injuries in the blaze at

131 Clinton St., Hoboken. Hudson County was removed as a defendant last year. Only the landlord remains a defendant.

The plaintiffs had claimed there were serious violations the city should have corrected immediately on its own when it inspected the tenement on behalf of the state. The city claimed it did

not find conditions warranting immediate action.

Carl Schaefer, representing Hoboken, expressed the city's satisfaction over O'Brien's decision. The court noted that subjecting the city to suit in this case would not encourage it to conduct inspections.

School Board to discuss budget

The Hoboken Board of Education will hold a special public meeting tonight to discuss the proposed 1982-83 school budget.

The board is required to allow the public to review the planned budget before submitting it to Hudson County Superintendent of Schools Louis Accella for

approval. The preliminary budget announced by the board last month was for \$21.9 million for 1982-83, with \$5.6 million to be raised by local taxation.

The budget is scheduled to be presented to the Board of School Estimate for final approval on March 18.

Says Hoboken needs a center

Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina says that the city needs a recreation center for teenagers.

"This is the only city in the county without a recreation center," said Farina, who is also recreation director for the city. "The Recreation Commission is going to do a study on available space throughout the city to see what can be done."

Farina said that the city currently runs an after-school recreation program for teenagers on Wednesdays at the Rue School on Garden Street, which has been closed for three years.

However, the program will soon have to leave the Rue School

when renovation work begins on the school.

"We're going to contact the board of education to find out what the gym schedules are in the schools, to see if we can use their facilities," said Farina. "But eventually we're going to need a fulltime recreation center."

Maurice Fitzgibbons of the recreation commission said that the commission has funds available to expand its teen recreation program, but it doesn't have the space to run the programs.

"We could certainly provide a lot more activities if we just had the facilities," he said.

Hoboken seen nearing a smoke detector law

Superior Court Judge Thomas O'Brien's ruling that Hoboken is not legally liable for damages suffered in a tenement fire three years ago may clear the way for the city to pass a long-awaited municipal smoke detector law.

O'Brien ruled that Hoboken is not liable for damages that resulted from a Jan. 20, 1979, fire at 131 Clinton St. in which 21 persons were killed and others injured and left homeless.

Families of the fire victims had sued Hoboken and the state of New Jersey, claiming that there were as many as 190 "life-threatening" violations in the building that the city should have corrected when it inspected the tenement on behalf of the state.

The pending legal action had prevented Hoboken from passing a municipal smoke detector ordinance, because city attorneys were unsure about whether the

city could be held liable for damages if smoke detectors weren't installed due to faulty inspections.

But now, O'Brien's decision in favor of Hoboken and the state clears the way for the city to pass a local smoke detector ordinance, provided the decision is not appealed within 45 days.

"I think it was a very fair and just decision," said Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto. "It recognizes that the city can't be held responsible for everything having to do with housing. Now we have to wait until the 45-day appeal time, has lagged before

making another move."

Councilman Robert Ranieri, who had introduced a local smoke detector ordinance last November, only to see the law voted down after the city's legal department advised against it, said that he would re-introduce the ordinance as soon as possible.

In the wake of about 15 fire-related deaths in recent months, Hoboken citizens' groups have demanded a local smoke detector ordinance, which would strengthen the state law requiring smoke detectors in multiple dwelling units with three families or more.

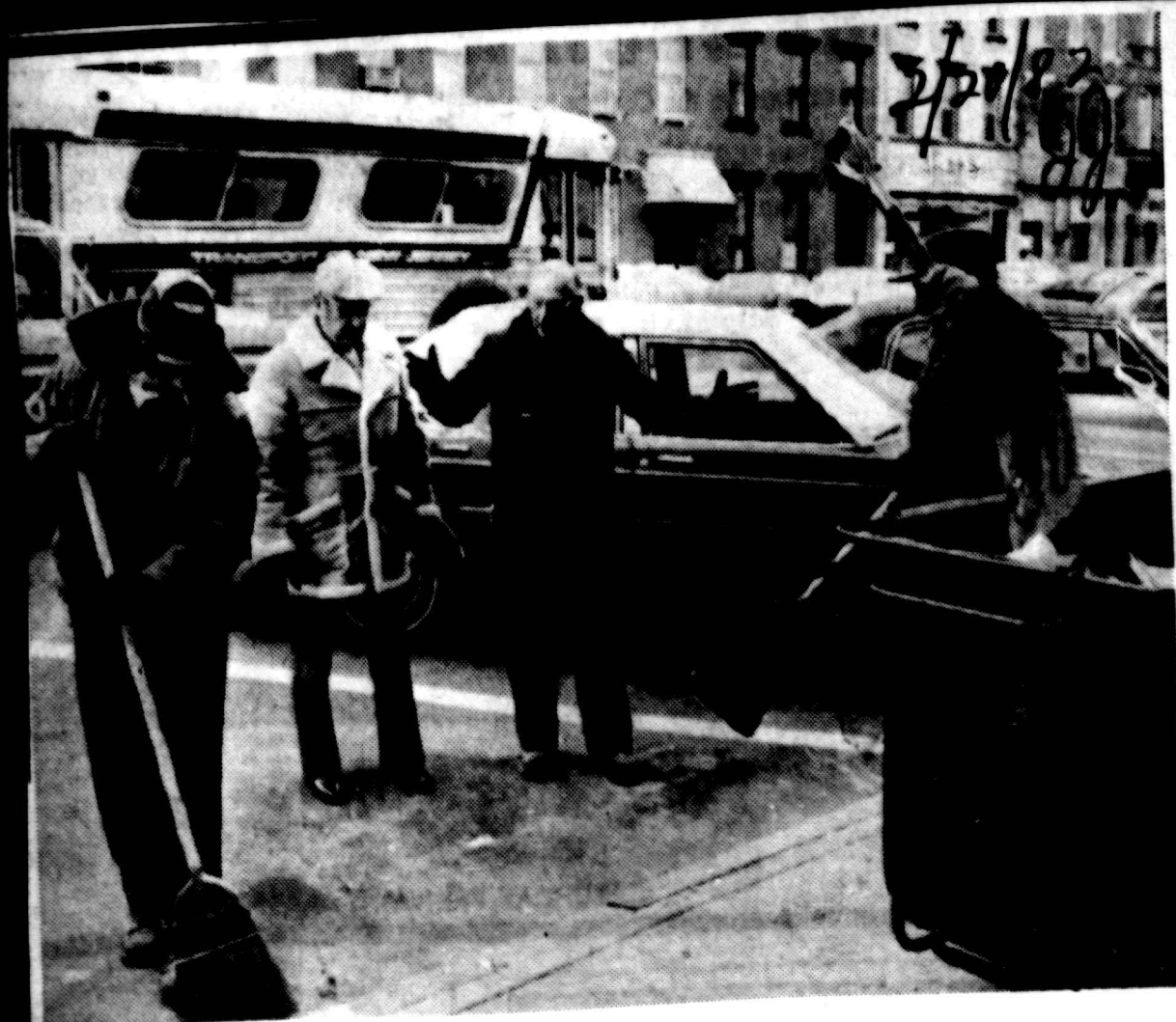
Added clout

The Hoboken City Council is considering an ordinance that would ban massage parlors and pornography shops from the city. Council President Walter Cramer appointed a committee to draft such an ordinance.

Mayor Steve Cappelletto, indicating the problem is well under control, sees no need for such an ordinance, vowing: "If anybody tries to open a sex shop here, they will have to deal with me directly as Joe Citizen."

The mayor's anti-pornography zeal is commendable, but his clout in preventing the incursion of smut parlors would be increased by the consideration and passage of the proposed ordinance.

To leave the matter in the hands of the mayor as a matter of personal opposition is to encourage less-thoughtful personal opposition. Give such opposition the strength of statute and the opposition will have more meaning and effectiveness.



Hoboken workers sweep Washington Street as part of the "Operation Clean Sweep" cleanup campaign. From left they are Romano Jagomo, Public Works Director William Van Wie, John Hutchens and Steve Scerbo.

Urge public cooperate in clean sweep

Public Works Director William Van Wie says that Hoboken needs more cooperation from the public if "Operation Clean Sweep" is to succeed.

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"We're cleaning the streets up, but people are throwing garbage out as soon as we finish cleaning," he said. "We need the cooperation of the public to keep the streets clean, and to move their cars when the sweeper comes down."

Van Wie said that city sweepers would go down Harrison, Jackson, and Monroe streets on Monday. He warned that cars illegally parked in that area will be ticketed.

"Operation Clean Sweep" is a campaign by the Public Works Department to clean every street in Hoboken.

Keep it clean

Hoboken has begun a clean-streets campaign that could be an example to other municipalities and a challenge to its own citizens.

Under "Operation Clean Sweep," 14 city workers, three garbage compactors and a water truck are engaged in a week-long effort to clean up all the sidewalks and gutters in Hoboken.

"The city doesn't normally clean the sidewalks, but we're making an intensive effort to clean the city up," explains Public Works Director William Van Wie.

Hobokenites are asked to cooperate by moving their cars when the sweeper comes down the street and to maintain the cleanliness by not dumping garbage on streets and sidewalks.

Van Wie rightly observes that the results should make residents proud. It should. And that pride should make everyone pitch in to make the effort work and keep it working.

Warns of garbage put near hydrants

Hoboken Fire Chief James Houn is asking city residents not to place garbage or discarded furnishings near fire hydrants, because it interferes with firefighting.

The chief said that many Hoboken residents leave litter or discarded pieces of furniture alongside fire hydrants, making it difficult for firemen to do their job.

In a related development, Public Works Director William Van Wie has issued warnings to 20 homeowners and store owners

in Hoboken who haven't properly cleaned the sidewalks in front of their property.

"We're giving these people a warning, but if the property isn't cleaned up soon, they will be issued summonses," said Van Wie.

Van Wie sent out the warnings as part of "Operation Clean Sweep," a campaign to clean Hoboken's streets.

City workers have collected about 100 bags of garbage during the first three days of the cleanup campaign, which is scheduled to run until the end of this week.

Hoboken may start city garbage pickup

Hoboken may soon begin collecting its own garbage, even though the city has employed outside firms for waste collection for decades.

City Councilman Robert Ranieri's committee on solid-waste disposal has recommended that the city abandon a longtime practice of using private contractors for garbage collection, and instead assign municipal workers to the task.

"We have concluded that it would be much cheaper for the city to collect its own garbage," said Ranieri. "It has become too expensive to employ a private contractor for that purpose."

Ranieri claims that municipal garbage collection will be the "financial savior" for the economically struggling city, which he says faces layoffs and

cutbacks in services in the coming months because of increasing costs.

"This measure may allow us to balance the budget without laying people off," he said.

The city council has twice tabled a resolution on awarding a three-year, \$4 million garbage contract to the La Fera Contracting Co., which has collected the city's garbage for more than 20 years.

Ranieri said that action on the proposed contract would be postponed for at least two more weeks, while Business Administrator Edwin Chius reviews his committee's recommendations.

Chius, who had recommended that the council award the garbage contract to La Fera, said that municipal garbage

collection would bring many "pitfalls."

"I have no strong objections to municipal garbage collection, provided they could make it work," he said. "I'd just like to point out the pitfalls involved. I don't think the city council has taken things like overtime payments and sick leave into consideration."

According to Chius, the council committee claims that municipal garbage collection would cost the city about \$500,000 per year, as opposed to the \$1.3 million a year quoted by La Fera.

"I don't think it can be done that cheaply," he said. "But if they can make it work, fine."

City officials said that Hoboken has been using private firms for garbage collection at least since the early 1900s.

Tony Mike remembers busy waterfront

During the 1930s, '40s, '50s and parts of the '60s, Hoboken's waterfront was one of the busiest on the eastern coast, and one man who remembers it well is Anthony DiVincenzo of Hoboken.

DiVincenzo, known by many as Tony Mike, is the man responsible for the film "On the Waterfront," which starred Marlon Brando and many others who went of to fame after the 1953 movie blockbuster.

It was the era that signalled a change in the way longshoremen were hired, the advent of a Waterfront Commission, containerization and guaranteed annual incomes.

"Forget about the shipping industry coming back to Hoboken," said the gruff Tony Mike. "Mayor Cappiello is right in trying to get the piers converted to housing, commercial or recreational use. The piers are old and obsolete."

Asked what caused the shipping industry to look elsewhere, the 70-year-old Tony Mike responded:

"Piracy," he said. "Piracy played a big part in it. The robbery caused the insurance rates to skyrocket. Industry started looking elsewhere. It also started looking into containerization. Put the merchandise in one

big container so that nobody could steal the contents."

Tony Mike spent 35 years on the waterfront. He remembers his era, longshoremen earned \$18 a week. Today, a worker gets \$11 an hour and guaranteed annual salary based on his or her hourly wage, he notes.

"River Street is nothing but high rise, parking lots and empty lots," he said. "Years ago, the hustle and bustle of people, trucks and cars along River Street was the symbol of Hoboken. There was a tavern on every block — sometimes more than one on each block. With the purchase of a glass of beer you got a hot meal. Forget about that today."

For those who are not familiar with the movie "On the Waterfront," Brando played the life of Tony Mike. The film dealt with unionism, the way longshoremen got hired and who did what to whom.

Today, Tony Mike is a supervisor of parks for the city. He is responsible for the cleanup and repairs of property and equipment.



Anthony 'Tony Mike' DiVincenzo of Hoboken sits alone and recalls the hustle and bustle of the once busy waterfront. The blanket of snow in last month's storm accents the disuse that has befallen the facilities.

Object sighted Hoboken's UFO

By CHUCK SUTTON
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—It was a close encounter of the first kind as Hoboken police investigated an Unidentified Flying Object early yesterday morning.

A spokesman for the National Reporting Center for UFOs in Washington, D.C., said such sightings are common and this one probably was the planet Venus.

According to police reports, Joe Pistell of 720 Hudson St. called police before dawn to report the sighting.

Patrolmen Salvatore DeMeo and Edward Cummings responded at 5:45 a.m. See UFO, Page 9

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a.m. Their report read, "Upon our arrival we observed a large, bright, stationary, yet flickering light positioned above and in between the World Trade Center and the Empire State building."

The report also said New York City police received similar calls.

When day broke, the object disappeared.

Dolores Taliento, a secretary to the Federal Aviation Administration coordinator in Newark, said the control tower had received one call, which she referred to the National Reporting Center, a private agency that investigates UFOs.

Robert Gribble, director of the National Reporting Center said that although this particular sighting was not reported, there have been numerous reports of UFOs in that part of the sky.

"It's the planet Venus moving slowly to the west," he said. "It is so large and bright at that time of the morning that it seems close to the surface of the earth."

It is not the first time the Hoboken police have made such sightings. Several policemen recalled at least two other major sightings, in 1962 and 1977. At one time the Air Force had a UFO investigation program called Project Blue Book, but it was phased out in 1969.

Hoboken may yet be Hollywood of the East

Nobody's calling it Hollywood East — yet.

But Hoboken is scheduled to get a movie and film studio, with construction starting later this year.

Fred Bado, director of the Hoboken Community Development Agency, said Hoboken Stages will spend \$8 million to convert part of the historic Hoboken rail terminal into a modern studio operation.

Hoboken Stages would not make its own films there but would rent it out for use by movie companies and for television, including cable television, productions, Bado said.

The financing for the project is coming through the State Economic Development Authority and from a federal

Urban Development Action Grant, in addition to private investment.

"It will improve that area," Bado said of the project.

Hoboken officials hope the spinoff from the project will augment the attractiveness of the area on the southern part of the city's Hudson River waterfront that has already benefitted from restoration work on the terminal building.

"There's a great deal of interest," Bado said, "in commercial development on the waterfront."

One test of that interest will be what happens to the River Street urban renewal tract near the terminal for which the city was preparing to seek proposals early in the year.

Cappiello is enthusiastic

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello sees nothing but progress for the Mile Square City in 1982 with the development of the idle waterfront for housing, commercial and recreational use.

Some of his other major projects will include an attempt to generate jobs, induce private developers to build homes in the westerly section of the city, attract businesses, and upgrade all the public schools.

Uppermost on his mind is to try and do all that without raising local taxes. Cappiello is faced with an increase in the 1982 municipal budget and he has indicated that he would not think twice of laying off city workers and cutting salaries in order to meet the city's financial capabilities.

"The Congress has passed legislation that gives Hoboken the opportunity to take over the Piers A, B and C, which the Port Authority has operated over the years," said Cappiello.

"I intend to sit down with the Port Authority to see what we can do to get developers interested in building housing, commercial and recreation facilities on the waterfront."



Steve Cappiello
Progress planner

"Those piers are idle now. We'd like to turn that around and make something happen there that would bring revenue into the city and yet help people with much needed housing and recreational facilities."

Cappiello, who has been the

city's chief executive for nine years, and who has been a public servant for 35 years, pointed out that the development of the waterfront will not be accomplished without input from the public.

The interest to entice new industry, and the development of homes on the westerly section are being coordinated between the mayor's office and the city's Department of Community Development Agency.

Cappiello said the CDA has programs available that offer planning, financial aid, and tax incentives.

The rehabilitation of all public schools is being handled by the board of education with the cooperation of the mayor and city council.

The board is attempting to raise \$9 million through bonding to provide the funds for the rehabilitation of schools. The council must approve the financial package.

"On the whole, there will be a lot of things happening in Hoboken in 1982," said Cappiello. "I feel that what we have planned will be progressive and positive for the people of this city."

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Service to honor four chaplains

By Thomas Rojas

On the night of Feb. 3, 1943, during the height of World War II, the U.S.S. Dorchester was torpedoed by a German submarine as it carried American troops headed for Europe.

As the converted civilian ship sank into the ocean, soldiers and sailors scurried for the limited number of life jackets available. Four chaplains — one Catholic, two Protestant, and one Jewish — helped the men locate the precious jackets.

When all of the life jackets were gone, one of the four chaplains offered his own jacket to a soldier. Without hesitation, the other chaplains removed their jackets and gave them to the men.

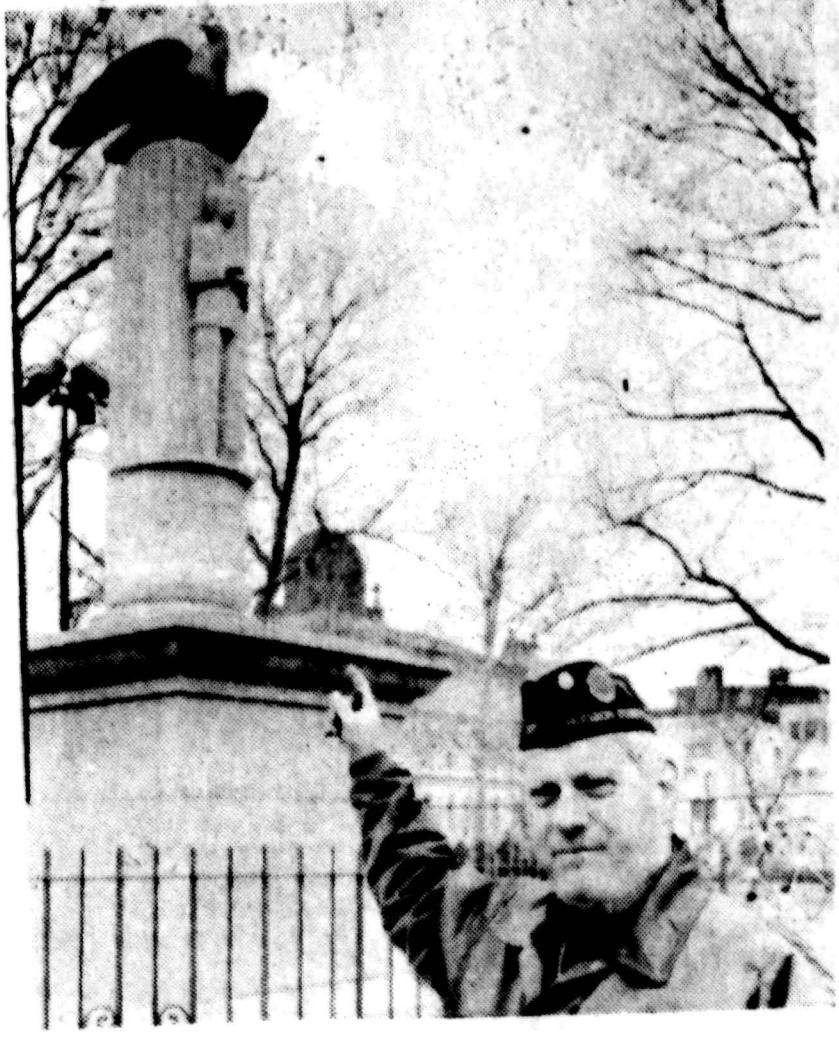
Survivors reported that the last glimpse they had of the four heroes showed them with their arms linked, and their heads bowed in prayer.

Today, a statue in honor of the four chaplains — the Rev. George Fox, a Methodist minister; the Rev. John Washington, a Roman Catholic priest; the Rev. Clark Polling, a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church; and Alexander Goode, a rabbi — stands in Hoboken's Church Square Park.

On Saturday, at 10:30 a.m., the Hoboken Joint Memorial Committee will hold its annual Four Chaplains Service at the park — located at Fourth and Garden streets — to commemorate the deaths of four men who gave their lives so that others could live.

Four local clergymen — representing the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths — will participate in the ceremony. Speakers will include Mayor Steve Cappiello and World War II veteran John McAlevy.

"We never knew where the



Andrew Geerloff, president of the Hoboken Joint Memorial Committee, points to statue in Church Square Park honoring four chaplains who sacrificed their lives during World War II.

four chaplains came from," said William Van Wie, the city's public works director and a World War II veteran. "All we know is that these were four brave men who gave their lives for others."

Perhaps Andrew Geerloff,

president of the Hoboken Joint Memorial Committee, best expressed the way veterans feel about the four heroic clergymen: "Somewhere it is written, 'Greater love has no man than to give up his life for his brother.'"

Elysian Tavern opens its door to Hoboken artists

The historic Elysian Tavern, located at 10th and Washington Street in Hoboken will host a show of four Hoboken artists this Saturday and Sunday from noon until 8 p.m. on both days.

The artists displaying their works are long time Hoboken residents.

D. Francis Mazzeo, an energetic senior citizen of the arts, will display examples of his painting and sculpture. Mazzeo was born in France in 1904. He studied at a variety of institutions including the Art Students League and Cooper Union. He has had numerous exhibitions and is well known for his paintings of Hoboken landmarks.

George Zedrich, an abstractionist who studies at the Workshop School of Art in New York City, will display a number of his unusual and striking paintings.

Zedrich, who is quite versatile, created an exhibit for the Sun Printing Co. on the history of typography

which was exhibited at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Leo Genese and Leo Genese III will exhibit a variety of color photographs featuring flowers, wildlife, and landscapes, ranging from the Grand Teton Mountains of Wyoming to the beaches of Hawaii. A father and son team who do freelance photography, the Geneses have a strong interest in the beauty of nature.

The Elysian Tavern, itself a work of art, was built in 1890. With its unusual roococe plaster ceiling, stained glass windows, and colorful history, said to have at one time been a speakeasy, it will provide an interesting setting for the show. The tavern is owned by Jim Quinn, Hudson County Clerk, and a close associate of the late Mayor John J. Grogan. Quinn has long been a supporter of local talent and welcomes the opportunity to have local residents display their artistic wonders.

Repairs being made, tenants pay rent

Tenants of a city-managed Hoboken building that had been without water for about three weeks because of frozen pipes have apparently abandoned plans to stage a rent strike until repairs have been completed.

"We haven't received any more complaints from the tenants and the rents have been paid," said Bernard Scrivani, director of the city's Department of Revenue and Finance, which has managed the building at 401 Monroe St. ever since its owners abandoned it last July.

Tenants at the four-story building were without water or working toilets for a three-week period last month after water lines froze and exploded when temperatures dipped to around five degrees.

The tenants had threatened to withhold rent for the three-week period, and to stage a rent strike until repair work on the building was completed.

But Scrivani reports that repair work on the building has progressed in the past few weeks

since temperatures began to climb. "The pipes thawed out and water has been restored to the entire building," he said. "Also, we

installed new toilets. Everything seems to be working fine because the rents have been paid."

Tenants at the building could not be reached for comment.



Lining up for cheese

Hoboken residents register for free government surplus cheese being given out yesterday by the Hoboken Welfare Department in a housing project community room at 489 Harrison Ave. Similar scenes were enacted in communities throughout Hudson County. (Story on Page 2).

Hoboken 'Year of Challenge'

The chairwoman of the Hoboken Environment Committee sees 1982 as "The Year of Challenge" in the development of housing, waterfront and economic development.

Helen Manogue, chairwoman, who also heads the Hoboken Historic District Commission, says she sees a need for all community factions to pull together to determine what goals should be pursued and achieved by 1990.

The commission, she says, is directing its attention toward the problems of the poor, senior citizens, low and moderate income housing and economic development of the waterfront by the private sector.

The group recently held a public meeting on those goals and will make an attempt at bringing them to fruition, she says.

"Hoboken is in a new era brought on by massive outside forces such as Reaganomics as well as by its own fantastic and praiseworthy efforts at revitalization," Mrs. Manogue said.

"Rather than dividing ourselves and crumbling under the weight of differences of opinion," she continued, "1982 offers the unique opportunity to work together to continue to produce a community that is a composite of all of our hopes and dreams."

"It is greatly to be hoped that 1982, the year of challenge, may end by becoming the year of unification, for with unity of purpose the challenge before us can and will be met."

She said she sees the development of the abandoned waterfront as a major step toward the economic revitalization of Hoboken.

In Hoboken 85 years, he has seen it all

By Peter LaVilla

James Lanzetti has lived in Hoboken for 85 years and he has seen and lived through the ups and downs of the city.

He also has seen the change in the ethnic makeup, which he calls a "healthy situation."

When the 87-year-old Lanzetti moved here with his adopted parents, the general makeup of the city consisted of Germans, Italians and Yugoslavians, he relates.

Today, the city's ethnic flavor has embraced Hispanics, Indians, Oriental, Pakistanians, to name a few.

"Years ago, when I was a kid growing up in Hoboken, all the men worked as longshoremen and the woman stayed home and raised a family and kept house," he recalled.

"Today, there aren't that many job opportunities. There is no work on the waterfront, and a lot of women have taken on jobs to help out and make ends meet," he added.

He also reached back into the past to recall that jobs abounded and Hoboken industry used to provide many jobs for out-of-towners.

The foreign-born Lanzetti worked for 40 years for the city's Law Department as an Italian/English interpreter. He also served as clerk of war claims for the former Rep. Edward Hart of Jersey City.

Currently, he volunteers his time to the city's Revenue and Finance Department just to keep busy.

"What really surprises



James Lanzetti of Hoboken and his wife Mary review some snapshots of Hoboken which span several decades.

me is the high rate of crime, not only in Hoboken, but throughout the country," he said. "Years ago, we used to sleep with our doors open and our windows up and unlocked. Today, people have several locks on their doors and windows and all kinds of burglar alarms."

The Hoboken man remembers Frank Sinatra, a Hoboken-native, when he was growing up and began his singing career. Lanzetti recalls helping the Sinatra family prepare their income tax forms.

Arson pattern seen in Hoboken

By James Kopchans

A Hoboken tenants group has charged that a "strong correlation" exists between recent suspicious fires and increased interest in condominium and cooperative apartment conversions in the city.

A study by the group also reportedly showed that the same developers and realtors are continually cropping up as being involved in the ownership and management of fire-ravaged buildings.

As a result, the group decided last night to consider steps to warn tenants of buildings that are either owned or managed by these people and corporations

and apprising them of their findings.

The study was presented at a meeting last night in Hoboken. According to Ronald Hine, who chaired the committee, a pattern had emerged that suggests that the fires may have been set in order to vacate the apartments faster than regulations would allow.

Hine pointed out that neither the study nor anyone in the group was claiming that the fires were set by building owners. The purpose of the study, he said, was to find some pattern, some determination toward a reason for all the fires.

The committee that prepared the report worked for over three

months studying major fires that had occurred in the city over the past four years, Hine said.

In eight recent multiple-alarm fires, Hine said a pattern had emerged.

In seven of the buildings, condominium or cooperative apartment conversion plans were submitted within a short period of time after the fire had forced tenants out of the building.

It was in studying these particular fires that the names of owners and developers kept "popping up," according to Hine. However, he added that the persons were also involved in property ownership and management throughout the city and may have only coincidentally

come up because of their frequent dealings with property.

These patterns suggested a "strong correlation that may lead to the conclusion" that the buildings may have been set on fire to force the tenants to vacate the apartments.

After discussion on the report, the group members agreed to consider ways on alerting tenants in buildings owned or managed by them of the study's findings.

The members also agreed to seek legal advice on what judicial steps would be taken to place a stay on conversions in the city until further investigation into the arson problem.

Group links fires to condo moves

By ROY KAHN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—There is a high correlation between major multiple-alarm fires and the conversion of buildings to condominiums, according to a tenants' group looking into arson in the city.

At a meeting of the tenants' group Por La Gente last night, arson research coordinator Ron Hine said that three months of combing city fire files and land sale records showed that, in at least some cases, conversions followed close on the heels of arson fires.

He cited eight examples, seven of which he said were "clear-cut" illustrations of the correlation, but was quick to point out that he did not know who set the fires and was not "pointing the finger at anyone."

"We are just trying to show there is a distinct pattern...and to show that what happened in these buildings could not have happened by chance," Hine said.

According to Hine, the properties included:

- 208 Third St., where a fire in April 1980 forced tenants out. When they returned the next day the building had been padlocked. That building is now being advertised in the New York Times as condominium housing.

- American Hotel, 78 River St., where a fire vacated the building 6½ weeks after a sales contract was signed. The contract stipulated that the building slated for a Feb. 1 closing, was to be vacant upon closing.

- 1200 Washington St., where 11 people were killed when an arson fire gutted the building on Oct. 24. Five weeks after the fire, it was sold and renovation plans could include condominiums or apartments.

- 624 Park Ave., which was hit by three fires between November 1978 and June 16, 1981, when tenants were finally forced out. It was sold this month, and according to Hine "the word on the street is it is going condo."

- 711 Willow Ave., where there have been three suspicious fires since 1978, none of which was serious enough to force evacuation of the building. Recently, however, the owner has notified the tenants he is planning a condominium conversion.

- 108-110 14th St., where 15 days after the bank foreclosed on the building, it was gutted by fire. It has since been sold and is scheduled to be converted into condominiums.

Hine cited one other building in Jersey City and another in Hoboken, but there is no evidence that the Hoboken building is going to be converted.

The eight cases he supplied represented only about 10 percent of the major fires in the city over the past four years. Hine admitted during a question period following his presentation.

About 20 people showed up for the presentation, and in the discussion following it, the audience, comprised mostly of tenants, discussed ways of dealing with the problem, including notifying and organizing tenants in buildings that might be prone to arson fires.

There was concern that the information might cause more panic than good, but the consensus was it was better to be informed.

There was also discussion about seeking legal or legislative remedies to make it more difficult for unscrupulous landlords to collect insurance after vacating their buildings through arson.



Diane D'Agostino, center, accepts trophy as Miss Teenage Hoboken of 1982 from Angelo Valente, president of the Young Peoples Action Organization. With the winner is, left, runner up Vivian Turk.

Hoboken selects Miss Teenager

The new Miss Teenage Hoboken is Diane D'Agostino, 16, a junior at Hoboken High School.

Ms. D'Agostino was crowned at the fourth annual Miss Teenage Hoboken pageant at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Angelo Valente, president of the Young Peoples Action Organization, which sponsored the event, said that Ms.

D'Agostino is one of the top twirlers in the state, and is also a member of her school's track team.

There were a total of nine contestants in the pageant, which drew more than 500 Hoboken residents.

The new Miss Teenage Hoboken will participate in parades and civic events during the next year.

Official has gloomy Hoboken forecast

By Thomas Rojas 3/1/82

A high-level Hoboken official says that local taxpayers may see the tax rate jump as much as \$25 when the city draws up its 1982 municipal budget.

The source, who asked not to be identified, also predicted that in the coming months many city employees will be laid off, there will be no raises for workers still on the city payroll, and services will be cut back significantly.

The official's gloomy economic forecast echoed the words of other Hoboken officials who warn that the city will be hard-pressed to avoid a financial crisis.

Hoboken's economic woes stem primarily from the prospect that the city will have to make up a loss of about \$4.4 million should the Bethlehem Steel Corp. succeed in its attempts to lower its property assessment by that amount.

To add fuel to the fire, the city is currently negotiating 198 contracts with three municipal unions — the Policemen's Benevolent Association, the Firefighters Association and the Municipal Employees Association, which are believed to be asking for substantial cost-of-living raises.

But sources say that the city is prepared to go to binding arbitration with the three unions, gambling that the state arbitrator will rule in the city's favor.

Hoboken's municipal budget in 1981 was \$19.4 million. Taxes rose some \$26 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, to \$138 per \$1,000.

Hoboken's 1982 municipal budget is scheduled to be introduced to the city council on March 17. State law requires that the budget be discussed at a public hearing and passed by the city council no later than 28 days after its introduction.

Three generations' baking makes Le Jardin a success

At Le Jardin, a French-style cafe at 343 Garden St. in Hoboken, baking is a family affair.

Three generations — Fanny Luongo, her daughter Marie Totaro, and Marie's daughters Rosemarie and Francine — bake the cakes, puddings and pastries that have made Le Jardin's a favorite spot for anyone with a sweet tooth.

But what makes the recently-opened cafe so unusual is that all of the food is prepared fresh every day right on the premises. "We don't bring anything in from outside," says Marie. "We make everything fresh, using all-natural ingredients like homemade thick cream."

Although Marie opened Le Jardin last July, she insists that she still doesn't feel like a businesswoman.

"I don't feel like an owner. I feel like a hostess," she says. "All my customers are like family to me. It's like they're visiting my home. If I don't know them when they come into the place, I know them by the time they leave."

Although Marie is best known in Hoboken for her rich, creamy cheesecake, she and her family also prepare apple crumb cake, chocolate mousse, ice cream puffs, baklava, even old-fashioned egg cream.

"I love to cook," she says. "Everything I bake is like one of my children."

Marie has been baking since she was 9 years old. Later, while she worked as a secretary in her father's firm, she often baked for charitable functions at St. Ann's Church. Her success at St. Ann's encouraged her to open her own coffee shop.



Marie Totaro cuts a slice of freshly-baked cake at Le Jardin cafe in Hoboken.

"I've always been able to bake and my mother and my daughters bake as well as I can," she observes. "And nobody had to teach any of us. I was just something we were born with."

Marie claims that her customers often sit at Le Jardin

and chat "for hours," and they always compliment her as they leave the cafe.

"People feel at home here, and they seem to enjoy all of the pastries," she says. "I think the food is so good because I bake with love."

Meeting is expected on Guardian Angels

By Thomas Rojas 3/1/82

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto plans to set up a meeting between the North Hudson Council of Mayors and local police officials to discuss the Guardian Angels, who expect to begin anti-crime patrols in the area next month.

"I intend to meet with all of the police chiefs in the area to determine their point of view about the Angels," said the mayor. "We have got to set up an overall policy that we can all agree on."

Recently, the North Hudson Council of Mayors held preliminary discussions about the local chapter of the Guardian Angels.

Anthony Florio, director of

the council, was asked to collect information about the angels from the New York City police and other sources.

Cappelletto said that after Florio's report is completed, it will be reviewed by the North Hudson mayors. Then, a meeting will be set up with local police officials.

Members of the North Hudson chapter of the Guardian Angels say that they will begin anti-crime patrols in the area on March 26 or 27, with or without the sanction of local officials.

Union City Police Chief Herman Bolte has expressed concern that the Angels may not be properly trained to patrol the streets and arrest criminals.

Sewage plant worker hopes to get license

About one month after the state Department of Environmental Protection issued an order to Hoboken to employ a properly licensed operator for its sewage treatment plant, the city is about to get a licensed operator.

Roy Haack, supervisor of the sewage treatment plant at 6th and Adams streets, said that he expects to take — and pass — a state wastewater treatment examination next month.

"I have been taking wastewater treatment courses at Middlesex College and Rutgers University for some time," he said. "I hope to take the state test next month and I'm confident of passing."

Hoboken had been without a licensed operator at its sewage

plant for more than a year, after an engineer who had served as operator left the post over a dispute.

About a month ago, the state Department of Environmental Protection ordered Hoboken to hire a licensed operator within 60 days or face a substantial fine.

Licenses are earned after working five or more years in a sewage plant, successfully completing an advanced water treatment course, and passing a state examination.

"I've been at the plant for seven years, so all that remains is for me to pass the state exam," said Haack. "I explained the situation to the DEP, and they were very understanding about it."



John Mann and Kathleen Eckles prepare for opening of their new photography gallery, Hopoghan.

Photography gallery is open in Hoboken

By Thomas Rojas

Hoboken's ever-growing artistic community has welcomed a new gallery.

It is Hopoghan, located at 92 Hudson St., the waterfront city's first gallery devoted exclusively to photography. The gallery has opened with a group show of six Hoboken photographers.

"Hopoghan" — an old Indian word for Hoboken, meaning "land of the pipes" — is the brainchild of Kathleen Eckles and John Mann, who are themselves professional photographers.

"We were looking for a place to use as a studio," recalls Ms. Eckles. "But when we looked at this space and saw the large windows and the storefront location, we decided that it could accommodate a permanent gallery as well."

Ms. Eckles says that Hopoghan will not only display photographs, but will provide a meeting place and workshop for photographers in the area.

"We hope to provide an environment where photographers can discover and exchange new ideas," she said. "It will be a

center for photographers and for people who love photography."

A primary goal of Hopoghan will be to promote photography as an art form.

"A lot of people enjoy photography, but not all of them are artists," notes Ms. Eckles. "There's nothing wrong with just going out and taking pictures, but the photographs we exhibit will be the work of artists with a very personal style."

"There's a lot more to photography than just snapping a shutter," adds Mann. "People don't realize how difficult it is to take a blank piece of paper and make it into an original piece of art."

Hopoghan's owners hope that their new venture will encourage

Hoboken artists to open other galleries in the area.

"We hope that Hopoghan will generate interest in a whole network of galleries in Hoboken," says Ms. Eckles. "We want people to love and support the arts."

Hopoghan is open to the public Thursday through Sunday, from 1 to 6 p.m.

A new era for tenants and landlords

By Thomas Rojas

A new era of communication between Hoboken tenants and landlords may be under way.

Gerard Costa, executive director of the two-day Hoboken Housing Forum which was held last weekend at the St. Peter and Paul School, said that a panel of tenants, landlords, housing officials and real estate agents which participated has agreed to hold more meetings in the future.

"For the first time, all of these different groups sat down and talked to each other," explained Costa. "And things went so well, that they agreed to meet again on April 3 at St. Peter and Paul. I think they will be meeting many more times in the future."

The Hoboken Housing Forum, which was sponsored by the Hoboken Environment Committee and other organizations, brought together housing experts, local officials, tenants and landlords to discuss the future of housing in Hoboken.

At the Friday evening session, Dr. Martin Bierbaum of Rutgers University discussed changes that have taken place in Hoboken over the past ten years, with condominium conversions and rising housing costs making it difficult for low-income residents to stay in the city.

Bierbaum said that there is a need to expand subsidized low-income housing in the city.

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although federal budget cuts will make that difficult.

But Costa said that the most important developments of the Housing Forum occurred during the Saturday session, when a panel — whose members included Fred Bado, director of the Community Development Agency, Sister Norberta of St. Francis Church, head of the "Por la Gente" tenants' group, and

Joseph Barry of Applied Housing — discussed the future for more cooperatives for low and middle-income residents, stricter enforcement of rent control laws, and importantly, the panel agreed to meet periodically to iron out their problems.

"Everyone agreed to stop all the name-calling and work together," said Costa. "There's still a lot of work to do, but this was a good beginning."

Ranieri urges veto of fuel bill

Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri said he will recommend that Mayor Steve Cappelletto veto an ordinance passed last night that will allow the city to purchase fuel for heatless apartments and bill the landlords.

"I think the ordinance is too severe, too strict," Ranieri said. "If the law department agrees with me, I will ask the mayor to veto it and send it back to the council for revisions."

The only dissenting vote was Ranieri's.

During the public portion of the meeting Thomas Meehan, president of the Hoboken Police Officers Benevolent Association, asked the council to take some action on a ruling by the law department barring the city's

payment of legal fees for two, patrolmen.

The two officers are involved with counter-complaints in incidents involving people they arrested while off-duty.

Police Officer Edward Cunningham, who was allegedly assaulted by three people, arrested them and the suspects are bringing charges against him.

Officer Walter LeBrink, who arrested a man who reportedly assaulted him during a traffic accident, is also facing charges brought by the suspect in that case.

Council President Walter Cramer told Meehan the council has no jurisdiction in the matter, but said he has asked for a transcript of the incidents for each council member to review.

Library will show films

The Hoboken Public Library has begun a series of films for pre-school and school-age children.

The films for pre-schoolers will be shown on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., while the after-school film series will be held on Fridays at 3:30 p.m. The series began this week and will run through the end of April.

Among the films in the pre-school series will be "Dr. Seuss on the Loose," which will be shown next Wednesday, "Mr.

Moto takes a walk," which is scheduled for March 24, and "The Cat in the Hat," which will be screened April 7.

The Friday afternoon series will include films such as "Puss in Boots," which is scheduled for March 12, "Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor," to be shown March 26, and "Red Shoes," which will be screened April 2.

The Hoboken Public Library is located at 500 Park Ave. for more information, contact Terry Sasso, acting library director.

Hopoghan

That's an Indian word for Hoboken, meaning "land of the pipes."

And it could be a word that will become familiar in Hoboken. It is the name of a photo gallery and, hopefully, there will be other galleries in that feisty little city, galleries which will display the talent and the interest in other art forms.

Hoboken has a lot more going for it than the memory of its pier activity, or the echo of a too-skinny Frank Sinatra, or the smirk of a putdown joke.

Yes, Hoboken has a past, but it also has a present and it is the present that does much to help shape the future. More galleries like Hopoghan will make the present — and the future — brighter.

Two Hoboken cops to get top award

Two Hoboken policemen will receive the city's highest award—the Medal of Honor—for their arrest of two gunmen following an attempted armed robbery and a shootout at the Clam Broth House restaurant last fall.

Public Safety Director James Giordano announced that Police Sgts. James Behrens and John Howe of the detective bureau will receive the awards for their heroism in foiling three gunmen who attempted to rob the Newark Street restaurant on Sept. 8.

The policemen exchanged gunfire with the suspects, and arrested two of the men, while another escaped.

Behrens and Howe also will receive commendations for the arrest of a suspect believed to be responsible for the murder of Eugenio Sigario, 25, at his Garden Street home last Aug. 7.

In addition, Giordano said that several policemen, as well as two firemen, also will receive commendations for their work in recent months.

Patrolmen Harry Hunken, Richard Lynsky and Paul Dimartino, Sgt. Martin Kiley, and Detectives Ernest Mack and Fred Ferrante will receive citations for their work in the attempted bombing of the

Evergood Meat Packing firm on Feb. 7.

Quick response in that case by Hoboken police led to the arrest of two Queens men, and to the discovery of a "bomb factory" and arsenal in Queens which was believed to have been part of a major "arson for hire" operation in the New York-New Jersey area.

Commendations also will be awarded to Detectives John O'Neil, Joseph Petrillo and Raul Torres for the arrest of five men in connection with the arson-for-profit torching of the Met Food Supermarket on Jackson Street on Dec. 7.

Two Hoboken firefighters—Anthony Valls and Haywood Blakely—will be honored for their daring rescue of a child who was trapped on a fire escape during a blaze at 68 Garden St. on Oct. 12.

"This is our way of thanking the men for the brave work that they have done," said Giordano, who added that the citations would be awarded at a ceremony "sometime around Easter."

"We're very proud of these men, they showed a great deal of courage," said Mayor Steve Cappelletto. "And I think it would be very appropriate to hold the awards ceremony at the Clam Broth House, don't you?"

Well done

Hoboken is planning to present awards to several policemen and two firemen who distinguished themselves in fighting crime or in rescuing fire victims.

It is cynical to say that policemen are paid to fight crime and firemen are paid to protect people who are caught in fires.

Extraordinary conduct deserves praise and rewards in every human endeavor. That is why there are medals for those in military service and awards for actors, writers, businessmen and others.

Too many of us these days are too quick to badmouth police, firemen and others on the public payroll. The misdeeds of a few are allowed to affect the public image of all. That is wrong.

All of us should be proud of all our police and firemen who daily risk their lives to protect ours. And we should join in the public praise and recognition for those who make a special effort on our behalf.

Hudson getting \$5.5M less in state school aid

By BARBARA DEMICK
Staff Writer

Hudson County school officials were flabbergasted by figures released by the state yesterday showing the county's school districts could receive \$5.5 million less in state aid than originally expected for the 1993-94 school year.

The state-wide cuts were ordered by Gov. Thomas H. Kean last week in an attempt to curb a predicted

deficit of more than \$200 million in next year's state budget. District-by-district cuts for Hudson County were first revealed yesterday by Superintendent of Education Louis Accella.

The state Legislature has the power to override the cuts.

As a large urban county, Hudson would be among the hardest hit by the proposed cuts, according to Accella. This is because many of the cuts come in

school equalization aid, which is aimed at offsetting the advantage of the wealthy suburban towns, which have high tax bases relative to their number of pupils.

Although the school districts will receive more state aid than last year, the dollar total of the aid will be substantially less than originally budgeted for. Since the districts have already submitted their preliminary budgets to the state, they are faced with the unpleasant choice of paring down their budgets or raising addi-

tional tax money to make up the difference.

For example, Hoboken stands to lose \$200,136 under the proposal, roughly 20 percent of the projected school budget for next year. According to school board internal auditor Anthony Curcio, the cuts would mean an additional \$3.00 per \$1,000 in assessed value would have to be added to property taxes to keep the school budget as originally planned.

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Cappelletto calls veto ludicrous

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto says that it would be "ludicrous" for him to veto an ordinance—passed by an 8-to-1 vote by the city council Wednesday night—which allows the city to supply heating oil to freezing tenants at the expense of landlords.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, who cast the only dissenting vote, said that he will recommend that the mayor veto the bill, which he believes is too severe.

"It would be ludicrous for me to override an ordinance that was passed 8-to-1, unless Ranieri can prove that he has the support of other councilmen," said Cappelletto. "If they voted in favor of the bill 8-to-1, there must have been a reason for it."

The ordinance empowers

Health Officer Patricia Mitten to make emergency heating oil purchases for tenants left heatless by negligent landlords.

The city will be able to take action after a building has been without heat for six hours. The city will be reimbursed for the fuel oil purchased by collecting rents directly from the tenants, or by placing a tax lien against the property involved.

Ranieri said that he objects to three main points in the ordinance: the provision preventing landlords from converting to gas heat during the winter, the provision requiring landlords to supply space heaters when furnaces break down, and the six-hour deadline for correcting heating problems before the city steps in.

"I don't disagree with the philosophy of the ordinance, but I believe that it should be revised," he said. "However, if the mayor and the council want to go into the fuel oil business, that's their prerogative."

But Councilman Thomas Kennedy, who introduced the bill, said that he is behind the or-

dinance "100 percent," adding that it will serve as a warning to delinquent landlords.

"If a landlord has any ideas about conveniently running out of heating oil over the weekend, this ordinance will make him think twice," he said. "Human beings should not have to wait two or three weeks for heat."

12 cots set up at Center for Hoboken homeless

By Thomas Rojas

Twelve cots have been moved into Hoboken's Multi-Service Center for emergency use by fire victims or persons needing shelter from the cold.

City Councilman Thomas Kennedy said that the cots were donated to the center by the local CETA office. He said that the facility would provide shelter for the homeless for "at least a day or two."

"I don't think that the center could provide shelter for any length of time, because there isn't any privacy there, or any shower facilities that I know of," said Kennedy. "But at least those cots will be available in an emergency situation."

Kennedy said that the problem of providing emergency shelter for fire victims continues to haunt the city.

"If there is a fire in a 10-family dwelling, say, it would be pretty difficult to relocate all of those people," he noted. "We just have to hope that the Red Cross can continue to do the outstanding work they have done in the past."

Kennedy said that he will meet with city Director of Refuse and Finance Bernard Scrivani to see if there are any city-managed tax-title lien buildings that could temporarily house fire victims.

Leo Genese, chairman of the citizens advisory committee of the Community Development Agency, has repeatedly called on the city to open a shelter for fire victims, and has met with Kennedy to discuss the problem.

"The cots at the Multi-Service Center aren't the whole answer," said Genese. "But it's a start."

Mail bag missing in Hoboken

By CHUCK SUTTON
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A bag of eagerly awaited, first-of-the-month mail is missing from the Hoboken Post Office, leaving 38 families without welfare checks and food stamps, and an undetermined number of Social Security recipients without their checks.

A spokesman for the Postal Service said postal inspectors have joined the search for the missing mail that was destined for the 200 and 300 blocks of Park Avenue and Willow Avenue. The director of Hudson County welfare said the 38 families can get new checks by coming into the Jersey City office.

But it will take Social Security clients three weeks before checks are reissued to them.

Postal officials said the March 1 mail was not known to be missing until the postman opened the mail storage box for the area. It was then discovered the mail had never been delivered and may have been misrouted.

It is general knowledge that welfare and Social Security checks are delivered the first of the month. Welfare officials said if they don't hear soon that the mail has been recovered, they may start treating the case as one involving stolen checks.

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Ambulance aides are pride of Hudson

By Thomas Rojas

About 11 years ago, three men—Bill Matthews, Steve Ruschovsky and the late Ed McIntire—got together and decided to form a volunteer ambulance squad in Hoboken.

"People said it would never work," recalls Ruschovsky. "They said that nobody in Hoboken is going to work for nothing."

Today, the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps is the largest voluntary ambulance squad in Hudson County, with three ambulances and about 50 permanent members.

The squad, which is headquartered at 707 Clinton St., is on call 24 hours a day, handling everything from stabbings to drug overdoses to children hit by cars.

"We handle anything and everything," says Matthews. "Mostly, we transport emergency cases to the hospital, such as people who slip and fall on ice on the street, or women who are in labor. To date, members of the squad have helped deliver 22 babies."

When the Hoboken Ambulance Squad was formed, it had only 12 members, who used a cramped office above the city's public works garage, and an ambulance donated by the Maxwell House Coffee Corp.

By 1973, the squad had collected enough donations from local businesses and individuals to buy their current three-floor home, which contains a garage, living quarters, gamerooms,

kitchens and even a bar.

In order to operate an ambulance, members of the squad must complete a CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) course. In addition, about half of the members of the corps are certified emergency medical technicians.

The squad keeps in constant contact with the police department, and averages about 5,000 calls a year. Squad members are required to work a minimum of three shifts per week.

Currently, the corps is launching a drive to recruit members for the 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. shift, which is difficult to fill because most members work during the day.

"A job like this can take up a lot of your time," says Brian Murphy, a patrolman in the Hoboken police department. "But we do this in our spare time because we feel that it's important."

Has the ambulance squad answered many unusual calls? "Well, there was one time when a fellow accidentally went down a garbage chute in a housing project," recounts Matthews. "But of his feet were cut off by the automatic compactor. You can never get used to seeing something like that."

Bob Davison is the current president of the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps, while Anthony Enrico is the captain. The squad is scheduled to hold its annual fund-raising dance on March 27 at Stevens Institute of Technology.



Joseph Shine, left, and Nicholas Monente of the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps, check their equipment before going on duty.

\$21.7 million school budget up for action

The Hoboken Board of School Estimate, Tuesday, will consider the approval of a \$21.7 million budget for the next school year — a budget that will require an 18.1 percent increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

The city's board of education last night approved submitting the budget to the school estimate board, which has scheduled a public hearing and vote this Tuesday beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the school board's meeting room, 1115 Clinton Street.

Also, the board has delayed a resolution setting up a strong policy against sexual harassment. The resolution will be sent to the board's attorney to review and properly word the policy, according to board member Steven Block.

The entire school budget being submitted totals \$21,717,556 of which \$20,759,850 is budgeted for current expenses which is equal to the amount allowed under state budget caps. Debt service expenses are budgeted at \$578,646 while another \$379,260 is set down for capital outlay funds. Of the budget total figure, \$5,776,785 will have to be raised through taxes, up \$885,612 from

last year's figure of \$4,891,183 an 18.1 percent increase. School financial officials said the main cause for the jump was in capital outlay funding, all of which has to be raised through tax dollars.

Last year, the school budget contained no amount for capital outlay.

The officials at last night's meeting did not comment on how this increase would affect the city's tax rate.

Concerning the resolution setting the policy on sexual harassment, Block said he expected that the resolution would come up for introduction at next month's meeting. The resolution would adopt a more definitive policy on dealing with sexual harassment between school administrators and other employees as well as between teachers and students.

In other business, the board approved the use of Rue School for the filming of portions of a motion picture. Director John Sayles is reported to be seeking the use of the school's auditorium and gymnasium for scenes in his next feature film.

Purim Festival in Hoboken

The Jewish community of Hoboken will celebrate the Festival of Purim with a public reading of the Megillah or the Book of Esther. The entire community is invited to attend this reading at the Hoboken Jewish Center, 830 Hudson Street in Hoboken. The Festival will begin at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, March 8. Traditional Purim refreshments such as hamantaschen (three-cornered cake) will be served during the fellowship after the reading of the Megillah. The hosts for the fellowship hour will be Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gitter.

The Festival of Purim recalls the oppression and rescue of the Jewish

community of ancient Persia from the hands of the evil Haman by the Jewish Queen Esther. It reaffirms the values of justice and fairness for all peoples, regardless of their faith. It is also quite a festive occasion. During the reading of the Megillah noisemakers are distributed and used every time the name of Haman is mentioned. Children are encouraged to attend the reading and dress in costumes of ancient times.

For more information on Synagogue activities and membership, please contact the United Synagogue of Hoboken, 830 Hudson Street, Hoboken 07030 or call 659-2614.

American Can Co. shutting down plant, 60 will lose jobs

By Thomas Rojas

The 60 employees of the American Can Co. plant in Hoboken will soon be out of work.

A spokesman for American Can's corporate headquarters in Greenwich, Conn., said workers at the Hoboken plant have been notified that the firm will be closing "in the near future."

The spokesman added that an exact date for the closing has not been set.

He explained that American Can's Hoboken plant, which supplies cans to the Maxwell House Coffee facility in Hoboken, is closing because Maxwell House is switching to another supplier.

Daniel Kelly, manager of the Hoboken Maxwell House plant, declined comment on the closing of the American Can facility.

St. Mary Hospital anticipates positive changes in health care

HOBOKEN — St. Mary Hospital, the first in the state of New Jersey in 1883 and number one in the 20th Century, carries forward all the exciting and dynamic changes of modern medicine in the health care system.

In the hands of a skilled staff dedicated to serving the changing needs of a changing population and under demands registered by economic conditions and health circumstances, St. Mary delivers quality health care with technology's latest to the community.

Sophisticated diagnostic techniques at the hospital begin in the fully automated, accredited laboratory and span the spectrum to viable rehabilitation.

The College of American Pathologists accredited lab is studied with Astra 4, Astra 8 and SMA (Sequential Multiplier Analyzer) that perform as many as 12 blood chemistries in one fell swoop at high speed. It is the exceptionally well-qualified staff, the human side of an automated lab, that makes the difference in keen interpreting and correlating of results for the

in-depth diagnosis. All of the lab staff (but a few who will test in 1982) are registered in the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

Over the past five years, in conjunction with its Medical Staff, St. Mary Hospital has completely rebuilt the Radiology Department. Radiologists carry out complex medical diagnostic procedures now with eight new streamlined pieces of equipment with little or no discomfort to the patient.

Each demand registered by economic conditions and health circumstances is met with new programs and innovative methods from its start to today.

In the beginning, the four Franciscan Sisters who came to Hoboken to establish a hospital nursed the sick and the poor. Then, a home for abandoned children began, care for contagious diseases started, St. Anthony's soup kitchen opened, an orthopedic clinic flourished and a physical therapy unit was initiated.

Then came the baby boom and in 1955 a 45-bed maternity wing cre-

ated mother and child. In 1968, an inpatient psychiatric unit helped ease the psychic pain of patients and a Child Guidance Clinic added in 1972 furthered that mission.

The 1960's and 1970's reflection of nationwide economic instability trickled into the communities St. Mary serviced. A Family Health Center established in 1973 made physician services available to the people in the environs regardless of their ability to pay.

On into 1974, the hospital, with federal help, increased mental health care for the area by opening the Community Mental Health Center.

The AMA granted approval to start a graduate medical education program in Family Practice in 1975.

By 1977, in the place of the 1884 and 1914 buildings, a totally new and modern physical plant towered in their place.

Today the north and south towers of St. Mary Hospital stand out in the inner-city fresh and new, combining modern facilities, equipment and services. Members of the medical and professional staff carry forward the tradition of concern for the patient and the patient's family in an acute care, full service community hospital. A tradition of medical and nursing excellence continues blending the philosophy of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor and the ethical standards practiced by U.S. Catholic Hospitals.

The forward emphasis is on preventive medicine in patient care and fitness that will keep people well. Several new services began in nutrition and rehabilitation and more sophisticated equipment was purchased for eye surgery, endoscopy and radiology. An Emergency Room expansion is underway.

Pre-schoolers to move again

Hoboken's Pre-School program is about to move again. The recreation program for about 40 pre-school children — which has had three homes in the past five months — has been informed by the city's board of education that it has to move from its current location, the vacant David E. Rue School on Garden Street.

"We've been asked to move because the school is considered a safety hazard," said Mary Ellen Gallo, coordinator of the

program. "I expect to know by Friday where our new location will be."

Ms. Gallo added that "there is a possibility" of the program returning to the public library, where it was headquartered for about three years before library trustees asked the program to leave last November because of noise complaints from patrons.

After the pre-school program left the library, it moved to the Uptown Recreation Center. But Ms. Gallo was soon forced to

move the program's second time, primarily because of inadequate rest room facilities at the center.

The nomadic program then relocated at the Rue School, which has been closed for about three years.

Now, the pre-schoolers are going to have to move once again, with renovation work on the Rue School scheduled to begin shortly.

"It's a good program and it is well-run," said a parent of a child in the pre-school program. "It's a shame that they are constantly forced to move."

School board to act on anti-harassment

The Hoboken Board of Education tonight is expected to consider a proposal to adopt a strong policy against sexual harassment.

Board member Steve Block has recommended that the board adopt a more definitive policy on dealing with sexual harassment between school administrators and other employees, as well as between teachers and students.

According to Walter Fine, assistant superintendent of schools,

the board currently allows complaints of sexual harassment to be handled by "due process of law."

But Block would like the board to establish a policy spelling out what action will be taken against any member of the school system who is guilty of sexual harassment.

Also at tonight's meeting, the board is expected to submit its 1982-83 school budget to the Board of School Estimate for approval.

City may revise video measure

By CHUCK BUTTON
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Councilman Robert A. Ranieri has asked the city's law department to draft a new "pinball ordinance" in response to Thursday's court ruling that the present law is unconstitutional.

"Apparently, the courts are saying these (video and pinball games) are not a dangerous threat to our youth, and we do not have the right to control the amount of temptation to our youth," Ranieri said.

Ranieri said he is asking the law department to look at the decision to determine how a new law should be written.

Hudson County Superior Court Judge Robert E. Tarleton ruled Thursday that the ordinance, which limited the machines to one per store, was too restrictive.

The council has been delaying action on a

revised ordinance which would increase the number of machines allowed, increase registration fees, restrict the amount of time school students can operate the machines, but would continue to outlaw the very profitable pinball arcades.

"The big business of video machines takes precedence over the community's right to protect its youth," Ranieri said. Ranieri has argued for a more restrictive ordinance from the council.

Two weeks ago the U.S. Supreme Court sent a Texas case back to a lower court for a full hearing on whether a community has a constitutional right to restrict video machines.

In that case, Mesquite vs. Aladdin's Castle, the ordinance would permit persons under 18 to play the machines only if they are accompanied by their parents.

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Union City, which changed its ordinance after a legal challenge, now allows arcades but restricts the number of them in town, the number of machines in each arcade, and the hours that minors may operate the machines. There have not been any legal challenges to the current Union City ordinance.

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Clark later said "possibly" other towns might pull out because the HCUA's operations are getting "too expensive."

He mentioned the possibility of meeting again with the HCUA, but said the county's Washington experts (Daniel Krivit's law firm) were making a long-range survey, particularly on the availability of federal funds for secondary sewage treatment plants.

Before Cappelletto made the threat that the county might withdraw its support of the HCUA, Clark confirmed that the county's new liaison men with that autonomous agency, Al Fiore, had received information from it about its operations. Clark has expressed concern that the county is bound by a \$106 million HCUA bond issue.

Freeholder Anne H. O'Malley questioned Fahy at one point about how the authority was meeting bills from engineers and others. He said it received some funding two weeks ago and a schedule for paying bills had been adopted.

While HCUA representatives reassured Clark that the federal government provides 75 percent funding as it proceeds to upgrade primary treatment plants, the county executive claimed there was no guarantee that formula would continue for secondary treatment plants.

"The format has changed with the present federal government philosophy," he asserted.

Cappelletto said, "We are seriously thinking about the likelihood of closing shop and do our own (treatment plant) work."

Cappelletto threatens county and 5 towns may quit sewer co-op

By John J. Farrell Jr.

"We are more than likely to leave you even if it means court action!" Hudson County Freeholder-Chairman Steve Cappelletto told representatives of the Hudson County Utilities Authority at a county freeholders' caucus.

The verbal bombshell at the caucus, at which Cappelletto threatened to withdraw county support and said several North Hudson towns were thinking of doing the same thing, left HCUA representatives temporarily speechless and they quickly left the room.

However, Francis X. Fahy, the HCUA's executive director, who earlier told the freeholders the group was there to provide them with any information they requested, later explained he could not comment about Cappelletto on behalf of the HCUA, which meets Monday night.

After Cappelletto mentioned that Hoboken, where he is mayor, along with Weehawken, Union City, West New York and North Bergen, are considering withdrawing support of the HCUA, County Executive Edward F. Clark Jr., who had earlier disagreed with Cappelletto on the release of county personnel information forms to the board, suggested that county officials, mayors and HCUA officials might meet to talk things over after the county budget was out of the way.

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Guardian Angels proposed as dance chaperones

By Thomas Rojas

A Hoboken official who coordinates the city's Teen Dance program suggests that schools and groups holding teen-age dances should invite the Guardian Angels to their events to discourage violence.

Maurice Fitzgibbons, who runs Hoboken's "Multi-124" Teen Dance Club, says that schools and organizations should "think about a new type of teen dance supervision" in the wake of the murder last weekend of Nelson Insanzon, 16, who was stabbed to death after attending a dance at St. Michael's Church in Jersey City.

An unnamed 17-year-old was later arrested and charged with the murder.

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"If the Guardian Angels really want to fight crime, they should go where they are needed — among their peers," said Fitzgibbons. "Schools should let the Angels come to their teen dances free of charge. I'm sure they would jump at the chance."

Fitzgibbons said that he has coordinated dozens of teen dances since 1978, and has never had any major incidents of violence.

"I've got about 12 kids in T-shirts who walk around during the dances keeping an eye on things," he explained. "I've found that the best idea is to have the kids police themselves. Often, the kids will ignore an order from an adult, but they have respect for each other."

Fitzgibbons added that

"Multi-124," which holds dances twice a month at the Multi-Service Center, does not allow anyone wearing gang paraphernalia to enter.

"We won't let anyone in if he's wearing a jacket, 'colors,' or anything that identifies him as a member of a gang," he said. "Even if we lose about 30 kids per dance, it's worthwhile. A dance shouldn't be a place for a gang meeting."

Fitzgibbons said that Multi-124 hasn't had to invite the Guardian Angels to the dances because they haven't had any violence problems. However, he believes that other dance clubs would be well-advised to invite the Angels, who are scheduled to begin patrols in North Hudson on Monday.

Hoboken garbage issue may be decided tonight

By Thomas Rojas 8/31/82

Will Hoboken begin collecting its own garbage, or will the city continue to employ outside firms for waste collection?

The answer to that question could come at tonight's City Council caucus meeting, at 7 at City Hall.

Councilman Robert Ranieri — whose committee on solid waste disposal has recommended that the city collect its own garbage — claims that municipal garbage collection will be the financial savior for the city, which faces layoffs and cutbacks in services because of increasing costs and decreases in federal and state aid.

Last Friday, Mayor Steve Cappiello notified every city employee that they may be laid off in 45 days, in preparation for pending cutbacks.

The mayor's preliminary 1982 municipal budget, which projects an increase in the city's tax rate of about \$25 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, is scheduled to be presented to the council informally at tonight's caucus.

"The city won't significantly save money by laying off a few people," said Ranieri. "We need to save big money. And municipal garbage collection can save the city between \$600,000 and \$800,000 a year."

Ranieri's committee claims that the city can collect its own garbage for between \$500,000 and \$600,000 a year. In contrast, the La Fera Contracting Co., which has collected the city's garbage for more than 20 years, has offered Hoboken a three-year contract for about \$1.4 million per year.

The three-year La Fera con-

tract has been tabled by the council twice, while Cappiello and city Business Administrator Edwin Chius have reviewed the solid waste committee's report. But the issue may be resolved tonight.

Chius has stated that he will recommend that the council approve the three-year La Fera contract, arguing that the city would not be able to collect its own garbage as cheaply as the solid waste committee suggests.

"There are all sorts of pitfalls involved in municipal garbage collection," he said. "If we

do decide to go into the garbage business, we should study the proposal for at least a year before going ahead with it."

But Ranieri insists that Hoboken should begin municipal garbage collection immediately.

"We are offering the city a way of avoiding layoffs, salvaging the tax rate, and continuing the same services," he said.

"Municipal garbage collection is the key to the city's future. All that is needed now is for the administration to show aggressive leadership."

Shipyard sale report delights Cappiello

By Thomas Rojas

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello is encouraged by reports that the Todd Shipyards Corp. of New York may purchase the Bethlehem Steel shipyard in Hoboken.

"I would be encouraged if Todd were to buy the Bethlehem shipyard," said the mayor. "They (Todd Shipyards) have extensive contracts with the federal government and that could be good for Hoboken."

A spokesman for the Bethlehem Steel Corp. headquarters in Bethlehem, Penn., yesterday confirmed that Todd Shipyards is negotiating with Bethlehem to acquire "one or more" of Bethlehem's ship-repair facilities.

The spokesman would not say which shipyards Todd is considering, but admitted that the Hoboken plant is one of the shipyards under consideration.

Bethlehem also owns ship-repair facilities in San Francisco, Baltimore and Boston.

Recently, rumors have circulated that the financially-troubled Bethlehem Steel is considering moving out of Hoboken. However, should Todd Shipyards acquire the Hoboken shipyard, the facility would probably remain in the city.

"I can't imagine Todd acquiring that facility and then moving out of Hoboken," said Cappiello. "They would probably want to stay here."

If Todd Shipyards does purchase the Hoboken Bethlehem plant, it would be a homecoming of sorts for Todds, which operated a Hoboken shipyard from 1916 until Sept. 1, 1965.

Todd closed its Hoboken facility when officials decided that there wasn't enough repair work in the area to support both the Hoboken and New York plants.

Today, Todd owns shipyards in Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Galveston, New Orleans and New York City.

Tenants say rules invade privacy

By Thomas Rojas 8/31/82

Tenants at the federally-subsidized Church Towers apartment complex in Hoboken are calling on Rep. Frank Guarini of Jersey City to try to revise new federal guidelines that they claim invade their privacy by forcing them to divulge personal income information.

The YAN Management Corp., which manages the three-building complex for middle-income tenants, has informed the tenants that they must supply social security numbers, W-2 income tax forms, bankbooks, and verification of all other income to the managing company, in order to comply with new regulations from the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development.

The tenants must supply the information to Roger Levy, vice president of YAN Management, by April 30, and must repeat the process every year. Previously, the tenants only had to supply social security numbers and W-2 forms to YAN Management once every two years.

According to Levy, HUD claims that the information is necessary in order to insure that the salaries of tenants at Church Towers do not fall above federally-mandated limits for middle-income housing.

But tenants at the housing complex, who are angry about the new regulations, met Tuesday night at Our Lady of Grace

School Hall and decided to ask Guarini to reverse the HUD guidelines.

"We feel that this is an invasion of our privacy," said Hoboken Councilman Thomas Kennedy, a Church Towers tenant. "They have no right to ask for all of that information. All they should be able to ask for is your social security number and proof of salary."

Kennedy said that the new HUD guidelines also give YAN Management the authority to phone a tenant's employer to verify if salary information given by the tenant is correct.

"These are CIA-type tactics," he added. "It shows no trust between management and tenant."

According to tenant Anthony Russo, HUD has established maximum income eligibility requirements for every apartment, which vary according to the number of persons in each household. If a household's total income exceeds the HUD limit, then its rent is increased 20 percent.

"This isn't just a matter of weeding out some over-income tenants," he said. "It's clearly an invasion of privacy."

Church Towers is located at Clinton and Grand Streets, between Fourth and Sixth Streets. Neither Guarini, whose district includes Hoboken, nor his aides could be reached for comment.

Police name warrants squad to help clear up backlog

By Thomas Rojas

The Hoboken Police Department has assigned a special squad of detectives to clear up a backlog of warrants from other municipalities that has built up over the years.

Police Capt. Patrick Donatacci, chief of the detective bureau, said that three men have been assigned to the warrants detail full-time on a rotating basis. Their task is to clear up the thousands of arrest warrants, motor vehicle warrants and contempt of court warrants that the department has accumulated.

"So far, the men have done an outstanding job," he said. "They have processed

more than 200 warrants in a two-week period."

Donatacci explained that the warrants squad isn't always able to apprehend the person who is wanted by police in neighboring municipalities. But if the squad cannot locate the person — because he moved or passed away — the warrant is returned to the municipality that sent it.

"We received about 25 to 30 warrants a day from all over New Jersey and even from other states," he said. "We've tried to process all of them before, but we haven't had the time. There are some warrants here that date back to 1976."

Before the special warrants squad was formed, only one policeman was assigned to the chore. But as the backlog increased, it was decided that a full squad was needed.

"Our anti-burglary squad has done such a good job of cutting down the number of burglaries that we've been able to put two extra men on warrants," said Donatacci. "We hope to keep the squad going as long as it's necessary."

Public Safety Director James Giordano praised Donatacci's "initiative" in forming the warrants squad, adding that the chief of detectives is "using his men to the fullest."

Three-in-one spot enlivens Hoboken

By Thomas Rojas

Ordinarily, you have to go to a bookstore to buy a paperback, to a cafe to drink a cup of espresso, and to an art gallery to view a painting.

But, at the Unicorn Bookstore, located at 518

Washington St. in Hoboken, you can do all three.

According to the owners of the recently-opened Unicorn — Lynn Spencer, Piet Halberstadt and Al Kleaves — the establishment is the first of its kind in all of New Jersey.

"At first, we only planned on opening a bookstore," recalls Ms. Spencer. "But when we realized how much space we had, we decided on making it a bookstore-cafe. Then, we decided to give artists in the area some exposure by displaying their work on the upstairs floor."

But plans for the bookstore-cafe-art gallery do not end there. Ms. Spencer says that the Unicorn will host guitar players, poetry readings, autograph parties and other unusual events.

"We're open to anything,"

she explains. "We'd like to be different from other bookstores."

Although the concept of a bookstore-cafe is new to New Jersey, Ms. Spencer says that the idea has worked in Manhattan as well as other areas.

"Bookstores and cafes seem to work well together," she notes. "People can browse through the books, then have a cup of coffee or a homemade pastry. It's a very comfortable atmosphere."

Ms. Spencer says that the Unicorn has already received several special requests for books from artists and writers in the area, as well as from Stevens Institute of Technology.

"We're really the first full-service bookstore Hoboken has ever had," she observes. "So we plan to carry many unusual titles

and to fill any special orders people might have. Also, we'll be working with the schools in the area to carry books they might need."

Ms. Spencer and her partners have been working on the Unicorn ever since they bought the property almost two years ago.

The site had previously been occupied by Rudolph's Millinery Shop from the turn of the century until around 1945, then by several clothing stores and a Salvation Army post.

"Our goal was to keep as much of the architecture of the old millinery shop as possible, while creating a place that is open, airy and cordial," says Ms. Spencer. "We think the Unicorn is an example of the new things that are coming to Hoboken."



Lynn Spencer, on owner of the Unicorn Bookstore in Hoboken, relaxes in the cafe portion of the unusual shop.

House OKs sale of Hoboken piers

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WASHINGTON—The House voted 336-33 yesterday to transfer Hoboken Piers A, B and C from the federal government to the city of Hoboken.

Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken said the transfer would be handled by the General Services Administration for a price lower than the fair market value of the real estate. The city will attempt to develop the property and put it back on the tax rolls.

The transfer must now be approved by the Senate. Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., has introduced a bill to do so that will be voted on soon.

Since 1952, the city, the federal government and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey have operated the pier in a joint arrangement, but the port facilities now are obsolete.

Cong. Frank Guarini, who sponsored the bill, said, "Local control of the piers represents the spirit of change, the spirit of an area that is willing to renew itself." He said thousands of jobs will be created.

Laying off cops like giving crooks keys to the city, says PBA head

By Thomas Rojas

"If Hoboken lays off policemen, they might as well turn over the keys to the city to the arsonists, the muggers and the other criminals."

That's how Thomas Meehan, president of the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association, reacted yesterday to Mayor Steve Cappiello's statement that the city's police and fire departments probably will be hardest hit by anticipated layoffs.

Last night, Cappiello told members of the Hoboken City Council that "100-plus" employees may face the ax should the council not allow any tax increase for this year.

The council is scheduled to receive and introduce the 1982 municipal budget at its regular meeting tomorrow at 7 p.m. A public hearing and final vote will be scheduled for April on the budget.

Cappiello already has announced that city employees in all departments might have to be laid off in order to bridge a huge anticipated budget deficit this year.

The mayor blamed the increase on cuts in

state and federal monies combined with contracted increases and a loss in ratables.

"The streets aren't safe now," said Meehan. "If policemen are laid off, it will create a very dangerous situation."

Meehan said that 40 policemen have retired in the past three-and-a-half years, but no policemen have been hired in that period.

"The city has saved about \$1.2 million in the last three years by not hiring any police," he claimed. "How can they justify laying men off now?"

Meehan's comments typified the reaction of municipal employees in Hoboken, who are angered over Cappiello's decision Friday to notify all city workers that they may be laid off in 45 days.

The mayor issued the general layoff notice in order to give the administration leeway in laying off city workers when trimming a preliminary 1982 municipal budget that projects a \$25 increase in the tax rate.

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Cappiello did not disclose how many workers would be laid off, but did say that the most layoffs "probably" would come in the police and fire departments.

"We're willing to tighten our belts, but first the administration has to make an effort to trim some fat from the budget," said Jude Fitzgibbons, president of the Municipal Employees' Association. "The city has too many directors and councilmen. Maybe they should start cutting there."

Meehan agreed with Fitzgibbons that the city should consider cutting down the number of directors and councilmen before applying the budget-cutting ax to other municipal employees.

Both union representatives said they would be willing to meet with the mayor to try to work out a solution to the city's financial problems.

Financial crunch will force layoffs in Hoboken

By Thomas Rojas

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has put every city employee on notice that he or she may be laid off within 45 days. In addition, all temporary municipal workers will be let go immediately.

The mayor made that announcement yesterday after discussing with city administrators a preliminary 1982 municipal budget that projects an increase in the tax rate of "about \$25."

"The city has lost revenues, our population has dropped and we've lost many ratables," said Cappiello. "We have to adjust to that."

Cappiello said that he is issuing a blanket layoff notice to all city employees in order to give

the city leeway when decisions are made on the extent of the layoffs.

"State law requires that we give Civil Service workers 45-day notice of layoff," he explained. "The general notice gives the city the authority to fluctuate on the number of layoffs. But there will be layoffs. The only question is how many."

In addition, the mayor announced that all city workers are being notified that they may be reduced one rank or one grade in title, as a cost-saving measure.

Cappiello stressed that the budget figures discussed with the city's department directors yesterday were "by no means final," adding that the administration will work together with the

City Council to draw up an acceptable budget.

Although the mayor would not release any budget figures, he said that current estimates call for an increase of "about \$25, in round figures" in the tax rate.

"I'm going to present these figures informally to the council at Monday's caucus, to let them know where we stand with our present numbers which are at the cap limit," he said. "But we're going to work together on the budget. We want to be in full agreement before I formally introduce the budget."

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Fire safety education stressed in schools

In the wake of several tragic fires in Hoboken in recent months, the city's Fire Department plans to step up efforts to educate public school students on fire safety.

Hoboken Fire Chief James Houn announced that a fire safety program called "Learn Not to Burn" will be introduced as part of the health and safety courses in the schools. The program was prepared by the National Fire Protection Association.

Fireman James Monaco.

director of the department's community relations bureau, met recently with George Maier, superintendent of schools, to arrange for the distribution of the "Learn Not to Burn" booklets and other available literature.

Among the 25 fire safety tips stressed by the course are the need for an escape plan in the home in the event of a fire, and the need for immediately reporting the presence of fire or smoke.

"Keeping these fire safety tips in mind could well help to save lives in the years ahead as the boys and girls in today's elementary grades grow into childhood," said Houn.

The fire department has conducted an aggressive education program among school children during the past year. As part of the program, school groups visit fire stations to get a first-hand look at the men and equipment that respond to fire emergencies.

Cappiello added that he would meet with all municipal unions to "discuss the financial situation of the city, and ask their support in carrying out essential services, knowing well that the city can't offer them any raises." Hoboken is currently

negotiating 1982 contracts with three city unions — the Policemen's Benevolent Association, the Firefighters Association, and the Municipal Employees Association.

"It's a sad day for the City of Hoboken if workers are going to have to lose their jobs," said Jude Fitzgibbons, president of the Municipal Employees Association. "And it's going to be the little guy that gets hurt."

Hoboken's municipal budget in 1981 was \$19.4 million. Taxes rose some \$26 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, to \$138 per \$1,000.

Congress debates on piers

By DIANE CURCIO
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Three valuable piers would be relinquished from the federal government to the city under the provisions of a bill debated yesterday in the House of Representatives.

The legislation, introduced by Rep. Frank Guarini, D-Hudson, seeks to ease the tax burden here. The piers could net Hoboken an estimated \$70 million a year in real estate taxes alone. But the city cannot tap the monies because a federally-owned facility is tax-exempt.

No serious opposition was heard against the bills, according to a statement issued by Guarini yesterday. A vote on the bill is scheduled for tomorrow.

The City of Hoboken signed a lease with the U.S. Maritime Administration in 1952 to allow the Port Authority to use Piers A, B and C. The bills transfer the ownership for a price slightly less than market value.

Guarini said his bill has the support of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the Reagan administration.

Transfer of the piers is paramount to a \$250 to \$500 million waterfront development plan. A high-rise complex — including a hotel/office building, marina, exposition hall, condominiums and a shopping area — is being considered on the site of the piers.

The piers have been dormant for several years, mainly because of the emergence of the container ship industry, which thrives in Port Newark and Port Elizabeth. The piers have experienced a gradual decline from the pre-World War I employment level of more than 3,000 to virtual abandonment today.

The bill is passed in the House. It is expected to introduce similar legislation in the Senate.

Hoboken may cut council members

By Thomas Rojas

A reduction in the number of city council members and department directors is expected to be recommended as a way of reducing the 1982 Hoboken municipal budget, which will be introduced at tonight's 7 p.m. council meeting at City Hall.

Mayor Steve Cappiello says that he would consider reducing the number of directors and councilmen on the city's payroll in order to trim the budget.

"Things have gotten to the point where we have to consider any method of reducing the budget," the mayor said.

Cappiello is expected to present the council with a budget that projects an increase of about \$25 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in the tax rate. The mayor has said he wants to work with the council to cut the budget by "at least \$1 million," adding that he would like to hold any increase in

the tax rate to no more than \$10.

In other business, the council is expected to consider a resolution awarding a three-year \$4-million garbage contract to the La Pera contracting Co.

After the council receives and introduces the budget, it will schedule a meeting in April for a public hearing and final vote on the budget.

In order to reduce the number of city council members — which is currently nine — Hoboken would have to change its form of government by modifying the state Faulkner Act. Council members currently earn \$9,200-a-year with a \$500-a-year stipend for expenses.

The mayor made his comment in response to suggestions by several municipal employees that directors and councilmen be included in any attempt to bridge the huge budget gap anticipated by the city.

Cappiello has already announced that as many as "100-plus" city workers may face the ax when the city attempts to trim a 1982 budget.

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Councilman Robert Ranieri said that he would support any attempt to reduce the number of councilmen and directors.

"All you need to run a city this size is a mayor, a council with about five members, a city clerk and a business administrator," he said. "I would support reducing the number of directors and modifying the Faulkner Act to reduce the number of councilmen."

Ranieri said he would further recommend for every 25 city workers laid off or fired that a city director also be terminated.

"The directors are making in the \$27,000 to \$30,000 range," Ranieri said.

On the La Pera contract, which has been tabled twice, Ranieri said he will make a motion that the council reject the La Pera bid and begin municipal garbage collection. "If that is rejected, as is expected, Ranieri will offer a compromise plan to hire La Pera for one year and

hire a private consulting firm to do a three-month study of the feasibility of municipal garbage collection for Hoboken.

The contract has already been tabled twice and Ranieri has consistently attempted to persuade his colleagues to reject the bid and begin the municipal collection of garbage.

It is believed that Ranieri has the support of only two of the eight other councilmen — E. Norman Wilson and Nunzio Malfetti — in his bid for

municipal garbage service, but yesterday Mayor Cappiello said he would support municipal garbage collection if the council voted in favor of it.

"Personally, I don't like the idea of the city going into the garbage business, but I would go along with the decision of the council," he said. "However, I would prefer that they award the one-year contract to La Pera and hire a private firm to study the plan."

Cappiello expected to win approval of personnel cuts

By ROY KAHN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The majority of the City Council is expected to side with Mayor Steve Cappiello and his proposed personnel cuts at tomorrow night's crucial budget session at City Hall.

Cappiello, for the past few days, has been predicting that cutting the city payroll is the only way to trim an estimated \$1.7 million from the proposed 1982 budget.

Staff efforts have already trimmed \$700,000 from the budget to bring it under the 5 percent limit set by the state on municipal budget increases. Cappiello said. But he continued, the city is looking at a \$26 increase in the tax rate and he would like to see that figure reduced to less than \$10.

Cappiello indicated that "some councilmen were looking for no increase in the tax rate this year."

But the mayor's way is not the only one, according to a persistent critic on the council.

Councilman Robert Ranieri has been pushing for a city takeover of garbage collection and is predicting that the

Mayor is predicted as victor in the battle of the budget in Hoboken

move will save the city between \$400,000 and \$1.1 million per year.

The public works committee of the council is just finishing its review of a three-year, \$4.2 million garbage contract with LaFera Contracting Co., which would close off that option.

Ranieri said his plan would save as many as 75 jobs, but conceded that it probably doesn't have the backing of the council majority.

It has, however, attracted the interest of Councilmen E. Norman Wilson and Nunzio Malfetti, two other councilmen not aligned with the majority.

Wilson said yesterday that Ranieri's proposal "looked good on paper" and for the long range is certainly worth looking into.

He said it did not make sense for the council to rush into a deal with LaFera, particularly if the possibility of signifi-

cant cost savings exists. Cappiello, whose administration has cast a jaundiced eye on the plan, said yesterday that he is "willing to listen to anyone" but the project has "a lot of pros and cons."

He claimed his main concern is that by assuming responsibility for garbage collection, there would be "too many employees on the government payroll (and they) are less efficient than private sector employees."

"It is common knowledge that garbage should not be a government-run operation," the mayor said.

Ranieri, in an interview last week, admitted that the plan has its pitfalls. A central one, he said, is that politics might become involved in the operation. But the issue of the potential savings was an overriding one, the official added.

Hoboken school budget rejected

By ROY KAHN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The board of education moved closer to laying off teachers yesterday when its proposed \$21.7 million budget was rejected by the board of school estimate.

The school board was dealt the defeat by Mayor Steve Cappiello and City Council members Salvatore Cemelli and Helen Macri, who are a majority of the five-member board. In a prepared letter circulated after the vote, the three charged the school board had shown a "total disregard in holding the tax line for 1982 in this city."

The letter called on the board to reduce its budget by more than \$950,000 so school taxes would not be increased this year.

The school board was seeking increases that would have increased the tax rate by about \$6

per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The current rate is \$138 per \$1,000.

Dr. George Maier, superintendent of schools, said part of the increase was supposed to cover \$197,000 in state and federal aid for remedial programs, which was eliminated in Gov. Thomas H. Kean's proposed state budget. There are 76 remedial teachers in the system who serve between 2,200 and 3,000 students.

The 12-point cost savings plan suggested by the council members includes:

- renegotiating current labor contracts
- increasing class sizes by two or three students
- closing the Lienkauf School
- abandoning plans to renovate the Rue School

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By Thomas Rojas

"Hoboken is on the brink of bankruptcy and we must set limits on how much of a school budget we can tolerate."

With those words, Mayor Steve Cappiello, acting as chairman of the Hoboken Board of School Estimate, yesterday rejected a proposed \$21.7 million budget for the 1982-83 school year.

By a vote of 3-to-2, the school estimate board resolved to return the proposed budget — which calls for about \$5.7 million to be raised by local taxation — to the board of education with the recommendation that the amount to be raised by local taxes be reduced to \$4,822,111.

The board of education now has 20 days in which to revise the budget and re-submit it to the board of school estimate for reconsideration.

Besides Cappiello, the other members of the school estimate board who voted against the budget were Sal e also on the board of education, voted in favor of the budget.

In a written statement to the school board, Cappiello, Macri and Cemelli charged that the board is "unaware of the in-

crease in property tax in 1981 in the City of Hoboken." The statement continues, "the budget you have submitted shows a total disregard in holding the tax line for 1982 in this city."

The statement recommends that the school board make cuts in the following areas:

Elimination of all non-mandated program increases.

Reduction in the local share of programs in cases where the programs could be run by using the state's share alone.

Closing of one school building — the Leinkauf School is suggested — in addition to keeping the Rue School closed for the 1982-83 year.

Utilization of supervisors as teaching personnel for at least

two classes per day.

Increasing the average class size by two or three students.

Reduction of fuel heating cost since prices have been reduced by suppliers.

Renegotiation of labor agreements.

Cappiello said that he was recommending the cuts "with deep regret" because the city is "on the brink of bankruptcy" and faces an increase in its tax rate of about \$25 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, because of increased costs and a loss of ratables.

In suggesting that the school board reduce the amount of the budget to be raised by local taxes to \$4.8 million, the school estimate board is essentially call-

ing on the school board to maintain last year's budget, which was \$23.7 million, of which \$4,891,183 was raised by local taxes.

The board of education has the right to appeal to the state Commissioner of Education if it considers cuts demanded by the school estimate board too severe.

However, board president Wendelken said yesterday that the board has no plans to appeal at this time. The board has scheduled a special meeting for Monday at 7 p.m. in the administration building to discuss the recommended cuts in the school budget.

Cappiello said the estimate board had no choice but to reject the budget, particularly as the city government is now grappling with its own budget. If no cuts are made in the city budget, it will require an increase of \$26 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The mayor has vowed to keep the increase below \$10 by reducing expenses by at least \$1.7 million.

- using supervisors as teaching personnel for at least two classes per day
- removing all summer salary "perks" from the budget.

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But while the mayor and council members were prepared to assault the school and municipal budget with a cleaver, they have not been as anxious to turn it on themselves.

So far, Cappiello has been talking about cutting back the city payroll along with civil service seniority guidelines. His own appointments do not fall under civil service.

After yesterday's meeting, the mayor said he had "talked about (administration) cuts," and that they "would be considered."

As to cutting his own \$32,000 salary or the salaries of members of the City Council, which range from \$8,000 to \$10,000, Cappiello said it was a possibility.

"I don't know if I would volunteer it," said Macri. "But if everyone is going to cost save, why not?"

Macri also observed that while she would like to keep the city budget at a zero-growth level, "in my wildest imagination it would be very difficult."

The budget will be released at a hearing at City Hall tonight, but the figures released to date indicate that more than \$2.4 million would have to be cut to hold the line.

Nonetheless, Macri said the council is determined to have the school board hold the line on its budget.

In justifying the hard line on the budget, Cappiello said the city's financial condition was "on the brink of bankruptcy." He blamed tax appeals, including that of the Bethlehem Steel shipyard, which could knock up to \$4 million off the tax rolls, for eroding the tax base.

He said new development in the city, particularly housing rehabilitation efforts, was "insignificant" compared to the overall picture.

Ranieri charges programs too costly

Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri says that the financially-struggling city can no longer afford the costs of programs run by the North Hudson Council of Mayors.

In addition, Ranieri opposes the recent appointment of Hudson County Freeholder John Spinello of Jersey City to the \$15,000-a-year post of intra-governmental "liaison officer" with the Council of Mayors.

However, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello defends the Spinello appointment, as well as Hoboken's involvement with the Mayors Council.

Ranieri said that Hoboken is "overburdened" with the expenses of the Mayors Council, at a time when Cappiello is considering laying off as many as 100 city workers in order to trim the 1982 municipal budget and avoid a projected \$28 increase in the tax rate.

"Hoboken must pay \$5,000 in dues and \$18,000 in program expenses to the Mayors Council every year," he said. "Those funds come out of the general treasury, and we simply can't afford it."

Regarding the Spinello appointment, Ranieri charged that the job is unnecessary and suggested that Cappiello, who is chairman of the freeholders, may have created the post as a favor to Spinello.

"My question is: why create the position at all, and why give the job to a freeholder from Jersey City?" asked Ranieri.

But Cappiello denied that the post was created as a favor to Spinello, adding, "I think the job is necessary and I support the appointment."

As for Hoboken's annual payment to the Mayors Council, Cappiello said that the programs run by the council are important to the waterfront city.

"The programs that the council operates—such as the Meals on Wheels program, the Community Action program and the food program—bring many benefits to Hoboken," he said.

School budget faces heavy opposition

By ROY KAHN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A proposed \$700,000 increase in the city school budget is expected to face heavy opposition this morning when it is presented to the board of school estimate for review.

"I'm not optimistic," board of education President and board of school estimate member Robert Wendelken said, discussing the financial difficulty the city is facing with its own budget.

"The city seems to be strapped," he said, "and the board of school estimate has only two people from the board (of education). The rest is the City Council, and they will probably dictate which way the budget goes."

The proposed increase, which would raise the school tax rate about \$6 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, includes pay raises for the school system's 775 employees as well as an effort by the school board to recoup \$197,000 in

slashed state and federal education.

If the increase is shot down, School Superintendent Dr. George Maier said the schools will be forced to cut staffing in remedial math and reading programs. There are about 76 compensatory education teachers in the system, serving between 2,200 and 3,000 students, he said. Regular classroom instruction would not be affected.

He added that it was fairly uncommon for the board of school estimate to reject a school budget, noting the last time it happened was about five years ago.

But Mayor Steve Cappiello, who for the past few days has been predicting municipal employee cuts to avoid a \$36 increase on the city tax rate, said \$700,000 for the schools was too much money.

"I know we are going to lay off people," he said. "It wouldn't be right to just lay off people on the city payroll. The (schools) will just have to double up, like we are going to have to do."

In the face of the municipal budget-cutting efforts,

Cappiello said, he could not reconcile a \$6 tax rate increase in the school budget, and seemed confident the budget would be returned to the board for additional cuts.

The school budget was expected to be brought up at a council caucus meeting set for last night. Sources said the majority of the council was expected to side with the mayor.

Maier was hopeful his proposed budget would be accepted. He said the council has historically been conservative when dealing with the school budget, and has rejected budget increases which had been approved by the state.

But he added, "I don't have any indications that that will happen. And appeals have been made."

In addition to the budget, the board of education is seeking council approval for a \$9 million bond issue, of which \$6 million would be earmarked for building repairs. The remaining \$3 million is for refinancing old debts, he said.

School budget vote set tonight

By ROY KAHN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The fate of the city's \$21.7 million school budget is expected to be decided tonight as the board of education races to meet tonight's deadline for filing budgets with the county school superintendent.

Progress on the budget has been slow since last week's rejection of the budget by the board of school estimate, which ordered more than \$500,000 in cuts.

At a closed session Monday, school board members indicated that they could not agree on either how much to cut the budget or where.

Sources speculated the hardest hit areas would be remedial math and remedial reading programs, where state and federal cuts have already left gaping holes. However, one board member said the programs, which affect more than 2,200 stu-

dents, may be preserved.

Other cost-cutting efforts being considered include eliminating all capital improvements, renegotiating contracts, increasing class sizes and reducing teaching staff through attrition.

Board members said budget details would be worked out in a one-hour closed session before tonight's 7 p.m. meeting at the board offices.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, who sits on the board of school estimate, has said the board of education will not be permitted any increase in its share of the tax rate this year. He said the proposed increase would tack \$6 on the tax rate.

The City Council, working on the city budget, is projecting a \$26 increase per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to fund its \$20 million budget. Cappiello has told the council to reduce the tax rate increase to \$10. The council will discuss its budget at a meeting on Monday.

Tenant income check backed

"Let's Make Hoboken Great Again," a local political organization, supports new federal guidelines requiring tenants of Hoboken's Church Towers—as well as other federally-subsidized housing projects—to supply personal income information annually.

Michael P. DeLanzo, a spokesman for the organization and former Hoboken mayoral candidate, applauds the new guidelines from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which require that tenants of federally-subsidized housing supply W-2 forms, bankbooks and verification of all other income to the building's managers every year.

Tenants at Church Towers, a middle-income housing project, have called the new guidelines an invasion of their privacy. One tenant, Hoboken Councilman Thomas Kennedy, called the regulations "CIA-type tactics."

But DeLanzo, who is expected to run for mayor again in 1983, is calling for a federal investigation of all subsidized housing, especially senior citizens projects.

"We take issue with Councilman Kennedy and the other tenants of Church Towers, who claim that these new guidelines invade their privacy via CIA-type tactics," he said. "There must be some guidelines for these quasi-welfare apartments."

Follow HUD rules, tenants told

By Thomas Rojas

Tenants at the federally-subsidized Church Towers apartment complex in Hoboken must follow federal guidelines requiring them to divulge personal income information or face rent increases, according to an aide to Rep. Frank Guarini of Jersey City.

Guarini aide Conrad Vuocolo said that residents of the three-building complex for middle-income tenants have little choice but to comply with new

regulations. But Vuocolo said that the new HUD regulations — which apply to all federally-subsidized housing — are part of the Reagan Administration's policy of "cracking down" on income eligibility requirements for programs such as social security, Medicaid, school lunches, and housing.

Currently, rents at Church Towers range between \$209 for an efficiency apartment and \$440 for a three-bedroom apartment.

City may lay off cops, firefighters

By ROY KAHN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Police and firefighters are expected to be hit hardest as the mayor and City Council contemplate layoffs to trim more than \$1.7 million from the proposed city budget.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday that in a "technical move," all municipal employees, who number more than 400, will be given 45-day layoff notices. With the general notification, the administration will have free rein to eliminate people from the payroll as of May 15.

Cappiello said the layoffs will be based on seniority listings provided the city by civil service, but predicted that the hardest-hit departments will "more than likely be police and fire."

The mayor said he would not

change his position even though he anticipates claims from those departments that the layoffs will leave the city defenseless.

"When we are faced with these kinds of money problems, we have to stand fast," he said. But he added, "It could be open to negotiation."

Union officials representing the uniformed forces could not be reached for comment.

Besides cutting staff, Cappiello said, "Everyone in the city (government) may be asked to take a step back in terms of (civil service) title and rank." The move would reduce expenses and "allow us to keep more people on the payroll," he said.

Cappiello said he already has trimmed \$700,000 from the budget to bring it under the state-mandated 5 percent limit on annual budget increases.

But with the first cut, the city still faces a \$25 increase in its already high tax rate, a rate that jumped 26 last year to \$138 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The mayor said he is striving to keep the increase under \$10 this year.

Cappiello said he and the council will make the final budget statement jointly to avoid a competition between the two branches of government.

But at least one councilman, Robert A. Ranieri, said the layoffs may not be necessary.

Ranieri has been pushing for the city to stop contracting out for garbage collection and start doing it itself. He says the move would save the city \$500,000 to \$800,000 per year.

Ranieri admitted that some layoffs may be needed, but said his plan, which has received a lukewarm reception from the rest of the council, would save 75 jobs.

Hoboken garbage will stay a private affair

Garbage collection in Hoboken will apparently remain in the hands of private contractors for the time being, though a compromise has been presented to slowly turn the service over to municipal employees.

At its caucus last night, the city council considered a plan that would hire the present contractor, La Fera Contracting Co., for only one year by which time the city would take over the service. The plan was submitted by Councilman Robert Ranieri, who sat on the council's solid waste disposal committee, with Anthony Romano and Helen Macri.

Meanwhile, a local civic group is calling for a public forum to discuss the different issues in for municipal garbage collection. The group, the Hoboken Civic League, also asked that the council postpone the awarding of a three-year \$4 million contract to La Fera.

Romano and Macri, recommended that the council accept the La Fera bid and continue the private firm collection.

However, Ranieri presented figures that he said showed the city could save between \$500,000 and \$800,000 a year by city collection.

However, both Romano and Mrs. Macri said they feared Ranieri's figures may not have showed the true costs. Romano said he didn't believe that the city could begin collection immediately.

Both pointed out that Kearny and North Bergen have only recently passed ordinances turning garbage collection over to private contractors. "North Bergen and Kearny have gone out of the garbage business," Mrs. Macri said, "and I don't think we should now be going into it."

Ranieri said the city had the equipment and the facilities to begin collecting garbage tomorrow. He said that even at

its most spendthrift the city would spend \$825,000 — far below La Fera's offer of \$1.2 million for the first year.

However, most of the council members appeared to favor continuing the private contractor system. Recognizing this, Ranieri offered a compromise plan that would hire La Fera for the next year (the company is now working on a per diem basis following their contract expiration in February).

During this year, Ranieri said a private firm could be hired to make study. If it recommended the municipal collection, Ranieri said the city would then implement it.

Concerning the public forum, William Caulfield, the group's president, said the forum was needed to invite public input into the decision. "This isn't a political question, it's a question of what is best for Hoboken."

Hoboken nets suspect in holdups

Hoboken police took to the streets of New York City Monday to arrest a man suspected of two armed robberies at grocery stores last month.

Police said that Harry Calendaria, 21, was arrested on 112th street in Harlem and charged with two counts of armed robbery, for the robberies of grocery stores at 1001 Willow Avenue and 1/2 First St. on Feb. 12 and 14. About \$650 was taken in the two robberies.

In addition, the suspect was charged with aggravated assault, assault on a police officer, criminal trespass, s. o. p. lifting, failure to appear in court, and possession of a controlled, dangerous substance (marijuana), police said.

According to Police Capt. Patrick Donatucci, three detectives — Sgt. Martin Kitey and Detectives Ernest Mack and Fred Ferrante — went into New York with an arrest warrant and were assisted in their search by New York police. Donatucci said that the suspect was processed yesterday and will be transferred to Hudson County Penitentiary.

In another case, Hoboken police have arrested a New York man suspected of engineering a stolen check operation in New York and New Jersey.

Donatucci said that a man who gave his name as Michael Fazio, 39, of New York City, was arrested in Hoboken last week after a bank teller alerted police that the suspect was trying to cash a stolen check.

According to Donatucci, the man is suspected of stealing checks from the mail, depositing them in banks in New York and New Jersey, and then withdrawing the money.

The suspect is wanted by federal postal authorities on "both sides of the Hudson" for more than 17 charges of robbery, fraud and interfering with the U.S. mail, according to police.

The suspect was turned over to New York police after the arrest.

"They have been looking for that guy a long time," said Donatucci.

Councilmen favor thinning ranks

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Cramer announced his support for the commission government just after last night's meeting was adjourned. Cramer's announcement was followed by statements of support from the other three councilmen. The other five councilmen did not make their opinions known.

Cramer said his endorsement was in response to Cappiello's statements in which the mayor said he was considering reducing the number of councilmen as well as department directors now on the municipal payroll.

Either Cappiello's or Cramer's suggestion would have to be done through a change in the city's charter under the state Faulkner Act. Each could only be done through a public referendum.

The budget as introduced last night would call for an increase of about \$28 in municipal property taxes. This would mean taxpayers would have to pay about \$166 per \$1,000 assessed value.

To cut down on this increase, Cappiello has said that as many as 100 municipal employees may have to be cut from the payroll.

Concerning the collection contract, the council's vote came after city Business Administrator Edward Chius suggested it as a compromise solution. The council, particularly Kennedy and Robert Ranieri, had been arguing for over an hour before Chius spoke.

The city has already received a low bid from its present private collection firm, La Fera Contracting Co., that for a contract that would total about \$4 million for the next three years.

HOPES program is given grant

The Hoboken HOPES organization's In-School Youth Program will continue.

E. Norman Wilson, executive director of HOPES (Hoboken Organization Against Poverty and Economic Stress), announced that he has received a \$35,000 Youth in Community Service Grant from the state Department of Community Affairs to continue the youth program.

The grant will be used to

employ 42 teenagers — at the minimum rate of \$3.35 an hour — for 15 hours a week after school. The youths will be assigned to various worksites throughout the city.

Cappiello group to meet

Members of the Steve Cappiello Association of Hoboken will hold their regular monthly meeting on April 6 at the

clubrooms, 612 Jefferson St., President Charles Beth has announced. Mayor Cappiello is the group's standard bearer.

'Let public decide' on rule issue

By Thomas Rojas

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello says that he would support a public referendum changing the city's form of government from its current mayor-council system to a five-member commission.

"I will go along with whatever the public wants to do," said the mayor. "Put the issue before the public and if they vote for a change in the form of government, I'll support it."

At Wednesday's City Council meeting, four councilmen — Thomas Kennedy, Anthony Romano, Nunzio Malfetti and Council President Walter Cramer — said that they would

support changing the city's form of government in order to cut the proposed \$20.3 million municipal budget for 1982.

The budget, which projects a \$28 increase in the city's tax rate, was introduced at the council meeting.

Cappiello has said that he would like to cut at least \$1 million from the budget, primarily by laying off city employees, placing a hiring freeze in all departments, and eliminating overtime.

The mayor has also said that he is considering reducing the number of directors and members of the council. There

are currently nine members in the council.

According to John Rasimowicz of the state Department of Community Affairs, the only way for Hoboken to change its form of government would be to hold a public referendum calling for the formation of a Charter Study Commission, which would decide whether to recommend a change in the city's charter.

Under the state Faulkner

Act, the governing body of a municipality can place the issue of forming a charter study commission directly on the voting ballot. The matter can also be brought to a vote by circulating a petition which would have to be signed by 20 percent of the registered voters in Hoboken.

Hoboken was governed by a five-member commission until 1953, when the city changed to its present mayor-council form.

Councilmen favor thinning their ranks

By James Kopchains

Four members of the Hoboken City Council, including Council President Walter Cramer, support changing the city's form of governing board from its present nine-member body to a five-member commission.

Cramer and Councilmen Anthony Romano, Nunzio Malfetti, and Thomas Kennedy announced their support last night in response to reports that Mayor Steve Cappiello was considering ways of

reducing the number of council members in order to trim the municipal budget.

In other business, the council voted to re-bid a contract for private garbage collection, this time with specifications calling for two days per week collections rather than its present three days per week.

The council also received this year's \$20 million budget and set a public hearing on its adoption for April 14 at 7 p.m.

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Hoboken may cut work week to save funds

By Thomas Rojas

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello is considering having city employees work four days a week for 10 weeks during the summer in order to cut costs.

That proposal was one of several budget-cutting measures suggested during a closed meeting Monday night involving Cappiello, Business Administrator Edwin Chius and the City Council.

The work session was held to discuss methods of trimming the proposed 1982 municipal budget, which projects an increase in the tax rate of 28 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

According to the proposed plan, all city departments — except police, fire and sewage plant operators — would be closed on Wednesdays for a 10-week period from June until August.

Chius said that the plan could save the city as much as \$120,000, and added, "most merchants in the city close their stores on Wednesdays during the summer anyway."

On a related matter, Cappiello disagreed with a plan offered by Councilman Robert Ranieri to

cut about \$1.5 million from the budget without laying off any municipal employees.

"There is no way to cut the budget without layoffs," said the mayor. "I wish there was a way, but there isn't."

Cappiello explained that Ranieri's proposal to ask Stevens Institute of Technology and the Housing Authority for about \$200,000 in additional payments to the city in lieu of taxes was unfeasible.

"Both Stevens and the Housing Authority have told me that they can't pay the additional money," he said.

The mayor also disagreed with Ranieri's claim that the proposed development of the 15th Street area would bring the city about \$150,000 in taxes, arguing that the city would not collect taxes until development is completed.

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Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, second from right, places his signature on the contract setting the city's First Street Improvement Program in motion. Witnessing the event are Kenneth W. Nickel, left, a Trust Company of New Jersey vice president, Conrad J. Rehili Sr., second from left, a bank senior vice president, and architect John P. Clarke.

First Street plan boosted

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello yesterday signed a contract with the Trenton architectural firm of Clarke and Travisano for the planning and implementation of the First Street Improvement Program.

Under the program — sponsored by the city's Community Development Agency, the Trust Company of New Jersey and an \$85,000 grant U.S. Urban Development Action grant — businesses and residents of the

First Street area will be encouraged to improve their neighborhood through low-interest improvement loans.

In addition, the CDA has committed about \$200,000 to repair and improve sidewalks and curbs.

House OKs transfer of piers to Hoboken

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said he is very pleased with the passage of a bill, sponsored by Rep. Frank Guarini to transfer control of Piers A, B, and C from the federal government back to the city.

Guarini said of the legislation, passed yesterday by the House of Representatives, "this is a great day for Hoboken and will signal the return of all Hudson County's waterfront facilities to their previous greatness."

The congressman attributed the victory to the perseverance of the individuals and organizations involved including Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Used heavily during World War I for troop movement and again during World War II, the piers have been phased out for shipping purposes as a result of the new containerization system being used in maritime shipment at facilities such as Port Newark and the Global Terminal in Jersey City.

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Hoboken is one step closer to taking over Piers A, B, and C from the federal government as the result of a vote by the House of Representatives yesterday. The facilities have been dormant for years.

House OKs piers for Hoboken

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"Hoboken has been attempting to regain control of the piers for 65 years," he said. "I can't praise Congressman Guarini enough for his efforts in this endeavor."

Cappiello said he will work closely with the Port Authority in working out a redevelopment plan for the piers, adding that he is hoping to see redevelopment work begin "within a couple of years."

"The piers are perhaps the

one area which Hoboken can count on in the years ahead to relieve us of our financial troubles," added the mayor.

Several studies on the redevelopment of the piers have been done by the Port Authority and other organizations. Potential uses for the property include a marina, an exposition hall, shopping areas, high-rise condominiums, artistic facilities and office space.

The transfer of the piers to Hoboken's control will next be considered by the Senate.

Quiching Hoboken

To the Old Residents,
It May Be Too Late

By WILLIAM E. GEIST

Special to The New York Times

HOBOKEN, N.J., March 22 — In this town of steel-toed work shoes, shot-and-a-beer taverns and an occasional beehive hairdo, the invasion of the quiche-eaters continues. Lured by rows of relatively inexpensive brownstones convenient to Manhattan, young professionals and artists have been moving in droves to the left bank of the Hudson River. And Hoboken, which some local residents look upon with pride as perhaps the least fashionable city in the country — if not all of New Jersey — is becoming positively trendy.

The new residents can be seen on the streets wearing designer jeans and driving foreign cars. Plants hang from macramé in condominium windows. Haagen-Dazs ice cream and Tux Shirts are sold at the Hoboken Daily News store. Those who liked "the old Hoboken" say it may already be too late. The first croissants have been served.

Now an art gallery has opened in Hoboken, a venture one local butcher considers tantamount to opening a live-bait shop in the Mojave Desert. "Hoboken people don't buy art," Al Pierre, of the Pierre Brothers butcher shop, states flatly. Debra Hull, co-owner of the Hoboken Art gallery, which opened in December, admits that "the local people think we're crazy." But her partner, Barbara Smith, says people in New York don't laugh in her face as much as before — as if not knowing that Hoboken is in is to be out of it.

Hoboken's only bookstore, Unicorn, opened last month where the Salvation Army clothing store used to be. Having never seen a bookstore before, children come in and ask how they can join. "We had a bookstore once," said Bill Phelps, a lifelong resident. "It went out of business and the new one will, too. You can't sell books in Hoboken. People don't read."

The bookstore, with such magazines as Q, Gourmet, Interiors, Age and Artforum in the front window, would be perplexing enough. But this bookstore is also a cafe that serves wine, cheese, toasted herb-cheese loaf and other foods of fashion. Last week, the bookstore-cafe opened an art gallery, Hoboken's second in four months.

Viola Gundersen, 60 years old, stood for several minutes at the front door of the Unicorn, peering inside and trying to come to grips with something that seemed as confusing to her as if it had just dropped from the moon. "I've never seen anything like that before," said Mrs. Gundersen, with a shake of her head.

"People laugh," said Lynn Spencer, one of the owners of the bookstore-cafe-gallery, "when you say you're opening a place like this in Hoboken. Ho-ho-Hoboken and all of that." But an employee, Kevin McCloskey, said: "This bookstore has a chance. It serves beer."

The Federal Writers Project stated in 1939: "To almost every-



View of cafe and gallery at the Unicorn bookstore in Hoboken, N.J.

body Hoboken means two things: beer and ships." Here, in the mid-1800's, Aert T. VanPutten built the first brewery in the New World. And the town may still hold the distinction of having the most bars per capita in the United States, although the number is down from the 1940's, when there were as many as 27 on a single block.

Hoboken is frequently the butt of jokes for being hopelessly decreed and old-fashioned, to which one longtime resident retorts: "Who wants to keep up with these times?" Though Hoboken is just 10 minutes from Manhattan by train, bus or car, everything in the city, from the architecture to the price of a beer, has been remarkably preserved — perhaps protected by its own image.

Now, however, it is becoming a city of contrasts, where a woman in purple tights and a miniskirt stands waiting for a bus with three scarred old women. Outside a new gourmet food shop, a street vendor sells potatoes for \$4.25 for 50 pounds. A lean jogger sprints past a man sweeping already clean streets by hand. And the same wide, bright neckties of the 1930's and 40's are sold to newcomers in shops catering to those interested in the latest fads, as well as to older residents in local stores that seemingly haven't rotated their stock since World War II.

Opinions are mixed about the invasion and occupation of Hoboken. "The New Yorkers have done a lot by fixing up old houses and opening businesses that hadn't been occupied in a long time. But they're messing up Hoboken in a lot of

ways. Rents and taxes are way up so high a lot of people can't afford to live here anymore," said Mr. Pierre, the butcher.

Piet Halberstadt, a co-owner of the Unicorn, said that some of the artists who had been among the first to move here from Manhattan were moving to Jersey City now, unable to afford Hoboken.

At the Cafe Elysian, where workers from the Maxwell House plant can bring in their sack lunches and wash them down with 35-cent beers, some of the clientele wonder how long it will be before someone buys this architectural gem and raises the prices.

"I don't understand what all the raving about Hoboken is about," said Rocky Musella, a lifelong resident of this community that has never cared much for fads that people rave about.

But newcomers opening businesses believe that Hoboken is destined to be the next Solio or Greenwich Village. Those who want to preserve some of the old Hoboken say that an important battle was lost when the Court Street Bar, which features 50-cent beers and Gens, a local plumber, singing such originals as "Jersey City, Jersey City Here I Come," put quiche on the menu.

The owner, Jack Talbot, acknowledged that he had given in on the quiche issue, but said that was where he had drawn the line. "You don't see any hanging plants in my windows," he said defiantly. "Someone gave me one, but I hung it in the back away from the windows until it died."

Hoboken eyes role as new Hollywood

BY PETER J. SAMPSON
United Press International

Will Hoboken become as synonymous with movie making as Hollywood? Maybe.

Four years ago, New Jersey set out to woo film making back to the state of its birth—Thomas Edison started the industry with a film studio in West Orange in 1893 and D.W. Griffith later shot his first film in Fort Lee, where silent epics and serials such as "Perils of Pauline" were made.

The state's effort has paid off. The New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission spent \$900,000 to lure over \$30 million in business that its executive director, Joseph Friedman, says is "direct production expenses" for 365 projects filmed in New Jersey.

LAST YEAR ALONE, 135 different projects including motion pictures, television shows, documentaries, industrial films, experimental shorts and commercials accounted for an annual record of \$12 million.

This year's filming of "Annie," the movie version of the successful Broadway musical, is "the biggest thing" ever shot in the state, Friedman says, with actor-director Woody Allen back for the "fourth time."

Now even the commission's grandiose plan for a huge "Universal City" for the production of movies seems less farfetched. A more modest \$6 million film and video production center is planned.

"You've got to crawl before you can walk," Friedman says.

EFFORTS TO DEVELOP a film center proved fruitless until Jerome Kretschmer entered the picture last spring. Construction on Kretschmer's project is scheduled to begin within eight months.

The studios are to be housed in the refurbished Erie Lackawanna Railroad Terminal here. They could open by early 1984.

THE PLAN CALLS for construction of six sound studios equipped for film making on the second floor of the terminal's old ferry building, and a center for post-production work in an adjacent YMCA building.

"It's a marvelous structure," Kretschmer says of the terminal. "I'm in the recycling business. That's what I do. I restore old structures. And this is the perfect structure for this use."

Teachers' pay may be cut to reduce school budgets

By Peter LaVilla and Thomas Rojas

Both Hoboken and Jersey City may cut the salaries and benefits of teachers to reduce the new school budgets for 1982-83.

Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann recommended at yesterday's public hearing at the Board of School Estimate meeting in City Hall that cuts in teachers' salaries could mean a \$1 million saving in the 1982-83 budget.

He also said it could lower the proposed tax increase needed to finance the schools from \$3.28 per \$1,000 assessed valuation to about \$1.90 for 1982.

At a special meeting of the Board of Education in Hoboken yesterday, Mayor Steve Cappelletto, chairman of the school estimate board, presented the school board with a list of suggested cuts in the proposed \$21.7 million budget.

The largest suggested cuts were in planned renovation work at the closed Rue School and in teachers' salaries. The school estimate board had rejected the budget — which calls for about \$5.7 million to be raised by local taxes — on Tuesday.

In Jersey City yesterday McCann said he

would like to avoid layoffs as a means of reducing the school budget. "There don't have to be layoffs," he said. "We can achieve that by givebacks in wages and benefits."

The 1982-83 school budget is \$115 million as compared to \$102 million for 1981-82. However, the amount to be raised by taxation rose only \$600,000, and half of that — \$300,000, is reflected in the 1982 budget. The other half will reflect in the 1983-84 budget.

According to McCann, the proposed \$3.28 tax increase was brought about by the previous administration and a cut in state aid. The mayor said \$2.88 is carried over to this year by the previous administration and 40 cents is what his administration is responsible for.

"We were expecting \$750,000 from the state in Equalization Aid but it was cut," said McCann. "If it hadn't been cut, we would have cut our portion of the tax increase by about 50 cents. So we're faced with a 40-cent increase."

The board of education closed three elementary schools in 1981, laid off some 140 teachers and watched student enrollment drop by some 8,000 pupils.

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During the public portion of the meeting, Joseph Duffy recommended that \$700,000 be cut from teacher instruction which is up \$5.1 million this year.

Dominick Pugliese, former City Council president, recommended that more money be allocated to help educate the students on the perils of drugs.

He recommended that the \$3,000 budget item be increased to \$100,000. McCann agreed with him and made that recommendation to the board. The funds also will be used to fight vandalism.

Patricia Murphy Alvarez, a parent and representative of the School Improvement Advisory Council, a citywide group, questioned the board on the closing of School 28.

Dr. Michael Ross, superintendent of schools, advised the board that there is money in the budget to pay teacher salaries and other personnel, but the school will not be reopened in September.

However, it was brought to light that school officials are looking at other sites to possibly build a new School 28 on.

The board transferred \$150,000

from other accounts to repair Schools 17 and 22.

Nicholas Introcaso, board president, said a special meeting will be held probably Tuesday to adopt the \$1 million cut the mayor proposed.

The Hoboken school estimate board recommended that the school board abandon plans to renovate the Rue School, thus cutting \$194,000 in capital outlay monies from the proposed budget.

In addition, the board suggested \$130,000 in cuts in teachers' salaries. Those cuts would result in the layoff of about nine teachers.

In other areas, the school estimate board recommended cuts of \$51,000 in special education programs, and \$50,000 in heating fuel expenses.

Last Tuesday, the school estimate board recommended that the amount in the school budget to be raised by local taxation be reduced to \$4,822,111.

The compromise measure suggested yesterday would reduce the amount to be raised by local taxes to \$5,248,295.

The board of education has called a special meeting for Monday at 7 p.m. to discuss the proposed cuts in the school budget.

Hoboken PBA asks wage, benefit hikes

By BILL ALPERT

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Police filed a list of demands for increased pay and benefits last week soon after Mayor Steve Cappelletto announced the city might have to lay off police and firefighters to avoid a \$25 jump in local taxes.

The Hoboken PBA filed two petitions Tuesday with the state Public Employment Relations Commission requesting state arbitration of their 1982 contract with the city, said Francis X. Hayes, the city's labor lawyer, yesterday after he received a copy of the petitions.

Hayes said the city and police bargainers have met sporadically for negotiations since the 1981 contract expired Dec. 31.

The petitions — one for policemen under the rank of sergeant and one for sergeants, lieutenants and captains — list 11 demands, Hayes said, including:

- A 10 percent pay raise;
- Annual "longevity pay" increases for officers who have worked 3, 5, 8, 15, and 20 years for the city;
- Pay for credits earned in continuing college education;
- Doubletime pay for working on holidays;
- City-paid insurance to complement state worker-compensation insurance for

on-the-job injuries, so injured officers will receive full pay;

- Bulletproof vests for all PBA members, to be worn at the officer's option;
- Increased "terminal leave" from 4 to 5 days for each year of service to be paid upon retirement;
- Five personal days off instead of two;
- A prescription eyeglass program;
- A change from the 22-squad system of shifts to the five-platoon system;
- The assignment of steady-shift work jobs by seniority only.

Early last week, Cappelletto said all city employees would be given 40-day layoff notices as a legal precaution, in case the city had to make layoffs beginning May 15th. Cappelletto predicted that the hardest-hit departments would "more than likely be police and fire."

More than \$1.7 million must be trimmed from the proposed city budget for 1982 if property owners are to escape a \$55 increase in local property taxes, the mayor said. Last year, the city's property tax jumped \$26 to \$139 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Cappelletto said he would like to try to keep the 1982 increase under \$10.

Hayes said that the city must file an answer to the PBA petitions within seven days. The city's position in negotiations thus far has been no increases in money or benefits, he said.

PBA seeks referee in contract talks

The Hoboken Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, Local 2, has filed with the state for an arbitrator to help it in its contract talks with the city, and among the major demands the PBA made are a 10 percent wage increase, a reduction in the work week, and a one-year contract. The unions says it is at an impasse.

Frank Hayes, the city's negotiator, said he learned of several new PBA demands through the mail despite two meetings with the union.

David Solomon, attorney for the PBA, filed with the Public Employment Relations Commission for an arbitrator last Tuesday, Hayes said.

The demands include the wage hike, a prescription eyeglass plan, a 1 percent increase in longevity every two years up to a maximum of 12 years.

Also, three additional personnel days, pay for college credits, increased insurance while on compensation to equal a full-week's salary, bullet-proof vests even though they don't have to wear them, double time pay for working holidays, one additional day for terminal leave for each year of service.

And, a one-year contract, steady day work based on seniority, and a change in the squad system that would reduce a work week from 40 to 32 hours, according to Hayes.

The PBA demands come on the heels of an announcement by Mayor Steve Cappelletto that he may have to lay off about 100 city workers in order to reduce the municipal budget to avoid a tax increase of \$28 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The layoffs could come around April 1, the mayor said.

3 welfare chiselers arrested

By Thomas Rojas

Three Hoboken welfare cheats have been arrested within the last week and six others have left the welfare roles voluntarily as a result of a new state program that identifies persons who work while receiving public assistance.

Hoboken Welfare Director Robert Drasheff explained that the new Wage Reporting System begun in January by the state Division of Public Welfare enables local welfare offices to identify clients who are working and collecting public assistance at the same time.

"The system allows us to match the client with the name of his employer," he said. "And the reports are updated every three months."

Drasheff said that he received his first report under the new system about three weeks ago, and was able to identify nine welfare cheats. Police arrested three of the fraudulent welfare recipients within the last week while six others closed their cases voluntarily.

Although Drasheff would not divulge the names of the persons arrested, he said that one was employed by Stevens Institute of Technology, while the other two worked for a trucking company and a clothing manufacturer in North Bergen.

He added that the welfare cheats averaged about \$150 a week in salary, and that they had been working for "at least a year, maybe more."

The case of the three welfare cheats is, due to be heard in Hoboken Municipal Court shortly.

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Public Library's Children's Dept. presents...

The Hoboken Public Library, 500 Park ave., Hoboken, Children's Dept., will have film viewing at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays, as follows:

Pre-school films: March 3, Madeline and Mole and the Umbrella; March 10, Dr. Zuess on the Loose; Mole and the T.V.; Mole and the Zoo, Sasha, Yasha, Yakov and the Wolf; March 24, Mole as a Panther. Mr. Moto Takes a Walk, Rich Cat, Poor Cat; March 31, Alexander and the Car with a Missing Headlight, Mother Goose; April 7, Cat in the Hat; April 14, Kittens Grow Up, There are No Blue Mice; April 21, Dragon Stew; April 28, Ben and Me.

Also, a film viewing for school age children at 3:30 p.m. on Fridays, as follows:

March 5, Standfast Tin Soldier, Nick; March 12, Pass in Books, Old Sheep Dog; March 19, People Soup, Tugboats and Harpers, Seven Ravens; March 26, Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor, The Red Bird and The Rescue, The Princess and the Peas, The Wolf; April 2, Red Shoes, Night in a Pot Shop; April 9, Saffron Giant, Story of Zachary Zeevan; April 16, Stuart Little; April 23, Perils of Pinocchio, Phillip and The White Colt, and April 30, Nika, Boy of Greece.

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Four years ago, Mr. Maier said, the curriculum was out of date, there were no achievement standards, some classes used old textbooks and others used none. He said that he had been able to make improvements despite one factor that has remained unchanged:

Politics still plays a large role in the school system.

"The Hoboken Board of Education," said Steven Block, a board member who frequently opposes the six other members, "continues to operate as a political club whose primary functions are to provide jobs and spend public money based on the political needs and personal whims of board members and local politicians."

Conducting the business of education in the name of education precludes effectively conducting the business of education.

Just recently, the wives of Councilman Thomas Kennedy and James Giordano, the city's Director of Public Safety, were given part-time clerk's jobs with the Board of Education.

In November, the City Council President, Walter Cramer, who had just lost his job as chief trial counsel for Transport of New Jersey, was given the newly created, \$38,000-a-year position of Business Manager-Administrative Director of the school system.

Anthony Romano, Hoboken's First Ward Councilman, who had been the

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Hoboken teachers angry about cuts

By Thomas Rojas

Hoboken public school teachers are angry about anticipated cuts in teacher salaries and layoffs that may result from reductions in the 1982-83 school budget.

"Why are teachers always the first ones to go when cuts are made?" questioned a spokesman for the teachers, who asked not

to be identified. The teachers are concerned about cuts in the \$21.7 million school budget recommended to the Hoboken Board of Education by the Board of School Estimate.

The school estimate board has recommended cuts totalling \$528,500—including \$194,000 in capital outlay monies for renovation work on the closed Rue School, and \$130,000 in teachers' salaries, which could result in the layoff of about nine teachers.

The school estimate board rejected the proposed 1982-83 school budget last week. The suggested cuts would reduce the amount in the budget to be raised by local taxes from about \$5.7 million to \$4,822,111.

The board of education will hold a special meeting at 7 tonight in the administration building to discuss the proposed cuts.

At a school estimate board meeting last Thursday, Board of Education President Robert Wendelken expressed great concern about the suggested \$130,000 cut in teachers' salaries.

In addition to the cuts in teacher salaries, the school estimate board recommended cut of \$51,000 in special education programs, \$50,000 in heating fuel costs, \$40,000 in principals' salaries, and \$32,700 in salaries for administrative personnel.

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius said that it is necessary for the school board to reduce teachers' salaries because

"about 200 city employees have been laid off since 1973 and it is unfair for the school system not to share the load."

Mayor Steve Cappiello, who is also president of the school estimate board, has said that the school budget must be cut if Hoboken is to avoid a financial crisis.

Budget cut by \$520,000

The Hoboken school board last night adopted a revised 1982-83 budget, shaving \$520,000, that will result in the layoff of teachers and the loss of additional personnel through attrition.

The cuts in part, in the original \$21.7-million budget in approximate numbers include \$45,000 in teacher salaries; \$194,000 in capital outlays and \$70,000 in utility and fuel costs.

The cuts will reduce the figure to be raised through local taxes from \$5.7 million to \$5.2 million.

The number of teachers to be laid off has not been determined.

"How many teachers or in which locations the layoff will occur will depend on an evaluation being done by the superintendent of schools," said school board president Robert Wendelken.

Approximately 12 jobs will be lost through attrition including an attendance officer, security guard, bookkeeper, a vice principal and additional or growth personnel.

"It is a substantial cut from what we expected," Wendelken said. "It wasn't possible to reduce the budget to zero growth like one councilman recommended. It will put a strain on our system but we won't suffer tremendously from it."

"How could I deprive my own mother?" asked the 34-year-old board president, who is also a teacher in Union City.

Mr. Wendelken's wife also joined the Board of Education staff after he became a board member in 1977.

"She's an excellent typist," he said. "Should she be deprived of a job because she's related to me?"

Board members are appointed to three-year unexpired terms by the Mayor. Steven Cappiello. Before 1979, the board was elected, but three years ago the voters opted for the appointive system.

All current members of the board except Mr. Block have relatives or close friends on the payroll. One member, James Farina, is director of the city's Department of Health and Welfare; another, James Monaco, a fireman, is the city's Fire Prevention Officer.

After Mr. Monaco joined the board, his wife, Ann, a teacher, was given a special classroom position that paid \$1,000 more than a conventional teacher's salary. The wife of another board member, John Pope, was promoted to one of two positions in the talented and gifted program.

"Everyone has a grandfather or grandmother," Mr. Maier said. "It makes it hard changing things."

Mr. Maier, whose daughter is a school psychologist, said that, despite the pervasiveness of politics, "I have to think that we promote the best person."

"Just because some one has political connections," he said, "doesn't mean they're not good and not the right person for the job."

The mayor has said that he "would like to hold any increase in the tax rate to 'no more than \$10.'" That would require an estimated \$1.5 million cut in the budget.

Although Ranieri, who is recovering from recent surgery, does not expect to be able to attend tonight's work session, he promises to present the council with a proposal for cutting "between \$1.2 and \$1.5 million" from the budget.

Ranieri has proposed savings in seven areas:

Municipal garbage collecting. Ranieri claims that the city can save between \$500,000 and \$600,000 by collecting its own garbage instead of employing a private contractor.

Reduction of overtime.

Additional payments of \$50,000 to \$75,000 from Stevens Institute of Technology for municipal services in lieu of taxes.

Additional payment of between \$50,000 and \$75,000 from Housing Authority projects.

Voluntary savings of between \$200,000 and \$300,000 by the board of education for a one-year period. These savings would be in addition to the \$520,000 in proposed cuts recently made in the 1982-83 school budget.

Ranieri's proposal does not include any layoffs of city workers, even though Cappiello has said that as many as "100-plus" municipal workers will be laid off in order to trim the budget.

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Veterinarian to open office in Hoboken

For years, Hoboken pet owners have had to take their sick or injured animals to veterinarians in Union City or Jersey City.

That caused many problems for senior citizens, handicapped persons, and others unable to leave their homes.

But now, there is good news for Hoboken pet owners, as well as pets.

Dr. Allen Rich, the city's first veterinarian, is scheduled to open a clinic at 235 Washington St. on Thursday.

Rich, 32, a resident of West Orange, says that he has wanted to open his own veterinary clinic ever since he was a child.

During the past four years, while working as an associate veterinarian in Secaucus, he made many house calls to Hoboken homes.

"I realized that there are a lot of shut-ins and handicapped people in Hoboken who couldn't get to a veterinarian," he explains. "After taking a tour of the city, I started looking for a location for an office."

At his clinic, Rich plans to provide general medicine and surgery for all kinds of animals, as well as vaccinations against infectious diseases.

And he plans to continue making house calls. In fact, the young veterinarian hopes to set up an animal ambulance service which will transport pets needing emergency care to the clinic.

"I'm trying to prolong the pet's life as much as possible," says Rich. "For the elderly especially, a pet can be their only friend or their last link with a loved one. Pets are a very important part of their lives."

Rich says that he most often treats dogs that are hit by cars,

and cats that suffer from "high-rise syndrome," an unexplained tendency to jump out of windows. Has he had any unusual cases?

"Once, I treated a boa constrictor that was bitten by a rat," he recalls. "The boa had been trying to eat the rat, so the rat bit him. I guess it was the rat's revenge."

How can a person prolong the life of his pet?

"Make sure that they are fed properly and have regular checkups and vaccines," says Rich. "Also, show the animal a lot of love. Pets are very sensitive to their environments and have a lot of empathy for their owners."

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Rich is a self-confessed "animal-lover" who currently owns two dogs. He calls opening his own office "a dream come true."

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Hoboken rate to rise \$28

By ROY KAHN

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Mayor Steve Cappiello dropped into the lap of the City Council last night his proposed 1982 municipal budget — complete with a \$28 hike in the city tax rate and provisions for firing most temporary and provisional employees.

To make his budget work, Cappiello has called for the freezing of the school tax levy, a municipal hiring freeze, a salary freeze, a ban on city-paid travel to conventions and the elimination of most of the city's overtime payroll. The document was released just before the City Council meeting.

According to the mayor's message included in the document, the \$28 million budget falls just within the state-mandated 5 percent cap for annual budget growth. It will push the tax rate up to \$166 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

That figure indicates the amount to be raised by local property taxes is jumping \$1.57 million over last year to \$8,020,037.86. That amount does not include any increases in the county tax rate, which though not yet announced are expected. Nor does it include the raises that city employees might get through contract negotiations.

However, that he will fund any negotiated wage increases by cutting back on city personnel.

But the most pressing issue before the council was neither the budget nor the proposed layoffs. It was a proposal by Councilman Robert Ranieri that the city embark on an immediate takeover of municipal garbage collection.

After more than two hours of debate, the council refused to side with him but did table a resolution that would have given the \$4.2 million garbage contract to LaFera Contracting Co. Instead, they decided to continue on a cost-saving

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option to the LaFera proposal which would reduce the number of city garbage collection days from three to two.

Adopted unanimously by the council, the move was Ranieri's "second choice," he said.

He began the meeting by attempting to convince the council to abandon reliance on the private sector completely and follow a route taken by New Brunswick when, on March 1, it took over garbage collection services.

Challenging the council to adopt his plan and save between \$600,000

and \$1.1 million more than the current arrangement, he charged that, refusing to follow his lead, would indicate the council is afraid to take on responsibility and doomed the body to political disaster.

"This document dictates a taxpayer revolt," he claimed, holding up his copy of the proposed budget.

He predicted that, were the document approved, the public would dump not only the mayor but the City Council as well.

The council, however, was not swayed by his arguments.

Councilman Thomas Kennedy challenged Ranieri's comparison

crease in the city's tax rate to "no more than \$10."

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said that Hoboken will have to cut "about \$1.5 million" from the 1982 budget in order to hold the tax increase to \$10.

Meanwhile, Kennedy says that the anticipated transfer of Piers A, B and C to Hoboken's control could mean a "turnaround" for the troubled city.

"It won't solve all of our problems, but it's a step in the right direction," said Kennedy. "Once the piers are officially under Hoboken's control, developers from all over the country will be coming here to offer development plans."

Legislation transferring control of the federally-owned piers to Hoboken was passed by the House of Representatives on Thursday.

Rep. Frank Guarini of Jersey City sponsored the bill, which must be passed by the Senate before becoming law.

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100 nabbed at cock fight

By Arnold Freilich

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About 100 persons were arrested last night when Hudson County Prosecutor Harold J. Ruvolet Jr. and a team of 60 investigators broke down the door of a basement in a Hoboken apartment house and found an alleged gambling operation that included a cock fight arena and card room.

More than 80 fighting cocks and \$15,000 were confiscated in the raid on the basement at 530

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Jack Hill, strike force legal adviser for the prosecutor's office, said a bus had to make several trips between Hoboken and the County Administration building in Jersey City to transport all the prisoners for processing.

Hill said a staff of assistant prosecutors and clerical person-

nel were at the administration building processing them and Superior Court Judge James W. Taylor handled the arraignments throughout the night and into the morning. A hearing was set for next Friday.

Most of those arrested were charged with gambling violations in relation to card games and cock fighting. Rancisco Rosa, 53,

and Leopold Jenao, 46, both of Hoboken, were charged with promoting gambling and baiting and fighting live animals.

The birds were taken by wardens of the SPCA, Hill said, and will probably be released in secluded suburban areas.

Ruvolet described the operation as well established and professionally run. He said

almost the entire basement was constructed as a cock-fighting arena.

Hill said eight women were among those arrested. Most of those arrested were from Hudson County, he said.

According to Hill the prosecutor's office has had the operation under observation for several weeks.

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Scores on the Minimum Basic Skills test have gone up steadily since 1978. Last year, 75 percent of the third-graders and 64 percent of the ninth-graders achieved basic proficiency in reading.

Vincent Russomanno, an official of the Hudson County Office of the Department of Education, said that the 6,500-student Hoboken school district — 80 percent are from minority groups, mostly Hispanic — was one of the most improved in the county and that much of the credit was Mr. Maier's.

Four years ago, Mr. Maier said, the curriculum was out of date, there were no achievement standards, some classes used old textbooks and others used none. He said that he had been able to make improvements despite one factor that has remained unchanged:

Politics still plays a large role in the school system.

"The Hoboken Board of Education," said Steven Block, a board member who frequently opposes the six other members, "continues to operate as a political club whose primary functions are to provide jobs and spend public money based on the political needs and personal whims of board members and local politicians."

"Conducting the business of politics in the name of education precludes effectively conducting the business of education."

Just recently, the wives of Councilman Thomas Kennedy and James Giordano, the city's Director of Public Safety, were given part-time clerk's jobs with the Board of Education. In November, the City Council President, Walter Cramer, who had just lost his job as chief trial counsel for Transport of New Jersey, was given the newly created, \$38,000-a-year position of Business Manager-Administrative Director of the school system.

Anthony Romano, Hoboken's First Ward Councilman, who had been the

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board's Business Manager, was put in another newly created position, that of assistant to the board's secretary at \$28,000 a year.

Thomas A. Gallo, the secretary for 17 years, is also an Assemblyman; his district office at 1115 Clinton Street is also his Board of Education office.

Also in November, the 67-year-old mother of Robert Wendelken, the school board president, was rehired as an aide, as were eight others among 21 who had been laid off earlier for budgetary reasons. Mr. Wendelken conceded that seniority had not been taken into account in the rehiring.

"How could I deprive my own mother?" asked the 34-year-old board president, who is also a teacher in Union City.

Mr. Wendelken's wife also joined the Board of Education staff after he became a board member in 1977.

"She's an excellent typist," he said. "Should she be deprived of a job because she's related to me?"

Board members are appointed to three-year unsalaried terms by the Mayor, Steven Cappelletto. Before 1978, the board was elected, but three years ago the voters opted for the appointive system.

All current members of the board except Mr. Block have relatives or close friends on the payroll. One member, James Farina, is director of the city's Department of Health and Welfare; another, James Monaco, a fireman, is the city's Fire Prevention Officer.

After Mr. Monaco joined the board, his wife, Ann, a teacher, was given a special classroom position that pays \$1,000 more than a conventional teacher's salary. The wife of another board member, John Pope, was promoted to one of two positions in the talented-and-gifted program.

"Everyone has a godfather or god-mother," Mr. Maier said. "It makes it hard changing things."

Mr. Maier, whose daughter is a school psychologist, said that, despite the pervasiveness of politics, "I like to think that we promote the best person."

"Just because someone has political connections," he said, "doesn't mean they're not good and not the right person for the job."

Hoboken Teachers angry about cuts

By Thomas Rojas

Hoboken public school teachers are angry about anticipated cuts in teacher salaries and layoffs that may result from reductions in the 1982-83 school budget.

"Why are teachers always the first ones to go when cuts are made?" questioned a spokesman for the teachers, who asked not to be identified.

The teachers are concerned about cuts in the \$21.7 million school budget recommended to the Hoboken Board of Education by the Board of School Estimates.

The school estimate board has recommended cuts totaling \$520,000—including \$194,000 in capital outlay monies for renovation work on the closed Rue School, and \$130,000 in teachers' salaries, which could result in the layoff of about nine teachers.

The school estimate board rejected the proposed 1982-83 school budget last week. The suggested cuts would reduce the amount in the budget to be raised by local taxes from about \$5.7 million to \$4,622,111.

The board of education will hold a special meeting at 7 tonight in the administration building to discuss the proposed cuts.

At a school estimate board meeting last Thursday, Board of Education President Robert Wendelken expressed great concern about the suggested \$130,000 cut in teachers' salaries.

In addition to the cuts in teacher salaries, the school estimate board recommended a cut of \$51,000 in special education programs, \$69,000 in heating fuel costs, \$40,000 in principals' salaries, and \$23,500 in salaries for administrative personnel.

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius said that it is necessary for the school board to reduce teachers' salaries because "about 200 city employees have been laid off since 1975 and it is unfair for the school system not to share the load."

Mayor Steven Cappelletto, who is also president of the school estimate board, said that the school budget must be cut if Hoboken is to avoid a financial crisis.

Budget cut by \$520,000

The Hoboken school board last night adopted a revised 1982-83 budget, shaving \$520,000, that will result in the layoff of teachers and the loss of additional personnel through attrition.

The cuts in part, in the original \$21.7 million budget in approximate numbers include \$65,000 in teacher salaries; \$194,000 in capital outlays and \$70,000 in utility and fuel costs.

The cuts will reduce the figure to be raised through local taxes from \$5.7 million to \$4.6 million.

The number of teachers to be laid off has not been determined. "How many teachers or in which locations the layoffs will occur will depend on an evaluation being done by the superintendent of schools," said school board president Robert Wendelken.

Approximately 12 jobs will be lost through attrition including all attendance officer, security guard, busdriver, a vice principal and additional for growth personnel. "It is a substantial cut from what we expected," Wendelken said. "It wasn't possible to reduce the budget to zero growth like our councilman recommended. It will get a strain on our system but we want to stay financially sound."

Ranieri will offer plan to cut budget

By Thomas Rojas

Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri last night offered the city administration a plan to cut about \$1.5 million from the 1982 municipal budget without laying off any city employees.

The City Council will meet with Mayor Steven Cappelletto and Business Administrator Edwin Chius in two closed "work sessions" tonight and Wednesday at 7 p.m. to discuss ways of reducing a projected \$24.5 million municipal budget that projects a \$68 million per \$100 increase in the tax rate.

The mayor has said that he would like to hold any increase in the rate to "no more than 10%." That would require an estimated \$1.5 million cut in the budget. Although Ranieri, who is recovering from recent surgery, does not expect to be able to attend tonight's session, he is presenting a proposal to the council with a projected \$1.5 million cut from the budget.

Ranieri has proposed savings in seven areas:

• Municipal garbage collecting. Ranieri claims that the city can save between \$200,000 and \$300,000 by contracting for its own garbage instead of employing a private contractor.

• Reduction of parking

Ranieri proposes that overtime payments to city — vendors — which totalled \$200,000 in 1981 — be cut in half, saving the city \$100,000.

• Development of the 15th Street area. Ranieri claims that private developers have proposed a \$1.5 million development project for 15th Street that would bring about \$20,000 in taxes to the city annually.

• Reduction of one rank or one grade in title of all city employees for a two-year period. That would save the city between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

• Additional payments of \$50,000 to \$75,000 from the Hoboken Authority program.

• Voluntary savings of between \$200,000 and \$300,000 by the board of education for a two-year period. These savings would be in addition to the \$200,000 in proposed cuts recently made in the 1982-83 school budget.

Ranieri's proposal does not include any layoffs of city workers, even though Cappelletto has said that he may as "100-plus" municipal workers will be laid off in order to trim the budget.

Veterinarian's office in Hoboken

For years, Hoboken pet owners have had to take their sick or injured animals to veterinarians in Union City or Jersey City.

That caused many problems for senior citizens, handicapped persons, and others unable to leave their homes.

But now, there is good news for Hoboken pet owners, as well as pets.

Dr. Allen Rich, the city's first veterinarian, is scheduled to open a clinic at 235 Washington St. on Thursday.

Rich, 32, a resident of West Orange, says that he has wanted to open his own veterinary clinic ever since he was a child.

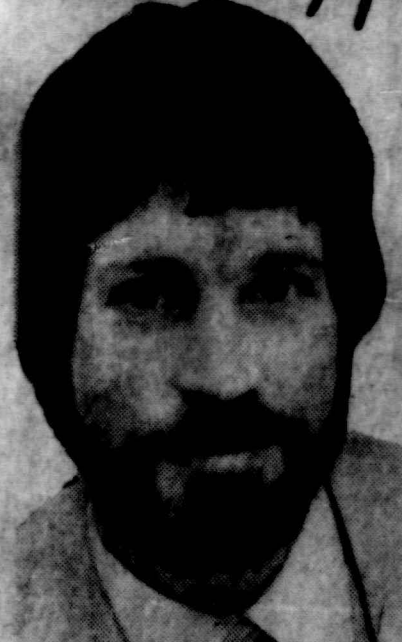
During the past four years, while working as an associate veterinarian in Secaucus, he made many house calls to Hoboken homes.

"I realized that there are a lot of shut-ins and handicapped people in Hoboken who couldn't get to a veterinarian," he explains. "After taking a tour of the city, I started looking for a location for an office."

At his clinic, Rich plans to provide general medicine, surgery for all kinds of animals, as well as vaccinations against infectious diseases.

And he plans to continue making house calls. In fact, the young veterinarian hopes to set up an animal ambulance service which will transport pet owners emergency care to the clinic.

"I'm trying to provide the pet's life as much as possible," says Rich. "For the elderly especially, a pet can be their only friend or their last link with a loved one. Pets are a very important part of their lives. Rich says that he must often treat dogs that are hit by cars, and cats that suffer from "high-rise syndrome," an unexplained tendency to jump out of windows. Has he had any unusual cases?



Dr. Allen Rich makes house calls

"Once, I treated a box cat, a cat that was bitten by a rat," he recalls. "The box cat had been trying to eat the rat, so the rat bit him. I guess it was the rat's revenge."

How can a person prolong the life of his pet?

"Make sure that they are fed properly and have regular checkups and vaccines," says Rich. "Also, when the animal is a lot of love. Pets are very sensitive to their environments and have a lot of empathy for their owners."

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Rich is a self-confessed "animal lover" who currently owns two dogs. He calls opening his own office "a dream come true."

Hoboken rate to rise 10%

By ROY BARNES

Adopted unanimously by the council, the rate will be 10 percent higher than the rate in 1981.

HOBOKEN—Mayor Steven Cappelletto last night told the City Council that the city's 1982 municipal budget — complete with a 10% hike in the city tax rate and provisions for firing about 100 temporary and provisional employees.

To make his budget work, Cappelletto has called for the firing of the school staff, a 10% wage freeze, and a 10% cut in city employees' salaries.

He also called for a 10% cut in the city's operating budget. The council will vote on the budget tonight at 7 p.m.

According to the city's 1982 budget, the city's 1982 municipal budget — complete with a 10% hike in the city tax rate and provisions for firing about 100 temporary and provisional employees.

That figure represents a 10% increase over the 1981 budget, which was \$24.5 million.

The 1982 budget also includes a 10% increase in the city's operating budget, which was \$24.5 million in 1981.

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related to the LaPera proposal which would reduce the number of city garbage collection days from three to two.

Adopted unanimously by the council, the rate will be 10 percent higher than the rate in 1981.

He hopes the savings by attempting to curtail the school staff to offset the increase in the private sector completely and follow a route taken by New Brunswick when, on March 1, it laid off over 1,000 city employees.

Challenging the council to adopt his plan, Cappelletto said he would like to see the city's 1982 municipal budget — complete with a 10% hike in the city tax rate and provisions for firing about 100 temporary and provisional employees.

100 nabbed at cock fight

By Arnold Freilich

About 100 persons were arrested last night when Hudson County Prosecutor Harold J. Ruvolet Jr. and a team of 60 investigators broke down the door of a basement in a Hoboken apartment house and found an alleged gambling operation that included a cock fight arena and card room.

More than 80 fighting cocks and \$15,000 were confiscated in the raid on the basement at 530

Monroe St. around 11:30 p.m. Officials said alcoholic beverages were also being sold illegally on the premises.

As the prosecutor and his men entered the basement of the five-story house, they said a cock fight was in progress with more than 30 persons in attendance. In another room nearby about 10 persons were playing poker, authorities said.

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Hoboken layoffs will start in early April

By Thomas Rojas

There is good news and bad news in Hoboken today.

The bad news is that Mayor Steven Cappelletto expects to begin laying off city employees "around April 1."

The good news is that the anticipated transfer of three Hoboken-owned piers to Hoboken's control could eventually bring some needed economic relief to the financially-struggling waterfront city, according to Councilman Thomas Kennedy.

Cappelletto has previously announced that he may have to lay off as many as "100-plus" city workers in order to finance a proposed \$20.3 million 1982 municipal budget that projects a \$28 increase in the tax rate.

About a week ago, the mayor issued a general layoff notice to all municipal employees, in order to give the city leeway in laying off workers, who will be terminated according to seniority.

Cappelletto has said he hopes to hold any in-

crease in the city's tax rate to "no more than 10%."

Thomas A. Kennedy, Hoboken's Councilman at Large, said he has to cut "about \$2.5 million" from the city's budget in order to hold the tax rate to 10%.

Kennedy, however, says that the anticipated transfer of three Hoboken-owned piers to Hoboken's control could mean a "turnaround" for the troubled city.

"It won't solve all of our problems, but it's a step in the right direction," said Kennedy. "Once the piers are officially under Hoboken's control, developers from all over the country will be coming here to offer development plans."

Legislation transferring control of the federally-owned piers to Hoboken was passed by the House of Representatives on Thursday.

Rep. Frank Cignini of Jersey City sponsored the bill, which must be passed by the Senate before becoming law.

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Jack Hill, strike force legal adviser for the prosecutor's office, said a bus had to make several trips between Hoboken and the County Administration building in Jersey City to transport all the prisoners for processing.

Hill said a staff of assistant prosecutors and clerical person-

nel were at the administration building processing them and Superior Court Judge James W. Taylor handled the arraignments throughout the night and into the morning. A hearing was set for next Friday.

Most of those arrested were charged with gambling violations in relation to card games and cock fighting. Rancisco Rosa, 53,

and Leopold Jasso, 46, both of Hoboken, were charged with promoting gambling and baiting and fighting live animals. The birds were taken by wardens of the SPCA, Hill said, and will probably be released in secluded suburban areas.

Ruvolet described the operation as well established and professionally run. He said

almost the entire basement was constructed as a cock-fighting arena.

Hill said eight women were among those arrested. Most of those arrested were from Hudson County, he said.

According to Hill the prosecutor's office has had the operation under observation for several weeks.

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"The people of Hoboken are calling on Sen. Bill Bradley to see that the bill is passed as soon as possible," said Kennedy. "The sooner the piers are in Hoboken's hands, the sooner development work can begin."

Kennedy congratulated Guarini and Cappelletto for their efforts in returning the piers to Hoboken's control.

St. Mary, St. Francis hospitals join forces

By Marian Courtney 8/31/82

St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken and St. Francis Hospital in Jersey City have formed a partnership to pool resources and programs.

A committee to plan the partnership has been established by the boards of trustees of both institutions. Sister Joanne Schuster, director of the Health Care Movement of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, has been named to head the committee.

St. Mary, with 330 beds, and St. Francis, with 254, have been sponsored by the Franciscan

Sisters since their founding in the 1860s but have operated independently.

The institutions are expected to retain their independent identities after the partnership takes effect but they will be able to purchase new equipment and expand programs without duplicating services.

Appointed to the planning panel were James T. Lucey and James F. Boylan, chairmen of the boards of trustees of St. Mary and St. Francis Hospitals, respectively; Dr. Wallace T. McCaffrey.

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frey and Joseph Colford, chairmen of the respective boards longrange planning groups; Sister Grace Frances Strauber, president of St. Mary, and Thomas A. Schember, president of St. Francis.

A year ago the Franciscan Sisters retained the Chicago-based management consulting firm of Hayes/Hill to study the operation of both Hudson hospitals and make recommendations for collaboration. Their report noted that both facilities had recently completed building programs, have active and loyal medical staffs, are well managed and are fiscally sound.

The report also concluded that both hospitals are "philosophically compatible" and that officers and trustees of both support development of a closer working relationship.

Early last year Schember was voted to St. Mary's board of directors, and Sister Grace Frances was elected a St. Francis trustee. Sister Joanne represents her order on both hospital boards.

"The partnership will enable us to provide more services, purchase better equipment, attract larger staffs and design better programs," said Sister Grace Frances.

Schember pointed out that the hospitals already have taken some actions together. Approval has just been granted by the New Jersey Department of Health for the purchase of a CAT scanner. The two hospitals also have filed a joint application to buy a linear accelerator.

One machine will be located in each hospital to be used by patients of both.

Sister Joanne speculated on the consolidation of data processing, purchasing and materials management. She said recruiting and marketing would be shared responsibilities.

Hoboken won't cut pay to save jobs

By Thomas Rojas 8/31/82

Hoboken will not be cutting the salaries of city employees as an alternative to layoffs in efforts to reduce costs.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said that a recent Superior Court decision on Paterson prohibits municipalities from reducing the salaries of city workers.

Superior Court Assignment Judge Peter Ciofalo had ruled that Paterson administrators acted illegally in February when they reduced the salaries of city employees by 11 percent as an alternative to layoffs.

About 50 city employees had filed suit against the Paterson administration, claiming that the pay cut was unfair. The judge agreed with them, adding that only the city council is empowered to reduce salaries, through an ordinance.

That ruling means that Cappiello, who is considering methods of cutting a 1982 municipal budget that projects an increase in the tax rate of \$28 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, will not have the option of reducing the salaries of city workers.

"All we can do is fire, fire and furlough," said the mayor. However, the administration does have the power to demote city workers one rank or one grade in title in order to cut

salaries — an option that is under consideration.

Cappiello has warned that as many as 100 municipal workers may receive pink slips as the city slashes the budget. In addition, the mayor is considering cutting the work week for city employees to four days a week during the summer, as a cost-saving measure.

But city business ad-

Drivers in picket at Maxwell House

HOBOKEN—Teamsters Local 478 set up an early morning picket line at the Maxwell House Coffee plant gate here yesterday. A spokesman for the union, Frank Spinoli, said the picket was aimed at a vendor making a delivery to the plant — not at Maxwell House.

The orderly pickets were truck drivers on strike since Thursday at the Liquid Carbonics company of Kearny.

Spinoli said the picket line

was directed at a driver and a salesman making a delivery. He also said he hoped it might move Maxwell House officials to apply pressure on Liquid Carbonics.

A spokeswoman for Maxwell House said the company was not prepared to comment on the picketing at this time.

Officials at Liquid Carbonics could not be reached for comment yesterday. —Chuck Sutton

Malfetti to go door-to-door

By Thomas Rojas 8/31/82

Hoboken Councilman Nunzio Malfetti plans to go door-to-door to discuss the city's financial problems with residents of the recently-redistricted Sixth Ward.

Malfetti said that he plans to go down every block of the sixth ward, in order to meet citizens who were added to the ward in the redistricting.

"I am particularly interested in hearing their feelings about the 1982 municipal budget and the pending property tax increase," he said.

Recently, the boundaries of Hoboken's six wards were changed to equalize the population of the wards in accordance with the 1980 census as required by state law.

The biggest change occurred in the sixth ward, where more than 2,000 persons were added in the redistricting.

Malfetti, who represents the sixth ward, is making an effort to get to know his new constituents by visiting them personally.

Malfetti would like to remind sixth ward residents that he lives at 629 Bloomfield St. He can also be contacted by leaving a message with the City Clerk's office in City Hall.

City weighs 4-day week to cut costs

By ROY KAHN Staff Writer 8/31/82

HOBOKEN—The City Council is considering a four-day workweek for the municipality's 700 employees in an effort to cut \$2 million from its proposed 1982 budget.

A high-ranking city official said yesterday that the move could save about \$1.7 million. But the official is not sure how effectively the city would operate if the four-day schedules were staggered to allow municipal offices to remain open for a full five days.

No additional details of the plan were available last night, and it is not known what other options the council is considering to cut the city's expenses.

Council members have said 150 employees could be laid off to avert the \$27 tax rate increase included in the administration's \$20 million proposed budget. It is an alternative council members have said they wish to avoid.

On Monday and yesterday the council met in closed session to discuss possible alternatives to laying off employees. According to sources, the four-day workweek was discussed at length.

When the budget was presented to the council two weeks ago, Mayor Steve Cappiello's version called for a new tax rate of \$166 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. A written message from the mayor was included with the budget, and it called for the council, through its deliberations, to bring the tax rate increase below \$10.

Since the budget was released, Cappiello has maintained that the city's only hope is to cut personnel in the city and school system.

The board of education's budget is \$20.7 million, and \$5.7 million of it is to be raised through local taxes. The remainder will be provided through state and federal aid.

On March 16, the board of school estimate rejected the school board's original proposal and ordered the board to trim almost \$500,000 from the amount to be raised by local taxes.

The board has complied, but with minimal personnel cuts. Cappiello has indicated that without layoffs, he does not believe the council will accept the reduced budget.

One alternative to large scale personnel cuts or a four-day workweek has been proposed by Councilman Robert A. Ranieri, who claims that the city could save as much as \$1.1 million by taking over garbage collection.

Ranieri did not attend the council's closed work session last night because he is recovering from minor surgery. But he has said the garbage collection plan was raised at the regular meeting Wednesday night.

A public hearing on the city budget has been scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 14 in City Hall.

Employees' head asks survey of refuse plan

Hoboken Municipal Employees Association President Judge Fitzgibbons says that the city should hire a private firm to study the possibility of adopting a municipal garbage collection system in the future.

"It isn't feasible for the city to begin collecting its own garbage right away," he said. "There should be a long-term study on municipal garbage collection to find out how much it would cost the city."

The City Council is scheduled to discuss the controversial garbage issue at Monday's caucus, and reach a final decision at Wednesday's council meeting.

The council has several options available: it can award a one-two or three-year contract to

the La Fera Contracting Co., a private firm that currently collects the city's garbage. It can award a garbage contract reducing the number of days of collection from three to two. Or it can begin a municipal garbage collection system.

Fitzgibbons, who represents more than 200 city workers, says that municipal employees would be capable of handling garbage collection, but believes that the city should study the proposal before going into it.

"Salaries, equipment and upkeep would cost an enormous amount of money," he explained. "It might wind up costing the city just as much to collect its own garbage as it costs to hire a private collector."

Fitzgibbons added that city workers would ask for salaries of about \$14,000 to start for picking up garbage, and \$16,000 for driving garbage trucks.

Hoboken Council wants \$4 ceiling on tax rate rise

By Thomas Rojas 8/31/82

The Hoboken City Council wants to hold any increase in the city's tax rate in 1982 to \$4 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Recently, Mayor Steve Cappiello presented the council with a proposed \$20.3-million 1982 municipal budget that projects a \$28 increase in the tax rate. The mayor said that he would work with the council to hold any increase in the tax rate to \$10.

However, at a budget-cutting work session Wednesday night, the council insisted that an increase of more than \$4 in the 1981 tax rate of \$138.04 would not be acceptable.

According to city business administrator Edwin Chius, the city would have to cut at least \$2 million from the budget to hold the increase in the rate to \$4.

"I don't know if it can be done," said Chius. "But those are the council's instructions."

Chius said that trimming the budget to the council's specifications would require "stiff layoffs, a strict salary freeze, a rigid hiring freeze — in which we would only replace people we definitely need — and several concessions from the city unions."

Meanwhile, a general layoff notice has been sent to all city employees, which will take effect at the close of the working day on May 19.

Cappiello issued the blanket notice to give the city leeway in laying off Civil Service employees who must receive 45-day notices of layoff. The mayor has declined to say how many employees will be laid off.

Temporary city employees can be laid off immediately, but Chius said that the city will begin to terminate temporary workers "around April 21."

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In addition, Chius has notified all employees of the city's Department of Administration that they will be furloughed, without pay, for 10 Wednesdays from June 30 till Sept. 1. Other city departments are expected to follow suit.

Chius added that city unions will be informed that they cannot expect a pay increase in 1982.

The Policemen's Benevolent Association, the Municipal Employees Association and the two branches of the Firefighters Association are all negotiating 1982 contracts with the city.

Boy learns so well, he saves student's life

By Thomas Rojas 8/31/82

Recently, students at the Saddle Leinhardt School in Hoboken were shown a film and given a demonstration of the Heimlich Maneuver, the popular method of freeing trapped food that is blocking a person's breathing.

Physical education teachers Frank Andreula and Harold Poore cautioned the children to be sure and remember the technique, because it could save someone's life in the future.

Ruben Maldonado, 11, a special education student at the school, remembered.

According to Andreula, a few days after the demonstration of the Heimlich Maneuver, Chris Marotta, 9, also a special education student, complained during lunch that he wasn't feeling well.

Teacher Frank Andreula told Chris to go to the bathroom, and asked Ruben Maldonado to accompany him.

When the youngsters got to the bathroom, Ruben noticed that Chris was choking. He remembered the Heimlich technique, and pressed a fist against Chris' chest while pushing the fist inward with his other hand.

"I said to him, 'remember the movie we saw?'" explained Ruben. "And then I did it."

Sure enough, a large "jawbreaker"-type hard candy popped out of Chris' mouth and the child began breathing normally again.

"When we showed the film, we made sure that every child understood the technique and was able to perform it," said Andreula. "And it really paid off

— it saved Chris' life." Anthony Russo, coordinator of special education for the Hoboken school system, praised young Ruben for remaining calm during a stressful situation.

"It says a lot for a child with a learning disability to do what he did," said Russo. "We're all very proud of him."

Irish eyes are not smiling at British flag in Hoboken

By Thomas Rojas 8/31/82

Local Irish-Americans are angry about a Hoboken firm that has been flying the English flag in recent days.

But a spokeswoman for the firm — the United States Testing Co. at 1415 Park Ave. — says that the flag, which had been flying above the plant for several days in honor of a visiting English dignitary, has come down.

Irish-born Michael Daly, a Jersey City resident, said that the flying of the English flag over American soil is an insult to Irish-Americans everywhere.

"That place (U.S. Testing) isn't an embassy or anything," said Daly, who claims he was speaking for "many Irish-Americans" in the area. "If they had been flying the Russian flag, then

there would really be an uproar." But Dorothy Campbell, a spokeswoman for the firm, said that the company, which does business with several foreign companies, flies foreign flags in honor of many visiting dignitaries and businessmen.

"We do the same thing for any dignitary," she said. "We're not trying to hurt anybody. At times a foreign flag is put up, the American flag is right beside it."

Ms. Campbell said that the flag was taken down yesterday, after the English dignitary had left.

The U.S. Testing Co. does testing and research on all kinds of products, including consumer research. It has been in Hoboken for some 75 years.

Wide variety of events opens Hoboken festival

By Thomas Rojas 8/31/82

Today's the day. Hoboken Celebration '82, a three-month festival of artistic and historical events, officially gets under way with an opening ceremony at 2 p.m. at City Hall.

The ceremony will also mark the opening of an exhibit of historic maps — from Indian trails to satellite shots — tracing Hoboken's development. Daniel Cohen and Kevin McCloskey are curators of the map exhibit, which will run through June 20.

Celebration '82, sponsored by the Hoboken Cultural Council, will offer more than 200 free events, which will take place all over the city — from the parks to the piers.

This opening weekend of Celebration '82 will feature several events: "Back-a-Yard," an exhibition of black-and-white photographs taken in Hoboken by Joe Dondero, opens today at Jackson Gardens, where it will be on display until April 30.

"Recent Works," an exhibition of paintings by Betty Shandler, opens at the Hudson United Bank today, and will be on view through April 3.

"Ferryboat," an outdoor musical comedy set about a Hoboken ferry and written by Ellen Brenner and Billy Makuta, will be performed at 7 tonight at Stevens Park.

June Anderson's Frolic and Detour, Inc., a dance piece, will be performed at 8 tonight at the Amazing Movement Experience.

"Original Architectural

Drawings of the Rail and Ferry Terminal," sponsored by the state Department of Transportation, opens today at the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal. It will run through April 19.

Tomorrow, "Hoboken, New Jersey/Hilo, Hawaii," an exhibition of paintings by Doug Lindsay, opens at the Celebration Center, Pier A Building, where it will run through April 16.

Also tomorrow, poet John Ciardi will read selections from his work at Stevens Institute of Technology, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Last night, a "kickoff" party was held at the Multi-Service Center for Celebration '82, which is scheduled to conclude with a two-day waterfront festival on June 19 and 20.

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| Sunday, May 2
3:00 pm | "Sparks from the Wheel," a poetry reading on the theme of labor and industry. Also, a historical lecture and slide show in Hoboken's only foundry, American Magnesium & Aluminum 1316 Adams Street |
| Tuesday, May 4
1:00 pm | Tour one of Hoboken's oldest firms where theatre sets and displays are produced for prominent clients like Bloomingdale's, Macy's, and national theatre companies. Bamboo & Rattan Works 901 Jefferson Street |
| 2:00 pm | What do Lipton Tea, Drakes Cakes, and Vanquish Pain Reliever have in common? The men and women of their boxes! Discover the world of printing and packaging at Universal Folding Box 13th and Madison Streets |
| Wednesday, May 5
12:15 pm | Get a sneak preview of next season's fashion belts and carry-all bags; view the fascinating process from raw materials to finished products at Dan Dee Belt & Bag 115 Grand Street |
| 1:30 & 3:00 pm | Since 1937 this company has been printing advertising and magazine supplements for major department stores and newspapers. This process will be presented in slides at the plant. Alco Gravure Inc. 9th and Monroe Streets |
| 8:00 pm | A look at the origins of the people behind what's made in Hoboken—a lecture entitled "Community, Culture, and Class: Hoboken's Working Population, 1880-1910" by Howard L. Green, New Jersey Historical Commission, Celebration Center, Room 218 |
| | Immediately following the lecture: a look at Hoboken's old storefronts and industries and how they have changed to the familiar sites of today. Slides from 1965 to 1982, by Martin Andrews. |
| Thursday, May 6
12:15 pm | Tour of Dan Dee Belt & Bag (see Wednesday) |
| 8:00 pm | "In our Water," a documentary on chemical waste followed by a discussion with the filmmaker and local water authorities at Rue-Demarest School 4th and Garden Streets |
| Friday, May 7 | From its control center at Journal Square, an inside look at the PATH system and its fascinating history. For time and starting place, call 420-2088. |
| 11:00 am | Your watchband, coat, handkerchief, and the leather grip on your tennis racket could have all come from the same place. Tour the complex, beginning with Neuman Leathers 300 Observer Highway (Newark Street side) |
| 8:00 pm | "The Alinsky Project" by Herb Shapiro, a dramatic presentation and public forum on the work of Saul Alinsky, community organizer, at St. Paul's Church 820 Hudson Street |

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Nine organizations get county cultural grants

Nine Hudson County organizations have been awarded State/County Arts Partnership Grants through the Hudson County Cultural and Heritage Affairs division.

The grants are for the 1981-1982 program year. The nine award recipients were chosen from among 45 individuals and groups who applied for the grants in January of last year. Even more applications have already been received for the grants for the 1982-1983 program year.

The grants for the 1981-1982 year came out of a \$10,000 state grant to the county.

The Hoboken Cultural Council was awarded \$2,500 for its two-month long Hoboken Celebration '82.

The College Community

Orchestra of Jersey City State College was awarded \$1,000 for programming in the Hudson County community outside the college.

The Indo American association headed by Mono Sen received \$1,000 for a series of cultural programs reflecting the impact of the drama, literature, dance and music of India.

The West Hudson Community Arts Festival received \$1,250 to continue its program of reduced entry fees for senior citizens and funded prizes in the junior awards category of its outdoor arts festival, the third largest in the state.

The East Lynne Company, based in Secaucus, received \$750 to help it continue its productions at the Five Corners library in Jersey City.

The Hudson County Teen Arts Festival received \$500. The Attic Ensemble, a Jersey City-based theater group, received \$750 to help in audience development and promotion.

The International Institute received \$500 to help in printing and production costs associated with its Golden Door immigrant arts program reflecting the county's diversity of ethnic culture.

Hudson School, Hoboken, received \$500 for its literary magazine.

The applications that have been received for the next fiscal year's awards will be reviewed by an advisory panel later this spring, said John J. Johnston, director of the county cultural and heritage affairs division.

Hoboken to discuss garbage collection

By Thomas Rojas
The future of garbage collection in Hoboken will once again be the topic of discussion tonight, at 7, when the City Council holds a public caucus at City Hall.

For weeks, the council has postponed action on a proposed three-year, \$4 million garbage contract offered by the La Fera Contracting Co., which currently collects the city's garbage.

councilman Robert Ranieri

has said that the La Fera offer is too steep to accept, particularly in light of Hoboken's huge anticipated budget deficit.

Ranieri argues that the city could save between \$500,000 and \$800,000 during the first year by collecting its own garbage.

Meanwhile, Business Administrator Edwin Chius, as well as several councilmen, has said that municipal garbage collection would cost the city almost as

much as private collection for the first year, and would probably cost more in later years.

Tonight, the council is expected to consider the following options: award a one, two or three-year contract to La Fera; award a contract to La Fera or another firm reducing the number of collection days from three to two; or begin a municipal garbage collection system.

Chius and City Clerk Anthony Amoroso are scheduled to accept alternate bids for garbage collection at the Municipal Court Chambers on Wednesday at around 10 a.m.

The council is expected to consider the bids, and make a final decision on a garbage contract for 1982, at the council meeting that night, beginning at 7 p.m.

Hoboken again delays on garbage decision

The question of whether Hoboken will start its own garbage collection or continue to retain a private firm to do the job will have to wait just a little longer.

It was thought the issue would be resolved at last night's city council meeting but the matter was tabled after a bid of \$1.05 million was received from La Fera Contracting Co. for a one year contract.

It seems that the city's business administrator, Edwin Chius submitted figures to the council showing that a municipal

collection system would cost approximately \$1 million.

Councilman E. Norman Wilson moved that the matter be tabled for further study and his colleagues agreed.

La Fera, which currently handles the city's garbage collection, has also submitted a three-year, \$4 million contract to the city. The firm's last contract has expired but it is continuing to make collections and is billing the city on a month to month basis.

The council is now expected to vote on the matter at its April 26 meeting.

The figures Chius gave the council contradict other estimates submitted by Councilman Robert Ranieri, who claims the city can save between \$500,000 and \$800,000 in the first year if the city adopted its own collection system.

But sources said Chius' figures, which the council members declined to divulge, included costs for using the baler facilities of the Hackensack Meadows Development Commission. Those costs, they say, will increase by 20 percent every year.

Officials would end own jobs

By Thomas Rojas

Five members of the Hoboken City Council, including Council President Walter Cramer, have begun circulating a petition calling for a change in the city's form of government to a five-member commission.

"We don't need nine councilmen to govern Hoboken," said Cramer. "By changing to a five-member commission, we can cut costs dramatically."

In addition to Cramer, the other council members who have called for a change in the form of government are Nunzio Malfetti, Louis Franccone, Anthon Romano and Sal Cemelli.

Moreover, at least two other councilmen, Thomas Kennedy and E. Norman Wilson, have said that they would support a change in the form of government if it would mean improving the quality of government and cutting a proposed 1982 municipal

budget that projects an increase in the tax rate of \$28 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

In order to accomplish the change, Cramer's group plans to bring the matter to a vote by circulating a petition which will have to be signed by at least 20 percent of the registered voters in Hoboken.

Cramer said that he favors the change because it would not only cut costs, but also "place power in the hands of the elected officials."

"The way things stand now, the council doesn't do the hiring and firing, and we don't prepare the budget," he explained. "The commission form places the power in the elected officials."

Mayor Steve Cappiello has said that he would support a change in the form of government, if the public were to vote in favor of it.

Offer Hoboken aid on housing job

A group of concerned citizens, calling themselves the Hoboken Housing Coalition made their presence felt at a meeting of the city's Housing Authority last night, offering to assist the agency in finding a replacement for its retiring executive director.

The Rev. Geoffrey Curtiss made a presentation at the authority's headquarters on Harrison Street, offering the help of two coalition members he said are experienced in housing matters — Michael Coleman and Ron Hine — to screen prospects for the directorship.

The current director, Joseph Caliguire, is retiring in June after 24 years on the job.

Rev. Curtiss asked the commissioners several specific questions concerning the qualifications for the positions, a copy of the job description, where and when the agency has advertised for the job, the number of current applicants, and when the selection of a new director will be made.

Authority Chairman Peter Fontana told the group he already has several names and assured them that the agency will advertise in newspapers for resumes. He also said by April 28, the authority will begin reviewing the applicants and will most likely name the new director in May. He also gave the group a copy of the job description for the position.

Hoboken's having a three-month party

By Thomas Rojas

Hoboken Celebration '82 begins tomorrow. The three-month festival of artistic and historical events to be held all over the city will officially begin with an opening ceremony at 2 p.m. at City Hall, which will also mark the opening of an exhibit of maps — from Indian trails to satellite shots — tracing Hoboken's development.

"From then on, it's just one thing after another," said Laurie Fabiano, director of the Hoboken Cultural Council, which is sponsoring the mammoth project.

According to Ms. Fabiano, Hoboken Celebration '82 will include performances of theater, music and dance; exhibitions of all the visual arts; demonstrations of ethnic skills and crafts; film screenings; lectures and workshops; fashion shows, and even a five-mile run around the city.

All told, more than 200 events are scheduled, and more than 400 artists are expected to participate. And everything is free to the public — thanks to the City of Hoboken, the Port Authority and local businesses.

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Hoboken's having a three-month party

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Here are a few highlights of Hoboken Celebration '82:

"Alternate Paths," an exhibition of illustrations dealing with different ways to cross the Hudson River. From June 6 until 20, at the PATH Terminal.

Hoboken Artists, a group exhibition of 50 of the city's finest artists. From May 7 until June 6, at Port Authority Pier 6.

The New Jersey Suburban Opera Theater will perform highlights from "The Marriage of Figaro" on April 10, at 8 p.m., at Our Lady of Grace Church.

"Stooplife," a new play by Louis LaRusso, author of the Broadway hit "Knockout," will be presented on April 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30, and May 1, 6, 7 and 8 at Stevens A Building, beginning at 8 p.m.

Marco Rizo will perform his original composition, "Cuban Symphony," at Stevens A Building on June 1 at 8 p.m.

The premiere of "Jacob's Ladder," an outdoor dance event by Toni Smith, will take place on June 3 at 5 p.m. in front of City Hall.

"La Moda," a fashion show featuring designers from Milan, Italy, will take place on June 10,

at 9 p.m. at Port Authority Pier C.

"On the Waterfront," the classic movie starring Marlon Brando, will be screened at Pier C, where it was originally filmed, on June 17 at 8 p.m.

Anyone wishing to welcome Hoboken Celebration '82 is invited to a "kickoff Party," beginning at 8 tonight, at the Multi-Service Center.

Cappiello of 'misleading public'

By Thomas Rojas

A Hoboken civic organization accuses Mayor Steve Cappiello of "playing politics" with residents by releasing misleading information about the city's financial problems.

In a letter to Cappiello, the Anthony Russo Civic Association charges that the mayor is misleading the public by warning that his proposed 1982 municipal budget projects an increase in the tax rate of \$28 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The group also charges that Cappiello's statement that as many as 100 city employees will be laid off in order to trim the

budget is "an inflated figure." Russo, who is coordinator of special education for the city's school system, claims that Cappiello has purposely overestimated the projected tax increase in 1982 so that homeowners will feel relieved when the tax rate is "cut down" to about \$8.

Russo explained that his group has studied the proposed budget and found a "hidden surplus" which will cause a tax rate increase of about \$6 to \$8.

In addition, Russo's group says that Cappiello has overestimated the amount of anticipated layoffs so that employees receiving layoff notices will have to ask the mayor to intercede for them, and will feel indebted to Cappiello when the layoffs don't go through.

On another matter, the group opposes the proposed appointment of Hudson County Freeholder John Spinello to the \$15,000-a-year post of "liaison officer" with the North Hudson Council of Mayors.

The organization claims that Cappiello — who is chairman of the freeholders — may have created the post so that Spinello

will side with him on county matters.

However, Cappiello denied that the post was created for political reasons, adding that he believes the job is necessary and that Spinello is qualified for it.

As for the municipal budget, Cappiello has said that the projected \$28 tax increase — which he hopes to reduce to "no more than \$10" — reflects losses in ratables, reductions in federal and state aid, increased costs, and an anticipated loss of \$4.4 million, should the Bethlehem Steel Corp. succeed in its attempt to lower its tax rate by that amount.

Claim zone board blocks uptown Hoboken mart

The construction of a supermarket in uptown Hoboken — which has been the subject of a growing controversy in recent weeks — will be the subject of a meeting tomorrow of the city's Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Seymour Heller, vice president of Hoboken Shore Properties, Inc., which owns five acres of vacant land between 14th and 15th streets, claims that the zoning board has denied his firm the variance needed to sell the property to the Pathmark supermarket chain because the supermarket would create traffic problems.

He says that the planned

supermarket would provide jobs for some 120 residents and generate tax ratables amounting to \$125,000 annually.

But the zoning board has denied the variance, arguing that the uptown property is currently in a district zoned for light industrial use which makes no provisions for commercial retail food stores.

The zoning board is scheduled to hear arguments and decide whether to grant the variance at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in City Hall.

At the meeting, Hoboken resident Rocco Cavallo is expected to present the zoning

board a petition — signed by about 1,000 residents — calling for development of the supermarket.

Meanwhile, a survey by the Anthony Russo Civic Association has found that 94.2 percent of the Hoboken residents polled support the proposed supermarket.

"It is absurd not to grant approval to this proposal," said Russo, coordinator of special education for the Hoboken school system. "The supermarket would benefit Hoboken by adding ratables, reducing the enormous tax rate by at least \$1, and offering competitive prices and services to the public."

Tenants win round in rent dispute

Tenants of the state-financed Marine View Plaza apartment complex in Hoboken have won a victory in their attempt to withhold an 18 percent rent increase imposed by the buildings' landlord last October.

Thomas Illing, president of the Marine View Plaza Tenants Association, announced yesterday that Judge Gregory Castano has dismissed a suit brought against the tenants by the Moderate Income Management Co., which manages the two-building complex for moderate-

income tenants. The managing company had filed suit against the tenants in order to collect the rent increase that had been imposed last October 1, but which had been withheld by the tenants, who claim the increase was too severe.

Judge Castano ruled that the managing company made an error in bringing the case before him by calling it a contract dispute. He advised the managing firm to take their case to housing court.

Denies Hoboken sick leave appeal

By Special Correspondent

TRENTON — The Appellate Division, State Superior Court, yesterday denied the appeal of the Hoboken Board of Education, which challenged a ruling that allocation of sickleave was negotiable and arbitrable.

The board had filed a scope of negotiations petition with the State Public Employment Relations Commission and PERC entered an order denying the board's permanent restraint of arbitration.

At the start of the 1978-79 school year, the board method of

calculating charges against sick leave was to charge non-accumulatable time first, leaving intact "banked" and "bankable" sick leave days. The board required sick leave days to be first charged against that year's accumulatable days, then against sick leave time already "banked" in prior years, and then sick leave days to be charged against non-accumulatable time.

The Hoboken Teachers Association filed a grievance protesting the unilateral change and the tribunal yesterday upheld PERC was negotiable and arbitrable.

City may lay off 75 to pare budget

By ROY KAHN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN — The City Council has decided to lay off 75 municipal employees and expects to cut departmental allocations by 10 percent as it struggles to knock \$2 million off the proposed 1982 city budget, according to a council source.

The source said the layoffs will save only about \$1 million, half of the council's goal.

The decision to cut jobs came after three closed sessions during the past two weeks, the source said Monday.

The council meets again tonight to discuss the budget. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 14 in City Hall.

No official statement has been released on the council's deliberations, but it is expected that the police, fire and public works departments — or those with the largest departmental allocations — will be hit hardest, the source said.

Three weeks ago Mayor Steve Cappiello released a budget calling for expenditures of \$20 million and

a tax rate increase of \$27 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. If implemented, Cappiello's budget would boost the tax rate to \$166. Through its deliberations and additional cuts, the council hopes to eliminate the need for a tax increase.

Council sources say they have not yet decided where the additional \$1 million in cuts will be made. But the governing body has considered laying off as many as 150 people and scheduling municipal employees for four-day work weeks.

The council also has been reviewing the proposed \$21 million school budget which, following the adoption of \$500,000 in cuts, still will require a tax increase of more than \$2.

The \$500,000 in cuts, ordered by the board of school estimate when it rejected the original version of the school budget, were designed to force layoffs of school personnel commensurate with the layoffs foreseen in city departments.

But the board managed to avoid large-scale personnel cuts, and now, city officials say they are looking for more reductions.



A GIFT OF BOOKS — Dinko Zorovic, left, mayor of Creslovina, a province of Yugoslavia, presents a collection of books to Terry Sasso, director of the Hoboken Public Library, at a recent ceremony. Looking on are Dusan Bogdanovic, consul general of the Yugoslavian consulate in New York, and Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri, at the far right. The Yugoslavian officials visited Hoboken recently to fulfill a promise to Ranieri, who visited Yugoslavia about three years ago.

Yugoslavian officials bring books to Hoboken Library

A group of Yugoslavian officials came to Hoboken yesterday bearing books.

The Yugoslavian leaders visited the city to fulfill a promise made three years ago to Councilman Robert Ranieri, who had led a delegation of Slavish-Americans from the New York area on a trip to their homeland.

At that time, the Yugoslavians promised Ranieri that they would make a presentation of books to the Hoboken library.

In a ceremony at the public library yesterday, the visiting Yugoslavian dignitaries presented Ranieri and library officials with about 300 leather-bound books — in English and in

Slavish — on Yugoslavian history and culture.

Library officials said that the books will occupy a special space in the foreign nations section of the library.

Ranieri said that the books will be a welcome addition to Hoboken, which has a large Slavish-American population.

Environmental agency lauds Hoboken cleanup

By Thomas Rojas

The state Department of Environmental Protection is supervising the cleanup of chemical spillage from a lot that has been vacated by a Hoboken firm.

George Klenk, a spokesman for the DEP, said that Reiter-Schneider-Connor, Inc. of Hoboken has done "an excellent job" of cleaning spillage at their lot at Sixth and Jackson streets.

The company, which recycles industrial drums, recently moved out of Hoboken, where it had operated lots on Jackson Street and at Eighth and Madison streets.

Anthony Russo, coordinator

of special education for the Hoboken Board of Education, notified the DEP that the departing company had left some chemical spillage at the Jackson Street site, presenting a potential health hazard to children in nearby schools.

According to Klenk, DEP inspectors visited the two lots last month, and discovered that the Madison Street site had been "extremely well cleaned."

However, inspectors found "about a shovelful" of contaminated soil at the Jackson Street lot, and instructed the firm's owners to clean the lot.

"The company was extremely cooperative," said Klenk. "They did an excellent job of

cleaning the site, which was really welcome on the part of the DEP and Hoboken health officials."

Klenk said that inspectors also checked the storm drains in the area, and found that no spillage had run off into the drains. He added that a final inspection of the lot will be made next week.

But Russo insists that the company should have informed the DEP of their departure sooner.

"The public has no way of knowing when a company moves out of a site and leaves spillage behind," he said.

Council seeks ways to slice Hoboken taxes

By Thomas Rojas

Hoboken's proposed 1982 municipal budget will be the subject of two special City Council meetings this week.

A public hearing on the budget will be held tomorrow, at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Then, on Thursday at 7 p.m., the council will discuss the budget in a closed meeting.

The proposed \$20.3 million municipal budget projects an increase in the tax rate of \$28 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. That would raise Hoboken's tax rate to about \$166 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Mayor Steve Cappelletto has said that he hopes to hold an increase in the city's tax rate to "no more than \$10." However, the council reportedly wants to hold the increase to \$4, which

would require trimming the budget by about \$2 million.

It is expected that Cappelletto and the council will agree on a budget-cutting plan that includes layoffs of city workers, a reduction of the work week during the summer, a hiring and salary freeze, and stiff reductions in overtime payments.

Cappelletto has said that as many as 100 municipal employees may be laid off in order to avoid a financial crisis.

Meanwhile, Jude Fitzgibbons, president of the Hoboken Municipal Employees Association, has called a special meeting of the union's 200 members for 4:30 p.m. today, to discuss the anticipated layoffs.

The council is expected to vote on the 1982 municipal budget at their next regular meeting, on April 21.

Ranieri opposes mayor as freeholder

By Thomas Rojas

Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri plans to introduce a resolution calling for Mayor Steve Cappelletto to step down immediately as chairman of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders.

Ranieri charges that Cappelletto's involvement with the freeholders is one of the major reasons for Hoboken's financial problems.

He said that he will ask the council to draft a resolution calling on Cappelletto to resign as freeholder and "become a full-time mayor."

"Steve Cappelletto was a fine mayor until he became involved in county affairs," said Ranieri.

"When he became a freeholder, the city began to decline. Now, the leadership of Hoboken has abdicated."

Cappelletto declined comment on Ranieri's planned resolution, but said that the councilman had supported him in his bid for a freeholder seat.

"Ranieri supported me for freeholder, because it would give Hoboken better representation in the county," said the mayor. "I don't understand why he's changing his mind now."

Ranieri offered the planned resolution as part of a revised plan for cutting the proposed \$20.3 million 1982 municipal budget.

In addition to Cappelletto's resignation as freeholder,

Ranieri is calling for a 50 percent salary cut for all elected officials, a reduction in the number of department directors, an additional negotiated cut in the school budget, reduction of overtime to city workers by \$100,000, and the adoption of municipal garbage collection.

Cappelletto has said that he and the council are considering pay cuts for elected officials, as well as reductions in the number of directors and in overtime payments.

A public hearing on the proposed municipal budget is scheduled for Wednesday night, with final passage of the budget expected at the council meeting the following week.

Crowd due at hearing on supermart

A standing room-only crowd is expected at Hoboken City Hall tomorrow, when the city's Zoning Board of Adjustment continues a public hearing begun last week on the construction of a controversial supermart at Washington and 14th streets.

The owners of the property, Hoboken Manufacturers, have applied for a variance in order to sell the property to the Pathmark supermarket chain.

Supporters of the planned supermart — including several citizens' groups — claim that the supermart would provide jobs for some 120 residents and generate tax revenues amounting to \$125,000 annually.

Opponents of the supermart — including Woodrow Monti, the city's tax assessor — insist that a better use of the land could be made if development were delayed until the city's tax revaluation is completed.

At a packed zoning board meeting last Thursday, proponents and opponents of the project engaged in an often heated debate.

Supporters presented a plan to reroute traffic in the area to ease access to the proposed store, while opponents argued that the upturn property is in a district zoned for light industrial use which isn't suitable for a commercial retail food store.

After a debate of more than an hour, Zoning Board Chairman Frank Cameron adjourned the meeting and scheduled a continuation of the public hearing for 7:30 tonight, at the City Council Chambers in City Hall.

Spokesmen for several citizens' groups who attended Thursday's hearing said that they expect to return to City Hall tonight to argue in favor of the proposed supermart.

Cappelletto backs foe as housing chief

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto has recommended that Thomas Vezzetti, a frequent critic of the city administration, be named executive director of the city's Housing Authority.

In a letter to the Housing Authority, Cappelletto says that Vezzetti, who has worked for the city as a security guard and management analyst, is "amply qualified" to succeed Joseph Caliguire, who is retiring as executive director in June after 24 years in the post.

Vezzetti is a longtime critic of the mayor, the City Council,

the Board of Education, and the Hudson County Freeholders. He frequently attends meetings of those groups.

At Thursday night's meeting of the Housing Authority, a group calling themselves the Hoboken Housing Coalition offered to assist the agency in finding a replacement for the retiring Caliguire.

Peter Fontana, chairman of the Housing Authority, told the group that the Authority will begin reviewing applicants by April 29, and will name the new director sometime in May.

Election process more than game for youngsters

By Raul Vicente Jr.

Mike Garcia, a Hoboken resident and part owner of a game called Elections USA, invented by Dr. Salvador Marse, a pediatrician in East Orange, is asking the state Board of Education to consider purchasing the game as a tool to teach children the election process.

Marse, who spent eight years developing the game, has been unable to find anyone to support his venture financially, said Garcia.

After reading the results of marketing specialists and New York educators, who have labeled the game as an excellent learning tool, Garcia and Marse have decided to offer a modified version to the state at a 50 percent reduction of the wholesale price.

Marse's interest in the election process began as a child. He said that even at the early age of nine he kept his own tabulations of the Presidential elections from Puerto Rico.

Later, when he came to the

U.S., he said — that over the years he observed a decline in the popular vote. Finally hearing that there were people who felt that the electoral college should be removed from the election process, he decided to develop something that would make the importance of the system understood in a fun way.

Garcia, who recently lost his bid for election in the state assembly's 33rd district said, "I can't stand by and see a method by which we can teach our young the mechanics of the electoral process go unnoticed."

Most of the young people who lived in deprived socio-economic neighborhoods, said Garcia, don't read newspapers, magazines and often do not keep up with current events.

Garcia pointed out that the game could be played by anyone regardless of their language once the rules were explained. He emphasized the use by Hispanic and black children who make up the bulk of the youth living in deprived areas.

100 face layoffs in Hoboken crunch

By ROY KAHN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Still swinging its budget cleaver behind closed doors, the City Council is seriously considering laying off more than 100 municipal employees and forcing \$1 million in cuts from the school budget.

Following four work sessions, the council has agreed to cut more than \$1.5 million from the budget through layoffs. But according to sources, the council wants to eliminate a total of \$2.8 million from the \$20 million budget.

Mayor Steve Cappelletto's administration version of the budget called for a \$27 increase in the tax rate. He then told the council to cut the hike to \$10 or less.

Councilman Thomas Kennedy said yesterday that the council might be able to bring the increase into the \$10 range, but it is doubtful the hike could be brought below \$5. The current tax rate is about \$135 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Personnel cuts, however, represent only a portion of the slashes being considered by the council.

Last night, the governing body was expected to accept a compromise on its long-debated garbage pickup plan. This would give its private contractor a one-year, \$1.2 million deal and at

the same time commission a study on the feasibility of the city's taking the work over.

For more than a month, Councilman Robert A. Ranieri has argued that the city could save as much as \$1.1 million annually if it rejected the La Fera Contracting Co.'s contract and went into the garbage business.

He had pressed for an immediate sanitation service takeover, but opposition on the council forced the compromise.

Ranieri said the study would be completed within six months.

The council is also turning to the board of education to realize savings.

The Cappelletto-dominated board of school estimates rejected the school board's proposed \$21 million budget when it was first proposed, and then ordered \$220,000 in cuts. The school board complied, but Cappelletto complained at the time that the trustees had managed to find the savings without laying off personnel, as the city had.

According to city officials, the council is now planning to request additional cuts totaling at least \$472,000, and is debating the possibility of closing the Sadie Leinkauf School. The move, according to Business Administrator Edwin Chius, could result in a \$100,000 saving in operating costs and could be paid for another \$100,000.

The Professor sold on Hoboken

There's this fellow, Frank Bradley from Hoboken, and he's on the phone and he's trying to sell Hoboken to the Old Professor. He keeps going on and on and on, and finally the Old Professor exclaims, "You don't have to sell Hoboken to me! I was sold on the city long before I spent those wonderful years at the Hoboken Tennis Club!"

However, this Bradley fellow pays no attention to the Old Professor's avowal that greater love hath no man than the Professor's for the waterfront City. And Bradley keeps on selling and selling. Now the Old Professor doesn't know whether this Hoboken Bradley is as big as the Bradley we have in Washington or whether he's only five-foot six—but the Old Professor takes a chance and he hanks him.

This is very disconcerting to Mr. Bradley, who seems determined to glorify the Mile Square City, no matter how long it takes.

There is, however, no letup. The Old Professor picks up one Sunday newspaper and there is a big feature article on a "Celebration '82" in Hoboken. Another paper plays the same tune—except that it features somebody named Sinatra. And a monthly magazine dittos.

The Old Professor finally falls asleep—and guess what happens? He dreams ABOUT HOBOKEN! He not only dreams about it, but finds himself walking the length of Washington Street with somebody who keeps putting the rap on the city.

Perhaps Freud could explain it. All the Old Professor can do is tell you what he dreamed. Or dream it, if you insist.

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Anyway, in this dream, he is walking with a fellow who looks like a retired horse thief as the Old Professor makes like avocado of which there are many in Hoboken. As they start the southward trek on Washington Street, this fellow grumbles: "What's all the hup-hup-hup, all this baloney everybody about a Hoboken renaissance? All ya hear and read is Hoboken. Hoboken. Hoboken! You'd think it was the garden spot of the world."

"Well it once was," the Old Professor countered. "A beautiful garden spot. And there were beer gardens all over the place."

"I think Jersey City and Newark and Union Hill, which had all their breweries, had beer gardens too," the incredulous one retorted.

"Look," he went on, "those other places like Jersey City and Newark, for instance, had International League baseball."

"Hah," said the Old Professor, "but WHERE was the first organized baseball game in this country played? It was played in Hoboken back in 1846, long before Jersey City and Newark had any baseball. And another thing, when baseball was illegal in New York on Sundays, did you know that John McGraw used to bring his Giants over to Hoboken for Sunday afternoon exhibitions? And that he got fresh one day and Jack Merity.

a local umpire, who later was an announcer at the Oakland A., boffed him one?"

"Yah, but," the Old Professor's companion exclaimed, "look at what Jersey City had in boxing—the million dollar game was in Jersey City. And Jersey City produced fighters like Johnny Buff who held two championships, while Bayonne gave us Chuck Weper and North Bergen gave us Jimmy Braddock."

"All right, all right," the Old Professor said. "That same Jack Dempsey who knocked out Georges Carpentier at Thirty Acres—DO YOU KNOW WHO KNOCKED HIM OUT?"

He didn't know.

"Well, only ONE man knocked him out. Jack Dempsey knocked out 50 men in his career—but only one man knocked him out. And that man," here the Old Professor pauses for effect. "That man was from Hoboken! He was born in 1879 in Hoboken as Andrew Charleone."

He did his boxing as Fireman Jim Flynn. He knocked Dempsey out in just one round back in 1917. Of course, one year and one day later, the Old Professor added coyly,

"Dempsey knocked him out in one round."

The Growler wasn't impressed.

"One knockout doesn't mean that much," he sneered.

"Wait a minute," said the Old Professor. "Hoboken also had Joe Ross and Jack DeMave and Skelly Lewis and Frankie Nelson and Cy Smith and Charlie Sieger, the Iron Man, who fought Joe Gans twice."

This stopped the skeptic. But not

for long. He suddenly switched back to baseball.

"How about ball players?" he demanded. "Jersey City had the McCarron brothers and the Stapleton brothers and there was a left-hander named Herbie Thormahlen who went up with the Yankees."

"So what?" bellowed the Old Professor. "Hoboken had a tremendous WHOLE battery—not just a pitcher. Johnny Kucks made the Yankees and Sanny Romano, a catcher made the Orioles. And Tony Carey, an infielder, made the St. Louis Browns."

There was a halt now — around Fifth street — for air.

"Look," said the Old Professor pointing eastward. "A couple of blocks over is Stevens Institute. They don't go for headlines in sports — but back around World War I, the Stute had some terrific football teams — they played Columbia, Princeton, Yale and Rutgers."

"But how about basketball?" came the prod. "Look at what Union City turned out — big timers like Tommy Heinsohn and Togo Palazzi."

"Listen," the Old Professor rasped, "there was a fellow named Nat Hickey who came out of Hoboken and made the original Celtics. He ranked with any of 'em."

"Tis true," he went on, "every place in Hudson County has had somebody or something to brag about. Secaucus had Tony Beckman, the bicycle rider, and 300-pound Harry Krajewski, who ran for U.S. president. Kearny folks will always brag about Alex Webster. West New York had Lenny Burns



and Joe Coviello. Weehawken, well, Weehawken had Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr, who dued there. Even Guttenberg got a lot of headlines once. It had a racetrack back in the late 1800's but maybe we shouldn't talk about that."

Sensing some softening on the Old Professor's part, his companion offered to buy a drink. Even in dreams people can get thirsty. Especially if they're in a dream

Malfetti, Wilson defend roles in charter change

By Thomas Rojas

In a joint statement, Hoboken Councilmen Nunzio Malfetti and E. Norman Wilson — two of the seven council members who are circulating a petition calling for a change to a commission form of government — have defended their position, which has drawn loud criticism in recent days.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, for example, has voiced his opposition to the change, arguing that the commission form of government encourages "crime, graft and corruption."

In addition, several local civic and political groups have charged that the change is intended to divert attention from the "ineptness of city officials," and Hoboken's growing financial problems.

But Malfetti and Wilson disagree with Ranieri's arguments, stating that "the quality of government is determined not by its form but by the people in it."

Moreover, the councilmen deny they are to blame for finan-

cial ills.

"We can honestly say that the current budget mess is not of our doing," they contend. "Neither of us has loaded the city or Board of Education payroll with political supporters, we have never endorsed the mayor for elective office, we never rubber-stamped his policies."

Malfetti and Wilson claim that those who object to the change in government want to keep the current administration in power.

"Many of the critics now surfacing are the same people who for years supported the current administration," they charge. "The idea of a possible change in government was born out of a frustration with current administration policies."

The councilmen added that they support the government change in order to "put an end to wanton uncontrolled spending by city officials who do not have to face the voters."

Cultural council sponsors 3-month bash

Hoboken celebrates its past with tours, slide shows

By MIGUEL TERSY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—If you don't have anything to do, the Hoboken Cultural Council, a non-profit organization, has several events coming up for the next two weeks, said Assistant Director Marianne Quercio.

The events are part of a three-month celebration called Hoboken in Celebration '82. The art and cultural events highlighting the city's past and present are free of charge so they can be accessible to the public, said Quercio.

"Sparks on the Wheel," a program of poetry readings and historical lectures, is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the American Magnesium & Aluminum Company, 1316 Adams St. It will include a slide show on American labor and industry, Quercio said.

Quercio said there will be several walking tours this week. One will be at the Bamboo and Tan Works, 901 Jefferson St., beginning at 1 p.m. The tour will feature theater sets built for R. H. Macy's and Bloomingdale's.

A second walking tour, at the Dan-Dee Bay and Belt Company, 115 Grand St., will show how belts and bags

are made from basic materials to the finished product, said Quercio.

"The tour will include a sneak preview on the latest fashions on belts and carry-on baggage," Quercio said.

A third walking tour, scheduled Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Alco-Gravure, Ninth and Monroe streets, will include a slide show highlighting the history of the company. This company has done supplements and advertisements for Sears, J.C. Penny, and Levitz, said Quercio.

Bethlehem Steel, at 13th and Hudson streets, will be

the site of a walking tour of the shipyards and drydocks Saturday, May 7, at 2 p.m.

"The tour will include two artists working on sculpture using material from the yard," Quercio said, adding that the finished works will be unveiled June 19 as part of the waterfront festival.

A slide presentation, "Store Fronts," will be held Wednesday at 9 p.m., Room 218 of the Hoboken Cultural Center, at Third Avenue and River Road. The presentation will contrast familiar sights of today with storefronts of the past.

Compromise expected on garbage pact

A compromise resolution is expected to be introduced at tomorrow's Hoboken City Council meeting in the long-standing dispute concerning a municipal operated garbage collection service as opposed to a privately-operated one.

The resolution was discussed at last night's council caucus.

The compromise will consist of a one-year contract for three-day-a-week collections with a stipulation that the city will immediately solicit proposals from a consultant to determine if a substantial saving could be realized if the city established its own service.

In other business, the council received a letter from Hoboken Municipal Court Judge Rudolph Nadeau informing the members that he is submitting a resolution to increase fines for parking violations.

The judge said that some of the city's fines are considered archaic.

The measure was referred to the law committee and, if found satisfactory, will be placed on the agenda for tomorrow's council meeting.

The council also is expected to pass two resolutions of appreciation to Ninslav Kopac, a vice consul of Yugoslavia, for services rendered to Slavic residents of Hoboken, and to Dinko Zorovic, president of the council of Ceres Loring, a Yugoslavian province. Zorovic donated 300 books on Slavic culture to the city's library.

The garbage collection resolution is being considered as one way of breaking the impasse the council has been tangled in over the issue.

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Hoboken: Closeup of a city

By JANET SLATER
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Daniel Cohen has lived here for only three years, yet he has discovered and captured on film parts of the city that lifelong residents may never have noticed.

Cohen's collection of photographs is just one number of artists' work on display as part of the Hoboken Celebration '82 — a 12-week series of dance, music, theater and art exhibits put together by the Hoboken Cultural Arts Council. The celebration ends April 30.

Cohen's exhibit consists of a collection of close-up photographs of places that "everyone goes past, but which have surprising bursts of color and detail." They include close ups of carefully arranged Blessed Virgin grottos, a magenta door and a robin's egg-blue window frame.

An example of his work is a pair of photographs which show a contrasting overview of the city in November and how it appeared eight months later in July. While the rooftops are identical, the color and background change from blue to red, from foggy to clear.

'There are visual surprises in Hoboken'

— Daniel Cohen

"There are visual surprises in Hoboken," said Cohen.

Those surprises not only appear in his photos, but in the gallery itself. The exhibits are being shown in renovated shipping offices on Pier A at River Street and Second Avenue. The spacious, white-walled rooms overlook the waterfront and give a "billion dollar view of New York City," said Cohen.

While the rooms are somewhat bare and dusty, their present appearance is a far cry from how they looked when the arts council first received permission to renovate them from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, said Betsy Kuga, an arts council member.

"The rooms had not been used in about 10 years," she said. "The dust was a couple of inches thick, and there were pigeon's nests in the ceiling."

About 30 volunteers armed with paint donated by local businessmen, some cleaning supplies and "three cases of beer," fixed up the place, Kuga said. The Port Authority did all of the electrical work, and the department of public works donated a van to the group.

"Everyone's been really helpful. The town paved the way and made things really easy for us," said Kuga.

The volunteers learned that their efforts weren't the first attempts taken to enhance Hoboken's native culture.

"We discovered that in the 1920s a lot of artists settled here, kind of like a little Bohemian uprising," Cohen said.

The council's next project is renovating the end of Pier C, an area "as big as an ocean liner" in order to hold theater productions and grand scale sculpture and painting exhibits, Kuga said.

The Port Authority has allowed the council to use the property until August. After that, the group's future is uncertain, she said.

"It depends on money and real estate," she said. "A lot depends on the artists and the community, and what they want to do with us."

Garbage study to be discussed

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello is expected to meet with members of the City Council today to discuss hiring a private consultant to study the feasibility of the city adopting a municipal garbage collection system.

The mayor is scheduled to meet with Robert Ranieri, Helen Macri and Anthony Romano, who make up the council's committee on solid waste collection.

Recently, the council awarded a one-year \$1.2 million contract for three-day-a-week garbage collections to the La Fera Contracting Co., which currently collects the city's garbage.

The contract was awarded with the stipulation that a consul-

tant be immediately hired to determine whether the city should collect its own garbage in the future.

That agreement ended weeks of debate between Ranieri, who had argued in favor of municipal garbage collection, and other city officials, who countered that the city was not prepared to collect its own garbage.

But Ranieri insists that the feasibility study will give the city ample time to prepare for municipal garbage collection.

"I would expect the study to be completed in four months," he said. "That would give the city about eight months to begin ordering equipment, set up truck routes, and make other

preparations." Ranieri said that he will ask the mayor and council to budget about \$25,000 for the feasibility study, which he predicts will show that the city can save at least \$300,000 a year by collecting

its own garbage. However, he added that if the consultant recommends that the city continue to employ a private garbage collector, then he will "yield" to the consultant's decision.

Ranieri opposes change in form of government

By Thomas Rojas

Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri charges that a movement by several City Council members to change the city's form of government is merely a "red herring" intended to divert the public's attention from Hoboken's growing financial problems.

Ranieri explained that he opposes the proposed change from the city's current mayor-council form of government to a five-member commission, because the commission form encourages "crime, graft and corruption."

"The municipalities in Hudson County, that have had political strife — including Union City, North Bergen and Weehawken — have had the commission form of government," he said. "The cities that are stable politically, such as Bayonne, use

the mayor-council form."

Ranieri argues that the mayor-council form guards against corruption by providing a sharp division of powers between administrators and legislators.

"In government, there must be a system of checks and balances, in which one group watches the other," he said. "The mayor-council form allows the legislators to watch the administrators. But, in a commission form, the legislators are the administrators. That leads to crime, graft and corruption."

Several of Hoboken's nine council members, including Council President Walter Cramer, have begun circulating a petition calling for a change in the city's form of government. They contend that the commission form cut costs by reduc-

ing the number of administrators, and it would improve the quality of government by "placing the power in the hands of the elected officials."

However, Ranieri insists that the change of government movement is a "red herring" intended to draw the public's attention away from the city's proposed 1982 municipal budget, which projects an increase in the tax rate of \$28 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

"If the council really wants to cut expenses, they can reduce the number of council members by modifying the state Faulkner Act, reduce the number of department directors, and cut the salaries of all elected officials," he said. "I predict that the change of government movement will die out as soon as the budget is passed."

Criminal refugees are marked men

By Thomas Rojas

Ordinarily, a heart-shaped tattoo bearing the inscription "Mother" would not be cause for concern.

But Hoboken police say that a Cuban boat refugee wearing a tattoo in the shape of a heart, with the word "Madre" (mother) inside of it, may have been a murderer in Cuba.

Hoboken police have been notified by New York police officials that a number of Cuban boat refugees — who arrived during the "Freedom Flotilla" exodus of 1980 — may have tattoos which identified them as habitual criminals in Cuba.

According to acting Hoboken Police Chief Patrick Totaro, the tell-tale tattoos can be found either on the hand, between the index finger and the thumb, or inside the lower lip.

"The tattoos were used by Cuban officials as a way of branding career criminals," he explained. "The different kinds of tattoos indicate the type of

crime they committed — homicide, rape, robbery, or whatever."

According to a release issued by New York police authorities, Cuban officials used various symbols to indicate the different crimes.

For example, a star with three vertical lines above it indicates kidnapping, a cross represents gun-running, three vertical lines with two horizontal lines underneath them indicates that the tattoo-wearer was a drug dealer, and a heart inscribed "Madre" means that the wearer was a murderer.

In addition, Cuban officials used a "dot" code, with a tattoo in the shape of three dots indicating robbery, two dots representing larceny, and one dot branding the bearer as a "non-supporter" of Cuban ruler Fidel Castro.

Totaro said that the tattoos have been discovered on a number of Cuban exiles arrested for crimes in New York City and in Newark. He added that Hoboken police have not come across anyone with the tattoos.



This photo, showing the great ocean liners of the Manhattan piers during the 1950s, is one of 50 photos from the personal collection of William Miller that will be on display in Hoboken later this month.

A love affair with ships

By Thomas Rojas

As a child growing up in Hoboken, William Miller would sit in Elysian Park and watch the great ocean liners being pulled by tugboat up the Hudson River. It was love at first sight.

"The ships were all like characters in a play," he recalls. "Each had a distinctive personality. I began to learn all I could about them."

The great ocean liners are almost all gone now, replaced by cruise ships and high-speed airliners. But Miller is keeping their memory alive.

Over the years, Miller, now 33, has taken more than 40 voyages. He has travelled to South America by cargo ship, to the Orient by container ship, and to the North Pole by mailboat.

In addition, he has written six books about the great ocean liners, and has built an impressive collection of steamship memorabilia which includes 25,000 color slides, 400 posters, 5,000 brochures, 5,000 photographs, 50 cast-iron ocean liner models, a bolt from the Queen Mary, sheet music about the Titanic, steamer swizzle sticks and matchbook covers.

Miller's seafaring expertise will be on display this coming Sunday, beginning at 10 a.m., when he acts as tour guide for "Along the Hoboken Shore," a walking tour of the city's waterfront, from the Bethlehem Steel shipyards to the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal.

What's more, Miller will be

curator of "Great Ladies of Our Harbor," an exhibit of 50 prints of the great ocean liners, beginning April 28 at the Pier A Building, at that same night, at 8 p.m., he will deliver a lecture on "The Port of Hoboken," also at the Pier A Building.

Then, on May 9, the busy Miller will be the guide for "From Ellis Island to Hoboken," a boat tour tracing the story of the "Golden Door" through which 16 million immigrants entered Hoboken from 1950 to 1921. All of the events are part of the three-month Hoboken Celebration '82.

Today, Miller is a project coordinator for the New York-

based Harbor Festival Foundation, which organizes the annual July 4 Harbor festival along the Hudson, as well as about 200 other public events every year.

According to Miller, Hoboken was at one time one of the biggest ocean liner ports in the country. In fact, the German liner "Imperator," which weighed 32,000 tons and carried 4,000 passengers, once docked in the waterfront city.

Although he now resides in Jersey City, Miller says that Hoboken will always hold a special place in his heart.

"Hoboken is where I first saw the ships," he says. "That's where it all started for me."

He is Stevens' 'Music Man'

Prof. William F. Ondrick will celebrate his 25th anniversary as director of music at Stevens Institute of Technology Saturday at the annual spring concert, beginning at 8:15 p.m. in the "A" Building Auditorium, Fifth and Hudson Streets, Hoboken.

More than 200 alumni from across the nation have already made reservations to attend. They will be joined by current students, their families and friends, and others who have enjoyed music at Stevens over the past quarter century. The concert will include classical selections and a musical review of the last 25 years arranged by James T. Moran, arranger and accompanist.

When Professor Ondrick arrived at Stevens as an instructor in 1957, the extent of the college's musical activities was an 11-man glee club that performed twice a year. Today the Glee Club numbers 55 men and

women who perform many concerts during the year both on the campus and on tour in East Coast states. The Stevens 22-member Jazz Ensemble hosts such well-known musicians as Joe Morello, Clark Terry, Jon Faddis, Bill Watrous and Ron Roullier at its semi-annual "Jazz Nights."

Ondrick credits much of his success to the high academic standards at the college, where entering freshmen average in the 600s on the mathematics portion of the Scholastic Aptitude Test and where all undergraduates are required to gain a firm foundation in core subjects such as calculus, physics, chemistry and computer science.

"The students at Stevens are serious," says Ondrick, "and are willing to be challenged even in an area outside their major field of study. There's a tremendous workload here, so there's little time for fads. During the 60's, students here maintained interest

in activities such as the Glee Club, which suffered at other colleges."

Twenty-five years have, however, produced changes in the student population at Stevens that Ondrick believes have been to the benefit of both the college and its musical activities. Stevens first admitted women in 1971 — after 100 years — and two years later the Glee Club included female voices. The college also accepts increasing numbers of students from outside the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area each year, and Ondrick believes this has provided him with a wide range of talent from a broad geographical area.

Ondrick has high praise for the three men who have held the title of arranger/accompanist for the Glee Club during his tenure. Kenneth Manzer served in that position from 1958 to 1968, and was succeeded by Robert C. Hebble from 1968 to 1979. James T.



William F. Ondrick 25th milestone

Moran, who received the B.E. and M.E. degrees from Stevens in 1978 and 1980, respectively, has been arranger/accompanist since 1979.

New Hoboken church installs pastor Sunday

To answer the needs of residents, a new church has been established in Hoboken. The Riverside Assemblies of God has begun holding services at St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 Bloomfield St., a temporary location.

While establishing roots in the community, the search for a permanent location is ongoing. "We are using St. John's property," a member said, "so that we can begin offering our ministry to fill the needs of people."

The church is the first of its denomination to function in Hoboken.

To enable the congregation to move forward, the Rev. Gerard J. Cleffi will be installed pastor

at 3 p.m. Sunday. Cleffi is originally from Newark and is the former associate pastor of the Bethel Assembly of God Church, Nutley. He and his wife are also former directors of the Bethel Home for Girls, an outgrowth of the worldwide Teen Challenge Ministries.

Teen Challenge is a nationally known program established for the purpose of Christian rehabilitation of youthful drug addicts and alcoholics as well as other life-controlling problems.

The Cleffis have come to Hoboken "with a vision to minister to the lost, and to lead

them to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ."

"The Riverside Church has opened its doors to all people," Cleffi said, "Jesus was crucified so the entire human race could experience salvation and deliverance from sin. In that same fashion, our doors are open to all people regardless of race, creed or color."

The schedule of services currently lists Sunday worship at 3 p.m., Home Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Mondays; Bible study and prayer at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; and Home Bible study at 7:30 p.m. Fridays. Saturday lists youth and fellowship night beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Cappiello says delay on budget costly

"The longer we wait to pass the budget, the more we will have to cut."

So says Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, who is working with the City Council to reduce the proposed 1982 municipal budget, which projects an increase in the tax rate of \$28 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

"Because of the long delay in passing the budget, we already have to make up for the first quarter of the year," said Cappiello. "If we wait much longer, then we will have to cut even more."

But several council members blame the mayor for the delay in passing the budget, saying that he did not introduce the measure until the middle of March.

"He brought the budget in four months late," said one irate councilman. "Now, we have to cut twice as much to make up for the delay."

Cappiello would like to resolve the budget issue as quickly as possible, so that city workers will know how many of them face layoffs.

"It isn't fair to the city workers to delay much longer," he said. "We should resolve this quickly so that they will know where they stand."

About 15 temporary municipal employees have been laid off thus far, in efforts to hold the tax increase to \$10. Cappiello has said that as many of 100 city workers may receive pink slips.

Hoboken extends outside garbage collection

The Hoboken City Council resolved the long-standing issue of what to do about the city's garbage collections last night, granting a one-year, \$1.2 million contract for three-day-a-week collections to the La Fera Carting Co.

In other business, the council authorized \$260,000 for the upcoming reevaluation of the city's real estate and accepted bids for the rehabilitation of the Jefferson Street Recreation Center.

The compromise garbage agreement contains a proviso for the immediate solicitation of contracts from consultants to investigate the feasibility of the city operating its own collection department.

The compromise passed 8-to-1. The dissenting vote was cast by Councilman E. Norman Wilson.

The council also voted to pay \$1,810 in legal fees for the preparation of a bond issue for the construction of a municipal garage. The cost of the garage has been given as \$1.2 million.

The council also passed a resolution of gratitude and friendship to two Yugoslavian diplomats, Dinko Zorovic, president of the Council of Cret-Losinj in Yugoslavia and Ninoslav Kopicic of the Yugoslavian Consulate. Zorovic donated 300 books on Slavic Culture to the city's library. Kopic was honored for service to Slavic residents of the city.

Hoboken leaders meet on finances

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, his department directors, and the City Council will once again meet behind closed doors today to discuss the city's growing financial problems.

The meeting, at 6 p.m. in City Hall, will be another in a series of closed strategy sessions between the mayor and other city officials, as Hoboken attempts to avert a financial catastrophe.

About 15 temporary municipal workers have been laid off thus far, in an effort to trim the proposed \$20.3 million 1982 municipal budget.

Layoffs of Civil Service employees are scheduled to begin on May 19, when a 45-day notice issue to the workers takes effect.

Cappiello has said that as many as 100 municipal workers may receive pink slips as the city slices the proposed budget, which projects an increase in the tax rate of \$28 per \$1,000 assessed

valuation. That would push Hoboken's tax rate to about \$166.

The mayor is also considering a salary and hiring freeze, reductions in rank, cutbacks in overtime payments, and a reduction of the work week during the summer.

In addition, the council is reportedly considering demanding additional cuts in the proposed 1982-83 school budget, which has already been reduced by about \$520,000, in order to comply with recommendations made by the Board of School Estimate.

Superintendent of Schools George Maier has warned that any further cuts in the school budget "could have a devastating effect on our school system."

However, the council appears determined to make whatever cuts it deems necessary in order to hold the increase in the city's tax rate to no more than \$10.

Budget ax chops jobs in Hoboken

By Thomas Rojas

The budget-cutting ax has begun to fall on Hoboken municipal workers.

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius confirmed yesterday that several temporary city employees have been laid off as the city attempts to trim a proposed 1982 municipal budget that projects an increase in the tax rate of \$28 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

According to sources, about 15 temporary workers have been terminated thus far. Layoffs of Civil Service employees are scheduled to begin on May 19, when a 45-day notice issued to the workers by Mayor Steve Cappiello takes effect.

Cappiello has said that as many as 100 city workers may be laid off in efforts to hold the increase in the city's tax rate to no more than \$10.

In addition, Cappiello has said that he will ask city employees to accept the following conces-

sions: a salary and hiring freeze, reductions in rank, a stiff cutback in overtime payments, and a reduction of the work week to four days during the summer months.

Meanwhile, the Hoboken Municipal Employees Association has filed a grievance with Civil Service protesting the anticipated furlough of city workers for 10 days this summer.

"We feel that this furlough may be illegal," said Judge Fitzgibbons, president of the union local. Fitzgibbons added that Hoboken will be severely crippled if the threatened layoff of 100 city employees takes effect.

"I don't know how the city will be able to function if 45 percent of the work force is laid off," he said. "The streets and parks won't be looked after, buildings won't be inspected, and if police and firemen are let go, we won't get the protection we need."

More workers face ax

The Hoboken Board of Education will hold an emergency meeting today to consider dismissing additional personnel because of school budget cuts.

According to president Robert Wendelken, the 2 p.m. meeting was called to meet the April 30 deadline set by contract for notifying school personnel of layoffs.

Just last Tuesday, the school board issued dismissal notices to 14 non-tenured employees, including 35 teachers.

Among the non-tenured

employees facing dismissal are Business Administrator Walter Cramer, clerk Margaret Wendelken, wife of the board president, Phyllis Wendelken, mother of the president, and Michele Maier, daughter of Superintendent of Schools George Maier.

The school board is expected today to consider eliminating several tenured administrative positions, and consolidating others. In addition, several tenured teachers may be laid off.

The City Council is demanding additional cuts of

about \$680,000 in the proposed 1982-83 school budget. The board has already cut about \$520,000 from the original \$21.7 million budget, which was rejected by the Board of School Estimate.

The school board is reportedly considering appealing the reductions ordered by the council to the state Commissioner of Education.

Hoboken school board pro-prayer, anti-nuke

By James Kopchans

The Hoboken Board of Education is officially supporting effort to return public prayers into classrooms.

The board approved an amendment as part of a controversial resolution that also called for a freeze in the national nuclear arsenal.

In other business, the board approved sending dismissal notices to 44 non-tenured teacher and employees, including school Business Administrator Walter Cramer. The dismissal notices were passed after an unsuccessful attempt by Board President Robert Wendelken to have tenured administrators served with similar notices.

Prayer was abolished from the classroom by a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. To have it brought back would require a Constitutional amendment or a reversal or modification by the Supreme Court.

The resolution represented the first time in any of the members' memories that the board had taken a position on any issue other than local education matters.

tendorf, James Farina, James Monaco, and Pope voting for it. The vote on the amended resolution was 6-to-1 with only Wendelken voting against it.

Prior to his vote, Wendelken criticized both Block and Hottendorf. "You are using the board as a public podium," Wendelken said, "which is totally unfair."

Concerning the dismissal notices, Wendelken tried to have an amendment added that would have sent notices to all assistant superintendents, administrative assistants, directors, principals, vice principals, supervisors, and coordinators.

He explained he had in mind ideas about consolidating jobs among administrators in an effort to save money. But, "would not specify which areas he was considering consolidating."

The amendment failed when none of the members would second the motion. Block said he did not want to second the motion because Wendelken's plan did not come with the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools Dr. George Maier.

The effective date of dismissal in the notices is June 30. According to Block they are being sent out to conform with contract rules that proper notice be given to employees in danger of being laid off.

The board is at present looking at ways to cut its \$21 million budget proposal which had been turned down by the City Board of School Estimate.

Hoboken groups oppose change in government

Several Hoboken civic and political groups are against the proposed change in the city's form of government.

Sal D'Amelio, president of the Hoboken Civic League, called the movement by several members of the City Council to change the city's form of government to a five-member commission a "fraud."

He said that the movement is "a mask" to disguise the "ineptness" of city officials, whom he claims have pushed Hoboken to the brink of bankruptcy.

"The commission form of government is an outdated form, which was changed almost 30 years ago to bring about

enlightened government in Hoboken," said D'Amelio.

However, the present mayor and council have destroyed the integrity of the elective process and provided Hoboken with a tax rate which is the highest in the state.

Mayor Steve Cappiello has blamed the city's rising tax rate on the loss of ratables, increasing costs, and reductions in state and federal aid.

The Hoboken Civic League is calling on Cappiello and the council to hold a public forum on the proposed change in the form of government.

Meanwhile, Michael DeLanzo, chairman of the "Let's Make Hoboken Great Again"

political and civic organization and a former mayoral candidate, said that a change to a commission form of government would not solve the city's financial problems.

"We have to get back to the fundamentals of good government," he said.

Factory tours Hoboken feature

When people drink from an aluminum can or reach into their favorite handbag, they seldom think about the work that went into producing that can or that bag.

But, beginning on Sunday, Hobokenites will be treated to an inside look at a few of the area's many industries — which produce everything from theater effects to tennis rackets.

"Made in Hoboken" is a week-long series of tours through some of the mile-square city's better-known businesses. The free tours are part of Hoboken Celebration '82, the three-month festival of artistic and historical events held all over the city.

According to Marianne Quer-

cio, assistant director of the Hoboken Cultural Council, which is sponsoring Celebration '82, all of the companies participating in the tours have played a major role in making the Celebration possible.

"These firms have contributed financially, they have supplied material for theater sets, and they've allowed us to use their facilities for free," she said. "They deserve a lot of credit for what they have done for the city and for the Celebration."

"Made in Hoboken" gets underway on Sunday, at 3 p.m., with a historical lecture, slide show and poetry reading at the American Magnesium and Aluminum Co., Hoboken's only foundry.

On Tuesday, at 1 p.m., there will be a tour of Bamboo and Rattan Works, which produces theater sets and displays for clients such as Macy's department stores and national theater companies.

That will be followed, at 2 p.m., with a tour of Universal Folding Box, which manufactures boxes for Lipton Tea, Drakes Cakes and other famous clients.

On Wednesday, visitors can get a sneak preview of next season's fashion belts and carry-all bags at Dan Dee Belt and Bag. The tour begins at 12:15 p.m.

That will be followed, at 1:30 and 3 p.m., by a visit to Alco Gravure Inc., which prints advertising and magazine supplements

for major department stores and newspapers.

At 8 p.m. that night, "Community Culture and Class: Hoboken's Working Population, 1880-1910," a lecture by Howard L. Green of the New Jersey Historical Commission, will take place at the Celebration Center, Pier A Building.

Thursday's schedule calls for another tour of Dan Dee Belt and Bag, at 12:15 p.m. Later, at 8 p.m., the documentary film "In Our Water," which deals with chemical waste, will be screened at the Rue-Demarest School.

An inside look at the PATH system at the control center at Journal Square will be held on Friday. For time and starting place, contact the Celebration Center.

Also next Friday, at 11 a.m., there will be a tour of Neuman Leathers, which produces all sorts of leather goods.

Then, at 8 p.m., "The Alinsky Project," a dramatic presentation on the work of community organizer Saul Alinsky, will take place at St. Paul's Church.

"Made in Hoboken" will conclude on Saturday, May 8, with a tour of the Bethlehem Steel shipyard. William Miller of the Harbor Festival Foundation will be the guide for the tour, which begins at 2 p.m.

Stevens helping Algerian education

By Thoma Rojas

One would think that Hoboken and Algeria have little in common.

But engineering students in the oil-rich country owe a great debt to Hoboken, or, more specifically, to Stevens Institute of Technology.

For more than two years, Stevens has participated in an \$8.3 million project to develop and improve the engineering program in Algeria's major

engineering school, the Institut Algerien du Petrol.

Under the project, Stevens is working with the Algerian government in structuring and developing the engineering curriculum, acquiring supplies and equipment, and training the faculty.

More than 50 instructors of various nationalities — including British, French, Canadian, Australian and Egyptian, in addition to Algerians and former members of the Stevens staff —

participate in the program. All instruction is done in English.

Moreover, the project provides for about 20 Algerian students to attend Stevens for advanced study and research.

According to Dr. Luigi Pollara, director of the Algerian project and provost emeritus of Stevens, Algeria, one of the richest countries in natural gas reserves and a major exporter of liquefied natural gas, is attempting to expand its educational programs in gas

engineering, polymer technology, and plastics.

Stevens' involvement in Algerian education began in 1973, when the college became part of a consortium of five universities that was assembled to assist the Algerians in setting up an engineering program.

In 1980, the Algerians decided to deal directly with one institution, rather than a consortium. Of all of the institutions in the group, Stevens was chosen.

"The Algerian should be

given a great deal of credit for their commitment to the education of their youth," said Pollara.

"A large portion of their national budget is invested in education."

Has Stevens benefited from the program as well?

"Very much so," said Pollara. "Interaction with other countries is always beneficial. We feel that we have an obligation to reach out to the world."

To that end, Stevens' International Programs Office, which

Pollara founded, is considering offering its services to other nations as well. According to Pollara, preliminary discussions are under way with Peru and several other South American countries.

Stevens' Algerian Education program is funded entirely by the Algerian government. Although the program is carried out with the knowledge of the U.S. State Department, there is no federal involvement in the project.

Libraries offer books and much, much more

For students, housewives, executives or anyone looking for a retreat from the pressures of the world, the Hudson County library system has something for everyone.

Wander through the travel collection at the Weehawken Town Library, housed in a stately century-old townhouse at 49 Hauxhurst Ave. Your library card from any part of Hudson County can be used at any branch under a reciprocal borrowing arrangement. The library is open from 1 to 9 Mondays and Wednesdays, from 1 to 6 Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 to 4.

Examine the growing collection of Spanish language books at the Union City and West New York branches. The new, two-story brick building at 324 43rd St., Union City, offers story hours for pre-school children, as well as senior citizens programs. Hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 9:30 to 8:30, Fridays from 9:30 to 6, and Saturdays from 9:30 to 5.

A second library in Union City, located at 419 15th St., is open daily except Fridays and Sundays.

Doubling as a community arts center, the library of West New York, 425 60th St., promotes local artists and musicians in their upstairs gallery space. Poetry readings, piano recitals and lyric vocal works are arranged by the town's cultural council.

You can even learn to paint in the library's art center. Free to residents of West New York, classes are offered twice a week, Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 10 in the basement of the library building.

Are you challenged by philosophy or intrigued by history? Bayonne's illustrious collection is spread throughout its four branches. The main branch, 697 Avenue C, presents film programs for young and old, story hours, and a special "shut-in program" which delivers books to the elderly and incapacitated. Hours are from 9

a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Saturday hours are from 9 to 5.

Other Bayonne branches are: the Bergen Point Branch, 162 Broadway, Branch One, Kennedy Boulevard and W. 11 St. and Branch Two, 1055 Avenue C.

All newcomers to the County of Hudson will want to spend an afternoon at least in the New Jersey Room of the Jersey City library's main branch, at 472 Jersey Ave.

Designated as the "area library" for the entire county, it receives official state and federal documents, and has the most complete lending and reference department of any library in the county.

Incorporated in 1889, Jersey City's extensive collection now consists of close to 700,000 volumes, including rare, historical materials, foreign language texts and art tomes.

Spanish-language readers who favor "los libros en español" can find a wide selection in the Biblioteca Criolla at 194 Newark Ave. Encyclopedias, children's books, fiction and reference materials are all available in the Spanish and English idiom.

Fine arts and audiovisual aids are specialties of the five Corners Branch, 678 Newark Ave. Films, both educational and feature, are screened and can be borrowed.

Brand new to the Five Corners technical collection is the Kurzweil Reading Machine. By scanning and converting the printed word into synthetic speech, the machine is an invaluable aid to the blind and visually impaired. Jersey City is one of only six localities chosen to acquire this advanced technology.

The Miller Branch, 489 Bergen Ave., runs a special program called "Community Awareness," presenting guest speakers, films, tape recordings and community forums and handles such topics as the war in El Salvador, race relations and the judicial system. The program is held two Sundays every month at the library's 260-seat auditorium.

Other Jersey City branches are: the Claremont Branch, 295 Martin Luther King Drive; the Greenville Branch, 1841 Kennedy Blvd.; Hudson City Branch, 14 Zabriske St.

The Marion Branch is at 1017 West Side Ave.; Pavonia Branch, 206 Pavonia Ave.; and the West Bergen Branch, 503 West Side Ave.

The latest addition to the Jersey City library network is the Pearsall Branch at 104 Pearsall Ave. in Greenville.

Bringing the library to the public, a fully-equipped "bookmobile" makes 26 stops throughout the city every week. Librarians also regularly visit local schools.

Elsewhere in the county, the Hoboken Library, on Fifth Street and Park Avenue, offers arts and crafts programs and film screenings for children, as well as school tours. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 to 6 on Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 10 to 1 on Saturdays.

North Bergen's main library at 8107 Bergenline Ave. features story hours for children and arts and crafts programs. Open six days a week, hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 to 7; and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 to 5. A branch office at 1406 67th St. has limited hours from 3 to 5:30 Mondays through Fridays.

Newcomers to Secaucus can use the main library at Plaza Center from 9 to 9 on Mondays and Thursdays, from 9 to 6 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 9 to 5 on Saturdays.

The three remaining towns in Hudson County, apart from Guttenberg, which does not have its own book collection, are Harrison, East Newark and Kearny. They are independent libraries and reciprocal borrowing privileges do not apply. Residents of those towns can, however, apply for a Newark Public Library card without paying the usual non-resident fee.

Hoboken teachers face layoff

The Hoboken Board of Education is expected to issue layoff notices to 35 non-tenured teachers at tonight's meeting at 8 at the Administration Building. Superintendent of Schools George Maier has recommended the layoffs because of cuts in federal and state aid, as well as

cuts demanded by the Board of School Estimate. Recently, the school board reduced its proposed \$21.7 million 1982-83 school budget by about \$520,000 in order to comply with recommendations made by the school estimate board, which rejected the proposed measure.

Maier has said that those cuts, as well as anticipated cuts in federal and state aid, could result in the layoff of about 45 employees, primarily teachers. Moreover, he has warned that any additional cuts could have a "devastating" effect on the school system.

However, the City Council is reportedly going to demand deeper cuts, in order to reduce the municipal budget.

Also at tonight's meeting, board member Steve Block is expected to call for a resolution against sexual harassment in the schools.

In another matter, the school board is expected to discuss the recent removal of asbestos from the Wallace and Brandt grammar schools, and from Hoboken High School.

Hoboken Council demands more school budget cuts

By Thomas Rojas

The Hoboken City Council has demanded additional cuts of about \$680,000 in the proposed 1982-83 school budget.

But the Board of Education, which has already reduced its original budget by about \$520,000, is considering appealing to the state Commissioner of Education.

"It will be very difficult for the school board to accommodate the City Council," said Superintendent of Schools George Maier. "I believe that there is support on the board for appealing to the state."

Recently, the school board reduced its original \$21.7 million school budget — which had been rejected by the Board of School Estimate — by about \$520,000.

Those cuts, together with reductions in federal and state aid, have forced the school board to issue dismissal notices to 44 non-tenured teachers and employees, including Business Administrator Walter Cramer, the city council president who assumed the controversial \$38,000-a-year post last November.

But the council, which is attempting to resolve Hoboken's growing financial difficulties, is reportedly demanding additional reductions of about \$680,000.

"This is going to be devastating for the schools," said school board member James Farina. "To make things worse, the more we cut the school budget, the less state aid we receive, according to the state formula."

According to Farina, the board is considering several methods of reducing the school budget. These include eliminating several administrative positions, consolidating others, and closing and selling the Leinikoff School building.

However, a proposal by Board President Robert Wendelken to issue dismissal notices to all tenured administrators has been rejected by the school board.

"That suggestion was a little irrational," said Maier. "The number of titled administrators has been reduced by one-third recently, even though school enrollment has not dropped by one-third. We have made savings in administrative personnel above and beyond what was called for."

Wendelken's proposal was rejected by the school board at Tuesday's meeting, when the board approved sending dismissal notices only to non-tenured employees.

Head Start project gets \$240,000 federal grant

The Hoboken HOPES Head Start program has received a \$240,000 federal grant which will allow the project to continue for at least two years.

E. Norman Wilson, executive director of HOPES (Hoboken Organization Against Poverty and Economic Stress), said that the grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will insure continued nutritional, health, and social services for 105 children from ages 3 to 5.

Applications for September

registration in the program are being accepted at the Head Start office, 117 Jefferson St.

Memorial Day parade will be at night again

The Hoboken Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 26, beginning at 7 p.m.

The parade will begin at Newark and River streets, then proceed west to Washington Street, north to 11th Street, and east to Hudson Street.

Public Safety Director William Van Wie, a veteran of World War II, will be the grand marshal.

Members will include Mayor Steve Cappelletto and the City Council, the city's Volunteer Am-

bulance Corps, the High School band, several veterans' groups, the American Red Cross, the Hoboken Elks Club, the Knights of Columbus color guard, and six drum-and-bugle groups.

The parade will be the third in a row to be held at night. Van Wie said that the night scheduling allows more persons to attend the event.

Groups interested in participating in the parade should contact the Hoboken Joint Memorial Committee, which is sponsoring the event.

Hoboken man indicted in \$8 million tax fraud scheme

A Hoboken man was among eight persons indicted yesterday in Union City in connection with a scheme to allegedly obtain about \$8 million in fraudulent state tax deductions.

Philip Casella Jr., 38, who lives in Church Towers in Hoboken, was indicted with the others in plotting to use phony chemical supply companies and falsified documents to conceal the trafficking of stolen chemicals and obtaining millions in unlawful tax deductions.

Also indicted was Casella's father, Philip Sr., 65, who was the president of the defunct Ace Chemical Co. of Newark.

The year-long probe by the Union County prosecutor's office also led to the indictment of Eddie V. Brown, 32, president of the Foot Chemical Co., also of Newark.

The others indicted were Charles Eiferman, 42, of Elizabeth, Ida Rossi of Newark, a bookkeeper and secretary for Foot Chemical; Harry Kleinman,

70, Elizabeth, a Foot salesman; Timothy Crumpler, 31, a warehouse employee and truck driver; and Thomas Lloyd Rogers, 28, a warehouse manager.

The 58-count indictment includes charges of conspiracy, fraud, tampering with corporate records and receiving stolen property. Union County Prosecutor John H. Stamler said the illegal chemical transactions were used to account for more than \$7.9 million worth of

fraudulent state corporate tax deductions since 1974.

The indictment stems from the theft of a tanker truck containing about 6,000 gallons of methyl oxide from the Hetem Trucking Co. of Linden in April, 1979. According to assistant prosecutor David Hancock, this theft was part of an operation of selling stolen chemicals and using the corporations to cover any proceeds made, thus evading state tax laws.

Hoboken hotel fire claims 13th victim

By JANET SLATER
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Maria Colon, whose four-year-old son was killed in the 14th St. fire Friday, died Tuesday in Hackensack Medical Center, a hospital official said.

Colon was the 13th person to die from the fire, which ravaged the four-story Pinter's Hotel, killing 12 residents, including six children. Three other victims remain hospitalized.

The 20-year-old woman was pronounced dead at 3 a.m., her cause of death listed as cardiac arrest. It could not be determined yesterday if an autopsy will be performed.

Colon was brought to the hospital suffering from burns covering 70 percent of her body. She was listed in critical condition, and was given specialized burn treatment.

Colon's son, Luis Xavier, was pronounced dead on arrival at Jersey City Medical Center. Her other son, William, 2, was treated for

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CUNA plans rally against arson

By CHUCK SUTTON
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A community group aroused by the grim toll of recent fires here has scheduled a demonstration May 15 to protest "the attitude on the part of the city's administration which allows for these deaths to happen."

The protest is planned by Citizens United for New Action, the organization which was instrumental in organizing a mass demonstration following the deadly fires in October. At that time, an estimated 1,000 demonstrators filed past buildings where arson victims died.

Juan Garcia, CUNA's executive director, said yesterday that the arson has been a major factor in displacing Hispanics from a city that is continuing to undergo gentrification. "We don't accuse the administration of directly being involved in the planning or setting of these fires. But they are aware of what is going on, and they have set the conditions conducive for setting these fires," he said yesterday.

Garcia added, "The city's poor housing conditions, the housing violations that are never corrected, the city still not passing the smoke detector law, all point to the city's attitude."

Garcia said the demonstration will begin at 102 12th St. at 1 p.m. and wind past the site of the fire which killed 12 persons Friday in Pinter's Hotel, which has already been demolished. The residential hotel stood at 151 14th St.

"We've have lost 65 people since the

fire at 11th and Willow in 1974, and 37 of them were children. In the last four years, 34 people have died, and 28 have been children. In the last six months, we have had 27 deaths — 15 have been children."

"We can't do anything for those who have already been displaced by arson, high rent and poor housing conditions. But we can do something to maintain our people here. We won't allow things to continue."

Garcia also said that CUNA will be meeting with a representative of State Attorney General Irwin Kimmelman's office late this week to discuss the impact of the Hoboken fires.

On Saturday, Garcia said, local people will join a demonstration for better housing in Jersey City. "It's all part of the same fight to survive," he said.

In other developments, Fire Chief James Houn rejected calls for including a safety net in the department's fire equipment. Some local groups have called on the fire department to have the nets available to catch people jumping to escape death by fire.

In the aftermath of the blaze Friday, there has been a flurry of criticism that the fire department was not equipped to rescue fire victims who were forced to jump to escape the flames.

Houn said in a telephone interview yesterday that the Insurance Service Organization, which sets firefighting standards by setting municipal insur-

ance rates, found that the nets too often cause injury to the jumpers.

Houn added that it would take 10 men to hold the net. He said large air bags are being considered for rescue operations, but they have not yet been accepted by any major fire department or the ISO.

A housing coalition also met with Mayor Steve Cappelletto, requesting that he go to the state to get help with housing inspections. Cappelletto said yesterday such a program had been under way but collapsed during the transition to the administration of Gov. Thomas H. Kean.

The group also raised the question of whether safety nets could be carried on fire apparatus, and also asked why the fire department was not exempted from budget cuts.

Cappelletto said he was willing to cooperate with the group, but yesterday would not commit himself to any specific course of action.

The speakers on behalf of the housing coalition included Helen Manogue, Sister Norberta, and the Rev. Jeffery Curtis.

Downstairs in City Hall, Detective Capt. Patrick Donatucci said yesterday that there has been no arrest of the person or persons who poured an accelerant on the stairs leading from the second to the third floor of Pinter's. Hudson County Prosecutor Harold J. Ruvoletti said Sunday that the presence of the accelerant (a flammable substance) makes the fire a definite case of arson.

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minor burns at St. Mary Hospital here. He was released yesterday into the custody of an aunt, said Thomasina Nolan, the hospital's director of community relations.

Santos Sepulveda, 29, admitted to St. Mary's intensive care unit with smoke inhalation and multiple fractures, has been removed from intensive care and is in good, stable condition, Nolan said.

Elizabeth Garcia, whose age could not be determined, is in critical condition in the intensive care unit at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, suffering from severe burns, a hospital official said.

Donald Bruneky, 30, was flown from the fire by helicopter to New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan. He is being treated for burns and remains in serious condition, a hospital spokesman said.

Two firemen, Jerry Costante, 30, and Salvatore Dorso, whose age could not be determined, were taken to St. Mary Hospital and treated for smoke inhalation and burns. Dorso was discharged Saturday and Costante was released Monday, Nolan said.

Pleads guilty to arson for profit at food store

A Hoboken man, who said he wiped out a debt to the co-owner of the Met Food Store on Jackson Street, Hoboken, by getting three other men to set it on fire last Dec. 7, faces sentencing July 9 after pleading guilty with them to aggravated arson charges.

Thomas Santos, 22, of Hoboken told Superior Court Judge Lawrence Bilder that he owed the co-owner, Julio Vargas, 27, of Brooklyn, some money, but the latter agreed to cancel it if he (Santos) would find someone to set fire to the place.

He said he contacted three other defendants, Wilfred Laluz, 19, of Jersey City, and Robert Romero, 22, and Robert Sanchez Jr., 19, both of Hoboken, to do the

job. The three latter defendants, in pleading guilty, told the judge they set fire to the store with gasoline. Police and fire officials reported the blaze caused considerable damage to the building and its contents.

All four defendants were indicted with Vargas, who still awaits trial. Under the plea bargain, the four agreed to testify for the state against Vargas, if his case goes to trial, and their pleas were made to a second-degree crime instead of first-degree, meaning they can face maximum prison sentences of 10 years as opposed to 20 years. Asst. Prosecutor Anthony Pepe informed the court.

\$240G will give kids help

By BILL GYVES
Special to The Dispatch

HOBOKEN—The \$240,000 federal grant received last week means two more years of vital service for the Head Start program here. The money came from the Department of Health and Human Services.

"We are safe for another two years," Mary Ann Palcoski, the program director, said yesterday at the center at 117 Jefferson St.

The 21 paid employees, along with several volunteers, were busy yesterday answering phones, conducting classes and herding a seemingly endless stream of children from one room to the next.

"The kids are great, that's why I'm here and that's what keeps me going," said Sue Gellert, the program's education coordinator. The program, which is operated by the Hoboken Organization Against Poverty and Economic Stress Inc., provides nutritional,

educational, health and social services to children between the ages of 3 and 5. The nationwide Head Start program is one of seven that fall under President Reagan's "safety net" of social programs.

Without the program, many of the parents of the more than 100 youngsters involved would not be able to obtain the services they offer, staff members said. Another obstacle is the fact that most of the families using the

program reportedly have incomes of well under \$10,000.

"All the other day care programs in Hoboken have waiting lists, so there are no spaces for the kids even if the parents could afford them," Gellert said. "There is no question in my mind that the Head Start program is vitally needed by these people because it provides services generally unavailable to the population we serve."

Budget issue cited in shift

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A member of the Hoboken Board of Education says that Robert Wendelken was replaced as the panel's president because of his controversial budget-cutting recommendations.

Wendelken was replaced by Otto Hottendorf at Monday night's reorganization meeting, amid speculation that school board members forced Wendelken out because of the past appointment of his wife and mother to positions within the school system.

However, a board source, who asked not to be identified, insists that Wendelken's ouster had nothing to do with hiring practices.

"Wendelken's wife was recently laid off, and his mother was hired before he ever arrived on the board, so that had nothing to do with his replacement," said the source. "He was pushed out because the board doesn't like some of the budget-cutting recommendations he has made."

The source explained that Wendelken has recommended that the school board study every administrative, supervisory, coordinator and resource position, in order to determine how many positions can be terminated or consolidated.

He has also recommended that several administrative personnel be returned to teaching positions.

"Some members of the school board perceived Wendelken as an agent of the City Council, which had demanded the budget cuts," the source added.

Wendelken's recommendations, as well as other budget-cutting proposals, are scheduled to be discussed at a special meeting of the school board Monday at 8 p.m.

The school board source also objected to earlier reports that describe Hottendorf as a "compromise candidate," selected after "intense debate" between supporters of Wendelken and board member John Pope.

Wendelken declined comment on the controversy, but added that he is "not upset" about his replacement as school board president.

A chamber music orchestra takes shape IN HOBOKEN

By Judith Locorriere

Another area of Hoboken's culture is being developed.

Gary Schneider, a resident of Hoboken, has organized a chamber orchestra which after only three concerts has received rave reviews.

The 25-year-old Schneider, who has always dreamed of conducting his own orchestra, said he had no idea that the Hudson County community would be so receptive to his venture.

"I guess the city was ready and waiting for such an orchestra."

Schneider brought his group of local and out-of-state musicians together primarily to round out the city's schedule of events for "Celebration 82."

He debuted the orchestra in February and brought them back for encore performances in March and April.

"The electricity between the players and the audience has been special," Schneider said. "The audiences have been enthusiastic and warm."

The concerts are performed at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Hudson Street, which fulfills a two-fold purpose.

Not only do the concerts bring classical selections to a sector of the population who seems to have been waiting for it, but they are making St. Paul's a vital, thriving parish again.

"St. Paul's Church is a wonderful place for concerts," Schneider said. "The acoustics are so good because of the construction of the ceiling."

The Rev. Geoffrey Curtis, pastor of the church, was a moving force in bringing the chamber orchestra to St. Paul's, Schneider said.

Since beginning the orchestra last fall, Schneider observed the group has grown from a community group to a professional organization.



Gary Schneider of Hoboken, fulfills a life-long dream as he conducts the chamber orchestra he founded in Hoboken.



Paula Kasin of Hoboken, positions her cello and waits for the signal to join the rest of the ensemble during Hoboken Chamber Orchestra rehearsals.



French horns, like the one being played by Pamela Titus, make up the largest part of the wind-brass section of the Hoboken Chamber Orchestra.

Many of the musicians are residents of Hudson County. Others are from Manhattan.

"We have many fine players," Schneider said, "who are doing this for the love of the art. None of us are getting paid."

The 37 persons involved get together once a week to rehearse. The Celebration 82 committee has rented space in the Port Authority building on River Street so the orchestra could have a regular rehearsal hall.

The group concentrates on music written for smaller orchestras, especially Mozart, early Beethoven and Baroque compositions.

Schneider, a new-breed Hoboken resident, started playing the piano when he was young. He started dabbling in classical pieces and composing at age 13, he said.

While he has his bachelors and masters degrees in composing from the Indiana University School of Music, Schneider said his first love is conducting.

"My conducting ambitions go way back to my childhood," he said. "I have always dreamed of conducting a top quality chamber orchestra like the one we have founded here in Hoboken."

When Celebration '82 wraps up this fall, Schneider said he hopes to be able to work out a regular season schedule for the chamber orchestra.

"We have applied for a non-profit organization status," he said, "and will soon be setting up a board of directors."

Schneider acknowledged the many cards and checks residents have already sent in support of the group and said the overwhelming response has assured him and the other performers in the orchestra that "the city wants what we are giving them..."



Stephen Grenholm, concert master, and Anne Butera rehearse violin selections for the upcoming performances of the Hoboken Chamber Orchestra.

Photos by Wally Hennig

Families in tragedy

Profiles

By CHUCK SUTTON

HOBOKEN—They had one thing common. They all wanted to live here around friends and family. They paid for it with their lives.

Thirteen persons died in a fire April 30 at the Pinter Hotel at 14th Street and Bloomfield Avenue. The number 13, according to old wives' tales, is unlucky. For those three struggling working-class families, luck ran out. And for their mourning neighbors and friends, fear and helplessness remains because of the invisible foe that has claimed 27 lives and caused a critical housing shortage in this city during the last six months.

Seven members of the Garcia family perished in the blaze.

Friends say the Garcia family planned to leave the Pinter Hotel at the end of the month — the day of the fire.

"I used to talk with the mother (Anna Hilda Perez, 48) all the time about why they were all living in that small apartment because it was so expensive," said Luis Torres, who has lived in the area most of his life.

"They really didn't have much choice, they probably couldn't find any place else in Hoboken," Torres said Thursday as he sat outside a bar on 14th Street.

With a sad smile, Torres fondly recalled 8-year-old Angel Luis Perez.

"He was a real pain. But a normal kid. You know, always hanging around the adults, playing around... just bugging you."

Luz Delia Garcia, 17, who was called "Corona" by her friends, was the mother of two children — Erica Negron, 3 weeks, and 1-year-old Jorge Negron.

"She was a very serious person," said Nilda Figueroa, who occasionally works in a local bodega where the Garcia family shopped.

"Quiet, but real friendly."

"She was part of the Savage Sisters. That's not a gang. It's more like a club. They played baseball and have other activities."

Figueroa said she watched from her

apartment window as Corona stood in the third-floor window of her burning apartment building across the street screaming for help.

Olga Garcia, 22, was one of Hilda Perez's daughters that died in the fire. Olga's husband, Raymondo Torres, who had been working late, arrived while the fire was in progress.

Just four months ago, Ismael Vasquez, 15, and his family moved into the Pinter Hotel. The family of four died in the fire.

"Even though they only had been there a short time, we all became good friends because they were such good people," 15-year-old Carmen Tirado said Thursday.

The Tirado family escaped before the fire consumed the building's only escape route — the stairs.

Carmen's younger brother, Charlie, cradling a crucifix in his hands, said, "He (Ismael) was such a nice guy. He would play with me all the time. Let me ride his bike, and would play fight with me."

At night, Ismael would be one of the first kids off the streets, Carmen said. "He was real protective of his mother and spent a lot of time with her."

Ismael's parents, Francisca Vasquez, 42, Juan Serrano, 32, had just bought a hot dog truck. It was going to be part of the family's dream for a better life, Carmen said.

Late Monday, Maria Colon, 21, died in Hackensack Medical Center. Her son Xavier perished in the fire.

Colon, who lived around the block at 1317 Washington St., moved to the Pinter Hotel with her three children when the Washington Street apartments were converted into condominiums.

"She was a familiar sight in the neighborhood," Figueroa said. "She was always with her children."

To 13-year-old Jenny Otero, Colon was like a big sister.

"We spent a lot of time together. I'm going to miss her because she was my friend. She was living here because she couldn't find another place to live," Jenny said as she leaned across the candy counter in the bodega.

"She would talk to me a lot and just teach me things about life. I'm going to miss her a lot."

Luis Perez could not hide his bitterness.

"Everytime there is a fire, there is a condo. It's too bad because it seems like they're trying to get rid of us."

In the past six months, arson-suspected fires have claimed 27 lives and has helped to create a critical housing shortage throughout the city.

"They don't realize what they are doing is not making us want to leave, they making us want revolution, and that's what is going to happen here if all the deaths of innocent Puerto Ricans continue," Perez said.



Nilda Figueroa, a friend of Hoboken fire victim Luz Garcia, at the bodega where she occasionally works.



Ismael Vasquez

Carmen Tirado, right, quietly recalls 15-year-old Ismael Vasquez, above, a Hoboken fire victim. Carmen's brother, Charlie, below, cradles crucifix as he says, "He (Ismael) was such a nice guy."

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Carmen Tirado



Charlie Tirado

Life of service ending for citizens action bureau

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JERSEY CITY—Yesterday looked like any other day at the citizens action bureau.

Director Ed Balterzuk's desk was overrun with unanswered correspondence. Several women answering telephones were busily writing down the information they were getting. And Yolanda Rivera was listening to a young woman complain about not having any running water in her apartment.

But there was one major difference from the usual work day, because yesterday marked the beginning of the end for the 11-year-old bureau, yet another victim of Jersey City's budget crunch.

"We were told we've been let go for economic reasons," Balterzuk explained. "The city is having economic problems and I guess they saw us as an unnecessary service."

Thomas Golodik, the spokesman for Mayor Gerald McCann, explained that with the city's fiscal crisis at a critical point, the bureau had to go.

"It's a matter of deciding what agencies are most important in the functioning of this city," Golodik said. "The action bureau was not high on that list of priorities."

Balterzuk and his nine-man staff, who have operated on a yearly budget of about \$120,000, will officially be out of business as a problem-solving agency today. But it will continue to operate by referring troubled citizens to other city agencies.

According to the white-haired administrator,

it is the people of Jersey City who will suffer the most from losing his agency.

"The citizens action bureau is a vital piece of machinery that has served the public well. We're their last resort if they have a problem," said Balterzuk, who has headed the agency for five years.

"Now," he continued, "there's no other place they can go."

The bureau was formed in 1971 to act as an intermediary between municipal bodies and the community.

Balterzuk contended that, before the bureau was organized, citizens could complain only to their Democratic committeemen, who he said often traded off political favors to get things done. He said his bureau eliminated this type of bargaining and also became a watchdog agency to keep an eye on other city departments.

And it has been busy ever since day one, and is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. His staff last year handled more than 300 written, 900 walk-in and 14,500 telephone complaints, Balterzuk said.

"Who will those people turn to now?" he asked.

"Every complaint received was investigated by the staff, no matter how far-fetched. We have no right to make a judgment on something unless we have all the facts," explained Felicia Pugliese, Balterzuk's administrative assistant.

"Times are very hard now, and people who call on us need some help," added Rivera, a bureau worker. "We are here to listen if we can."

After receiving a complaint, bureau workers check on its validity. If it seems valid — and most do — the bureau then tries to right the wrong, Rivera said.

Among other things, the bureau has found shelter for homeless people, provided nursing care for shut-ins, counseled battered wives, given food to the down and out, taken in runaways, and handled all types of housing and public works problems, such as skipped garbage pickups and faulty hydrants.

Originally, the bureau was set up only to handle complaints related to municipal services. But once word of its success rate, which Balterzuk places at 88 percent, spread, the troubled came in droves with a wide range of personal problems.

Balterzuk credits his troops with keeping some of the other city departments in line.

He said that occasionally he has gotten calls from people who were turned away from one city department, only to discover after an investigation that the complaint was valid and should have been handled by the first agency.

The office will remain open, however, until June 25 to accommodate those employees who, because they are covered by Civil Service, must be kept on for an additional 45 days.

"We'll keep working right until the end," Rivera promised. "We'll handle everything we get as long as they keep coming in. But after we're finished, I don't know who these people will turn to."

According to Golodik, all queries to the bureau will now be forwarded to the appropriate department.



Photo by Bill Beyer

Anna Florence, foreground, and Rena Soto at work yesterday at Jersey City's action bureau.

Gallo's bluecoat bill vetoed

Gov. Thomas H. Kean yesterday vetoed a bill by Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo, Hoboken Democrat, permitting retired former members of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System to serve on the Board of Trustees for terms beginning on or before June 1 this year. "Since there are no terms beginning during this period, the purpose of the bill is moot," commented Kean. It was intended to allow Richard Carroll, ex-Hoboken police sergeant, to serve on the board. Gallo said he introduced a new version without the date reference.