

## The 12C Assembly Test

With the smoke clearing from the area after last week's election, the residents of North Hudson and Hoboken shortly will face yet another polling, that for the vacant Assembly seat in District 12C. The big question here is whether the voters will be interested.

Presumably the election will be held early in January, in the first week, so that the new assemblyman can be on hand for the reconvening of the Legislature for 1973. The primary, to weed out the contenders for the election, would be held in December.

Frankly, the primary may have more interest than the final January polling and we should point out that before anything is done moves must be made in Trenton to authorize the special election. An application to the governor for this is expected to be made today.

The Hudson Democratic leadership has decided to back a Hoboken official for the post, but there are grumblings in North Hudson and the prospects of a primary fight

are strong. On the Republican side there appears to be, right now, less interest but things will be "warming up."

In the aftermath of the North Hudson "cutting" of the county ticket last week, one must wonder just what will happen in the Assembly primary and election itself. On the freeholder level, the votes for Dems and Republicans in District 12C offset each other just about exactly.

The Assembly polling could very well wind up simply as a test of organization strength on the Democratic side in the primary and then between the two major political parties in the January election. Particularly if there is voter apathy and bad weather, possibly a snowstorm.

Apparently there is a "marriage" between the Coalition forces on the county level and the old-line Democrats, but what is the situation in North Hudson? That's where this Assembly election has to be decided, not in Jersey City or Bayonne.

## Stevens Picks a Leader

It isn't going to be easy to fill the shoes of a man like Dr. Jess H. Davis, the late president of Stevens Tech in Hoboken, but the engineering school feels it has just the person to do that. He's Dr. Kenneth C. Rogers, a 43-year-old professor of physics.

Dr. Rogers, who has been a member of the faculty since 1957, was chosen this week as president of the school and his selection seems quite proper. Instead of going outside of the college for a new leader—as was done with Dr. Davis—the new man comes from within.

Of course there is always the argument that a person coming from the outside can bring new ideas, but, conversely, it is also extremely wise to select someone who has been identified with a college, who knows its problems and there's no doubt that Stevens, like

other schools, has them. A native of Teaneck, Dr. Rogers will be the fifth president of the school, which Dr. Davis headed for 21 years. Dr. Davis, who died in September, unquestionably left a strong imprint on the college, one which should be lasting regardless of what happens in the future to "the state."

Stevens has a long reputation as being one of the nation's top engineering colleges and it deserves this position. It turns out graduates who know their business, who usually succeed in their professions and rise steadily.

We would certainly wish Dr. Rogers well as he embarks upon this new aspect of his own career. It won't be an easy task, the presidency of any college today holds its own inherent perils. The challenge will be great but Dr. Rogers' credentials are impressive.

## Bias Seen In Hoboken Latin Talk

By JOHN BUZZETTA

Although "unity" is the main theme of the Puerto Rican Convention of Hoboken, which is scheduled to open tomorrow, some residents are already charging discrimination and are calling the gathering a political move aimed at electing a Puerto Rican mayor and councilman next May.

The three-day affair, which will be held at the A.J. Demarest Junior High School at Fourth and Garden sts., was called strictly non-political last week by its main organizer, Rev. Jose Gonzalez of the First Baptist Church on Bloomfield st.

The feeling among many Puerto Rican residents, however, is that the organization is strictly political and point to some of the club's members such as Manny Rivers and Pedro Milan as potential candidates.

### Aide to Mayor

Milan is currently Mayor Louis DePascale's aide on Puerto Rican affairs, while Rivers is the executive director of the Human Rights Commission in the city, "Action Now."

Victor Velazquez, a community organizer for the Hoboken education organization "Aspirin," is among those who feel politics are very much a part of this first convention which is hoping to attract more than 3,000 residents this weekend.

Besides being political, said Velazquez, the organization is also discriminating against students by barring them from participating.

Although Rev. Gonzalez has been continuously attacking the educational system of the mile-square city, Velazquez contends that the students have not been informed of the upcoming event.

"And who knows the problems of the educational system here more than the students themselves," asked Velazquez rhetorically last night while surrounded by four high school students.

The convention's official body is scheduled to be selected Sunday by 175 delegates — 25 from each of the city's six wards and 25 at large candidates.

### Gather Signatures

Two students would like to be candidates and they have been gathering the necessary signatures for the position. However, they were told by the convention's officials that a delegate has to be at least 18-years of age.

"We want to better ourselves," says 16-year-old Rosalia Marin, adding that she believes something "good" can come out of the convention "if everybody is allowed to participate."

But when the high school junior and her friend Alberto Bosch, a 17-year-old senior, told the organizers they wanted to help, they were offered the job of valet, accompanying the other delegates to their seats.

"It's easy to see that they want only potential voters," said another student present.

Although Puerto Ricans make up more than 40 per cent of the city's 46,000 population, less than 10 per cent of the registered voters are Puerto Ricans.

### A Main Goal

More than 3,000 eligible Puerto Rican voters are not registered. One of the main goals of the convention is to get these residents to register, so that next May at least one Puerto Rican councilman can be elected.

Not one of the nine men in the city council is Puerto Rican. And Hoboken, according to Velazquez, has the largest Puerto Rican community (percentage wise) of any city in the nation.

The remaining members of the council—Councilmen Thomas A. Gallo, Bernard Scrivani, Martin J. Brennan, Stephen E. Mongiello — were not immediately available for comment on their feelings towards the project.

## Fill Failla's Seat Jan. 8

By Staff Correspondent

TRENTON — The assembly voted unanimously yesterday to authorize J.N. 8 as the date of the election to choose a successor to the late Assemblyman Silvio J. Failla of Hoboken.

The unanimous vote was assured when Republican Assemblyman Richard DeKorte, of Franklin Lakes, majority leader, asked his fellow Republicans to support the legislation.

Assemblyman Christopher J. Jackman, D-Hudson, asked that the special election date be selected. Jackman also said the primary election will take place Dec. 18.

Failla was murdered in September in Neptune after leaving a bar in that community. Two persons are now in police custody awaiting trial.

The vote on the election legislation was 64-0. Assembly Speaker Thomas H. Kean said he will sign the resolution, which must be sent to the secretary of state.

## 50 Rally for Gallo

Club Urged to Support Candidate

An estimated 50 members last night attended a rally sponsored by the Hoboken Regular Democratic Organization to sponsor support of City Council President Thomas A. Gallo as candidate for District 12C assemblyman in the upcoming primary election.

The meeting was conducted by Hudson County Clerk James F. Quinn who is president of the club and also Democratic city chairman in Hoboken. Principal speaker was Hoboken Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello who is recognized as Hoboken leader.

At the meeting the assembly candidate Gallo voiced the opinion that while he and other voters in Hoboken had differences in the past, he felt certain that they would rally in support of him in the 12C Assembly District.

Cappiello who spoke as the recognized leader in the absence of Mayor Louis DePascale told his audience, "We are deserving of the assembly seat up for election in January. I feel that the people of Hoboken know this and will come out in support of Tom Gallo in both the primary and the election in January."

The rally at 828 Washington st. last night, headquarters of the Hoboken Regular Democratic Organization, was sparsely attended in contrast to the urging of Quinn to get out Democratic workers in the interest of Gallo's support.

Aside from Cappiello and Quinn, the only other Hoboken officials observed at the affair were City Business Administrator Herman Bier and City Clerk Anthony Amoroso.

## Raps Gallo's Dual Jobs

By JOHN BUZZETTA

The president of the Hoboken City Council, Thomas Gallo, was asked to resign last night as secretary of the board of education, by a resident who claimed that Gallo's dual job-holding involves a conflict of interest.

Citing Hudson County Judge Samuel Lerner's ruling against officials holding two jobs in a local governing body, Thomas Vezzetti, asked the board to force Gallo to resign.

But apparently none of the board members present were interested in Vezzetti's accusations. Some laughed at his comments, others started talking among themselves. No one, including Board President Otto Hottendorf, answered Vezzetti who was urging them to "show your independence from city hall."

When Gallo, endorsed by the Democratic organization to capture the seat vacated by slain Assemblyman Silvio Failla, was asked to comment on Vezzetti's charges after the meeting, he angrily responded, "wouldn't lower myself to respond to these accusations."

Vezzetti, who has unsuccessfully applied for the position of business manager for the board—which is currently also held by Gallo—was described by some members as a "professional troublemaker."

"Let him go to court on

this," said Gallo, "I'm not going to answer him."

Robert Taylor, attorney for the board, then stepped in explaining that Gallo's position as secretary of the board does not involve any conflict of interest.

Vezzetti, however, claims conflict of interest is involved because "the board of education gets the money to run the schools from the city council."

Asked to comment on the charges that he is a professional troublemaker, the

44-year-old owner of the Madison Bar and Hotel on Washington st., said "The only trouble I cause is logical trouble."

Another of his proposals to the board, asking that it make copies of the agenda available to the public attending the monthly meetings so the "taxpayer can find out what he is paying for," drew no response from the members.

## Fusilli wants to name his successor

Hudson County Freeholder-elect Vincent J. Fusilli of Hoboken isn't changing his mind about resigning as Hoboken's Second Ward Councilman.

Fusilli, who already sits as a freeholder filling an unexpired term created through a resignation, today set the first week of January for his formal resignation from the council although some elements in his ward want him to resign now since he is already on the board and his future participation was insured by Tuesday's election.

The councilman-freeholder said he had two reasons for taking some time before leaving the City Council and one of them is that he plans to make a public recommendation for a replacement.

"It would be very easy for me to step down now and leave the council with the problem of picking someone to fill my unexpired term as Second Ward Councilman," he explained. "It would even take me off the hook. But I don't believe in taking the easy way out and I never have."

"The people of the Second Ward put their faith in me when they elected me to represent them on the council last year. The very least I can do to repay that faith is to take a public stand on who I think would be a suitable replacement for me on the council."

"There are a number of qualified people from the Second Ward who share the same ideals I do. Anyone of them would make a good replacement and give the taxpayers of the ward representation as good, if not better, than my humble efforts."

"Fusilli declined to name any of the possible replacements he was considering for recommendation. "The only name I'll disclose will be my recommendation, and only when I have given it careful consideration and made a decision," he added. "However, I do feel that it should be someone who will be able to donate a great deal of his or her time to the needs of the ward."

Fusilli, who has been donating his weekly council checks to charities throughout Hudson County as a means of fulfilling his promise of not being on two public payrolls at the same time, said that he also wished to be part of the council when it reached a final decision on Hoboken's controversial John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza project.

"It is going to be a difficult decision to make, one that I would not like to throw on the shoulders of the person who replaces me," he explained. "If it is the wrong decision, then I will be responsible for it, not someone who isn't familiar with the project."

## PUC won't allow No. 63 bus to carry local passengers

A plan to improve bus service along Hoboken's Washington Street by allowing the Transport of New Jersey's No. 63 bus between New York and Hoboken to pick up passengers and transport them from point to point locally has been disapproved by the state Public Utility Commission, the city was notified today.

The plan, which would have allowed the company to pick up local passengers along Washington Street who wanted to go to another point along Washington Street, was disapproved because of objections

voiced by the owners and operators of local bus companies operating on the Washington Street line, a spokesman for the city's law department said.

He said the Washington Street bus firms argued that the additional bus service would eat into their already meager receipts.

The city's contention was that the plan would be operational only during the non-rush hours when service provided by the Washington Street buses was questionable and frequently criticized by local residents.

The department spokesman said no decision has been made as to whether the PUC's ruling will be challenged.

"Further study will be required," he said.

Under the current operation of the 63 route, passengers can be picked up in Hoboken for the trip to New York. They can get off, technically, but will be paying the full fare for the New York trip.

On the return trip from New York, passengers cannot be picked up in Hoboken, only discharged.

## Veterans thank Fusilli for help

Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli was cited by a committee of veterans yesterday afternoon in freeholders' assembly hall for his part in getting Gov. William T. Cahill to sign into law the measure that extends full veterans rights to Vietnam-era veterans.

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## Tax deal for Plaza still has opposition

By PETER HALLAM

In spite of a new performance bond proposal from the developers of the long-delayed John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza project in Hoboken which is more to the liking of the city council, some councilmen still remain in doubt as to whether they will grant the project a 50-year tax abatement.

Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli, who has previously said he is against the 50-year abatement, said today he hasn't changed his mind.

"I still have an open mind on the project and could be convinced to change my thinking," said the councilman. "But so far, the situation hasn't changed enough, in my opinion, to warrant a yes vote."

"If the city and developers can get the state Housing Finance to get out onto the abatement has been granted."

"If some kind of escalating payments can be arranged in which the developers pay the city in accordance with the rising costs of providing service to the apartment houses I might be more inclined to go along with the proposal."

"But right now, I'd have to abstain from voting either yes or no."

Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Franconero shared Fusilli's thinking.

"I'm undecided about the whole thing," he said. "I want some kind of security that they're going to build the whole project, not just a part of it and then walk away."

"We don't have that kind of assurance now, so I'd have to vote against the abatement if I had to vote on it today."

On the other side of the coin are Councilmen Steve Cappiello and Edward A. McLaughlin. Cappiello, the Third Ward representative, said he favored the project in view of the new concessions the developers were willing to make.

"Hoboken is facing a tremendous running cost because of the parking authority's \$8.5 million bond issue," he said. "The longer we delay in getting the project started, the expensive it is going to become to the city and its taxpayers."

"If you want me to say that I'm satisfied with the situation, I can't. I'm not at all pleased with the 50-year abatement."

"It wasn't part of the original proposal for the project, the

Agency to relax some of its requirements, I'd certainly be willing to reconsider my position."

"However, based on the situation as it now exists I'm afraid that if I was called upon to vote today on the abatement, I'd have to vote no."

Anthony H. Romano, the city's First Ward Councilman, said he was "undecided."

"The assets and liabilities of the project just about balance out, and that's where the problem lies," Romano said. "It isn't very clear whether the city is going to make money or lose it, and how much either way."

"Hoboken needs the housing and I can't argue with that. But the prospect of a 50-year abatement turns me off. We're locking ourselves into a box with no key proposal that I voted for. But it would seem that the only way the developers of the apartment houses are going to get their mortgage money is if the council goes ahead with the abatement."

"The other choice is not to grant it. But then the city will have problems worse than those now facing it. The bonds must still be paid or recalled. That will cost somewhere around \$2 million. And we have no guarantees that we are going to find another developer right away, or next year or 10 years from now."

McLaughlin said he felt the developers were "now acting in good faith."

"The performance bonds they're now willing to put up shows that they are committed to the project," he continued.

"Besides, the alternatives are not very good. I see no prospect of having someone step in immediately to take their place if they decide to pull out or if the council refuses to grant the abatement."

"I feel that the city can benefit from the project. We will be getting between \$600,000 and \$700,000 a year in lieu of taxes and that should more than offset any deficiencies of the parking authority in meeting its bond payments and the cost of providing services for the buildings."

The remaining members of the council—Councilmen Thomas A. Gallo, Bernard Scrivani, Martin J. Brennan, Stephen E. Mongiello — were not immediately available for comment on their feelings towards the project.

## Hoboken Supports Row A

By JACK ECKHARDT

An estimated 13,594 Hoboken voters yesterday cast ballots in favor of the reelection of President Nixon, gave an outright endorsement of all Row A candidates and opposed the transportation bond issue.

When the polls closed at 11 p.m. Mayor Louis DePascale issued a statement saying, "I am very happy with the efforts of United Democrats and all other Democrats in Hoboken who voted the Row A candidates into office. I am particularly happy with the fact that Second

Ward Councilman Vincent Fusilli gained more than 2,900 votes as a freeholder candidate over his Republican opponent."

Asked about the defeat of McGovern, he said, "It was the will of the people that he was defeated by President Nixon."

The final Hoboken tally gave Congressman Dominic V. Daniels a total vote of 8,106 as compared to Nixon's 8,107 ballots.

The total vote for McGovern in Hoboken's six wards totaled 5,890.

Following Daniels as top vote getters yesterday were Freeholder elect Fusilli, 7,696; William Wolfe, Sheriff Elect, 6,770; Supervisor Elect Edward Clark, 6,635; and Freeholder Elect Alfred Dworzanski, 6,370; Freeholder Miskiewicz, 6,284; followed by defeated Senate candidate Paul Krebs who received 5,692 votes.

**Issues Victory Statement**  
At the Union Club main ballroom last night where GOP leader Frank J. Bartletta issued a victory statement saying, "I am very happy that our voting residents of Hoboken have chosen to reelect President Nixon and Senator Case."

Asked to comment on the defeat of the other Column B candidates he said, "I feel the voters of Hoboken have made their choice and I abide by that mandate."

The Hoboken voters yesterday also voted in favor of the second and third public questions, relative to senior citizen bingo and appointment of state attorney general.

Actual figures of the yes and no vote were not fully tallied after the polls closed.

According to Hoboken City Clerk Anthony J. Amoroso, the extended hours of keeping the 24 districts open until 11 p.m. was not necessary. In a majority of the polling places checked, it was found that less than six or seven residents appeared to vote after the regular 8 p.m. deadline. It was also reported that some 5,260 registered voters did not cast ballots.

## Puerto Ricans Will Meet in Hoboken

By JOHN BUZZETTA

"Unity" is the cry of many Hoboken Puerto Rican residents this week as they complete plans for the first Puerto Rican Convention in the Mile-Square City.

More than 3,000 persons are expected to attend the gathering at the A. J. Demarest Junior High School on Garden st., Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

According to Rev. Jose Gonzalez of the First Baptist Church on Bloomfield st., who is mostly responsible for the gathering, the purpose of the convention is three-fold: (1) united Puerto Rican community, which includes nearly 40 per cent of Hoboken's population, (2) to elect an official voice of the Puerto Rican speaking population and, (3) to inform the people of their rights and duties as citizens.

About 10,000 leaflets are being distributed throughout the city this week, along with 3,000 letters that are being mailed to residents, to alert them to this new coalition of Puerto Rican groups.

Emphasizing that the organization behind the convention is non-political and law

abiding, Rev. Gonzalez said in an interview over the weekend, that the main purpose of the affair is to urge the people to "come together and achieve recognition."

**Different Factions**  
"We lack cohesiveness," said the 38-year-old leader who only recently moved to Hoboken from Brooklyn. "We need to come together and stay together."

In the past many different factions have claimed to represent the Puerto Ricans he said, and the potential for the community could not be achieved.

Besides the official election of the leaders for this new coalition, many workshops are on tap for the Spanish speaking public this weekend ranging in topics from Education to police-community relations.

"One of our main problems is in education," noted Rev. Gonzalez, who in the past few months has been very critical of the system at Board of Education meetings.

Gonzalez said although more than 55 per cent of the student body is Puerto Rican, there are only 37 Puerto Rican

teachers and no Puerto Rican administrators.

Members of the Puerto Rican Congress — a state wide organization based in Trenton — will help conduct the workshops.

Other topics will include: Housing, civil rights, economic development, health, drug addiction, recreation for the youth, federal programs and possible funds available from foundations.

**Voting to Be Urged**  
Among the plans being discussed by the group is the establishment of a "job-bank" where job opportunities will be pursued for Spanish speaking residents, said Rev. Gonzalez, who hopes to make the affair an annual one.

Although the body will be non-political, residents will be urged to register to vote. "We want the people to perform their duties as citizens," said Gonzalez, "and to raise their standard of living."

The event is being funded by private contributions, said the Reverend. On Sunday, 175 delegates — 25 from each of the six wards, plus 25 at-large — are expected to select the new officials to head the coalition.

## 'PAL' will always have headquarters as long as I am mayor—DePascale

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale today promised that the city's Police Athletic League (PAL) would always have a headquarters to work from as long as he is mayor.

The PAL currently is located in the Board of Education building at 524 Park Ave. But the

building is to be vacated shortly, prior to its renovation as a mini-elementary school.

Both the Board of Education and the city's Welfare Department share space in the building with the PAL. The board of education is moving its offices to the new Wallace School at 12th Street and Willow Ave. The

welfare department is moving into the city's health center at 916 Garden St. But the PAL remains without a home.

"Until such time that a suitable location has been found for the PAL it can stay where it is," said the mayor.

"At the moment, we are exploring the possibility of

renovating the second floor of the Uptown Recreation Center (1201 Willow Ave.) for the league's use."

The PAL, before moving to the board of education building on Park Avenue, was located in the recreation center but moved out because the office was not centrally located.



# 'Developers' now Marineview Associates

By PETER HALLAM

The developers of the four apartment houses planned for Hoboken's John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza project now have a name. It is a Marineview Associates and it replaces the nameless limited dividend partnership which until now has been known only as "the developers."

Notification of the formation of a formal company to handle the development of the four buildings was mailed to the Hoboken Housing Authority several days ago. Copies were then mailed out to the commissioners who

received them either Saturday or yesterday.

Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan, who is also a housing authority commissioner, was caught short by the letter, and asked M. Edward De Fazio, authority executive director, to find out what it meant.

"All I was able to make out of the document was the Charles Blitman had withdrawn from the corporation as of Oct. 25," said Brennan.

But according to Max Feldman, executive vice president of the corporation, the change is a minor one and in no way alters

the company's commitment to the project.

"The structure of the corporation remains the same, except that the corporation is now a subsidiary of the Blitman Construction Co.," he said.

"It was never our intention to have the corporation owned by individuals as stockholders. Under the new setup Howard Blitman is listed as president, Charles Blitman is chairman of the board of directors, and I am executive vice president."

Feldman added that Joseph Comporetto and the estate of the late Bernard Redetsky were also

members of the corporation. Both were also partners in the limited dividend partnership with Charles Blitman.

Meanwhile, Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello said he would be willing to stage a public meeting with all concerned parties to the redevelopment project provided it was "conducted objectively."

The suggestion for the meeting was made Saturday by the Hoboken Retail Bureau.

"I certainly agree that the public should have the opportunity to ask any questions it may have about the project of

the people who know the most about it," said the councilman.

"However, I believe some ground rules should be set before such a meeting is held to insure that it doesn't become bogged down with meaningless and pointless questions. These conditions should be set ahead of time so that everyone will know how they are to make their presentation."

Cappiello said he would try to arrange such a meeting with the parking authority, housing authority and the developers but added that he couldn't promise it

would come about.

"I can only speak for myself as one member of the council," he continued. "I can't guarantee that the parking or housing authorities or the developers will agree to an open public meeting."

"But I do feel that such a meeting is important and could help clear up some of the misconceptions the general public has about the project."

The councilman said he would discuss the proposal with the rest of the council prior to its regular meeting on Nov. 15.

# Collectors strip 82 years of Wallace School's history

Mementos of the 82-year history of Hoboken's old Wallace School — door knobs, blackboards, roll top desks and even portions of its walls have been spread across the metropolitan area as hundreds of collectors, bargain hunters and the purely nostalgic have finished stripping the school of virtually everything movable.

Peter Vecchio, principal of both the old school and its successor of the same name next door on Willow Avenue, said the final tally of proceeds from the memorabilia sale last weekend should be about \$1700.

Vecchio said he was pleasantly surprised by the hundreds of people who poured through the

drafty old school bidding and buying an amazing variety of aged items.

Scores of the original oak door knobs were grabbed up for a dollar each. A man who makes Christmas decorations bought a number of the screens that protected the old light fixtures to be used, he said, as the base for making Christmas tree decorations.

Another man purchased 20 of the half-inch thick slate blackboards for \$5 each to make a floor in his home. Vecchio said one of the slates also was given away to a woman who lives near the school. "She has a blind child and she wanted to buy it for the child," he said.

School officials expected that buyers would be interested in the many removable items that were sold quickly. But, they were continually surprised by the unexpected desires of others.

The long stairway bannisters, curves and all, excited some of the most spirited interest apparently from amateur home decorators. "We didn't know what they were worth so we charged \$5 for six or seven-foot section," Vecchio said.

Another man unscrewed the medicine cabinet in the teachers' room and paid a few dollars.

The most curious request was made by a woman who told Vecchio she wanted to decorate a room in her home with the wainscoting from a classroom. The women, who brought her husband in to rip the ribbed wall paneling off, paid \$10 for a hundred feet of it.

The most expensive items sold were two roll-top desks that went for \$50 and \$75 each and the school's huge grand piano that was quickly purchased for \$200, though the owner has still to come back to remove the heavy instrument.

Now all that awaits the old Wallace school is the demolition company's salvage crew and, in

a few weeks, the wrecker's ball. Vecchio hopes that before Christmas the demolition of the three-story red brick piece of Hoboken's history will have been reduced to rubble, the pieces hauled away and a black-top play area for its successor constructed in its place.

# City to OK Grogan Plaza compromise

The way has been cleared for the start of construction of Hoboken's Grogan Marine View Plaza within three months, Councilman Steve Cappiello announced today.

Cappiello said the council has agreed to accept a new offer by the developers to satisfy the council's objections. He said he expected the council to formally accept the offer today by a unanimous or near-unanimous vote.

Cappiello said the developer is now offering to put up a \$400,000 performance bond guaranteeing that construction of two of the four skyscraper apartment houses in the project will begin within 90 days after the council grants the project a tax abatement and the city's parking authority agrees to certain modifications of its contract with the developer. It also guarantees that work on the other two

houses will start within nine months after that.

This was confirmed today by a spokesman for the developer.

The council had been unwilling to grant the tax abatement unless the developer put up a \$500,000 performance bond.

The state Housing Finance Agency has agreed to finance the first two buildings, on condition the developer succeeds in obtaining the tax abatement and the parking modification.

The tax abatement will be for 50 years unless the state grants a request made to Gov. William T. Cahill last weekend for a shorter term.

The parking modifications are: First, the rents in the parking garages to be built by the parking authority will be \$35 instead of \$25, and the additional \$10 will go to the developer instead of the parking authority.

Second, the developer's commitment to guarantee the rental of at least 866 garage spaces will not take effect until the garages are built.

The spokesman for the developer said he expected that the title closing would take place within 30 days after the conditions are met, but that the 90-day construction deadline for the first two buildings would start to run as soon as the council and the parking authority act.

The developer still has no commitment for financing the second two apartment houses.

The question of erecting a 25-story office building (or office building and motel) as part of the project has still not been decided.

The site comprises three blocks bounded by 1st, 4th, River and Hudson Streets.

# Hoboken police review board urged

A police-community review board is one of the items the Hoboken Puerto Rican Convention Committee will seek during the next few weeks through a series of "position papers" resulting from its three-day convention last weekend at A. J. Demarest Junior High School. The Jersey Journal learned today.

The review board, complete with power to punish policemen found guilty of violating

departmental regulations in their dealings with the general public, was among more than 28 resolutions acted on by the convention delegates.

But only six of the resolutions are considered to be in proper form and the general wording acceptable to the vast majority of the convention delegates.

The remaining 22 or so have been approved in theory but the wording remains to be worked out at another meeting of the 125

delegates which should be scheduled within the next few days by pro tem executive committee, a spokesman said.

At the next meeting, the delegates will also elect a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, as well as a board of directors and a chairman of the board.

The review board proposal is expected to get little if any, support from the Hoboken

Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA).

"Under no circumstances will the PBA go along with a civilian review board or any review board," said Patrolman John Howe, president. "A civilian who feels he has been wronged by a policeman has the right to file criminal or civilian charges against that man."

"A patrolman or police officer is already answerable to his superior, the chief and the public

safety director for any violations. The PBA feels this is enough in the way of accountability."

A greater role in the city's Human Rights Commission is another resolution that found general support from the convention delegates.

They also approved a resolution asking that the city's police department be made a separate city agency. The

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hardest hit by the drug problem but has only four or five representatives on the program's advisory board.

In all, 20 of the resolutions dealt with the educational problems the Puerto Rican community felt it was having in getting quality education for their children. But only one was sufficiently thought out to be considered for submission to the board of education within the near future.

It is for the elimination of the six-year elementary school, three-year junior high school, and three-year high school breakdown now being used.

Instead, a five-year elementary school, three-year middle school and four-year upper school will be suggested.

It is in the middle school — the

sixth, seventh and eighth grades — that the delegates felt that the Puerto Rican youngsters encountered the most problems with the learning process and dropped out of school because of their disappointment with their grades.

According to one convention source, a concentration of remedial programs and assistance in the three grades could drastically cut the dropout rate which is very high among Puerto Rican students.

A convention spokesman said that the first of the position papers should be released within three or four weeks. They will be presented to the city officials whose area of responsibility lies within the area covered by the paper.

# Man with all the answers to miss Plaza project meeting

They'll ask the questions, but the man with the answers won't be there.

That top-level meeting to get the answers to unanswered questions about Hoboken's Grogan Marine View Plaza project will be held as scheduled even though it now turns

out that Bernard F. Kenny can't make it.

The meeting has been called by the Hoboken Housing Authority for Dec. 4.

Kenny, the developer of the proposed commercial building in the five-building complex, has notified the authority that he

won't be around, but has offered to meet with the commissioners and other interested officials at their convenience up to Thursday.

On that day, he and his wife are leaving the area for an extended business and vacation trip.

According to Kenny, he notified the housing authority by letter last week and also spoke to Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello about arranging another date for the meeting. So far, he said, he hasn't received a reply from either the authority or the councilman.

The meeting was called for the purpose of enlightening the authority as to who is responsible for the various portions of the proposed project.

Dominick Marrone, the authority's attorney, and Samuel Davidson, special counsel hired by the authority for the Grogan Plaza project, disclosed at a recent authority session that due to several corporate changes and personnel moves, it was difficult to accurately say who was responsible for what.

Primarily, there are two separate developers involved in the project. The first, which now calls itself Marineview Associates, will build the four 25-story apartment houses. Kenny's firm, known as the Taylor Woodrow Blitman Hoboken Urban Renewal Corp., is responsible for the commercial building.

M. Edward DeFazio, executive director of the authority, said today that officials of Marineview Associates have consented to attend the meeting even though Kenny can't make it, so it is not planned to change the meeting date.

# McLaughlin fields full slate for May

Three-way races for mayor and councilmen-at-large were shaping up in Hoboken today as the second of three major candidates announced his candidacy and running-mates.

Sixth Ward Councilman Edward A. McLaughlin made his candidacy official and named Richard McAleer, Peter Turso and Ignatius DePalma as the men who will run with him for the three councilmen-at-large seats in the May election.

Mayor Louis DePascale already has announced his intention of seeking a third four-year term but is holding off naming the rest of his ticket until after Jan. 1.

And that's when Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello is expected to throw his hat into the ring with a full ticket also.

McLaughlin's announcement, long anticipated in Hoboken political circles, was made last night at a meeting of the

McLaughlin Association at 601 Willow Ave.

At 31, McLaughlin is the youngest member of the nine-man City Council. He was elected as an independent last year, defeating incumbent John J. Palmieri. Through redistricting the councilman is now a resident of the Third Ward.

DePalma, also 31, is the president of the McLaughlin association. He is presently

employed as an executive with A. Oliveri and Sons, a distributing firm located in Hoboken.

A product of the Hoboken school system, DePalma is married to the former Martha DeTerlizzi. They have two children.

McAleer, the son of the late assemblyman, judge and city commissioner, Thomas J. McAleer, is 31 years old, too. He is a special education teacher

dealing with handicapped children.

McAleer attended the University of Madrid and Jersey City State College. He is also an advertising representative for an East Bergen County publishing firm. An ex-Marine, McAleer served in Spain and Cuba on embassy duty.

For McAleer the campaign will be his second in little more than a year. He ran as an independent for the state Senate a year ago.

At 37, Turso is the senior member of the young ticket. He is a partner in the Lawton Turso Funeral Home and is married to the former Carole Lawton.

Turso majored in marketing at St. Peter's College and is a graduate of the American Academy of Mortuary Science. He is also vice president of the Hoboken Chapter of Unico

"I have chosen my running mates carefully," said McLaughlin. "Their knowledge of politics was not an important consideration."

"I was more interested in their business experience and ideas. Iggy DePalma's accounting background, Peter Turso's business and marketing experience, and Richard McAleer's knowledge of education and sales are certainly areas from which we will draw new and progressive ideas for an improved and professional city government."

McLaughlin expressed confidence that the voters would give him the chance to show his ability come May 8.

William McLaughlin, the councilman's brother, will serve as campaign manager for the ticket.



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**QUICK LOOK AT HOBOKEN —** Former President Harry S. Truman got a quick look at Hoboken on Mar. 19, 1956 when he arrived at the terminal of Lackawanna Railroad to board a train for Scranton, Pa. where he spoke at a Friendly Sons of St. Patrick banquet. With him from top, are M. P. Nelson, assistant to Perry M. Shoemaker, railroad president; Msgr. Thomas J. McCarthy of New York, and Joseph J. Lawlor, Pennsylvania highway official.

## Sold

Good news for Hoboken is the sale of the former Todd Shipyards with its very comfortable contribution to the city treasury. One phase of the transaction brought \$214,000 in back taxes.

The facilities will be used for an oil storage and distribution center but there will be no processing on the site. It was the prospect of processing which discouraged earlier efforts at establishing an oil distribution center on the Hudson.

The transaction provides Hoboken with a handsome year-end bonus.

# Gallo to seek Failla seat

Hoboken Council President Thomas A. Gallo has officially announced his candidacy for the Assembly seat in the 12th District held by the late Silvio Failla of Hoboken, who was murdered earlier this fall in Neptune.

Gallo made the announcement during a Hoboken Unity Democratic rally last night in the Union Club for the candidates running on the Democratic ticket. Gallo reportedly received the backing of the county Regular Democratic party.

An election for the vacant post is expected to be called soon by Governor Cahill.

The rally, which reportedly drew more than 1,000 women, marked the first political appearance of Mrs. John J. Grogan, widow of the late mayor of Hoboken. Mrs. Grogan reportedly gave her support to Gallo and the entire Democratic ticket.

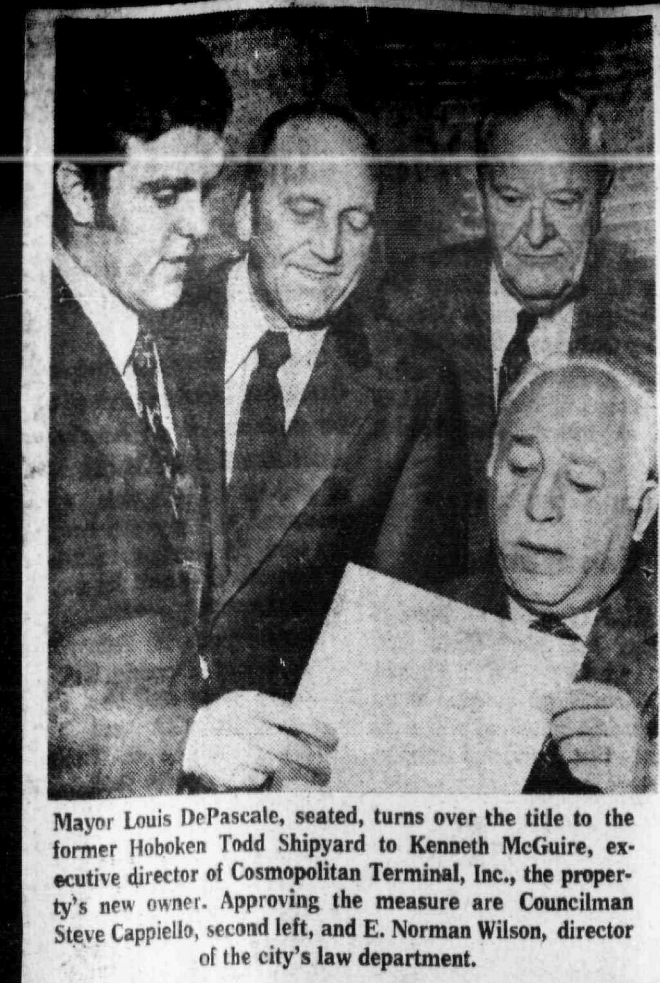
Councilman Anthony Romano, coordinator of the rally, introduced Ann Marindell, vice chairman of the Democratic party. Others who attended were

Mayor Louis DePascale, the six councilmen who are Regular Democrats, all the county candidates including Rep. Dominick V. Daniels.



State and local officials confer in Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale's office on John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza project. Facing the camera are, from left, Lawrence P. Kramer, state director of community affairs; Second Ward Councilman and County Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli, and Mayor DePascale. In left foreground, with glasses, is city Housing Authority Executive Director M. Edward DeFazio; Hoboken Parking Authority Chairman Nicholas J. Caruso is at table, head turned to face Kramer.





## \$2 million ratables back on tax books

Close to \$2 million in ratables are back on Hoboken's tax rolls today following the taking of title to several pieces of waterfront property — including the Todd Shipyard — by the Cosmopolitan Terminal Corp. of New York.

Kenneth McGuire, executive director of the corporation, turned over to Hoboken a total of \$435,936 in certified checks to cover the company's commitment to the city in the purchase agreement.

Of that sum, \$151,000 was the purchase price for the Todd property, \$51,000 was for the 16th Street Pier, and \$233,936 was the back taxes owed on a piece of the shipyard by the former owner, Supermarine Inc.

According to the latest city assessments on the properties, they are worth \$1,840,800. The Todd property was assessed at \$684,800 as of 1969; the 16th Street Pier at \$839,000 as of 1959; and the Supermarine property at \$517,000 as of this year.

Both the pier and the shipyard have been city possessions for several years. Their former owners walked away from them after going a number of years without paying taxes and eventually the city placed tax liens on the properties. It then foreclosed after two years had gone by and the liens hadn't been satisfied.

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## Default penalties raise new hurdle for Grogan Plaza

By PETER HALLAM

One more problem has to be overcome before the Hoboken City Council will consider granting a 50-year tax abatement to the developers of the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza: Who is going to hold the new guarantees the developers are willing to put up, the city or the housing authority?

After months of haggling between the developers of the four apartment buildings and the City Council, the developers agreed to up the default penalties should they fail to perform as promised to \$400,000 from a little more than \$100,000.

But no one bothered to figure out who that money would go to if the developers failed to meet their commitments. Although the council was negotiating for the city, the original contracts call for the housing authority to get the penalty payment, if any.

According to Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan, who is also a member of the housing authority, the money should go to the city, not the housing authority.

"Financially speaking, the city will suffer far greater financial injuries than the housing authority should the developers fail to meet their construction commitments," said Brennan.

"The city is financially responsible for the \$3.5 million bond issue floated by the parking authority for the garage portion of the project. If the project isn't

built as planned it will be the city that suffers financially because of it, not the housing authority."

Brennan said that he wanted the contracts changed or new contracts drawn up so that the money would go to either the city or the parking authority which had much more to lose through a default on the contractor's part than the housing authority.

He said that he was now seeking legal advice on the matter from the city and parking authority attorneys.

There are two developers involved in the project. Marine View Associates, the first, will build the four apartment buildings that will house more than 850 families. Bernard Kenny, the second, will build the commercial building.

The associate firm is willing to put a \$400,000 performance bond on the four apartment houses while Kenny is committed to putting up an additional \$100,000 against default on the part of his corporation.

Should the default contract agreements be settled, there is a possibility the resolution granting the developers their 50-year abatement could be on the agenda for tomorrow's council meeting, although Law Director E. Norman Wilson says it is remote.

"I'm probably one of the more uniformed persons as far as the project is concerned," he said.

Trenton or on the negotiating sessions with the developers.

Wilson added that a resolution granting the abatement could be prepared for the council meeting tomorrow but that he couldn't make any recommendations to the council for approval or disapproval until he had been advised of all the facts and conditions.

## Hoboken Welcomes Federal Funds Help

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday expressed elation on receiving the city's share of \$406,707 from the federal government, which represents a revenue sharing payment for the January-June period of this year.

Indicating he thought it would be more but saying the "bird in the hand" payment will go a long way in solving some of the city's 1973 budget problems, Mayor DePascale pointed out that Hoboken ranked ninth in the state in receiving such funds that are allotted to only 500 cities in the nation.

DePascale said "The funds will become part of the budget surplus, used to meet the increasing salary demands of all employees and the needs for additional recreation in Hoboken."

Asked how the \$406,707 windfall will effect the current \$104 tax rate in Hoboken, DePascale said "With proper cooperation of all officials and agencies involved, it should be a means of holding off not reducing the 1973 tax rate. The federal funds received today, thanks to efforts of Congressman Dominick Daniels and U. S. Sen. Harrison Williams, are aimed at helping the home owner, the guy who pays the tax bill."

More Funds Due He pointed out also that it is expected additional funds, aside from revenue sharing, are due Hoboken to be used for education as proposed by the New Jersey Assembly. "We expect to receive in excess of \$780,000 over the previous allotment of state aid funds," DePascale said, not having exact figures of the previous state aid amount.

DePascale explained that yesterday's allotment of federal revenue sharing funds is only for the first part of this year.

## City to set emergency 911 number

Before the end of April, Hoboken police hope to have a new three-digit emergency telephone number — 911 — in operation which will help police to make quicker responses in actual emergency situations, Chief George W. Crimmins said today.

"With the new number we hope to separate all routine calls from calls where there is actually an emergency," said the chief.

"Currently, all calls — emergency or otherwise — come into a central switchboard. They must then be rerouted to the appropriate office. The switchboard operator has no way of telling whether an incoming call is routine or an emergency until he has answered it."

"By using the 911 number citizens will have their calls answered immediately, probably by the police radio dispatcher, and the necessary action taken to assist them."

When should the 911 number be used? Crimmins said it wouldn't be warranted in all situations.

"When it is to report an incident in progress, like a fire or holdup, mugging or serious accident or any situation where assistance is required as quickly as possible, 911 should be used," the chief continued.

"But in lesser, after-the-fact incidents the regular police number (659-2500) should be used. By after-the-fact I mean situations where immediate response is not needed, such as complaints or burglaries where the culprits have long departed the scene and it won't make too much difference if detectives start their investigation in five minutes or half an hour."

The new system and the equipment to operate it will be installed by the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. and will increase the amount the police department pays each month for telephone service, besides an installation fee.



This tranquil park scene crystallizes Hoboken's appeal: The lordly Hudson flows past the spectacular backdrop of mid-Manhattan.

## Hoboken: Snug harbor just off midtown

By DONALD SINGLETON

Far across the broad Hudson River, where the wily sparrows play among the tangled telephone wires and the crafty sewer rats roam abandoned piers in the moonlight; where the mighty Maxwell House grinds its aromatic beans and the creaky Erie-Lackawanna deposits its rattled suburban commuters; where the shadows of Frank Sinatra and Marlon Brando walk the streets with the ghost of Frank Hague; there lies the quaint old city of Hoboken, N.J., lying in an unnoticed corner of space and caught in a special little backwater of time.

Hoboken. Mention the word and you get a laugh, the way you could mention the word Brooklyn or Flatbush or Gowanus and get a laugh 20 years ago.

Tell somebody you live in Hoboken, and be ready for the stock response: "Hoboken — isn't that where the Clam Broth House is?"

"Hoboken — you mean people really live there?" "Hoboken — I've been through it a million times on the train. But I thought it was just a lot of factories."

Fools. Let them laugh. Little do they know that Hoboken is more than just a square mile of factories and railroad tracks and rotting piers. Little do they know that Hoboken is people, almost 50,000 of them. Little do they know that Hoboken is houses, thousands of them, from crumbling five-story tenements to elegant four-story brownstones to magnificent three-story mansions. Little do they know.

The fact is that Hoboken, a small outpost of the 1940s hunkered down in the shadow of the Hudson River Palisades, between the Lincoln and Holland tunnels, across from the lower West Side of Manhattan, is a dynamic place to live, as an increasing number of people are finding out.

There is a fair-sized brownstone renovation movement underway in Hoboken, with century-old houses being refurbished and restored and modernized by the hundreds, some by old-line Hoboken people and some by newcomers drawn to the city by its main advantages — its almost unbelievable proximity to midtown Manhattan and its housing prices, which are out of the 1940s and 1950s.

Far from it. Hoboken is without its disadvantages. An influx of new immigrants; the flight of middle-class whites to the relative suburbs of Secaucus and Leonia and Englewood Cliffs; a changing industrial climate, involving the decline of the local waterfront and the relocation of several industries in the suburbs; a crumbling system of public transportation; traffic congestion due to the increasing use of private cars on streets originally designed for horses and wagons; a run-down public school system; high real estate taxes. Hoboken's tax rate is among the two or three highest rates in the state.

Add to that sorry litany the tremendously low opinion many Hobokenites have of their local government. Justified or not, there is endless dark gossip of payroll padding, no-show jobs, nepotism, kickbacks and misappropriated funds for items such as grass seed and bunting.

But for every disadvantage there seems to be a corresponding advantage.

New immigration means more than problems; it means new people. Hoboken is rich with cultures from all over the world. The biggest group is Hispanic, mostly people from Puerto Rico but many from Cuba and other Central and South American nations. Hoboken's population is now almost half Hispanic. And there are large communities of other new immigrants from Yugoslavia, India and Italy, as well as smaller numbers from other countries.

Narrow streets mean traffic congestion, but they also mean quaintness and charm and old-worldliness; parks; Hoboken look like parts of London, and the Willow Terrace section of town, with its tiny row houses on cobblestone streets, looks like a transplanted piece of Dublin. Court Street, a back alley lined with carriage houses, could be a part of any European city.

The decline of the riverfront shipping industry means the possibility of reopening access to one of the most spectacular views in the world — the Manhattan skyline.

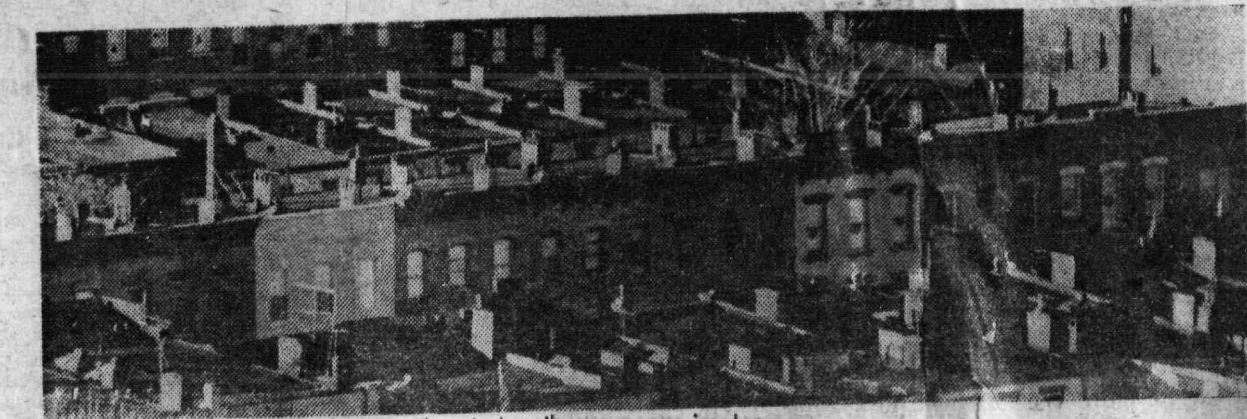
### A sense of community

Urban decay means lots of hassles but it also means lots of federal programs and funds—Hoboken is the only urban area in the nation, for example, which has been designated a Model City in its entirety. Model Cities claims it will bring Hoboken a total of \$45 million in various government programs.

Hoboken's old-fashioned character, too, is an advantage. A strong sense of community and neighborhood permeates many of the blocks of The Mile-Square City. Housewives meet to chat in the corner grocery and butcher's shop, or at the neighborhood fish store or green grocery. There are vegetable and fruit peddlers who stop their truck in the block and holler out the day's specials: "Peasches, bananas!" yells the man on my block; "orange tangerines!"

On warm evenings, people in the neighborhood sit outside on their brownstone stoops and chat, the kids play stoop ball and stickball and bottle tops and sidewalk football.

Another advantage of Hoboken's old-fashioned nature is that the houses are built the way they were built 100 years ago. There are floors of teak and oak and rosewood; 12-foot coffered ceilings; mantles of intricately carved marble and slate; banis-



Some 50,000 people dwell within the city's mile-square perimeter.

## 'Open school' designed for Hoboken

The "open school" is on the way to Hoboken. The city's next elementary school, expected to be completed in two years at 524 Park Ave., is now being designed according to the popular British educational concept of multiple informally arranged study and teaching areas within very large permanent rooms.

Joseph Tighe, an engineer of Mayo Lynch Associates, architects for the new School 4, said an additional year of work on the design phases remains. Construction of the \$1.3 million, three-story building, which will be paid completely by the state, should then take slightly more than a year.

The new school will have grades from kindergarten through the middle elementary level, according to school superintendent Thomas E. McFeely. The expected 550-student enrollment will reduce the present overcrowding in the nearby Brandt and Rue Schools.

McFeely said one of his major concerns with the new approach is assuring sufficient teachers trained to utilize it are available when the doors open. "It is the philosophy of the classroom that is crucial, rather than the physical layout," he said.

A year ago, he said, teachers were asked to volunteer to participate in a year-long in-service training program to study "open

classroom" methods and philosophy. About 20 participated in different phases with eight completing the full program.

Those teachers have been used to set up a pilot program in one wing of Rue School, Third and Garden Streets, this year. Now more teachers are being recruited into the training program.

"We're looking for a core of 20 trained teachers to be ready when the school opens in two years," he said.

McFeely described the current Rue School experiment as "a maiden voyage" that "has had a few kinks we're ironing out." Walls were opened and hallways used as learning areas for the first time to provide the physical space for the student-oriented approach.

The superintendent said he is satisfied that the new methods help children to learn more, though he conceded the Rue program has not changed the "wait-and-see attitude of the old kind of teacher."

"The noise level is a little higher," he said, "but it is the music of learning you are hearing. The pupils are operating on their own interest level, working up to their point of interest on a subject and then moving to another subject."

That's the sign that it's a learning process. The new building will occupy the 90-by-100-foot site of the old School 4 that the Board of Education used as its offices for the last 20 years before moving out a week ago. The Hoboken Welfare Board and the Police Athletic League, which still operate in the building, will be relocated. There will be no other demolition for the new school.



The difference between the open class room and the older conventional classes is easily grasped just looking at a room. There is lots of space between the children in this Rue School class. (Another picture on Page 8.)

## Library adds 385 new books

A total of 385 new books were purchased by the Hoboken Public Library last month, Lucille Cunningham, director, said today. Many of the new volumes have been delivered and are now available to library members.

Some of the new books are: "To Serve Them All My Days," a novel by R.F. Delderfield; "Lucie and the Empire," by W. A. Swaberg; "August 1914," by Alexander Herzen; "Semi-Tough," a novel by Ian Jenkins; "Museums and Women and Other Stories," by John Updike; "Waiting for the Morning Train," an American playhouse, Bruce Catton; and "Miller's High Life," by Ann Miller with Norman Macdonald.

"The Greatest Jewish City in the World," by Harry Golden; "How to Play Better Guitar," by Jerry Silverman; "The Chinese Agenda: An Adventure Novel," by Peter; "Memoirs 1929-1963," George Kellman; "The Steinfeld Wives," a novel by Iva Levin; "A God Within," Rene Dubos; "Center Door Fantasy," a novel, Joan Blomfield; and "Richard Burton," a playhouse, by John Catterell and Sergius Catherell.

"How Many Miles to Camelot?" The All American Sport Myth by Jerry Izenberg; "The Flowering," a novel, James Alan Turnbull; "Will There Really Be A Morning?" an autobiography, Frances Farmer; "All The Years Of Her Life," a novel, Josephine Lawrence; "The Other Battlefield: The home front: Britain, France and Germany 1914-1918," John Williams; "Tonight!" an anecdotal history of America's favorite talk shows, Terry Galanow; "Marriages and Infidelities," short stories, Joyce Carol Oates; and "Uncooling," The Art of coming apart: A guide to no divorce, Norman Shersky and Marina Mones.

"Lino," The rise, fall, and return of a Texas lion, Stanley H. Brown; "Stranger in the Ground," Richard Bach; "Twice Over Lightly," New York then and now, Helen Hayes and Anita Loos; "Stonfield Harvest," a novel of four generations of a California family, Richard Martin Stern; "A World To Core For," an autobiography, Howard A. Rusk, M.D.; "Catcher," The Fall of the Republic's challenge to his party, Richard J. Whalen; "The Master of Go," a novel, Yasunori Kawabata; "Surviving the Future," Arnold Toynbee; "Paperhill of Soho," and "Dust On The Road," a novel, Edward L. Beach; "The Best American Short Stories of 1972," edited by Martha Foley; and "The Girl from Storyville," a novel by Frank Yerby.

## Puerto Rican committee head picked in Hoboken

Felix Ruiz has been elected chairman of the Hoboken Puerto Rican Convention Committee, it was announced today. Ruiz works for the Pre-Rite Intervention Program in Hoboken.

A teacher in the Hoboken school system, Jose Baez, was picked as vice chairman.

Other officers include Theresa

Worrell, secretary; Edwin Dury, treasurer; and executive board members John Costello, Carmello Hernandez and Isabelle Robles.

The committee and its representatives have started contacting other Spanish-speaking groups in Hudson County with the aim of uniting goals.



# The story of Hoboken in 1972

By PETER HALLAM

The continued chipping away of Mayor Louis DePascale's political power was again Hoboken's biggest news development of 1972 — along with the rise of Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappelletto to political prominence.

Still smarting from the defection of Anthony H. Romano and Louis Francane, which gave the Cappelletto forces a one-vote edge on the City Council at the end of last year, the mayor lost his remaining three council stalwarts over a budget dispute in March.

Councilmen-at-large Thomas A. Gallo, Bernard Scrivani, and Stephen A. Mongiello sided with Cappelletto on proposed budget cuts. DePascale threatened to write them off his 1973 ticket if they didn't come around to his way of thinking.

They didn't, and announced that they were splitting with the mayor and might run themselves without him.

The three councilmen-at-large began drifting closer to the Cappelletto forces. This resulted in a merging of power that saw Gallo become the Democratic nominee in the Jan. 8 special election for the state Assembly.

and Scrivani rumored to be one of Cappelletto's councilmen-at-large running-mates for May.

In return for the support of Cappelletto and the county organization, Gallo will not run for mayor in May and will step down as council president if elected to the Assembly.

As it turned out, Cappelletto's support was worth having. Gallo mustered more than 3,000 votes in Hoboken — a 2,300 vote plurality over his next nearest competitor — and the margin needed to offset his shortcomings in North Hudson.

A new force began to emerge on the county political scene —

the Mayor's Coalition — and the Cappelletto forces became a part of it.

Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli wound up as a candidate for freeholder on the Coalition's ticket in the June primary facing and defeating none other than DePascale who was on a slate of candidates backed by the Hudson County Regular Democratic organization. He takes office on Monday.

Throughout the campaign Cappelletto began to emerge as the man the new county Democratic

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leadership had decided to deal with as Hoboken's leader.

The council fulfilled its threat to consolidate the city's Health and Welfare Department with Public Works and eliminate the directorship held in an acting capacity by former Fifth Ward Councilman Francis Finnerty.

But not before it went to court on legal action started by the mayor and agreed to pay Finnerty the wages that were due him since his temporary appointment in November, 1971. By February the ordinance combining the departments had gone through.

The mayor and Cappelletto will take their struggle to the public in May when both seek to become the city's top executive, along with a host of lesser candidates.

UNREST in the city's Puerto Rican community that erupted in violence and disorders in 1970 and 1971 filtered into 1972 but with a new, peaceful direction.

A Human Rights Commission was formed and began functioning in February under the direction of Manny Rivers, a local businessman.

Two Puerto Rican aides — Pedro Milan and Aurelio Lugo — were appointed by the mayor at the same time to assist him in improving communications with the Hispanic population.

DePascale later in the year appointed Lugo to the Board of Education along with Mrs. Candida Padin, giving the Puerto Rican community two representatives on the board.

The efforts by the mayor and city appeared to work. The summer of '72 passed quietly with no major or minor incidents, but Puerto Rican leaders remained busy.

A NEW STEP was to be taken for the sake of unity — a city-wide convention designed to bring all Puerto Ricans together.

The convention was held in November and appeared to accomplish most of its goals despite some disagreement.

For city employees, it was not a good year. Thirty lost their jobs in March and April when the City Council and mayor decided their positions had to go to help keep the tax rate down.

An 80-year tradition toppled in January at the city's world famous Clam Broth House men's bar when women first walked through the door — with the reluctant consent of the owners and an order from the state Division of Civil Rights.

Less than a month later, the novelty had worn off and the customers were again mostly men.

THE JOHN J. GROGAN Marine View Plaza project con-

tinued to make headlines throughout the year floundering, then advancing, only to flounder again.

At year's end, the prospect of seeing the four apartment buildings and one commercial building actually under construction was bright.

The apartment developers — the Marineview Housing Co. — were given a 47-year tax abatement by the City Council this month and they expected to have their mortgage money from the state Housing Finance Agency before the end of next month.

FOR THE first time in the city's history, police began a "job action." It lasted from March to December, because they did not have a signed contract with the city.

All patrolmen refused to report for duty 10 minutes early for briefing. No action was taken by the city to punish the men for breaking the department rules.

However, it wasn't a bad year for all police officers. Nine were

promoted in August, the first promotions in more than five years.

Hoboken readers were shocked to learn that they had lost their freshman assemblyman — Silvio J. Failla — who was murdered Aug. 18 near a tavern in Neptune. A special election has been called for Jan. 8 to select a replacement for the remainder of Failla's term.

THE CITY was not without its own acts of violence during the year, but most of them paled alongside the case of a 26-year-old South American who murdered two members of his own family and then took his own life on Nov. 6.

Winston Jagasar used a shot gun to kill his wife and father-in-law in their 14th Street apartment. In the process, he critically wounded his wife's mother and sister before taking his own life with the same shotgun.

The death of Raymond G. Clyons, former principal of the

Joseph F. Brandt School and chairman of the Hoboken Housing Authority, allowed the City Council to establish another first — the placing of a Puerto Rican on the authority.

Edwin Duroy, 21, was named to the vacancy on Sept. 22, becoming the first Puerto Rican to sit on that board and the youngest authority member ever. Andrew S. Scherer became the new chairman.

IN THE waning days of 1972 Hoboken's political pot has begun to simmer in preparation for May's mayoral election.

Sixth Ward Councilman Edward A. McLaughlin became the first candidate to announce he was running for mayor and disclosed the names of his three running mates for councilman-at-large — Peter Turso, Richard McAleer and Ignatius DePalma.

Mayor DePascale and Cappelletto have made no secret of their plans to run, but both have refrained from discussing possible running-mates until after Jan. 1.

## Hoboken council to eliminate strings on tax deal for Plaza

A special meeting of the Hoboken City Council has been called for tomorrow at noon to rescind the conditional tax abatement resolution for the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza project and approve a new abatement resolution without conditions.

This is the course the state director of the Department of Community Affairs, Lawrence K. Kramer, told the council he believed it would have to take to get the state to approve release of some \$12.5 million in mortgage money for the construction of two of four residential buildings.

Kramer, who met with the council last week, said that he did not think the state would accept the conditions the council had attached to the abatement. The abatement was conditional upon presentation to the housing authority of surety bonds totaling \$500,000 by the residential and commercial developers.

The residential developers will put up \$400,000 and the commercial developer \$100,000 to guarantee that they stick to production timetables agreed to by themselves and the housing authority.

According to M. Edward DeFazio, executive director of the Housing Authority, the surety amendments to the contracts with the developers are being worked out and should be ready within a few days. The new production schedule should also be ready shortly.

DeFazio said that Samuel Davidson, a special attorney hired by the authority for the Grogan project, was working out the details with the developers. Davidson was not immediately available for comment.

However, it was learned from Max Feldman, executive director of the Marineview Housing

authority, that the 100,000 square feet of office space is not the 25-story office building often talked about or even the 20-story office building-motel that had been discussed in recent months as an alternative to the all-commercial structure.

Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappelletto said that it would consist of four or five floors ending at the plaza level. However, construction would include all the necessary foundation work needed to support a 20 or 25-story building.

"While the first four or five floors are going up, the developer will be making arrangements for the additional financing needed to complete

Co., the residential developer, that the production schedule will adhere to the requirements set by the state.

"The state requires that construction start within 90 days after it has awarded the funds and be completed within two years from the start of construction," Feldman said.

"Actually, we hope to get started much sooner than 90 days. We anticipate starting excavation of the building area sometime between Feb. 1 and Feb. 15 and completion of construction within 18 months of starting."

According to DeFazio, the commercial developer, Bernard Kenny, will start the construction of 100,000 square feet of office space within 90 days of the start of construction of the

the rest of the building either as a straight office building or motel-commercial building," he said.

"He has that right under the contracts he has with the housing authority. There is also the question of feasibility for the commercial building. If current studies show that construction of an office building would not be feasible, he could choose an alternate course."

When asked if there was a possibility that the office building might stop at the fifth story plaza level if the developer felt that a 25-story commercial building wasn't feasible or he was unable to get a motel franchise, the councilman said he didn't know.

"I'll have to check," he said. "Offhand, I'm not sure."

## New Stevens president cites plans

The new president of Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, who took office yesterday, says he would like to see "the development of industrial research facilities on the campus waterfront."

Dr. Kenneth C. Rogers, chosen president after a two-year search, said he would like to see the opportunity develop for faculty members to collaborate with the industry that would be built on the campus waterfront.

Rogers added there are no immediate plans for construction but said there should be "within the next year."

Rogers said he also would like to see "more of our faculty members living in Hoboken."

There are 168 full-time faculty members at Stevens and 25 of these live in Hoboken, 24 of them on the campus. Rogers said he thought it was feasible for graduate students and married undergraduates also to live in Hoboken.

In terms of directions and objectives, Rogers said he envisions "no major changes." But he added "I would like to further develop programs already in



Dr. Kenneth C. Rogers, newly elected president of Stevens Institute of Technology, reviews records during his first day on the job.

progress. These programs should be pushed very hard." Although there is a need for new academic buildings, Rogers said he doesn't see any building for which construction in the immediate future will get under way in February.

## REMEMBER WHEN...

By Frances Lora

In March, 1955, Hoboken celebrated its centennial as an incorporated city. John J. Grogan was mayor, and the community was referred to as "one of the biggest little cities in the nation." There were 229 larger municipalities in the United States, but perhaps none with a more colorful history.

The mayor called Hoboken "the city at the nation's front door," a port through which millions passed. During World War I, it was known for its piers as it became the embarkation point for American Expeditionary Forces and more than a million and a half men embarked from Hoboken.

The city was organized as a township in 1849 and as a city with 7,000 inhabitants in 1855. At one time, there was a race course enclosing a tract of land bounded by Fifth st. and 10th and Washington st. and Willow av.

"Turtle Grove" was located in Hoboken, the headquarters of the still known "Turtle Club" later based in Kingsbridge, N.Y. It was in Hoboken that the fabulous John Jacob Astor maintained his summer home.

Silent films were made soon after the turn of the century at Rio Graph Studios at 10th st. and Grand. Opening in the city in 1878 was a small grocery store at 58 Washington st., one of the first of a little chain which later became the A&P.

City Hall was built on a site in 1881 known as "squatters village." The building was changed only in 1910 when a second story was added. The land was originally used as a market place, the ground donated by Hoboken Land Improvement Company, owned by the Stevens family.

Trust Company of New Jersey was organized in Hoboken on May 22, 1899. One of the major services to the public was the pioneering of personal loans. The first branch was established in a small store at 35-37 Newark st., between River and Hudson sts. The larger site at 12-14 Hudson pl., was soon secured and constructed in October, 1900.

New Jersey's oldest hospital, St. Mary's, was founded in 1863 by Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis, a French Order, upon the request of Rev. Anthony Couvain, rector of St. Mary's Church, later to become Our Lady of Grace Church.

The small rented house was located at what is now 324 Park av. (then known as Meadow st.) The early years were spent mostly in field work, assisting and caring for the needy and orphaned. The new hospital building was begun in 1866 and enlarged in 1870.

During World War I, the U.S. Army took

over supervision of the hospital. When the hospital reopened, a school of nursing was begun.

The Fire Department was organized soon after a destructive fire in 1847. A voluntary unit was formed headed by the township commissioners with John Buskirk as chairman. The fire department became a paid organization in 1891 with Ivins D. Applegate become the first chief of the new department.

Maxwell House Coffee plant was built in 1939, while Lipton Company plant was in operation about 1920. The first cable car line road in the United States, on which trolleys were towed between Hoboken and Jersey City Heights on an elevated roadway was another important asset to the earliest days of Hoboken's history.

Keuffel and Esser opened its first Hoboken plant at Grand and Third sts. in 1907. Duffy's Rug Cleaning Plant was founded in 1918 at 18th st. and Willow av. and was one of the noted establishments catering to the carriage trade.

No tales of Hoboken would be complete without mention of the Stevens family, who founded Stevens Tech. The college was founded in 1870 as the result of the bequest in the will of Edwin A. Stevens, one of the three sons of Col. John Stevens. The institution was the first to grant the degree of mechanical engineer. Also it was the first to establish a department of humanities among engineering colleges. Its department of industrial engineering was also a first.

The author, Christopher Morley, set up Hoboken Theatrical Company in 1923 which played to packed houses at the old Rialto Theater for 18 months. More than 200,000 theater goers watched shows "hot from Broadway and revivals of old melodramas."

The first commercial bank to open in Hoboken in 1857, later known as First National Bank of Jersey City, was Hoboken City Bank. The Public Library, located at Park av. and Fifth st., opened in 1890.

The first telephone in Hoboken was installed by New York and New Jersey Telephone Company in March, 1890. It was the second in Hudson County. The "new fangled" communication device was set up in the rear of a store on Washington st. between Fifth and Sixth sts. Teenage boys were operators, since women had not yet entered the business world in any major degree.

By 1894, a telephone book was issued. The publication listed 125 Hoboken phone owners. By 1955, there were 18,000 telephones in the city.



Councilman Steve Cappelletto, center, is joined by guests at Christmas reception held at Clam Broth House. With him are Council President Thomas A. Gallo, left, and Dr. Kenneth C. Rogers. Standing are Otto Hottendorf, left, school board president, and Edwin Duroy of the Housing Authority.

## Gallo to pitch legislative bid 'low-keyed as possible'

Although he is seeking the highest political office of his long career, Hoboken City Council President Thomas A. Gallo plans on keeping his bid for the District 12C state assembly seat as "low keyed as possible."

"I don't think a more unopportunity time to hold the primary and election could have been found," said Gallo. "This is the time of the year when most persons want to be with their families and just aren't too interested in hearing candidates talk about why they should be elected."

"It is very difficult to try to capture the imagination of voters who are preoccupied with their

families and plans for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. It is definitely not the time or place for heated charges and counter charges."

Gallo said his campaign will be aimed primarily at meeting as many voters as possible between now and the Dec. 18 primary and discuss the issues.

"Yes; there are issues," asserted Gallo. "Some of the candidates may have overlooked them in favor of name calling and a little mudslinging, but they are there."

"I am most concerned with the shabby treatment Hudson County has received from the state in several critical areas."

"Take state highway funds for example. I find it appalling that in 1972 the state did not spend one red cent to repair or resurface state highways running through Hudson County while it spent millions and millions on new roads in the less populated rural areas."

"We have one of the most densely populated areas in the state with many state roads in very poor condition and yet not one penny."

"This fact was only recently publicized, and then only for a day or two."

"As one member of the assembly I might not be able to change the situation but I certainly will be able to raise a stink that will be heard by every constituent and back to Trenton."

Gallo said that an assemblyman's duties weren't all in the state capital.

"A big part of the job is keeping the people in the district informed and enlightened as to what is happening in Trenton," he continued.

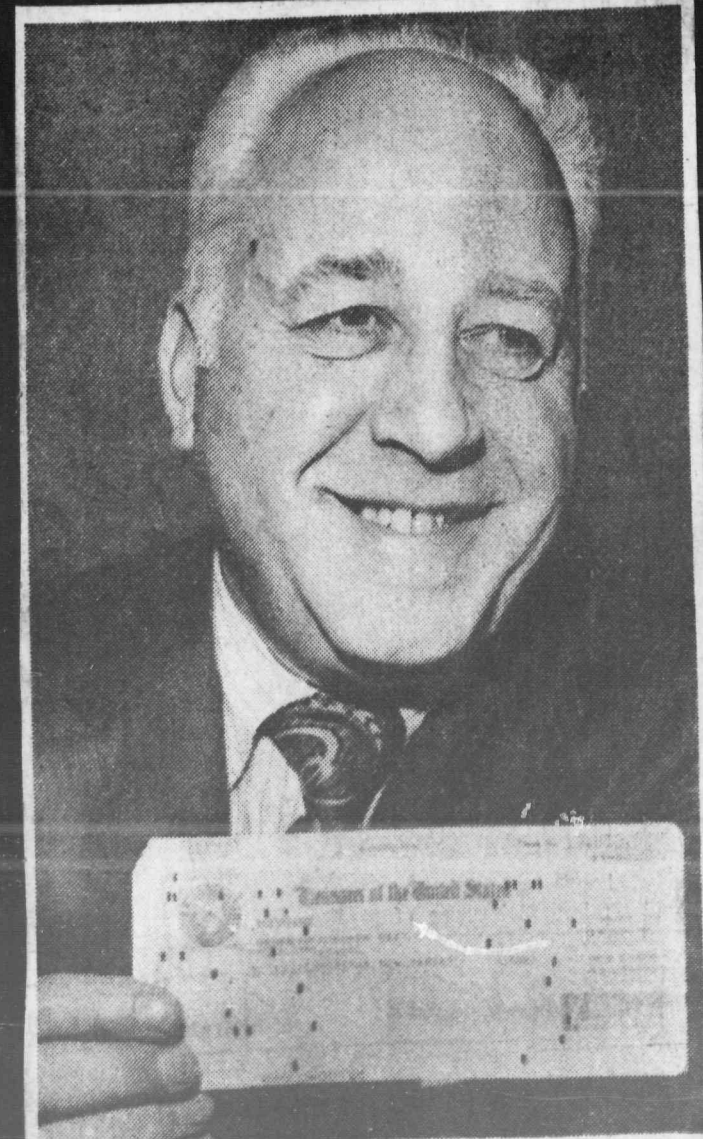
"An assemblyman acting with the strong backing of a majority of his constituents can make a pretty loud roar."

Gallo, who also serves as secretary to the Hoboken Board of Education, dispels preconceived conceptions of a political candidate. Shy and somewhat retiring, he seldom raises his voice at council meetings but maintains a firm control over the proceedings.

Although he makes most of his commitments as a member of the Hoboken Democratic organization, Gallo prefers to spend as much time as possible at home with his family, and especially his son, Billy, 8.



CHRISTENING—Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken holds plaque which will be put on PATH train car naming it after Hoboken. PATH is naming cars after cities it services either directly or indirectly, through bus service, reviving an old railroad tradition.



Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken flashes a wide grin at City Hall as he holds his city's share of over \$400,000 which the city is entitled to under the federal revenue sharing plan.





LANDMARK SOLD — Louis M. Tamarin, Inc., Hoboken Realtors, was broker in the recent sale of the Hudson Building, 168-174 Ocean Ave., Jersey City, from Louis Battista to Thomas and Rose Panno, Sr. The building contains 14 apartments and law offices.

## Garibaldi Realty, in Hoboken 50 years, goes to Springfield

The Garibaldi Realty Corp. has relocated its offices in Springfield after a half century of service in Hoboken.

The Garibaldi Agency, an affiliate which specializes in all forms of insurance, also will relocate in Springfield.

The move was announced today by Joseph J. Garibaldi Jr., president, and Frank D. Garibaldi, executive vice president, sons of the late Joseph J.

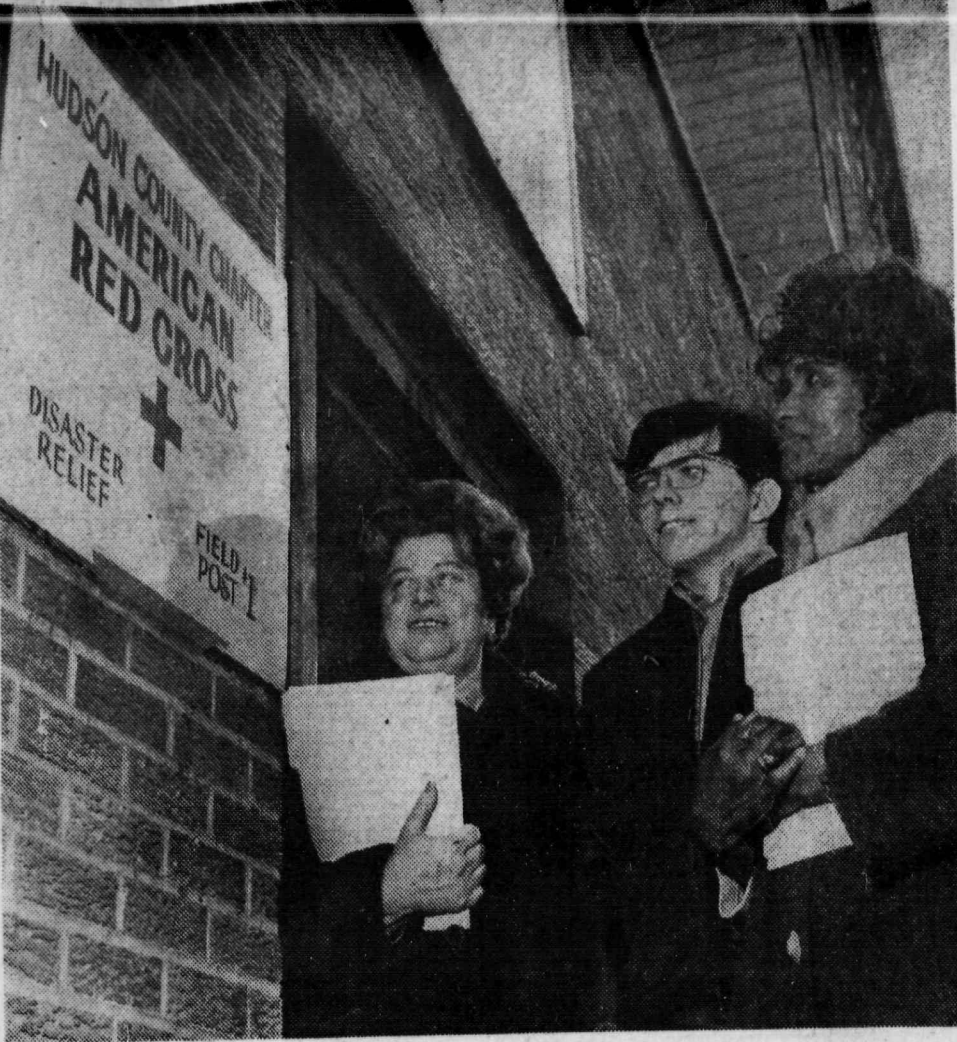
Garibaldi who founded the company in 1919.

"The need for more space to accommodate our expanding volume of business and growing staff, and a location more central to the areas where industrial growth is taking place in New Jersey, dictated this step," said the brothers in a joint statement.

"We leave Hoboken and Hudson County where we were deeply rooted and have many

friends with great regret, but the necessity of gearing our company to the demands and opportunities of the future was a compelling factor."

The Garibaldi Realty Corp. offers a full range of professional services to industry from sales, purchasing and leasing to design, engineering, financing and construction of industrial buildings, site survey and assembly, appraising and real estate counseling.



Lenny Mackesy, Hudson County Red Cross Chapter disaster team captain, is flanked by caseworkers Mrs. Frances Frangipane, left, and Mrs. Vertis Watson, outside chapter headquarters in Hoboken.

## Red Cross establishes outpost to bring some service to city

The Hudson County Chapter of the American Red Cross has officially opened a field outpost in Hoboken, re-establishing some Red Cross services in the city after a two-year lapse.

The outpost was opened yesterday at the Hopes Inc. multi-service center, 117 Madison St. Hopes is Hoboken's anti-poverty agency.

A spokesman for the chapter said that initially the center will handle only disaster relief ser-

vices. It will be an integral part of the existing disaster program in Hoboken, complementing established disaster shelters.

Volunteers who will staff the center were given an orientation yesterday. They will centralize service and efforts offered to Hoboken fire victims including temporary housing and relocation.

The spokesman said a multi-functional service center would be established at a later date,

offering greater assistance to the community in a wider field.

He said trained caseworkers and field staff members would function bilaterally with the county chapter's disaster team in such situations.

Until two years ago, the Red Cross maintained an office in Hoboken at 628 Washington St. It was closed when the county chapter's annual operating budget could no longer sustain the monthly rental.



Walter Kramer, second from right, is sworn in as temporary Second Ward councilman in Hoboken by Anthony Amoroso, right, city clerk. Kramer's wife, Lynne, holds the Bible, while Vincent J. Fusilli, the man Kramer is replacing, watches the ceremony. Fusilli resigned after being sworn in as a county freeholder.



ONE MORE TIME — Frank Monaco, second from left, is congratulated by Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli after being sworn in for a fourth term as president of Company K Club of Hoboken. Looking on are Mayor Louis DePascale, left, and Hudson County Tax Commissioner Anthony J. Cilento, toastmaster.

## Hoboken schools slate test of pre-kindergarten classes

Sixty Hoboken children who will be starting their schooling in September will enter the kindergarten with five months of classwork behind them under a program announced today by the board of education.

Thomas F. McFeely, school superintendent, said two pre-kindergarten classes will be started at the end of next month to give an "educational boost" to children with reading or language difficulties.

The program will get under way at the Wallace and Leinlauf Schools through funds made

available under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Francis McGorty, Title I director, said it will be a pilot program and will be closely watched to evaluate the results. The children will be assigned to small groups and the training will provide "a variety of opportunities for social and educational development" during the months before they take their seats in the kindergarten, McGorty said.

The teacher-pupil ratio will be small, McGorty explained, with one teacher and two aides assigned to each 15 children. The close supervision, he said, should increase the opportunity of overcoming language and reading problems, two of the main obstacles confronting children entering the kindergarten in some areas of the city.

It will differ from the Head Start program, he pointed out, because that is an eight-week summer program and this will be a "more structured" five-month course.

"This will also not be a day camp or baby sitter service," McGorty emphasized, "but it is intended to send 60 youngsters into the kindergarten next fall better equipped to start their school lives."

Wallace and Leinlauf school students will take home a form outlining the new program available to their younger brothers and sisters. Those eligible must live in the school attendance areas and must reach their fifth birthday by Oct. 31. An enrollment form is included in the leaflet. Since enrollment is limited, need and other elements will be considered in the selection of students, he said.



MODIFIED RENT CONTROL—Assemblymen Christopher Jackman (left), of West New York, and Thomas Gallo of Hoboken (second from right) talk with Union City Mayor William J. Meehan (second from left) and West New York Mayor Anthony DeFino (right) on floor of Assembly in Trenton yesterday. Mayors came to Trenton in support of a bill permitting state to impose modified rent control during periods of housing shortages. Bill was cleared for a floor vote in Assembly in two weeks.

## Ex-NAACP head appointed to school board by mayor

A long-standing request from Hoboken's black community — representation on the city's board of education — is finally being met.

Mayor Louis DePascale announced today that he is appointing Clayton Anderson of 15 Church Towers to a three-year term on the board, replacing George Connors. The appointment becomes effective March 1.

The mayor said that he is also reappointing John Raslowsky and Mrs. Candida Padin to the board. The current terms of Raslowsky, Mrs. Padin and Connors expire Feb. 28.

DePascale's action dispelled rumors that the trio would not be reappointed because they had gone along with the rest of the board in making First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano business manager for the board.

Informed sources close to the mayor had reported that he had been greatly disturbed by the



CLAYTON ANDERSON Joins school board

sudden move that saw Romano get the job formerly held by Joseph Bartlett. They added that the mayor had promised

the post to John Palmieri, former Sixth Ward councilman, who now heads the free breakfast and lunch program in the school system.

The mayor said that he also would have reappointed Connors but did not at Connors' request.

"He asked not to be considered and I complied with his request," the mayor said.

Anderson has been a resident of Hoboken for more than 20 years. He owns and operates his own trucking firm and is a past president of the Hoboken Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He has three children.

DePascale said that he thought the appointment of Anderson was "a good one."

"Clayton will bring some fresh thinking and ideas to the board," said DePascale. "He is familiar with Hoboken, its problems in the field of education and has some ideas that may be of value."

## The election at a glance



THOMAS A. GALLO

Guttenberg	294	Union City	2,198
Hoboken	4,336	West New York	1,583
North Bergen	2,048	Weehawken	426
Total	10,885		

NILO JURI

Guttenberg	129	Union City	1,341
Hoboken	704	West New York	681
North Bergen	809	Weehawken	420
Total	4,084		



ELEANOR YASCHAK

Guttenberg	80	Union City	383
Hoboken	103	West New York	255
North Bergen	321	Weehawken	90
Total	1,232		

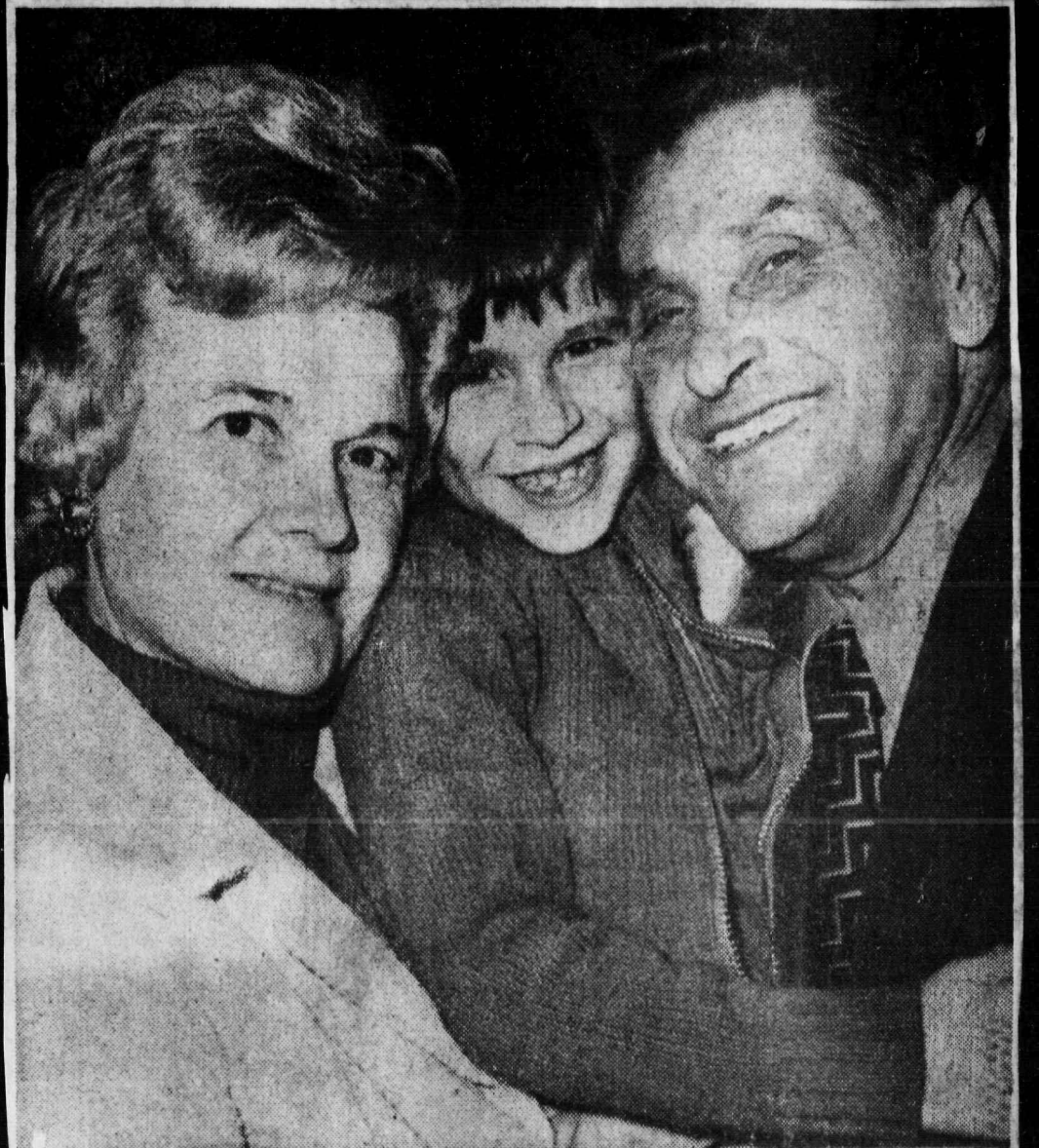
ANGELO (CHARLES) ROMANO

Guttenberg	12	Union City	44
Hoboken	468	West New York	32
North Bergen	50	Weehawken	16
Total	622		



HERB SHAW

Guttenberg	8	Union City	48
Hoboken	62	West New York	31
North Bergen	120	Weehawken	24
Total	293		



Hudson's new assemblyman, Thomas A. Gallo of Hoboken, is joined by his wife and son, Billy, 7, after winning in special election.

## Hoboken Council OKs Plaza Bonds' Interest

By JACK ECKHARDT

Six members of the Hoboken City Council in a special session yesterday voted to include an expenditure of \$312,000 in the 1973 municipal budget to pay off interest due bondholders on the controversial Grogan Marine View Plaza bonds floated by the city parking authority.

And according to Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan, the resolution was introduced and passed "with reluctance," with Brennan saying it was the fault of Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale that such an amount was not included in the 1972 budget. Brennan indicated that Mayor DePascale knew the amount

was to be paid, but failed to provide such a figure in last year's budget.

Yesterday's council session, not attended by Councilmen Bernard Scrivani, Edward McLaughlin or Louis Francione, lasted less than 15 minutes. After the meeting, it was the consensus of several elected officials that including the \$312,000 in the 1973 budget "could have been avoided if the Grogan Plaza complex problem had been handled properly, as far as the Hoboken Parking Authority is concerned."

During the same "flash Gordon" session, Mayor DePascale was also criticized by Councilman Brennan for not providing members of the City Council with his 1973 budget figures.

According to top city hall sources, the Mayor's 1973 budget should have been

received by Council members by Jan. 15.

One elected official remarked "If he's going to go over the 1972 tax rate of \$104 per \$1,000 assessment, why doesn't he come out and say so now?" Mayor DePascale is on record this time as saying his proposed 1973 municipal budget will "hold the present tax line."

Hoboken also has problems with its Model Cities' program. President Richard M. Nixon's decision this week to phase out the programs leaves officials wondering what will happen to their plans which were ready before the fund cutback.

In excess of \$45 million of federal funds was to be given the city for projects ranging from health care to a new water system. Model Cities Director Michael Coleman said.

Nixon's decision to cut the funds was contained in his \$269 billion budget request to Congress.

Coleman said, "The crises are too great in all cities in the country and Congress is going to have to respect and respond to a program that is fairly popular where operating."

Hoboken's program was rated as one of the most ambitious in the country, Coleman declared. He added that plans for a new sewer and water system have been completed, project RE-HAB is refurbishing 650 dwelling units and a score of other health and welfare programs were ready to be introduced.



# Todd Shipyard, 10th Street Pier Sold by Hoboken

By JACK ECKHARDT

The long idle Todd Shipyard on the waterfront between Hoboken and Weehawken, abandoned several years ago by Todd, was sold yesterday by Hoboken officials for an estimated \$151,000 plus \$213,000 in back property taxes owed by the last owner, Supermarine Co. of Manhattan.

In addition, Hoboken officials announced the sale of the 16th st. Pier for an estimated \$51,000 to Cosmopolitan Terminal Inc. of 150 Broadway, New York City, the same firm which purchased the shipyard.

In a related development Weehawken Mayor Stanley D. Iacono was jubilant over a check from Cosmopolitan for over \$16,000, representing back taxes owed the township for about eight years.

A check for the amount was paid yesterday to Amelia Zenzinger, tax collector, work with Richard Milano, the realtor in the sale.

The windfall boosted Weehawken's collection rate for the year 1972 to over the 90-per cent mark. Iacono was pleased that the tax situation now looks "much healthier," since Weehawken can now expect regular tax payment from the property yearly.

**Zoned for Industry**  
"We've gained a ratable," Iacono said. The mayor said he doesn't know what sort of useage the property's new owner will make of it. Zoning there is for industry.

According to Hoboken Law Director E. Norman Wilson, the Cosmopolitan firm will erect large storage tanks on the Hoboken property, to be used for the storage of heating fuel oil, which will be distributed to wholesalers from the Hoboken-Weehawken depot.

A spokesman for Cosmopolitan, Attorney Kenneth McGuire told Hoboken officials that demolition of the present steel structures on the Todd

Shipyard property will begin immediately, designating a potential three week period. The U.S. Army Engineers will be called in to survey the necessary land fill operation required to expedite the fuel storage tanks inland.

As of last night, it was not learned whether or not the Hoboken Environmental Committee (HEC) will voice objections to such an operation moving into the city. The same HEC was responsible for voiding the same Todd Shipyard property as a base for Supermarine Corp. a couple of years ago.

Commenting on the property sale closing, Wilson said:

"This means that Todd Shipyard properties (including the same sale by Weehawken authorities to Cosmopolitan Co.) will go back on the local city tax ratables. We received a check for the back taxes due Hoboken by Supermarine (\$213,000) and the \$151,000 sale price. Plus the sale of Pier 16 to the same firm, and the checks are already on way to deposit in the city's bank account."

The property in question, located on the east side of the Park av. bridge between Hoboken and Weehawken, has been an eyesore for many years, since the Todd Shipyard firm moved out and abandoned the valuable waterfront property. The empty buildings have also been the target of persons looting for possible saleable metals and by youths starting fires.

**DePascale Delighted**

Contacted for comment on the Todd Shipyard sale, Mayor Louis DePascale said:

"I'm delighted in behalf of the taxpayers residents of our city. The purchase of Todd yard by Cosmopolitan will add to our present ratables in the 1973 budget. They plan to spend several million dollars to gear a successful waterfront operation. They will hire between 40 and 50 local residents, and more as time progresses. The inclusion of 16th St. Pier as part of their operation will insure another thriving industry in town, another top paying tenant."

Asked if he thought the building of large storage tanks on the Todd property will be objected to by residents of either town, DePascale said, "I doubt it. There will be no processing of fuel at all. The area will simply be a storage area, a ship to shore operation for delivery of heating fuel to local areas."

And he added, "There may be other good news soon for the residents of Hoboken. It is expected the idle Holland-American Pier property on River rd. will be sold, also to a firm that plans to improve the facility and bring work to residents of Hoboken."

## Cites Federal Funds DePascale Lists Projects

By JACK ECKHARDT

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday cited some \$118,788,000 in actual and pending projects for his city, challenging dissident members of the city council to differ with his administration.

However, DePascale denied that the project listing was an opening gun in his May reelection campaign. "I'll leave it up to the residents of Hoboken to review the facts since my election as mayor back in 1965."

Contending that his city council officials are "out to beat Louis" rather than having the interest of all Hoboken residents at heart, Mayor DePascale said, "What can they bring to the public to show where I did wrong? What can they use in a pre-election campaign to show the voting public of Hoboken that I haven't initiated and produced results? I'll tell you the answer — nothing."

Pointing out the often criticized federal projects in Hoboken that have brought in millions of dollars from the government, Mayor DePascale points out that there are some 594 city residents now employed in the various federal projects.

Commenting on reports that most of the federal funded programs in Hoboken are headed by out-of-town residents at high salaries, Mayor DePascale said, "Records are open to the public on all programs. We sought qualified persons to head the programs and local residents to accept top jobs in

the programs. When we were unable to find them, we were forced to go outside Hoboken in order to keep the funds offered by the federal government."

**Projects Listed**

DePascale listed the projects as Grogan Marine View Plaza, \$50 million; a new chemistry building for Stevens Tech, \$5 million; rehabilitation of the Keuffel and Esser building for use as a housing complex, \$5.5 million; rehabilitation of Pier 1 and Pier 16 for \$1 million each; Todd Shipyard Rehabilitation, \$5 million; construction of a multi service center, \$1,283,000.

Also, construction of a new mini elementary school, \$1.5 million; Project Rehab., encompassing reconstruction of 1,200 apartments, \$25 million; open space program, \$83,000; general rehabilitation of water system, \$3,750,000; construction of a new knitting mill at Ninth and Madison sts., \$300,000; completion of Fox Hill Senior Citizens housing at 12th st. and Willow av., \$4 million; completion of new Wallace School, \$45 million; Havens Saving and Loan, Sixth and Washington sts., \$750,000.

Also, new Washington Savings Bank branch, Sixth and Washington sts., \$100,000; Model Cities loans for home improvement, \$1.9 million; Standard Chemical Corp. expansion, \$300,000; new construction of 20-family apartment house, Seventh st. and Park av., \$250,000.

Additionally, a major street paving program, \$150,000; housing relocation payments, \$1,305,000; scattered site new housing, \$4 million; neighborhood development program, \$1,345,000; Community Health Center at St. Mary Hospital, \$900,000; Drug Education Center, \$88,000.

Also, lead poisoning and prevention project, \$126,000; pre-trial investigation project, \$86,000; transportation and traffic project, \$1,048,000; and teen posts — Model Cities, \$124,000.

Referring to the total number of Hoboken residents employed in present federal programs, Mayor DePascale says records show 187 employees in Model Cities are local residents.

## Fusilli sees city tow truck making profit

Should Hoboken enter the towing business?

At least one city councilman thinks it should and will make the recommendation to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale today.

Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli feels that Hoboken is losing out by not conducting its own towing. A private firm, Hoboken Auto Body, currently handles all of the city's towing needs.

"There are two factors that make me think that it could be a money-making proposition for the city," said Fusilli. "First, I figure that towing charges will amount to approximately \$30,000 a year for the city based on a

charge of \$15 for each vehicle and averaging about 100 cars a week.

"The second factor isn't actually profit or revenue. But the city would be saving the money it now spends each year for towing and storage of unclaimed cars."

Fusilli said that vacant city-owned land could be set up as a pound and used for the storage of the cars. The equipment needed for the operation — several tow trucks — could be purchased with the money Hoboken got through revenue sharing.

"Since it was first started, the towing program has been a drain on the city," the councilman continued. "The only revenue it generates for Hoboken is through the \$2 tickets given out for violating the alternate side of the street parking regulations and the sale of unclaimed cars every month or so."

"Neither return is enough to cover the cost of having the unclaimed vehicles towed in or their storage until the sale. The cars that are climed produce no revenue since the towing and storage fees paid by their owners are collected and kept by the private towing company."

"Even if the city breaks even by doing the towing itself, it will be a savings compared to what it is now paying each year."

Although he hasn't yet been contacted by Councilman Fusilli, Director Vitale expressed some reservations when advised of the councilman's plan by a Jersey Journal reporter.

"It has possibilities," he said, "but there is one major drawback that will have to be considered before the plan will work. What are we going to do with the unclaimed vehicles that aren't bought at public auction?"

"The city will have to find a means of getting rid of these cars that doesn't add additional cost to the program."

Vitale said that he would be willing to discuss the program with the councilman.

## Catch litterers

Once again Hoboken is threatening to punish those who litter the city's streets by sloppy handling of their refuse.

The public works director is understandably exasperated over the poor response to his appeal for extra care over the holidays when there is more garbage and rubbish put out than usual at a time when there are fewer pickups.

Many a crackdown has been promised in the past, but none ever came to much. It has been a case of the city crying "wolf."

The director says he will ask the judge to impose stiff sentences on those he is now summoning. In the past his request has been ignored. With a new political faction in power now, it will be interesting to see whether Hoboken is still too inept to do anything about wanton and large-scale littering.

## DePascale seeking thaw in funds for K. and E. housing

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale has appealed to U.S. Sen. Harrison A. Williams for assistance in getting the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release \$225,000 in funds from the Model Cities program for the Keuffel and Esser housing project.

"At the moment, we're caught in a HUD-imposed freeze on amending Model Cities money," said the mayor. "As part of the overall K. and E. Project, Model Cities was to pick up \$225,000 of the preliminary costs."

"This was approved by HUD. Now that the time has arrived for the payment to be made, the funds are tied up by the freeze and the K. and E. project along with it."

DePascale said that Model Cities had the money on hand but couldn't recycle it into the building program because of the freeze.

The developer plans to renovate the factory into a 170-unit apartment house. The entire project will cost an estimated \$5 million.

"We have a tentative closing with the developer for Friday," said the mayor. "But if Model Cities is still restricted on this one matter by the freeze, then it will have to be postponed and the project along with it."

DePascale said that he has asked Sen. Williams to exert all possible pressure on HUD to have that agency release the funds for this one project.

## Fresh from trouncing rivals, Gallo handshakes in Trenton

By PETER HALLAM

Hudson County's newest assemblyman, Thomas A. Gallo of Hoboken, is in Trenton today, but it's an unofficial visit. Gallo is meeting the co-legislators he will be working with for the next year. And Assemblyman Christopher Jackman of West New York is handling the introductions.

Gallo, County Clerk James F. Quinn and Hoboken Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello accompanied Jackman to Trenton this morning at the assemblyman's invitation to give Gallo some idea of what is going on in the state capital and what he can expect next Monday when he is officially sworn in.

It was a somewhat surprised Gallo who walked into Hoboken Democratic Organization headquarters last night to find that he had thoroughly trounced the four candidates running against him for the District 12 C Assembly seat.

The special election was called by Gov. William Cahill following the murder last August of Silvio

J. Failla of Hoboken. Gallo will fill out the remaining year of Failla's term.

"I honestly didn't expect to do this well," Gallo said as he pursued the unofficial figures, which showed him beating his nearest competitor, Republican Nilo Juri, by more than 7,000 votes district-wide.

"I had great faith in the organization to deliver the vote," he continued. "The returns, for me at least, show something much more important than the fact that I won."

"There can be little doubt now that Hudson County Democrats can bitterly disagree among themselves but when it comes to a showdown they are still able to unite behind the party's standard."

Gallo was referring to the semi-bitter Primary campaign last Dec. 18 in which North Hudson's five communities contested his selection by county Democratic leaders as the organization candidate.

Hoboken voters in the Primary gave Gallo enough of a plurality

to overcome his shortcomings in North Hudson and he emerged as the Democratic nominee. There was some doubt as to whether or not the county organization could reunite the dissident forces in North Hudson.

"I wish to express my deepest thanks to the Democratic leaders, committeemen and women, party workers and Democratic voters of North Hudson," said Gallo. They have expressed their faith in my ability to give them the representation they deserve. I will strive with every fiber not to let them down."

After spending the better part of two hours at Hoboken Democratic headquarters, 828 Washington St., Gallo left and went to his own club at 230 Willow Ave., for a smaller gathering with close friends and family.

resignation at next Wednesday's council meeting. Councilman-at-large Stephen E. Mongiello is expected to be named the new council president in Gallo's place.

For the size of the victory, the gathering at Democratic headquarters was comparatively small. The cold weather was blamed for the lack of attendance, which fell short of the primary victory crowd. But all of Hoboken's top political figures were there, however, with the exception of Mayor Louis DePascale. A combination of officials handled the toastmasters role as visiting officials from other communities entered the clubrooms to greet Gallo. The council president had a big bear hug for Weehawken Democratic stalwart Charles J. Pizzuta who arrived about a half hour after Commissioner Ignazio Fariola, the other Weehawken Democrat. Both had worked for him in the township.

There was also a warm reception for the North Bergen delegation as it arrived. Guests at the reception included Jackman, Councilman Anthony Romano, Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli, Councilman Walter Cramer, Louis Francane, Raphael Vitale, public works director and Herman Bier, city business administrator.

## Appointment Stirs Protests Francone Gets School Post

By GARY STASSE

The Hoboken Board of Education last night appointed Hoboken city Councilman Louis Francone as maintenance supervisor for city schools.

The action brought on howls of protest from the crowded meeting room and the board was peppered with questions about the newly created \$11,000 a year post.

Francone was not present for the announcement, but for the first time in months, there was a dissenting vote cast by outgoing member George Connors, who contended that the job could have been given to a senior custodian. He was outvoted by 8-1.

No one on the board would

say who nominated the councilman and most refused to answer any questions about it. One member simply laughed when asked for details and another said, "you figure it out." Even Connors said he had no comment.

For as long as Hoboken has been a city and has had a school board, the mayor has made all appointments. More than a few present last night speculated that the same

process was invoked by Mayor Louis DePascale. Some said it was to neutralize Francone's association with councilman and possible mayoral candidate Stephen Cappiello.

**Francone Defended**

Supporters of the nomination staunchly defended Francone and cited his record at Meadowview Hospital in Secaucus. The hospital was shut down by the state because of unsanitary conditions and Francone was named to head the cleanup task. He was later acclaimed by the state and the county freeholders for the job he did.

However, the thought of old councilmen being put out to pasture on the school board, as one man put it, was blatantly unfair and wrong. Rocky DeLoza demanded to know Francone's qualifications and asked the board if any others were interviewed.

One questioner later said he did not know of Francone's achievements at Meadowview and apologized to board members for his angry outburst. Business Manager Anthony Romano said "if the councilman is given half a chance, the kids will benefit. He's a hard working man, one who has proven through the years that he's a dedicated public servant."

"There were times when we had to go out to the hospital and get him to a meeting. He told us he had too much work to do (at the hospital) and had to make sure it was done," Romano said.

A source close to Francone said he will quit his job at the hospital and take on the supervisor's position — full time.

In another indirectly related confrontation, the board said it will ratify a new contract for the Hoboken School Employees Assn. the custodial union. A clause on sick leaves was the only disputed point, which was to be settled after the meeting.

Also, spokesmen for Mayor, Lynch Associates revealed plans for a \$1.6 million mini school on Park av. Most of the design was completed, they said, and all that awaits is state approval for them before work can start. The four-story, 18-classroom structure will hold about 350 students and will take about nine months to build, they said.

## Hoboken outlaws easy glue sales

The Hoboken City Council unanimously passed an ordinance yesterday making it a crime punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a \$200 fine to sell toxic glue to anyone under 18 without written parental consent which must be kept on record for one year after the sale.

The ordinance is designed to pinpoint the responsibility for glue sniffing on the seller. Existing laws against the user have generally proved ineffective.

A number of cases of glue sniffing in which young people

have suffered brain damage and occasionally blindness have occurred in Hoboken, according to one drug program official.

In certain cases, adolescents would inhale large quantities of the glue — up to a gallon — over many hours to achieve the euphoric effects from the fumes.

In other council action yesterday \$1.1 million was included in the revised grant budget. This is for relocation payments in connection with Project Rehab. It was promised by the federal government early last year.

## Sussex community reveres Hoboken

On Sept. 22, 1873 the Sussex County community of Newton was heavily damaged by a fire — but it might have been worse if it were not for the efforts of the Hoboken Fire Department.

Now, one hundred years later, the suburban community is getting ready to once again say "thanks."

Newton officials met yesterday with Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, Fire Chief Patrick Carmody and Fire Marshall James Halloran to ask permission to conduct an anniversary parade down Washington Street on Sept. 22.

That permission has been given and Fire Marshall Halloran designated to coordinate the commemorative parade with Newton's fire chief Leo McCluskey.

Halloran said that according to old newspaper accounts of the

incident, Hoboken is credited with preventing the fire from leveling the whole community, even though the city's equipment was "horse drawn" and the distance was close to 50 miles.

"Compared to today's apparatus it may have been primitive," said Halloran. "But those days it was the most modern around."

"The horse-drawn engine was loaded on a railroad flatcar and taken to Newton by train."

Other communities near Newton also helped in the fire fighting operation, Halloran added, but Hoboken went the farthest to help and did the most.

Halloran said that details for the parade, which will take place on a Saturday, are still being worked out but Newton officials plan to bring in a horse-drawn fire truck similar to the one Hoboken took to fight the Newton fire.

## 16 want to run in May race, just one in special election

The field of potential candidates in Hoboken's May municipal election is growing almost faster than City Clerk Anthony J. Amoroso can hand out the nominating petitions.

As of 4 p.m. yesterday, less than a week after the petitions were first made available, a total of 16 possible candidates had picked up their nominating petitions.

The field now includes two candidates for mayor, one of whom — Sixth Ward Councilman Edward A. McLaughlin — is expected to file completed petitions

for a full slate sometime today. The other is Thomas Vezetti of 1318 Washington St., who is running alone.

Vezetti, a tavern owner, has been a constant critic of the city administration, board of education and the county board of freeholders.

No less than 13 potential candidates for councilman-at-large have picked up petitions, include runningmates Ignazio DePalma, Richard McAlleer and Peter Turso.

The others, running as independents, are Barbara Ritchwood of 522 Jackson St.; David Milne of 842 Park Ave.; Vincent Motola of 1018 Bloomfield St.; Raymond Brile of 520 Jackson St.; Michael Sarullo of

204 Hudson St.; Kevin Hauck of 1243 Garden St.; James Thorpe of 126 Hudson St.; Nunzio Malfetti of 710 Park Ave.; Nicholas T. Calicchio of 318 Clinton St.; and Robert Gallagher of 1210 Park Ave.

Sarullo, Hauck and Thorpe are all teenagers running together on the same ticket. Gallagher is a Hoboken patrolman currently assigned to the police community relations bureau.

Only one candidate has picked up petitions for the special election that will be held to fill the vacant seat of Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli.

He is Fred Mezzina of 1231 Park Ave., president of the Hoboken Rentpayers and Tax-

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## It's a 'Plus'

Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken scored a legitimate breakthrough the other day with the appointment of a black to the city's board of education. It has been a long time coming and Mr. DePascale decided to move now.

The mayor, in selecting Clayton Anderson, a past president of Hoboken's NAACP unit and the head of his own trucking concern, did not just pick someone "out of a hat" as is done so much in politics, particularly with an important election coming up soon.

He appointed a man who has the respect of the black community and who had already served as a member of the Hoboken Industrial School board of trustees. This is a good move and one that should prove a "plus" to the city and its educational system.





Looking at the Grogan Marine View Plaza models are from left, Councilman Steve Cappiello, Hoboken Housing Authority chairman Andrew H. Scherer, parking authority chairman Nicholas J. Caruso, Mayor Louis DePascale, Max Feldman, vice president of the Marineview Housing Co., and Robert Goodman, acting chairman of the planning board.

## Gallo to Quit Council Post To Fill 12C Assembly Seat

By GARY STASSE  
Hoboken City Council President Thomas Gallo last night announced that he will resign his post before the next council meeting and Councilman Steven Mongiello was named acting president.

Gallo's announcement came at the beginning of last night's council meeting. He said he has "three or four" possible successors in mind but refused to name them.

He had been council president for eight years, and last night was the first time that he sat as a regular councilman.

Gallo was elected to fill the assembly vacancy in District 12C earlier this month and is stepping down from the presidency and the council to

prevent a conflict of interest. A resolution urging county freeholders to reject an expected \$5,000 a year pay increase now pending in

Trenton went down to silent defeat when nobody would second the measure. Councilman Edward McLaughlin, the resolution's sponsor, said the move was to try to keep county costs down. He said county spending in Hudson is among the highest in the country and stated, "If they (the freeholders) can show a way of bringing costs down then they deserve a raise. If they win an election, that doesn't automatically mean they deserve it."

There was some contention about the state bill, but there was no vote on the McLaughlin resolution and it died. McLaughlin, who is running for mayor, said that the measure was not politically motivated and was meant as an economy move for the entire body.

The council also said it will look into conditions on Willow av. between 12th and 13th sts. where the sidewalks are blocked by construction. Martin Brennan, who brought the problem to the body's attention, said someone could get hurt walking in the streets at night. The council said it would contact the city engineer to work out a solution.



Hoboken city officials study proposed city budget. From left are Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, Councilman-at-large Bernard Scrivani, Council President Stephen A. Mongiello, Sixth Ward Councilman Edward A. McLaughlin, Mayor Louis DePascale, and Second Ward Councilman Walter S. Cramer.



GOOD LUCK — Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, left, wishes Joseph Iervolino well after installing him as president of St. Lucy Society of Hoboken. Looking on are Mrs. Iervolino and Joseph Salinardi, chairman of annual installation dinner held in Villa Romano.

## Gallo fights for Hoboken job service

Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo of Hoboken said today he has appealed to State Labor Commissioner Ronald Heymann to reconsider plans to close the Hoboken office of the Division of Employment Services.

"Hoboken has all of the problems of urban life and to close this vital office at this time would impose a severe hardship on our city and the thousands of low-income residents who use the facilities," Gallo told Heymann.

The assemblyman pointed out that Hoboken residents will have to travel to Jersey City for job interviews and for unemployment benefits. This added burden on the Jersey City office will mean greater delays and greater inconvenience for Hoboken residents, he said.

In calling on Heymann to reconsider the closing, Gallo said that perhaps arrangements could be made for the division to operate a smaller office in Hoboken to assist local residents.

"We have had this state service in Hoboken for as long as many of us can remember," said the assemblyman. "To phase it out now would pose a severe hardship on the people of our city."

By THOMAS O'KEEFE

Pleased at the size of the victory scored by Council President Thomas A. Gallo of Hoboken for the vacant Hudson Assembly seat, Mayor Francis Fitzpatrick of Bayonne today called on "all Democrats to get back into the fold so we can prepare for November's state election."

"I'm personally pleased and I wish to congratulate Tom Gallo," said the county Democratic chairman. "He entered the primary and on that basis he was entitled to the support of every Democrat."

Gallo rolled up a victory of landslide proportions as he captured all six towns in the North Hudson-Hoboken Assembly District. He polled 11,208 votes to 4,124 for the Republican nominee, Nilo Juri of Union City. His win makes him the successor to the late Silvio J. Failla who was murdered last summer in Neptune.

Three others in the contest ran far behind. Anthony (Charles) Romano of Hoboken received 622; Mrs. Eleanor Yaschak of Union City, 1,233 while Herbert Shaw of North Bergen, received 293.

Despite bitter cold weather and the fact that the special

Assembly election was held on a Monday instead of the traditional Tuesday, an estimated 25 per cent of the voters turned out, based on figures of last November's presidential balloting.

Hoboken voters who rolled up a tremendous plurality in the Dec. 18 primary to assure Gallo the nomination, repeated the performance yesterday. They gave him 4,336 votes — more than Juri received in the entire district. Juri's Hoboken total was 704.

Weehawken, which was the only other community to go for Gallo in the primary, also gave him the edge yesterday by six votes. He polled 426 to Juri's 420.

Ignatius Farinola, a Weehawken Democratic township committeeman, said he was "elated" that Gallo had taken Weehawken "in spite of the fact that the Republican campaign manager is from our township and Juri was supported by our Republican mayor."

Gallo came out of the rest of the North Hudson communities with pluralities ranging from 700 votes to margins of better than two to one.

Guttenberg, West New York and North Bergen, which went to Councilman Robert Sabello in the primary, scored big for the Hoboken council president.

Union City, which supported Commissioner Harry Calandrillo — its local son — on Dec. 18, gave Gallo 857 votes more than Juri, another local son who carried the Republican banner.

In the last few days of the campaign Sabello and Mayor Anthony De Fino of West New York had announced they backed Gallo. In the primary both men had maintained that a North Hudson man should have been considered.

De Fino said he was pleased at the victory. "Despite unwarranted attacks on the mayor," said De Fino, "West New York Democrats successfully supported Thomas Gallo. I wholly endorse him and I expect responsive government to North Hudson residents. The eyes of North Hudson are on him and we'll be looking at his performance." De Fino had come under attack by Mrs. Yaschak for his endorsement of Gallo.

Freeholder Vincent Fusilli of Hoboken, who accompanied Gallo to neighboring communities yesterday to view the balloting, said, "I feel the Democratic vote in North Hudson puts aside this nonsense that there is no unity in the Democratic Party."

"I'm thrilled over Tom Gallo's victory. It's a big day for the Democratic party and unity is in the air," Councilman Steve Cappiello, Gallo's campaign

# Safety largest budget item

Traditionally, Hoboken's Public Safety Department has accounted for the lion's portion of the city's annual municipal budget. And tradition won't be broken this year.

The department consists of the police department, fire department, the municipal court, the department of weights and measures, and building inspections.

By contract, the city is locked into pay increases this year that will bring salaries for the entire department to more than \$4.4 million for the year.

Last year, policemen and firemen accounted for \$3,746,000 in salaries and the municipal court, weights and measures and the building inspector added some \$95,000 to that.

For 1973, the city has agreed to give \$1,200 raises to the city's 355 police and firemen, boosting the overall budget by \$426,000. Longevity and the differential between the different grades will add another \$100,000 to \$200,000 to the increase.

In salaries alone, the figures for the department will exceed the total amount allocated for the operation of the department last year — \$4,345,602.

For Director E. Norman Wilson, it is hoped that 1973 will be the year of the civilian.

For Director he has asked for six additional employees to replace police and firemen now performing clerical jobs. Wilson wants two clerk-typists for the fire department and three for the police department. He is also asking for a clerk-stenographer

for the police chief's office.

The clerk-typists would be paid \$5,700 a year for a total of \$28,500. The stenographer would get \$6,000, bringing the total to \$34,500 which had not been included in last year's budget.

Wilson also had planned on asking for six switchboard operators in this budget but did not include the request in the preliminary budget he has submitted to the mayor.

The director said that he has not given up on the idea but he has a few alternative approaches to getting police officers off the switchboard which he wants to try first.

Wilson has added a salary of \$7,100 for a civilian electrical inspector to his budget which he hopes will enable him to release

Fireman Paul Mazzocca for regular fire department details. The fireman is the acting inspector, replacing Capt. Herbert Cloud, who retired last year.

W question mark is the money he will have to include for hiring a radio mechanic and supervisor for the traffic and signal division of the police department.

More than \$10,000 has been included for the modernization of existing police radio cars — an item covered by the police contract with the city and unlikely to be cut.

Each car is to be equipped with heavy duty portable spotlights, two nightstick brackets, dog snarls, heavy duty gloves, luminous vests and gloves for traffic direction details, pry bars for getting

people out of vehicles damaged in accidents, blankets, first aid kits, air packs, automatic rear doorlocks, 110 feet of rope, inhalers, mounted spotlights, mesh screens between the back seats and driver's seats, automatic trunk releases, and nylon mesh bulletproof vests.

Wilson also is asking for six new police cars and two new chief's cars for the fire department. The cost is estimated at \$37,000.

With the new personnel, equipment and other needed items the public safety budget, if approved in the original form submitted by Wilson, would come close to the \$5.5 million mark — \$4.4 million for salaries and \$1.1 million for other expenses.

## Council prods mayor on late budget

State law requires Hoboken's municipal budget be turned over to the City Council by the mayor not later than Jan. 15. That same law doesn't prescribe punitive measures if the deadline isn't met — but some councilmen wish it did.

They officially put Mayor Louis DePascale on notice yesterday that they were greatly displeased by the fact that two weeks had passed since the deadline for turning the budget

over to them and they were still without it.

It was at the suggestion of Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan that a note was sent to the mayor through the city clerk.

The note accused the mayor of "again waiting until the last minute to give the council the budget for 1973, leaving the councilmen with almost no time to review it before the usual public hearing."

But it was Councilman-at-large Thomas A. Gallo who brought out the council's main objection to the delay — a lack of an official explanation from the mayor as to why he didn't get the budget to the council on or before the deadline.

"The mayor owes the council at least this official courtesy," said Gallo.

Commenting on the council's note, DePascale told The Jersey Journal that the budget was

almost ready and should be ready for the council some time before the end of this week or the early part of next week.

"No one is stalling or trying to put the council on the spot," said the mayor. "I can't turn over to them a budget that isn't complete."

"And it wasn't until the last week to 10 days that all the necessary information and figures were available," he added.

The council authorized the notice to the mayor at a special meeting called by DePascale for the purpose of amending the city's temporary 1973 budget — used to cover normal operating expenses between the first of the year and the time the official budget is adopted for the year, usually sometime around the end of March.

The amendment was a line item of \$315,603 which had to be included for payment of interest due March 1 on the parking authority's garage bonds. A similar amount is due again on Sept. 1.

Six of the nine council members were present for the meeting and all approved the amending resolution introduced by Brennan.

The councilman took the opportunity to express displeasure that the same action hadn't been done last year.

"I asked last year that the interest money be included in the budget," said Brennan. "But for reasons of his own, the mayor didn't see fit to do so."

"As a result, the city must include funds to pay the 1973 interest as well as the money it had to appropriate under emergency conditions last year."

"Financially, it may not be important to show these figures during the year they are incurred. But they are important to our taxpayers who should be getting a true picture of their tax situation, and not have to put up with last year's bills that were swept under the carpet for payment at a later date."

## Strides in housing top Hoboken news

By PETER HALLAM

New and improved housing and the rehabilitation of waterfront property which is being resetored to the tax rolls are all part of the bright picture facing Hoboken in the remainder of this year, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

"Big strides will be made in the field of housing, the mayor asserted. More than 1,200 apartments on Willow Avenue and Washington Street will be completely rehabilitated into modern living units by the year's end.

"In addition, a series of new

apartment buildings is planned for the site of the old Keuffel and Esser building at Third and Adams Streets," he continued, "bringing up-to-the-minute apartments to that area of the city."

The new Fox Hill Gardens Senior Citizens project will open its doors to several hundred persons this year, De Pascale said. And, although the construction of the Grogan Marine View Plaza has been long delayed, the mayor added that he is confident that this will be the year it gets under way.

"I have every hope that this great housing and office development will be constructed in the downtown area and that next year will see the beginning of work on the site," said the mayor.

"Washington Street will also be brightened by the new office of the Haven Savings and Loan Association between Sixth and Seventh Streets which will be occupied by the financial institution before the year is out."

Two major additions to the city's list of ratables will also be noted in 1973, the mayor said. They will be the old Holland American line piers at the foot of



LOUIS DEPASCALE  
Hoboken mayor

Fifth and Sixth Streets, and the Todd Shipyard property on the city's northern border. Both have been purchased by private interests.

More than \$100,000 will be spent this year to improve the city's streets, the mayor said, and there is also a \$3 million rehabilitation program to give the city new water mains.

"Despite the number of improvements this year," continued DePascale, "I am happy to say that the city's tax rate may be stabilized or perhaps lowered. This can be accomplished through the use of additional state aid given to the Hoboken schools and through federal revenue sharing."

## Hoboken tax rate 1% under last year's

Hoboken's 1973 tax rate is tentatively pegged at \$103 a \$1,000 in assessed valuation — down \$1.40 or 1 per cent from last year.

That's the bottom line of the city budget presented officially to the City Council yesterday. Mayor Louis DePascale said the \$1.40 drop includes the school board's budget increase of \$3 a \$1,000 and assumes that the county levy on Hoboken will remain at the 1972 level.

If the freeholders succeed in

cutting the county budget, as they have promised, then Hoboken's tax rate will drop further, said DePascale.

Facing a tough mayoral election in May, DePascale virtually has challenged the council, where two of his principal opponents sit, to find any fat in the budget.

"We've cut the budget down to what you might call an irreducible minimum. I cut directors requests by hundreds of thousands of dollars."

"We'll maintain the same services, however, and will have added patrolmen," he said. The only other important change from 1972 is the \$1,000 raises already agreed on for each municipal employee.

DePascale refused to speculate on what the tax rate might have become without federal revenue sharing funds. "There's just no way of saying," he remarked, suggesting the level of city salary increases and the number

of patrolmen added would have had to be drastically limited, or stopped entirely.

With the council now studying ways of slashing DePascale's "irreducible" budget, the next major step is the usually tumultuous council public hearing on it at Hoboken High School.

The hearing date is tentatively set for March 16. The final budget must be approved and in Trenton by March 31, although delays are sometimes granted.

selected by the county Democratic organization to succeed Failla. Some questioned why a Hoboken man was chosen, but Hoboken Democrats maintained that there had been a man from their city on the county's Assembly slate for generations.

Gallo based his campaign on what he felt were the major problems facing the North Hudson Hoboken area and how he would try to solve them. He cited the need for improved highways, a general cleanup of the waterfront, a connector road

linking the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels and a guarantee that Hudson will get its share of benefits under the state's proposed rapid transit plan. He opposed the construction of a stoilport or state prison in the county.





Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken, second from right, and Mayor Stanley Iacono of Weehawken, second from left, get set to strike first blow in the demolition of Todd Shipyards, on the waterfront of the two municipalities. Watching are Richard D. Milano, left, realtor, and Kenneth R. McGuire, president of Cosmopolitan Terminals Inc., new owners of the yards. Demolition is to make room for an oil storage tank.

## Oil firm starts razing at Todd

By PETER HALLAM

The oil storage and distribution facility on the Hoboken-Weehawken border will cost \$10,000,000, and part of it should be in operation before the end of the year.

This was announced yesterday as demolition of the defunct Todd Shipyards to clear the site was started by the new owner, Cosmopolitan Terminals Inc.

Kenneth McGuire, executive director of the New York firm, said that as soon as the demolition is completed, work would start on the terminal, using primarily the upland portion of the shipyard. Most of this

area, approximately 14 acres, is in Weehawken. The remaining 36 acres, most of which is under water, is in Hoboken.

"The only reason for this," said McGuire, "is that the land is there ready to be used. We won't be standing still on the Hoboken portion of the area."

"While construction is going on upland, our land fill operation hopefully will be under way to reclaim as much of the under-water property as allowable by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the state Department of Environmental Protection."

Officials from both Hoboken and Weehawken were on hand yesterday to see the start of demolition. Included were Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken, Mayor Stanley Iacono of Weehawken, Hoboken Councilmen Steve Cappiello, Anthony H. Romano and Martin J. Brennan, and Hudson County Engineer Patrick L. Caulfield.

C. F. Malanka of Union City is doing the demolition work which will probably include the leveling of all existing structures. The shipyard's building resembles an area ravaged by war rather than a once thriving industrial complex. Numerous

fire and vandals have more than taken their toll during the years since the yard closed down and was eventually abandoned by the shipbuilding company.

McGuire said Cosmopolitan may decide to keep one brick building and convert it into the company's administrative offices. However, a study is being made of the cost of renovation as compared to demolition and rehabilitation.

"If there aren't any major delays or problems, the entire complex should be in operation within two to three years," McGuire continued.

One of the company's first moves will be to acquaint itself with its neighbors in the primarily industrial area.

McGuire said this was essential in order to determine where the oil distribution center will position its entrances and exits.

Cosmopolitan plans to distribute low sulphur home and commercial heating fuel oil on a wholesale basis to established retail firms in the Hudson County area or outside the area. The fuel oil will be brought in, fully refined, by tanker ships and stored at the site.

McGuire said there wouldn't be any further refining done and that all possible safety precautions would be taken in the construction and operation of the facility.

## DePascale Renames 3 To Board

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, who has vowed to remove Otto Hottendorf as president of that city's board of education when the board reorganizes Thursday night, yesterday reappointed three incumbent board members to three-year terms.

In the office of City Clerk Anthony Amoroso, with Mayor DePascale present, the oath of office was administered to Jack Raslowsky, head of Failla Memorial Home at 533 Willow av.; to Mrs. Candita Padin of 319 Madison st., a native of Puerto Rico, and to Clayton Anderson of 15 Church Towers. The latter is the first black man to be appointed to the non-salaried school board post.

## Library buys 310 new titles in Hoboken

Many of the 310 new books ordered by the Hoboken Public Library last month have been delivered and are available. Lucille Cunningham, library director, said today.

Some of the new books: A Surgeon's World by William A. Nolen M.D.; Inveighing We Will Go by William F. Buckley Jr.; Green Darkness: a novel by Anya Seton; American Woman Today: Free or Frustrated by Elsie M. Gould; Black English: Its History and Usage in the United States by J. L. Dillard; The Bosses by Alfred Steinberg and Without A Stitch In Time by Peter De Vries.

Supermoney by Adam Smith; Blackberry Winter: My Earlier Years by Margaret Mead; The Original Sin by Anthony Quinn; Two from Galilee by Marjorie Holmes; Spearpoint: "Teacher" in America by Sylvia Ashton-Warner; Diderot: a biography by Arthur M. Wilson; World's Great Men of Color two volumes by J. A. Rogers; Honecker and the New Politics of Europe by Heinz Lippmann; Snowfire a novel by Phyllis A. Whitney and The Snare a novel by Elizabeth Spencer.

The Search for a Soul: Taylor Caldwell's psychic lives by Jess Stearn; For Those I Loved by Martin Gray and Max Gallo; All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot; Mary Todd Lincoln: Her Life and Letters edited by Justin G. Turner and Linda Levitt Turner; Son of Groucho by Arthur Marx; Astrology for Skeptics by Charlotte MacLeod; Behind the Door a novel by Giorgio Bassani; A Marriage of Convenience a novel by Elizabeth Rossiter and The Time Element and Other Stories by John O'Hara.

Peace in the Balance: The Future of American Foreign Policy by Eugene V. Rostow; Rancho Paradise retired Americans in a mobilehome park by John Deck; The Hidden Injuries of Class by Richard Sennett and Jonathan Cobb; A Republic If You Can Keep It by Earl Warren; Sex Thoughts for Contemporary Christians by Michael J. Taylor S.J.; The Despised and the Damned: the Russian peasant through the ages by Jules Koslow; And Music at the Close: Stravinsky's last years by Lillian Libman and Homage to Daniel Shays: collected essays 1952-1972 by Gore Vidal.

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## School budget sent to city council uncut

The Hoboken City Council should receive official notification today from the city's Board of School Estimate that it has approved the \$8,339,375 Board of Education budget for the 1973-74 school year.

Members of the Board of School Estimate approved the budget yesterday following a public hearing that lasted for a little more than an hour and a half in the new Wallace School.

Although several suggestions were made by residents who attended concerning more funds for bi-lingual program, substitute teachers, remedial reading and school supplies, the estimate board members voted to adopt the budget as presented to it by the school board.

The board's action on the budget has been certified in written form and sent to the City Council, which also must start work soon on the city's 1973 municipal budget.

The 1973-74 school budget is more than \$1.2 million higher than the 1972-73 budget, but increased state and federal assistance is expected to offset most of the increased expenses

with local taxpayers picking up about \$167,000 more than they had to pay for last year.

The Board of School Estimate which meets only once a year, is headed by Mayor Louis DePascale. There are two representatives of the City Council — Councilmen Steve Cappiello and Bernard Scrivani — and two from the Board of Education — Anthony DeBari and Board President Otto Hottendorf. Thomas A. Gallo, secretary to the board of education, and Thomas F. McFeely, superintendent of schools, also sat in on the meeting.

Thomas Vezetti asked the board to provide all interested citizens with a breakdown of all salaries for board employees.

He was told by the mayor that the breakdown was available at the board of education offices covering both instructional and administrative personnel.

"In view of the high tax rate in the city, I'd like to know why we have such an inferior school system," Vezetti also said.

DePascale took exception to Vezetti's remarks but the can-

comma being changed." It later was approved without change.

Rev. Gonzalez, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hoboken, said that the school estimate meeting was scheduled for the day and that the copies of the budget were available only from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"If a citizen wanted to get copies he would have to take off from work," he added.

Gonzalez also questioned the difference between the amount of money spent by the board on materials and supplies and the actual amount of material and supplies received and distributed to the teachers.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m. so the board could consider the suggestions it had received from citizens.

By noon, it had returned and passed the resolution adopting the budget without change.

separate item of \$10,000 has been included in the 73-74 school budget for this.

"I know of no other Board of Education that treats its members to dinners," Singleton said, "And I've covered maybe 25 or 30 different boards of education in the state." Singleton is a feature writer with a New York newspaper.

Maureen Singleton, a member of the Title I committee, asked the board to take steps to assure there would be enough practice teachers to go around the school system.

"There are few, if any, substitute teachers for the junior and senior high schools," she said.

"And in the grammar schools, non-professional personnel sometimes have to fill in."

Mayor DePascale replied that the school system does have a substitute pool but said it wasn't always possible to get the teachers when they were needed, and not all were willing to work on a per diem basis.

McFeely said that many qualified teachers refuse to accept substitute roles unless they are guaranteed regular pay instead of per diem.

Jacob Wall, another candidate for mayor, told the board that he knew of two individuals who were qualified to be substitute teachers, had applied for the positions, but had never been called.

Thomas Gaynor, assistant superintendent of schools, told Wall that he had contacted the people mentioned and asked them to come in, but they weren't able to. However, if they were still willing to teach as substitutes, the Board of Education was interested in using them, Gaynor said.

The Rev. Jose Gonzalez said the estimate board and the school board were not giving the public the chance it deserved to question the budget. He said he was willing to bet that the budget was "approved without one



Thomas F. McFeely, superintendent of schools, answers questions at Hoboken Board of School Estimate meeting on the proposed school budget. At McFeely's right is Anthony DeBari, a member of the city's Board of Education.

## Sale of 2 piers adds a \$2 million ratable

By PETER HALLAM

Another \$2,000,000 ratable has been put back on Hoboken's tax rolls.

The River Towing Company of 1 Newark St., Hoboken, has closed the sale for the Fifth and Sixth Street Piers with the city and officially taken title to the two waterfront properties, once the hub of shipping activity in the city.

The towing company was the sole bidder on the properties when they were auctioned off this past summer by the city. It bid \$71,000 on the two city owned piers.

Hoboken foreclosed on the piers several years ago from Tri-Terminal, which had purchased it several years earlier from the Holland-American Steamship Line, which moved to newer facilities in Manhattan.

As part of the conditions of the sale, River Towing must take immediate steps to upgrade the conditions of the piers and remove all of the debris from two fires that have left most of the main terminal building in a substandard condition.

A spokesman for the company said its immediate plans call for the refurbishing of the piers and their use in the company's business — marine transportation and barge movement along the Hudson River.

The long-range plans might include some form of vocational engineering school which would train men for a tugboat captain's license or related jobs.

## State aid sought for families displaced by fires, codes

Hoboken families or business that are displaced by fire, emergencies or the enforcement of municipal codes may soon get an additional helping hand.

Mayor Louis DePascale has authorized submission of a proposal to the state Department of Community Affairs which, if approved, would pay for all reasonable moving expenses or pay a fixed moving fee based on the number of rooms plus a displacement payment.

Under the proposal, replacement housing payments also would be available to eligible families, individuals and homeowners who are displaced.

The mayor said that a homeowner could get as much as \$15,000 and tenants as much as \$4,000 in rental assistance payments.

These payments would be made in cases where the new home or apartment costs more than the building or apartment it

replaces.

The mayor added that businesses displaced by fires, emergencies or municipal code enforcement will be eligible only for reasonable moving expenses.

Michael Gualero, the city's relocation officer, is preparing the application for the state funds. Persons who might be affected by the program, if approved, should contact him at 220 Adams St., Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale explains the intricacies of the mayor's office to Daniel Palliano of the Boy Scouts, who is taking over the mayor's office for the day as part of National Scout Week observances. The scouts are celebrating their 63rd anniversary.



## Checking it out

Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken, right, receives annual city shelter rent check from Edward DeFazio, left, executive director of the housing authority, and Andrew H. Scherer, chairman of the housing authority.

## Not Worried, I Will Win — DePascale

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale last night said he is not worried about the competition for the upcoming election and is "very confident" he will win the way he did four years ago.

DePascale, who said he plans to announce his ticket within the next two weeks, called Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello a "three time loser," referring to his victory over him in the last mayoral race.

"He's aligning himself with disgruntled politicians I sent to him," the mayor said, referring to Cappiello's recently announced running mates.

"Ranieri and Scrivani are with Cappiello because they have no place else to go," he said. He was talking about Robert Ranieri and Bernard Scrivani, two of the three Cappiello picks for councilmen-at-large. The other is Francis Leahy a dock worker.

"I defeated Cappiello four years ago. They're looking for power and we're looking to continue the job and get it done."

He defended his eight years as mayor of the Mile Square City by noting the successes he has had bringing in federal money for schools, housing, jobs and other city projects.

"The people in Hoboken are not to be fooled by pie-in-the-sky promises," he said, adding that he wants to know what Cappiello's claim to fame is.

"We have millions of dollars coming in for training and rehabilitation and the people won't forget it," he said, noting that two new schools were built or are being built during his current administration.

"These things don't come about easily," DePascale said.

"I never promised to solve all of Hoboken's problems one-two-three quick. It takes a tremendous faith and perseverance. I'll match my progress against any town two or three times the size of Hoboken for accomplishments. Most cities in the state haven't even begun to scratch the surface. We've made a strong effort to rebuild Hoboken," he said.





## Sounds like 'Thank you'

Joseph Buda, right, principal of Hoboken's David Rue School, shows James Lucey, personnel manager at Maxwell House Coffee plant, new audio equipment purchased through a \$700

grant from the firm to the school. Mrs. Albert Roberts, a teacher, presses buttons on tape recorder, part of the renovation of the school's listening center made possible by the funds.

# Ask Plaza planners to quit

The Hoboken Retail Bureau today called for the resignation of all city officials who had a hand in the Grogan Marine View Plaza snafu.

But the people involved refuse to resign calling the idea "stupid" and "ridiculous."

Specifically the bureau named Mayor Louis DePascale, all five parking authority members, commissioners, and all the housing authority members except Leo Smith, Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan and Edwin Duray.

"They have done their best, but it should be apparent to just about everyone from the mess the project is now in that it wasn't good enough," said William Roth, a member of the bureau's executive committee and its spokesman.

"In exchange for three empty community participation, the project can get off the ground after all."

Roth said that the bureau exempted Smith from the resignation suggestion because of his experience in labor, and Brennan and Duray because they are only recent members of the housing authority.

He added that the city council also was exempted because its involvement was confined to the very first stages of the project.

Roth said that the bureau was considering a break in its long standing policy of not becoming politically involved.

"We are thinking of asking all of the candidates who plan to run in the city's May election to take a public stand on the Grogan project," Roth said. "Should a candidate refuse or avoid taking a stand, the bureau may publicly ask voters to stay away from that candidate and support someone whose views on the project coincide with its own."

Nicholas J. Caruso, parking authority chairman, declined comment on the bureau's call for his resignation. He added, however, that he felt the bureau was being unfair and should judge the involved agencies on the final results rather than the problems encountered along the way.

"Ridiculous," said Andrew Schere, chairman of the housing authority.

"The delays in the project aren't the result of anyone's shortcomings, but of changes dictated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or the state Housing Finance Agency," he said.

"It has been a vicious chain of events that has weakened everyone's position, including the developers. The delays resulted when concerned agencies tried to accommodate new requirements imposed by the financing agencies."

"Our aim all along was to make the project work but it takes time to make the changes that were asked for."

Mayor DePascale called the suggestion "stupid."

"If I was to resign because one project didn't work out as hoped for, I would have done so a long time ago," said the mayor. "No one bats 1,000 per cent all of the time."

"In this particular case, I feel the project is far from being dead. It still has a very good chance of succeeding. The delays are part of what should have been expected in urban renewal."

"It is a long drawn-out process, one that we thought we had licked."

"The governmental agencies that were involved in the project promoted the speed and attention the project was going to get. But when it came down to actually doing what they said, it was the same old red tape all over again."

"Urban renewal is still a long drawn-out process that involves some risks on the part of the municipality — any municipality — that wants to take advantage of it."

"Our alternative to this project was to let an area that was slowly decaying and dying to linger on. Hoboken took the risk which, as far as I'm concerned, was a good one."

lots, Hoboken has given up tax ratables, some of its better families, and businesses.

"Who is to blame? Since the mayor and the members of the parking authority and housing authority have yet to give the public an acceptable explanation as to why there is still no project, perhaps it would be better if

they stepped down and allowed someone else to give it a try.

"Basically, the project's concept is a good one — or was. But it was handled badly. The concerned parties acted on conversation rather than documentation."

"The result is that the city of Hoboken now must pick up more

than \$640,000 a year in interest payments on the parking authority's bond issue and is committed to doing this until the authority can stand on its own. That's going to be at least five years, if not longer, if ever."

Roth said the retail bureau did not intend its suggestion to be taken as a personal attack on the

mayor or any of the commissioners. "The bureau feels that a fresh start is needed with the city's business community serving in an advisory capacity with labor and other concerned segments of the community," he continued. "With some fresh faces and

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## Hoboken's '73 Budget Unveiled

By JACK ECKHARDT

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday unveiled a \$14.2-million budget for 1973 that could mean a drop in the city tax rate of about 75 cents from the present \$104.40 per \$1,000 valuation.

The budget, which includes \$3.5 million to be raised by city taxpayers, was blasted by Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan, who called it "a farce and a disgrace."

"He's cut the budget to the bone," Brennan said, "and he's trying to tie our hands on the council by this last-minute presentation, which limits our time to study it before the proposed Mar. 16 public hearing."

The Hoboken budget is higher in appropriations compared with the 1972 total of \$12.5 million, but the amount to be raised by local taxes dropped from the 1972 amount for taxation of \$5.9 million.

Brennan's objection to DePascale's delaying presentation of the budget was echoed by Sixth Ward Councilman Edward McLaughlin and Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello both of whom are candidates for DePascale's job in the May 8 election.

Order Special Session

A unanimous vote of the council ordered a special budget session at noon next Saturday in the council chambers, at which time DePascale will be asked to answer questions on the budget. It was also demanded by the council that DePascale be accompanied by the municipal auditor and City Comptroller John F. Erbeck on that day.

One of the budget items the council plans to question is revenue sharing funds and federal project funds, which

DePascale lists as miscellaneous revenues in a lump sum for 1973. It is contended that other municipalities list such expected revenue sharing funds on a quarterly basis, rather than listing the funds due until June 1970 in the 1973 budget.

DePascale, who has indicated he intends to seek reelection, lists anticipated revenues this year at \$8.4 million as compared to \$6.4 in the 1972 city budget. He also lists a \$335,000 budget surplus for 1973, while there was no such surplus in the 1972 budget, members of the council point out.

Charging that DePascale is "trying to tie our hands in review of his budget in order to make himself look good," Brennan also questioned Hoboken Comptroller John F. Erbeck about a breakdown, still not ready, of salaries and wages and a similar breakdown of "other expenses" in the 1973 budget.

Explaining that he is attempting to have the requested breakdowns by next week, Erbeck said, "I'm embarrassed, I'm answering questions that should be answered by Mayor DePascale. He should be here to explain in detail."

With that, Brennan rallied the other council members in demanding the meeting next Saturday and DePascale's presence. Brennan also requested City Clerk Anthony Amoroso to inquire if the scheduled Mar. 16 public hearing may be extended to a later date in order for the councilmen to adequately study the budget.

In other action, the councilmen concurred with the board of school estimate in accepting the 1973-74 city school budget, calling for \$4.3 million to be raised by local taxation.

Both Councilmen Bernard Scrivani and Louis Francone arrived at the session late, after Brennan's discussion on the budget delay was accepted by the other city officials.

## Plaza Garage Contract OK'd

By JACK ECKHARDT

A \$6.8-million contract was awarded to a New York City construction firm this week to build 1,652 garages at the controversial Hoboken Grogan Marineview Plaza.

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rineview Plaza complex it was revealed yesterday.

The contract award, approved by a 3-1 vote of Hoboken's five-member parking authority at a secret session Monday night at Stevens Tech, was hailed last night by Mayor Louis DePascale. "The Grogan Plaza project is finally off the ground," he said. "We expect to break ground next month."

The unexpected contract award to Blitman Construction Corp. of New York City was confirmed by Stevens Tech Dean Richard E. Everson, vice chairman of the city's parking authority. Hoboken Postmaster Nicholas Caruso, head of the parking authority since its inception, was not available for comment.

Said Everson, "The contract award made at a meeting this week to the Blitman firm is contingent on several phases, that includes certain modifications of the contract wording, and overall agreement with local Hoboken agencies and the Federal Housing Authority."

The heretofore secret contract award yesterday overshadowed a demand by the Hoboken Retail Merchant Bureau, calling for the resignation of all Hoboken officials involved with the Grogan Marineview Plaza construction over the past few years.

The resignation proposal was made by Hoboken Retail Bureau member William "Bill" Roth, a local jeweler, who at one time served as a member of the same Hoboken Parking Authority he now seeks to strip of power.

Roth said he'd like to see resignations submitted by Mayor DePascale, the five Parking Authority members and members of Hoboken's Housing Authority. He excluded Housing Authority members Leo Smith and Martin Brennan from the resignation demand.

Asked to comment, Mayor DePascale said of Roth's demand, "it's stupid and silly. It's a case of sour grapes on the part of Mr. Roth, who was dropped as a one time member of the same Parking Authority. I never lost faith in our city's present Parking Authority, or in the belief that Grogan Marineview Plaza would actually become a reality. Not that it is Mr. Roth seeks to belittle the project. As a city businessman, he should be supporting the Plaza Project and the Parking Authority, not condemning it."

## City council will go after cash from Stevens and PA

With only one informal meeting under the belt, the Hoboken City Council has already noticed that there is \$125,000 missing from Mayor Louis DePascale's proposed 1973 budget that had been counted as assets in the 1972 budget.

The money comes from two sources—\$50,000 from Stevens Institute of Technology as its "contribution" to the city and \$75,000 from the Port Authority for the piers it operates in Hoboken.

Mayor Louis DePascale, who attended the informal session with the council Saturday, asserted that the funds had been omitted because of an oversight

and that they were still coming for 1973.

However, the council isn't taking the mayor at his word and plans to check out both sources to see if Hoboken can again count on the funds.

The college is under no obligation to pay the \$50,000. It is a voluntary contribution to the city which can be cut anytime the college feels like it, one councilman pointed out.

On the other hand, the Port Authority contribution is guaranteed by contract. That contract was re-negotiated a few years ago by DePascale so that Hoboken would receive higher annual payments from the PA

but the length of the contract was reduced.

"We're going to review the contract just to make sure that we will be getting that \$75,000 this year," a council source said.

"We also plan to contact officials at Stevens to see what they expect to do," he added.

If, as the mayor asserts, the funds are coming it would mean something of a windfall for local taxpayers. The mayor's preliminary budget currently has it a tax reduction of approximately 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This is without the \$125,000 in additional assets from Stevens and the PA.

## It'll Be a Bitter Battle

Councilman Steve Cappiello unveiled his ticket in the Hoboken election over the weekend and it looks as though the fight in the Mile-Square City is on in earnest. Mr. Cappiello is out to unseat Mayor Louis DePascale and, on the face of things, he has a good shot.

The real significance is not in the slate that Mr. Cappiello has put together—and it is a completely valid one—but in the county-level support he apparently is getting. Representatives were at his kickoff from the old-line and Coalition forces alike.

And, let's not forget that the Republicans are in here, too, along with Hoboken City Democratic Chairman James F. Quinn, who doubles as county clerk. It is a rather imposing array with State Sen. William V. Musto and former State Sen. Frank Guarini also at Saturday's event.

This all doesn't spell out anything happy for Mr. DePascale, not a bit. Then add to this the problems of the Grogan Marineview Plaza project, on which the mayor has, once again, promised a start. The future appears dim and cloudy, not bright and clear.

Mr. DePascale has continually asserted that he is going to run again for mayor, regardless of what forces are lined up against him. He reportedly has been offered significant county posts to get him out of the contest and bring about party unity in the city.

However, at this point, all of these moves have failed; Mr. DePascale is still running and an extremely bitter May collision can be anticipated. The forces are lining up and, so far, the strength appears to lie with Mr. Cappiello. But, of course, things can change.

## He'd Better Be Right . . .

Ever since 1967 we've heard those optimistic statements that the controversial Grogan Marineview Plaza project is "just around the corner." Now, that's the theme again, but, perhaps this time something may finally be happening in Hoboken.

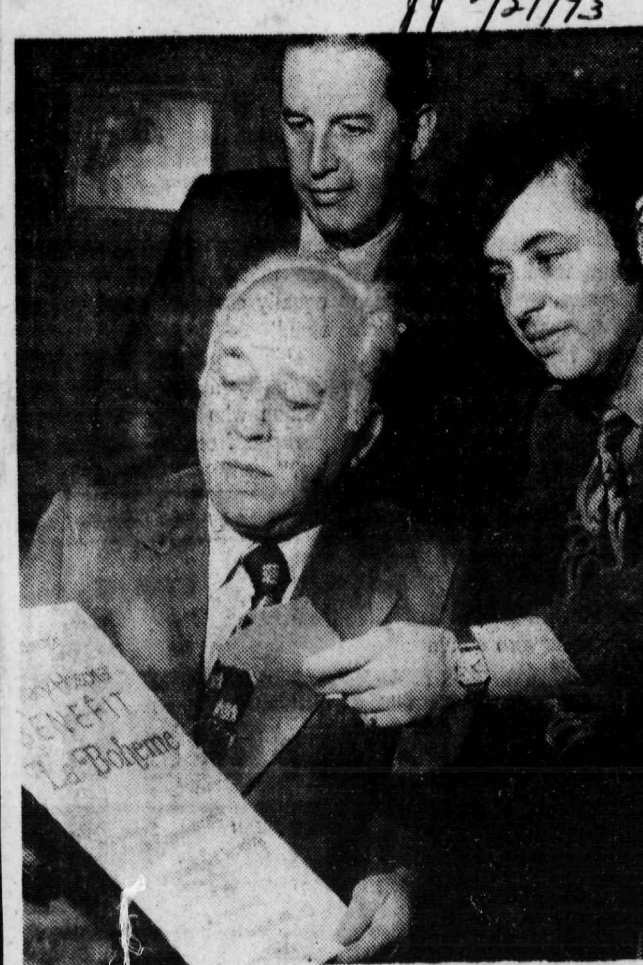
It's about time, for this situation about the "pie in the sky" project has been dragging along for so long that people, in general, are convinced they are being "taken for a ride." All so far that can be seen on the site are heaps of rubble.

Now, it's been learned, the city's parking authority, already quite deeply into the Grogan project financially, has awarded a \$6.8-million contract to a New York City construction firm to build more than 1,600 garages as part of the complex.

Mayor Louis DePascale, as he has done on numerous occasions in the past, jumped right into the picture by asserting: "The Grogan Plaza project is finally off the ground." Oh, where have we heard this before? Now groundbreaking is seen for March.

There's an election coming up in May and a lot of officials had better have some good answers if that long-awaited construction doesn't start. The project can very well become a valid issue in any campaign based on what has or has not been accomplished for the Mile-Square City.

So far, all the people have gotten is promises, promises, along with their tax bills. Maybe Mayor DePascale is correct this time; he'd better be for his own political future. Things look better, but the people have been fooled before.



HOSPITAL BENEFIT — Mayor Louis DePascale purchased the first tickets for Hoboken Opera Association benefit performance of "La Boheme" sponsored by St. Mary Hospital from Eugene Failla, Jr., general manager of the opera company. Looking on is Lawrence P. Ward, assistant director of the hospital.

## Councilmen choose Mongiello as chief

The Hoboken City Council is officially short one man.

Thomas A. Gallo has resigned — as promised — leaving the council with only eight members and with Councilman-at-large Stephen E. Mongiello as the new council president.

Gallo, who had promised to resign from the council if successful in last month's special District 12C Assembly election to fill the unexpired term of the late Silvio J. Failla, submitted his resignation in writing to City Clerk Anthony J. Amoroso after yesterday's council session was called to order.

The letter read: "As you know, I have now assumed my duties as a state assemblyman representing the Hoboken-North Hudson District. Because I now occupy this position I am submitting my resignation today as a member of the Hoboken City Council."

"I have served on this governing body since 1960 as council president. I have had the privilege and opportunity of representing the people of the city and I have had a voice in determining many of the great programs which Hoboken has undertaken. I shall always remain grateful for the opportunity which the people of my city have given me."

"I have great confidence in the future of our city. We occupy a place in the heart of the metropolitan area which gives us

a distinct advantage. It is this advantage that I know you will use to the fullest as you develop and plan for Hoboken's future growth."

"Although I am now stepping down from my place on the council, I can assure you that I will continue to work for our city in Trenton. Hoboken's future is still of vital concern to me and I know that by working together we can build an even better city."

The resignation was accepted and the council unanimously elected Mongiello to replace Gallo as council president.

During its regular business session, the council received bids on insurance of all city vehicles and property, gasoline and motor oil for all city vehicles for all city cars and trucks, and a proposal for three new police cars.

The Garibaldi Agency submitted a proposal calling for a fee of \$56,745 for the insurance; Exxon Corp. bid \$11,600 for the gas and motor oil, Center Ford submitted a proposal of \$12,900 for the three cars.

The proposals were referred to department directors for study. A resolution calling on the state Assembly and Senate to approve a rent control bill for the state was unanimously passed by the council.

So was a resolution asking those two state bodies to change the foreclosure laws so that a municipality can foreclose on a property after two years, rather than the current four years.

Thomas Vezzetti, a candidate for mayor, asked Councilmen Steve Cappiello, Anthony H. Romano and Louis Francone to resign from the council, charging that they were in conflict of interest because they held other city jobs.

## Three film for tots at library

The Hoboken Peoples' Park Committee will sponsor the third in the series of "Films for Tots" tomorrow at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Public Library's children's reading room.

The films are Alexander and the Car with the Missing Headlight, My Dog Is Lost, and Paddle to the Sea.

The series is produced in cooperation with the library and the Police Community Relations Bureau.

## Cappiello, Fusilli

# Act to Protect City's Tenants

Hoboken Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello together with Hudson County Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli yesterday took positive action in an all-out effort to protect city rentpaying residents from careless landlords.

Cappiello, who is one of the major candidates for Hoboken mayor on May 8, has taken a personal interest in a tenant protection ordinance presently in force in Ridgefield, an ordinance this week upheld as valid by superior court action in Hackensack.

Pointing out that Ridgefield's tenant protection ordinance requires landlords to deposit security for emergency repairs in the interest of public health and safety, Cappiello said "I've always been critical of certain out-of-town landlords who simply ignore normal standards of safety and health conditions within dwellings in our city."

In fact, I've been instrumental in court action against quite a few of such property owners who do not live up to our health and safety codes."

Cappiello, recognized as one of the city's large property owners involved in the purchase and sale of real estate over the years, said, "With cooperation of the members of city council, and the backing of our Hudson County Freeholders, I hope to introduce such an ordinance as Ridgefield has done to protect our Hoboken rentpayers."

Cappiello has been reported as favoring a rent control ordinance to be placed on the referendum in November, as opposed to having the same rent control question decided by the Hoboken voters at the May 8 election polls. The latter plan was suggested by Sixth Ward Councilman Edward McLaughlin, Cappiello declared, "I feel the tenant protection ordinance is just as important at this time." McLaughlin is

also one of the top candidates for Hoboken mayor on May 8. Late yesterday afternoon, Cappiello instructed City Clerk Anthony Amoroso to obtain a copy of the Ridgefield ordinance for immediate study by Hoboken officials.

## \$4 Tax Drop Is Predicted By DePascale

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale has predicted a new drop in the city's tax rate, probably as much as \$4.

DePascale, seeking his third term as the city's chief executive on May 8, discussed facets of the 1973 municipal budget with Chamber of Commerce officials in his office Thursday.

He explained at that time that some amendments will be made to include items inadvertently omitted.

"I feel the current tax rate of \$104.42 per \$1,000 assessed valuation may be lowered close to the \$100 figure," DePascale said he told chamber officials. The Hoboken budget is scheduled for a public hearing at 8 p.m. Friday in Hoboken High School. City council members are presently studying the mayor's budget requests.

"Cuba is 90 miles away from Florida but in between there is a whole ocean," said a middle-aged man in one of the "bodegas" (small Cuban grocery) trying to explain how close and distant his country is.

In any event, Cubans, although not adapted to American ways, do want to become citizens. All the businessmen on Bergenline av. who were interviewed said they saw the need for a voice in local affairs.