

Movies Come to Life in Hoboken

7/24/75
H. D.



Hoboken violinist Lorrie Blumberg plucks before Humpty Hoboken booth.

Andy Hardy movies were something like it. The scene where the whole town goes on a picnic, eats watermelon and lolls in the grass and all the boys and girls link arms and sing school songs around a campfire.

The day is always balmy. The river laps lazily against the shore. Voices rise in a contented spiral as friends after friend gets called onto the circle.

Only yesterday it wasn't Andy and his crew who were drawing all the crowds together and it wasn't an MGM set they were assembled on.

The attraction was Hoboken's River City Festival and the setting was the Stevens Piers at the foot of Eighth st. and Shore rd.

There was a small crowd at noon Saturday that swelled to a mass of people who munched corn on the cob, sucked watermelon, pulled crabs out of the river and sat cross legged or on folding chairs as professionals like Pete Seeger entertained with folk music.

There was a King and Queen fair baby contest Sunday that drew the biggest crowds of the day and left people wildly clicking pictures as Board of Education Member James Farina crowned the River Fair's first King, 5-year-old Vincent Pasculli, 6 Willow Ter. and first Queen, Lucille Dougherty, 6, 1211 Garden st.

Contest coordinators Nancy Pasquale and Maurice Fitzgibbons, said the Royal duo will preside over a variety of other community gatherings planned for the fall and winter and will next year preside over the city's second annual King and Queen contest.



Singer and Environmentalist Pete Seeger entertains the crowds.

See End to Hoboken Water Main Breaks

7/17/75
H. D.

Hoboken has worked out a solution to a water pressure problem that has been causing city water lines to burst over the weekends leaving thousands of families without toilet facilities or drinking water.

Deputy Public Works Director Carmine Cuttito has reached an agreement with Jersey City's Water Department whereby Hoboken personnel will supervise water pressure over the weekends and notify Jersey City — which supplies Hoboken with water — when the pressure rises and the threat of a break is imminent.

Cuttito said that for the time being, Hoboken will install a low cost pressure gauge on a fire hydrant close to the Jersey City-Hoboken border.

A Hoboken man will inspect the gauge "every two or three hours over the weekends," Cuttito said, if the pressure mounts from 55 or 60 lbs. to 70 or 80 lbs., the man will call a 24-hour emergency number in Jersey City and a worker there will take steps to reduce the pressure.

Eventually, Hoboken plans to install a water pressure gauge in the fire house on 2nd and Jefferson sts.

Hoboken has been plagued with a series of late night and early morning water line breaks ever since the start of the summer.



Thomas Spinoso of Newark Museum shows off a Florida crocodile to Hoboken youngsters.

In between the contest and the songs, an estimated 5,000 people moved musingly from exhibit to exhibit sampling Italian delicacies, looking at portraits and impressionist drawings done by local artists, listening to the Hoboken Environmental Association warn about the dangers of pollution and the threat to the city's waterfront posed by the contemplated Cosmopolitan Oil tank farm.

At the south end of the pier grounds, Donald Fontanna, 7, and his sister, Donna, 9, laughed over the queer looking Iguana and the rabbit from the Newark Children's zoo and proclaimed the fair "pretty good fun."

Even the police patrolling quietly in the background to insure security were impressed, "Hoboken should have more stuff like this," several of them said, and seemed to mean it in spite of the heat, their sunburn and their constant acknowledgement that their feet hurt.

Spectator Ambrose Hildeman, 622 Garden st., saw the fair as more than just a pleasant two day fling. "This is good for the city," he said, "if people knew we were doing this, we'd attract more here and it'd give the city the boost it needs."

Coordinators Peter Beronia and Maureen Singleton were pleased enough with the crowds who did come and the pleasant atmosphere they created to talk about more fairs for the fall and maybe winter.

Beronia said there may be a late September or early October fair with the emphasis less on environment and more on fun, more music, more games, and a broader spectrum of entertainers.

The weekend's two day fair was a joint project of the city's Community Development Center and Stevens Tech.

Captive audience Mayor, directors to attend sessions

The Hoboken City Council will be assured of at least six regular spectators at its twice-a-month meetings if it approves a resolution today setting down its new rules and regulations.

The spectators will be Mayor Steve Cappiello and five of his department directors who, under the new rules, must attend all council meetings unless previously excused by the council president.

A council spokesman pointed out that the mayor was not required to attend as mayor but in his dual capacity as Public Safety Director. It is also stated in the new rules that failure of any of the officials to regularly attend the council meetings may "constitute cause for the official's removal from office."

Besides the mayor, the other directors who are expected to attend the meetings are Business Administrator Herman Bier, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, Revenue and Finance Director Frank J. Bartlett, Law Director Lawrence Florio and Community Development Agency (CDA) Director Michael Coleman, or his replacement if Coleman goes through with his planned resignation.

"We are trying to open up the council meeting and keep the public as well informed as possible," said one councilman. "Should questions arise during the course of any given meeting concerning the operation of any of the various departments the proper officials will be on hand to give the answers or clarify any misunderstandings."

He explained that under the old rules the directors were not required to attend the meetings so when problems arose concerning their departments the council was unable to give any immediate answers.

"We would have to wait until the meeting was over and then go talk with the respective directors or have the city clerk write him a memo," he continued. "If the question was asked by a citizen it would be another two weeks before he or she got an answer from the council at the next meeting."

The rules also change the time for the council's monthly day meeting from 11 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month to 10 a.m. The night meeting on the third Wednesday remains at 7 p.m.

Citizens will be allowed to address the council on both resolutions and ordinances provided they notify the city clerk in advance. No notification is needed if there is to be a regular public hearing on ordinances.

Non-residents will also be allowed to address the council on both matters provided they notify the city clerk in advance and the council votes to allow the citizen to speak.

All speakers will be limited to a five minute time period — it used to be 10 minutes — which the city council president can extend for another five minutes. But no citizen will be allowed to speak for more than 10 minutes on any one subject.

City workers face tickets for parking around City Hall

Hoboken police are again putting the pressure on motorists who illegally park around City Hall regardless of the fact that some of them may be city officials, employees and policemen.

Police Chief George W. Crimmins sent a notice around the building today to all departments and directors advising them that the parking situation around the building was again getting out of hand and interfering with city business.

"I have asked the directors to pass the word along to their employees that starting this week all cars will be getting summonses, regardless of any official business signs that may be stuck in the windshields, if they are parked illegally around the building," said the chief.

Crimmins said that he has instructed his uniform division commanders to have the jail doorman make hourly checks during the day and issue the summonses, regardless of who the cars belong to.

The chief said that this started today but the doorman was instructed to give out only warnings today and start with the tickets tomorrow.

"The violations include parking in bus stops, parking by hydrants, double parking, parking in no parking areas and overtime parking at meters," he added.

Hoboken officials reach decision on closed street

Beginning with the Aug. 20 meeting of the Hoboken City Council all city directors will have to be present at the sessions whether they like it or not — and some don't.

By a vote of 6-1 the council yesterday approved new rules and procedures for its twice-a-month meetings, including a requirement for all directors to attend the meetings under the threat of dismissal if they don't.

Mayor Steve Cappiello also will have to attend the sessions since he is the city's public safety director.

While all of the directors said they would comply with the council's new rule, it was learned that one plans to ask the city's law department if the council has the right and authority to issue such a directive to the department heads.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said he would attend the council meetings but as an afterthought he planned to ask the law department for an informal ruling on the council's action.

"I think most of the councilmen know that if they want me to attend a meeting all they have to do is ask me beforehand and I'll be there," he said. "But I'm not so sure they have the right to order us to attend."

"The directors are appointed by the mayor and serve at his pleasure. If the mayor orders the directors to attend all

council meetings there isn't any doubt that we would have to attend. But I don't believe the council has the authority."

The new rules also change the starting time for the council's first meeting of the month — held during the day of the first Wednesday — from 11 a.m. to 10 a.m.

In other business, the council approved a contract between the city and the state for renewal of the Urban Rodent and Insect Control Program and \$128,314 in state funds for the operation of the six-year-old program.

A \$25,543 contract was awarded to the Cummings Co. for furnishing the city with a bucket truck body for use in the Public Safety Department's Traffic and Signal Division. The bucket or "cherry picker," when mounted on a truck is used to repair traffic lights and other aerial work.

City taxpayers were given a two-week extension to get their third quarter taxes paid. The final date was pushed back to Aug. 22 by the council.

Francis Chevrolet of Irvington was

EPA gets five overdue reports on sewage plant

Five of the six overdue sewage treatment reports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) demanded Hoboken complete under threat of a \$25,000 fine are on their way to the EPA's regional office in New York, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

"I believe we're out from under the gun," said Vitale, "and most of the credit goes to Charles Schmidt, our treatment plant supervisor, and Henry Maier, the city's chemist. They put in a lot of hours in the last two weeks getting the information we needed for the reports and preparing them."

The EPA had given Hoboken until yesterday to file the reports and had

threatened to invoke a \$25,000 a day penalty for every day after that they weren't in hand. City officials also faced civil and criminal charges for failing to comply.

According to Vitale, the sixth report, the one the city did not send, still hasn't been prepared and may not be for sometime to come. However, a letter is being sent to the EPA by Mayo, Lynch and Associates explaining why.

"This report deals with the steps the city is taking to implement certain improvements in the treatment operation," said Vitale. "The problem is that we are still uncertain as to what the future holds in store for a county-wide sewage treatment operation."

"If we have to implement the improvements could become a part of the for Hoboken taxpayers. But if we wait, the improvements could be come a part of the regional plan and be paid for with state and federal funds."

Hoboken receives \$6,000 dock rent

A \$6,000 payment from Cosmopolitan Terminals Inc. to Hoboken as its share of the rent money the firm has been getting for dock space at the old Todd Shipyard will be accepted by the city, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

"According to the maps of the area showing the boundary between Hoboken and Weehawken, the \$6,000 is a fair price," said the mayor. "The firm has not been paying its taxes to Hoboken and a tax lien has been placed on the property. This gives the city the right to collect any rents being collected by the firm for the use of the area."

Although the city will accept the payment when it arrives sometime this week, the mayor said it will not sway the city from meeting its legal obligations on the property.

Pupils teach selves in Stevens program

Area high school students, most of whom will enter their senior year this fall, are enrolled at Stevens Institute of Technology in a unique program where they teach themselves chemistry, physics, mathematics and computer programming for college credit.

Students use the Personalized System of Instruction (PSI) when they teach themselves in Stevens' Move Ahead Program (MAP).

Of the 53 students enrolled in the 1975 program high school students from Hudson County include: Sebastian Andreatto and Adolfo Carmona of West New York; and Cataldo DePinto, Bloomfield Street, and Gerard Pendrick 7th Street, both of Hoboken and Allan Lapping, Jersey City.

According to Dr. Myron E. White, professor of mathematics at Stevens and director of MAP, the students use PSI, also known as the Keller Plan, to proceed at their own pace through selected courses including general chemistry, mathematical analysis, introduction to computers and assemblers using Macro-10 and FORTRAN programming, and mechanics, a freshman physics course.

The students teach themselves, working at hours of their own choosing. There are no class and lecture sessions, although an instructor will be available at scheduled hours to assist a student with a problem.

Each course is broken down in roughly 15 units and the student receives a text and specially prepared study guide for each unit. The guide informs the student what is to be learned from each unit, suggests a procedure and provides explanatory material for the test to be taken at the end of each unit.

After the student feels he has completed a unit, he reports to his instructor for a 15-minute mastery test. When the test is completed, the instructor corrects it in the presence of the student and reviews it with him. If the test is successfully completed, the student moves on to the next unit.

If the test indicates the student needs additional work on the unit, he is asked to review the unit and report again for another test. The grade received in the course depends on the number of units successfully completed and a final exam.

According to Dr. White, PSI removes psychological pressures felt by students in conventional classroom settings. Working on their own schedules and taking mastery tests when they feel they are ready removes a lot of the anxiety associated by the students and quizzes.

Using the Keller Plan, a student can complete a one-term college course within a three-week period. The average MAP student spends five weeks at Stevens.

The Move Ahead Program is one of the special programs that Stevens offers high school students during both the summer and regular academic year to promote an interest in engineering, science and mathematics.

Stevens aiding minority students

With hopes of qualifying for engineering school, 93 minority high school students have taken courses in mathematics, science and computers during a six-week specialized summer study program at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.

Another 35 minority students who have been accepted by Stevens for the fall term participated in the session, attending lectures to prepare them for the rigors of college study.

The 93 high schoolers will be returning to New York metropolitan area schools for regular studies in September.

Financed by "Upward Bound" funds of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and by corporations and foundations, the program is known as the Stevens Technical Enrichment Program (STEP). Now in its eighth year, this is the first in which new STEP participants have consisted almost entirely of engineering-minded students.

The STEP staff consists of 23 teachers drawn from the Stevens faculty and from high schools in the area, along with 19 Stevens undergraduates who tutor individual students after class and in the evening.

Potential engineering and science students are identified by STEP as early as the 9th grade, the major determinant being the students' abilities and interest in mathematics. Once selected, the pre-college students attend Saturday morning classes at Stevens, during the school year. Their tutors aid the students with the course work and in developing the study skills and habits needed in college. Each student's progress is carefully monitored and problem areas are catered to.

Counselors help students to cope with personal and emotional problems.

Dr. Mullins conducts a course for the students about to enter college called "Perspectives in Higher Education." Popularly known as the "survival course" its purpose is to help students continue in college once they enter.

Fridays were given to field trips to various corporations in the area to acquaint students with how business and industry operate. Some of the firms visited are Exxon Corporation, Xerox, Public Service Gas and Electric's steam and nuclear power generating stations, General Food's Maxwell House Coffee Plants, Port Authority installations and the I.B.M. computer center in Kingston, N.Y.

Exxon, General Electric, New York Times Foundation, Prudential Insurance Co., the Shuman Foundation of New York and the Engineering Council for Professional Development contribute to STEP's support.

STEP concentrates on the high schools of northern New Jersey and New York City for its students.

"Concentrating on engineering-bound and science-bound students this year has helped us attain a higher level of effectiveness than was possible earlier," Dr. Mullins says, "Next year should be even better than this one in terms of results."

The one aspect of the program that will demand the greatest amount of attention in the future, Dr. Mullins feels is the shortening of the preparation time for "late discoverers," those who don't realize they have an aptitude or liking for math and science until late in their high school careers.

STEP has to figure out a means of helping such students get the courses they need in time for graduation," Dr. Mullins says. "Once we find the answers, we will come closer to producing the largest possible number of engineering and science degrees from among qualified minority students."

Contractor won't be paid until he guards trenches

A \$275,000 payment to the contractor installing new water lines in Hoboken has been held up by the city council until the contractor can show the council he is providing all necessary safeguards and precautions at sites where the streets have been opened.

Led by First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano, the council voted 4-3

to hold up the check which is due to the Spiniello Construction Co. of Newark.

"I've gotten too many complaints about open excavations that weren't guarded by warning lights or barriers, and from my own observations most of them are justified," said the councilman. "I realize we have an obligation to pay the company for the work it has done but until it can show us some improvements in its safety precautions, not just make promises, the check should be held up."

Voting with Romano against the payment were Second Ward Councilman Walter Cramer, Council President Martin J. Brennan of the Fifth Ward, and Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti. Voting for payment were Third Ward Councilman Salvatore Cemelli, Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francone, and Councilman-at-large Bernard Scriveri.

Councilmen-at-large Robert A. Ranieri and Francis K. Leahy did not attend the meeting. Both are on vacation for a few days.

According to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, the contractor has already been warned about the problems and has promised to take the necessary steps to correct the situation.

Vitale, after receiving a complaint Tuesday from Andrew J. Amato of the Hoboken Outlook, said he contacted the contractor yesterday morning before the council meeting—and advised him of the problems.

One of Amato's trucks had bottomed out on one of the open excavations damaging the motor. Vitale said that this was a matter for Amato's attorney and the company to work out with the company's insurance carrier. However, the conditions do present some opportunity for personal injuries to citizens.

"Should anyone be injured I imagine they will sue the company," said Vitale. "But the city would like to see adequate safety precautions taken before anyone gets hurt. I have talked with company officials and they assure me that everything possible will be done."

Vitale added that on streets where the company has already finished putting in the new water lines additional work will be done to put the streets back into top condition.

"The trenches where the new pipes were laid have been filled in and asphalted but this is only a temporary measure while the fill settles," he said. "Once the fill has settled the trenches will be asphalted again and brought to street level."

Vitale urges emergency work atop City Hall

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today he will ask the Hoboken City Council for approval to make emergency repairs to the top of City Hall.

According to Vitale, engineers making a survey of the building for a beautification plan have found that much of the brickwork along the edge of the top of the building has deteriorated and could fall.

"The engineers found that most of the brickwork is in need of attention and in several spots it should be taken apart and cemented again," he said. "The decorative masonry work along the top is also crumbling and should be removed and, if possible, restored."

"They also found that the chimney is approximately six inches out of line and should be taken down and rebuilt. The copper sheet metal edging around the edge of the building has started pulling away from the roof and the bottom portion of the rear fire escape has started to rust away."

Vitale said that he believed that city workers could do most of the work, saving the cost of bringing in outside contractors and having them bid on the job.

"The main thing, for the moment, is to make the building safe so no one is injured by portions of the decorative masonry work that might fall off," he said.

Viets Blend Well Into Hoboken Pattern

Tuesday, August 5, 1975

The Dispatch
TODAY
SECTION 2

By MARY ANN SHERMAN
For the 14 Vietnamese families who moved to Hoboken more than two months ago, fleeing a war-ravaged country seems to have been accomplished as easily as an American family deals with a corporate transfer.

Many speak no English and are clinging to the camps for fear of what awaits them outside.
But then, they don't have the legal and financial support of a large American corporation like the Chase Manhattan Bank.
At least one member of each of the 14 families now living at Grogan Marine Plaza was employed by the Saigon branch of Chase Manhattan. Since banking procedures are practically an inter-



Ngyen Thia Giangha decorates her new Hoboken apartment.

national language, transferring their skills and finding jobs here was no problem for many of them.

Have Degrees
In addition, a number of the refugees in Hoboken have advanced degrees and are bi- and even tri-lingual. Most of the adults speak English. And many are familiar with the West through vacations and brief periods of living in Europe.

Chase has lent them money to furnish apartments and is sponsoring English classes with the Hoboken Board of Education for both children and adults.

"We are very fortunate," says Huynh Dung, the wife of Dr. An Vy Gia. (In Vietnamese, family names are written first.) "Chase has done a lot for us."

For Mrs. An, the evacuation has meant a change from life as a career woman to that of a housewife staying home, watching her two sons. In Saigon, she put her master's degree in economics and fluency in French, Spanish, English and Vietnamese to work for the National Bank of Vietnam. Officials at Chase say they are trying to find a spot for her here.

Meanwhile, she is teaching English in Hoboken's special summer program.

Is a Doctor
Dr. An, who worked as the physician for Chase in Saigon, must perform clerical work for the bank here, because he does not have an American medical license.

His salary does not go far. Of his total \$480 a month, \$300 goes for rent at the Hoboken highrise. And he must wait until his wife finds a job before starting the two years required study for his license.

Yet sitting in their sparsely furnished apartment, the highly educated and sophisticated Ans sound more like graduate students who must live through a frugal period before enjoying the better life they have worked for.

Because the new Hoboken residents have lived in Belgium, adjusting to the New York metropolitan area is no problem. And as Mrs. An put it, there are so many different nationalities living in Hoboken, they don't feel out of place.

In a similar situation is Nguyen Thia Giang Ha who has adopted the American name of "Anna." A beautiful woman in

her 30's, Anna also worked for Chase in Saigon.

Shares Apartment
In Hoboken, Anna shares an apartment with another Chase employee, Dang Ngoc Ha; Ha's 13-year-old sister Cam, and her brother Quong. Cam will enter sixth grade in Hoboken in September.

Quong, who has a shipbuilding business in Asia, will soon return to Singapore to look after it.

The group has created a warm, cheery apartment with brightly colored furniture and Oriental prints brought here. American paperbacks already line a shelf. They have a good view of the Manhattan skyline.

They say they are homesick but that they are adjusting. Eventually, Anna wants to move to Paris to be with her two sisters and near a brother in Holland.

Anna left her mother, a sister and three brothers in Saigon. She has not heard from them since she left because the United States does not service letters addressed to Vietnam. Thus, her family does not know where to write to her here.

Besides family, these refugees have also left behind a higher standard of living. Anna mentioned that since all of the adults in her family had jobs, they employed a housekeeper to care for their home. The Ans left a home and two cars.

Anna says that for many of the wives of Chase employees, the change has been great because instead of pursuing their careers, they are now home, caring for the children, a job which in Saigon was done by the housekeeper.

Yet they say they are lucky. Staunchly anti-Communist, they say that at least here they will be free to be Vietnamese.

Too diplomatic to say what they don't like about America, these refugees say simply that they have been too busy trying to survive to notice.

But they do admit they've had some surprises. Anna was amazed to see indigents sleeping out on the street and also at the ease with which the American young admit their parents to nursing homes.

And Dr. An, a North Vietnamese who emigrated to the South in 1954, is adamant that he will teach his children to uphold the virtues revered in Vietnam: for which his sons are named.

The 8-year-old, Trung, is named for the virtue "fidelity," and 5-year-old Hieu is named for "pity."

"I want my sons to take what is best from both cultures," Dr. An says. "From our culture I want them to be faithful to the tradition of caring for each other and their parents. I want them to respect us. In Asia, we never send grandparents to nursing homes. They are looked on as advisers."

And also a tradition in Vietnam for 4,000 years, is pity (compassion). We believe you must strive for those virtues even if you are poor. With them a man becomes the exact meaning of 'gentleman'.

"Both are very simple. But in a way they are too much and too hard."

All of these Vietnamese agreed that the greatest thing the United States can give them is freedom.



Dang Ngoc Quang, with the view of Manhattan in background, talks to his sister, Ha.

Bado makes bid for CDA post in Hoboken
8/13/75 J. J.

Fred Bado Jr., an attorney and deputy director of the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA), formerly Model Cities, has thrown his hat into the ring as a replacement for Michael Coleman, the current director, should the city decide to accept Coleman's resignation, it was learned today.

According to a high city source, Bado has written Mayor Steve Cappiello, the appointing authority, that he is interested in the job should Coleman leave the agency.

The mayor declined to comment on whether he had received such a letter from Bado but did say that he might be one of those considered as a replacement for Coleman.

Meanwhile, council sources report that at least five of the nine councilmen are now willing to accept Coleman's resignation, one is questionable, and three want Coleman to stay on as head of the CDA.

The source declined to name the councilman against reappointing Coleman and accepting his resignation but said that they also plan to vote against the pay raises he proposed for CDA staff members.

An ordinance was introduced to the council on July 2 giving CDA employees raises ranging from \$3,500 for top key personnel to an average \$1,500 for lower grade workers. The ordinance was tabled when several councilmen objected to the size of the raises in view of the \$750 increases being given to most regular city employees. No further action was taken on the ordinance at the council's July 16 or Aug. 6 meetings.

The council source said that the council plans to reduce the pay hikes recommended by Coleman to what city employees got — \$750 for the lower grade workers and \$1,200 for the top administrators. He said that the revised ordinance will probably be introduced at the council's meeting next Wednesday night.

Cab firms told to follow rules or lose licenses
8/13/75 J. J.

Taxicab companies based in Hoboken have been warned that they had better "stay in line" or face the loss of their licenses to operate in the city.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that on his orders the city's transportation inspector has been keeping close track of the taxi operations and issuing warnings to companies and drivers who don't follow the rules and regulations.

"I ordered the checks made because I had received too many complaints about the taxis from citizens," Cappiello continued. "There have been numerous reports of parking violations in and around the main hack stand at the PATH terminal as well as complaints about rude and discourteous drivers."

Cappiello said that the inspector is keeping a log on the various companies and their drivers dealing with complaints and violations.

"Anyone can make a mistake or have a lapse now and then," continued the mayor. "But if we find that any one driver or company makes a habit of violating the rules and regulations governing taxi operations in the city we will move to void the company's license and the driver's hack permit."

Hoboken Settles Assessment Dispute With Bethlehem

Hoboken has officially settled its tax dispute with the Bethlehem Steel Corp.

The city council yesterday unanimously voted to accept a \$8.4 million tax assessment settlement on property Bethlehem Steel owns in the northern section of the city.

Council President Martin Brennan called the settlement "a very fair deal for the city" and said Mayor Steve Cappiello deserves commendation for the "many long hours he put in bringing this thing to a successful conclusion."

For more than three years Bethlehem has been appealing the \$9.7 million assessment city assessors put on the property.

The corporation, one of the city's biggest industries, contended its buildings and land between 1201 and 1321 Hudson st. were only worth around \$5 million.

The company and the city

agreed on a compromise figure just days before the matter was to have been decided in the state court of Tax Appeals.

Only one objection to the settlement was raised at yesterday's meeting. Tom Vezzetti, owner of the Madison Tavern at 14th and Washington st., called the settlement "too low" and assailed the council for failing "to fight it out in the courts."

In other business, the council ordered the city clerk to write the state Civil Service Division asking for an investigation of a resident's complaint that she had been discriminated against in an application for the city employment.

Second ward councilman Walter Cramer urged the council to demand the investigation after revealing that one of his constituents, Shirley Sturtz, 1034 Washington st., had written him complaining of being "unfairly treated by some

people in Hoboken in respect to a position open for competition in the Civil Service in Hoboken."

Mrs. Sturtz complained that although she came out number one on a civil service test for a clinic attendant and was "justly and legally entitled to the job," Public Works Director Raphael Vitale had told her he was not hiring for the position while simultaneously hiring someone else.

Cramer said he is checking Vitale's contention that no one has been hired for the job because there's no money left in the budget" and also looking into the problem of why Civil Service would schedule an exam if no job was available.

Cramer said if someone else has been given the job Mrs. Sturtz qualified for, that person will be fired and his salary deleted from the payroll. "She

came out first," he said, "and deserved the job if it's there."

Vitale said the state has reduced funds for the board of health, and that the position is vacant and will stay vacant for the "foreseeable future."

There were reports, however, that Council-at-Large Robert Danieri opposes the settlement as too low. City Hall sources said Danieri wants the council to reject the settlement and leave it to the court of appeals to decide on a figure.

Ranieri however, was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

According to Brennan, if the settlement is accepted Bethlehem Steel will write a \$500,000 check for unpaid back taxes. The company has been withholding 25 per cent of its yearly taxes on the grounds that the assessment was under appeal. The property involved stretches from 1201 to 1321 Hudson st.

Bethlehem Steel Tax Accord Near

Hoboken is on the verge of ending its three-year tax assessment dispute with Bethlehem Steel, one of the city's biggest industries, for an assessment compromise \$3 million less than what the city was asking and \$1.4 million more than Bethlehem was offering.

If the city council at its meeting tomorrow accepts the settlement worked out by Mayor Steve Cappiello and Bethlehem executives, the company will drop its tax appeal case scheduled for a hearing later this month in the state court of tax appeals.

Bethlehem has been appealing the \$9.7 assessment the city put on its lands and

buildings in the northern section of the city since 1972.

The negotiated settlement will put the assessment at \$6.4 million and, according to Tax Assessor William Reynolds, will amount to \$694,592.

Council President Martin Brennan called the negotiated settlement "terrific" and commended the mayor and tax consultant Herbert Fine for doing a fine job.

Brennan said that at this time he hasn't heard criticism of the settlement from any member of the nine-member council and said he was fairly sure the compromise will be agreed to at tomorrow's 11 a.m. meeting.

Everybody concerned with Cosmopolitan Terminal's proposal to build oil tanks in Hoboken thinks the timing is wrong, but the State Department of Environmental Protection is not going to move forward its Aug. 18 public hearing on the terminal's application for riparian rights.

Acting Director of New Jersey's Division of Marine Services Donald T. Graham said yesterday the hearing will be held as scheduled because "we want to see this question resolved as soon as possible."

The hearing is to give city officials and residents a chance to make their views on the proposed oil tanks known to the state's Natural Resource Council.

Seek Postponement
Environmental groups and Cosmopolitan have asked the state to reschedule the hearing for September "when people will be back from

Discontent Won't Shift Cosmopolitan Hearings

vacation," but according to Graham, the state's only concession will be to schedule a second public hearing if one is warranted.

Graham said that hearing officer Donald Hetchka, a member of the council, will use the information the public supplies at the hearing to form a recommendation either accepting or rejecting the terminal's application.

He'll then submit his recommendation to the entire council which will decide if the application is to be granted. No time for a decision could be given.

Graham said, however, that the council wants to act as "expeditiously on the application as possible because the proposal's already been kicked around for years."

Need Federal Approval
If the council rejects the proposal, the oil tank farm can be killed, but if it accepts, Cosmopolitan still must convince federal officials, the Army Engineering Corps and city officials of the plan's feasibility.

The Army Engineering Corps recently did an environmental impact analysis of the plan but they are still reviewing their data and have not declared themselves either for or against the farm. City officials also are still debating its value although certain councilmen are swayed by the tax revenues, estimated as high as \$250,000 a year.

Environmental Drawbacks
Environmentalists say the farm will scar the city's waterfront, tie up resources that could be used for more aesthetic and recreational purposes and will create a danger to nearby residents and industries. They say a fire or explosion could occur at any time.

Cosmo has asked the Natural Resource Council, a division of the Department of Environmental Protection, to issue a permit allowing the terminal to fill in marshland on the easternmost section of the Weehawken-Hoboken border.

The land must be dredged and filled in before the tank farms can be built. The hearing will be in two parts, one scheduled at 1 a.m. in the Hoboken High School and the other at 7 p.m.

Hoboken Teachers Blast Board Stand on Report

By MARY ANN SHERMAN
Some 20 teachers attended the Hoboken Board of Education meeting last night support Mary Tecktonius, president of the Hoboken Teacher's Assn., as she criticized the board for rejecting a fact-finder's report which it hadn't read.

According to Miss Tecktonius, the board rejected the report of a fact-finder from the Public Employment Relations Committee (PERC) at the last negotiating session on July 28.

The board rejected the report through its attorney, Robert Taylor, who attended the meeting. But when Miss Tecktonius asked the board last night if it had read the four-page report, all of them said "no."

"The board can at least give us the courtesy of reading it," she said.

However, the board countered last night that it cannot discuss contract issues until it receives formal notification from the state of the amount of state aid the board will receive for the coming year.

The board adjourned last night, scheduling an "adjourned status meeting" for Aug. 26, hoping the notice will be received by then.

The fact-finder recommended that the teachers receive raises of 6.5 to eight per cent, the higher raises going to department heads.

Despite a loss in state aid close to \$800,000, Miss Tecktonius argues, the city can afford the recommended raises because of a \$350,000 surplus which she says was never included in the 1975-76 budget. When the HTA received an eight per cent raise last year, it cost the city approximately \$384,000.

Another major decision of the fact-finder was that the board does not have the right to remove certain articles from the contract. These include: teaching hours; teaching loads; calendar; sick leave; substitutes; and class size.

The board agreed to negotiate further, but only after receiving formal notice of state funding.

Safe, Clean streets to be first to go

The Safe and Clean Streets Program in Hoboken is going to be the first to suffer should the city get a reduction in state aid due to the fiscal crisis in Trenton, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

"It is a matter of financial priorities," said the mayor. "Those programs that require the biggest percentage of city funds will have to be the first to go. Safe and Clean Streets is a matching funds program in which the city puts up half of the cost and the state the other half."

One of the biggest advantages of the program in Hoboken has been the creation of a Tactical Patrol Force (TPF) which does most of the foot patrolling around the city. Recently, the TPF was credited with playing a major role in helping to reduce the city's crime rate from last year.

According to Cappiello, the state still has not decided what it is going to do about funding the Safe and Clean Streets program for another year, leaving the city with the prospect of picking up the total cost of the program while a decision is made.

"We can't afford it so there is the possibility that some men soon may have to be laid off and some work being done under the program stopped," he said.

Fusilli pushes county school head bill

Freeholder James Fusilli of Hoboken plans to ask the New Jersey Association of Freeholders today to support a measure which will give the state Senate the power to confirm county school superintendents. That power now lies with the State Board of Education.

Fusilli said Burke has appointed the state's 13 county superintendents on an acting basis and has urged them to support one bill which calls for a "thorough and efficient" education and another which would abolish three-year terms for the superintendents and cause them to serve at the pleasure of the state commissioner.

Fusilli labeled Burke's action as "a form of educational blackmail" and said freeholders throughout the state "will not stand and allow this to happen."

The freeholders are meeting today at the Old Orchard Country Club, Monmouth County.

Bus plan

It is too bad so few persons attended the Public Utility Commission hearing in Hoboken on the city's move to allow local officials to alter the crosstown bus service so the state agency no longer would have control over it.

The issue merited wider discussion by the public. Wider discussion would have established on a stronger basis the arguments in favor of dropping the line as it now exists.

More Hoboken citizens would be served if the present route were extended with the use of a mini-bus to the various housing projects in Hoboken.

The use of the mini-bus, a less expensive operation, thus could serve more people and cut down considerably on deficit operation, even if it failed to end it completely. The PUC would serve the public interest best by not insisting on maintaining the present route and schedules at a deficit.

Adults Give Lift to Hoboken Kids With a Dream

8/7/75 A.D.

A group of Hoboken youngsters working with several adult friends are trying to create what can be described as a capsule neighborhood: a home, a family, a business, a restaurant, a hang out, a recreation center, and a vocational school, all squeezed into one small storefront on Newark st.

In its original conception, the store named The Other Side, was to be a place where kids could make, design or fix a variety of products and then sell them to neighborhood residents.

Local craftsmen agreed to teach the kids skills like cabinetmaking, silk screening, furniture refinishing, carpentry, etc. and the kids were then to teach their skills to youngsters who might be interested.

With the country beset with inflation and high unemployment, the young people, who have the hardest time of anyone finding jobs, could employ themselves and, with the labor of their own hands, create the products that would make them economically self sufficient.

Vest Pocket Park

Since they opened the store at 152 Newark st. in May of this year, however, they have made just enough money to buy materials and supplies.

The \$125-a-month rent is paid by Don Cotter, a Hoboken accountant who has worked with youths all his life. The \$50-a-week salaries they were hoping to realize from their enterprise have not materialized, but instead of putting in less time on the project, they are putting in more.

They've almost completed construction of a vest pocket park and "turn of the century" cafe in the rear backyard.

For some of the hottest weeks in the summer, Geri Turner, 19, 1020 Hudson st.; Billy Lerdo, 20, 1207 Willow av.; Julio and Jose Reyes, 18, 1220 Hudson st.; Willy Lerdo, 24, 96 Clifton pl.; Jersey City and Juan "Beacon" Melendez, 23, 604 Adams st. lugged bricks, dug posts, built a canopy, painted walls, nailed together tables, cleaned out wheelbarrows full of garbage and carried in wheelbarrows full of sand and cement so they could build the cafe and surround it with "a pocket full of green in what had been a blighted tenement yard."

Small Melting Pot

They hope to open the cafe sometime in the next two weeks. Surrounded by a rock garden, a goldfish pond, a fountain, trees and shrubs, the cafe is to be a small neighborhood melting pot where mothers can bring their kids for homemade ice cream, working men can come for coffee or wine and cheese, and teenagers can come for freshly blended fruit drinks and the company of friends.

"Nobody has to buy anything," Melendez who manages the store, says, "people should just come in, browse, look, sit, relax, and if we can get it together listen to some of the entertainment we'd like to provide."

Most of the members of the group sing or act, not professionally, but with an energy and a freshness that's captivating.

Lerdo has the kind of voice and stage presence that people in show business generally tell each other to "keep an eye on."

He and the others plan on using the store as a kind of showcase for local talent. The kids will be putting together plays, making movies, staging jam sessions.

Seek \$7,000 Grant

If the cafe is successful, the young people are thinking of expanding it into a restaurant. They'd apprentice themselves out to local cooks to learn how to prepare the food and they'd teach themselves to be waiters and busboys.

To supplement the small income they receive from the sale of Tee shirts with Hoboken printed across them; from selling pottery, paintings, crafts, rugs and other items, the kids have applied for a modest \$7,000 grant from the city's community development agency.

If the grant is approved, Hoboken may become the first city in the nation to subsidize a business whose objectives aren't profit, but commercial revitalization, neighborhood betterment and social unity.

Cotter looks at it this way: "Without a particular job skill, there isn't much a kid can do to make a living for himself today. He either lives with his parents and hangs around doing things that often bore him and annoy others or he moves to his own apartment and supports himself washing dishes or taking any kind of work he can find."

Neighbors Lend Hand

"If you can get something started where a kid can have fun, be with people he likes, and at the same time learn a skill he can be proud of and make a living with, he's less likely to get into trouble and more likely to be happy."

If the Other Side survives the financial hassles of its first few months, however, it shows promise of doing more than that.

Neighbors have already stopped throwing garbage into the backyard out of respect for the work the kids have put in. Men from surrounding houses have helped carry in the long clumsy posts for the canopy and bags full of cement and sand for the brick floor for the cafe.

A woman living directly in back of the cafe has put new curtains on her windows fronting on the cafe. The green and white curtains blend in with the motif of the red, orange and yellow canopy just put in place in the yard.

If the Other Side succeeds, it would bring a breath of prosperity to the semi-residential downtown street spiced with multiple-dwelling houses.

It might start a trend in renovating backyards and it would definitely make the neighborhood closer, tighter knit. "It's to be a human space," Melendez and Cotter say. "It's for seniors, kids, teenagers, everyone. It's an attempt to soften for the community the hard edge of city living."

Cooler TNJ buses sought for Hoboken commuters

8/2/75 J.J.

A Hoboken councilman today threatened to organize a commuter demonstration against Transport of New Jersey (TNJ) unless it took immediate steps to upgrade bus service on its number 63 route between Hoboken and the Port Authority Terminal in New York.

First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano said today that the company has again diverted all of its air-conditioned vehicles to other routes leaving Hoboken commuters with all out-dated buses.

"This is not the first time this has happened," said the councilman. "It seems that everytime TNJ needs to shortchange one of its customers with service that is less than satisfactory, Hoboken is the victim."

A spokesman for the bus company said that its management had decided that its air-conditioned buses should be used on all of its longer runs. He said the company has approximately 1,800 buses of which about half are not air conditioned.

"The run from Hoboken to New York is only about three miles," he continued. "But some of our other routes are 50 and 60 miles long one-way into Manhattan. Management decided that the air-conditioned vehicles should be used to service the longer routes."

Councilman Romano said he was not satisfied with that explanation.

"Granted, it wouldn't be economically feasible to put air-conditioned buses on every route the company has, but can't we get a few for Hoboken?" he asked. "Couldn't the company take one or two buses off the early morning runs from a few of its long distance routes and put them into Hoboken?"

"If anyone has ever sat in a bus without air-conditioning for a half-hour or so in the Lincoln Tunnel in the summertime they know what the problem is," continued Romano. "By the time you get to the Port Authority terminal you are sweaty, dirty and maybe even a little sick from the fumes from cars and trucks and other buses."

The TNJ spokesman said that he could not promise the city any air-conditioned buses for the 63 route but he would look into the matter and see what he could do.

"I doubt if there is too much that can be done but possibly we might be able to put an air conditioned bus or two on the evening rush hour," he said.

Romano said that this would be an improvement but still did not totally satisfy him.

"The company is catering to its more

Turnabout 8/15/75 J.J.

The State Commuter Operating Agency on Monday announced proposed rate increases and service cutbacks affecting many Hudson County bus lines.

Bayonne and Hoboken officials will fight. North Hudson officials reserve comment and Jersey City thinks independent bus lines will provide alternate service for most riders of eliminated routes.

Theoretically, the bus commuter will get his chance to speak Aug. 27 and again on Sept. 2 at public hearings in the Hudson County Administration Building. Judging by past performance, few commuters will be aware of or take the time to attend the hearings.

This is unfortunate because someone should ask the questions the commuters should be asking. For example:

What about the night workers who will have to scramble for alternate service when their regular bus shuts down after rush hour and on weekends?

What about the senior citizens who depend on bus service on weekends?

What about the additional cars that will be on the roads because of the elimination of weekend bus service in many areas?

And what effect will the fare increases have on the travel habits of everyone concerned?

Assemblyman Michael P. Esposito, chairman of the Assembly's Transportation Committee — and three other assemblymen — have called for a postponement of the fare increases and service cutbacks until the legislature decides if they are necessary.

That offers a clue to an interesting turnabout. Instead of the Commuter Operating Agency announcing fare increases and service cutbacks and, in effect, challenging the bus riding public to change its mind, why not have that agency go before the legislature and prove that the fare increases and service cutbacks are necessary?

Hoboken, Cosmopolitan at odds over Todd rents

8/15/75 J.J.

Before the end of this week Hoboken should receive a check for \$6,000 from Cosmopolitan Terminals Inc. as its share of the money the company is collecting in rents for the use of docking facilities at the old Todd Shipyard.

However, Revenue and Finance Frank J. Bartletta said he is not sure the city is going to accept the \$6,000 and may push for all of the rent money.

"I will have to check with the mayor and see what he wants to do about this matter," said Bartletta. "We were looking for the full payment of \$5,000 a month. Instead Cosmopolitan is offering us \$3,000."

Bartletta said that the \$6,000 check will represent the city's share of the monthly rent for February and March.

Kenneth McGuire, president of Cosmopolitan, said that Hoboken is entitled to only 60 per cent of the monthly rent.

"Part of the facilities being used for

the docking of vessels is in Weehawken, which is also entitled to payment," he said. "We estimate that Hoboken is entitled to 60 percent and Weehawken to 40 percent."

Hoboken has a tax lien on the portion of Cosmopolitan's Todd property resting within the city limits. In May it sent a letter to Eastern Seaboard Pile Driving, the owner of the two ships docked at the yard, advising it that Hoboken would be collecting rents as of June 1 because of the non-payment of taxes.

Bartletta said he had spoken directly with officials of the pile driving company and they had assured him they would comply with the city's notice. However, the checks were never received.

"I do not know exactly what happened or who was involved but the checks wound up in the hands of Mr. McGuire and Cosmopolitan, and not the City of Hoboken," Bartletta continued.

Rainieri Would Subpoena School Records

8/14/75 A.D.

By MARY ANN SHERMAN

Hoboken Councilman Robert Rainieri said yesterday he expects to introduce a resolution to subpoena records of the board of education by the first council meeting in September.

Back a day from vacation, Rainieri said he wants to see "purchase orders, requisitions and invoices," and that he's "been bogged down by the obstinance of the board" in trying to scan them.

Rainieri's efforts to see the records stem from the city council's attempt to cut the board's budget by \$325,000. The board has appealed to the state Board of Education on the matter. Rainieri said final hearing on the proposed budget cuts will be some time in the fall.

The councilman said that the cutbacks of some \$800,000 in anticipated state school aid will in no way affect his intention of cutting the school board budget.

"The board is getting a million dollars extra from the state," Rainieri said. "The funds cut by the state are for various programs and have nothing to do with the \$325,000 which would come from administration costs."

Rainieri also pointed out that reportedly, there is about \$350,000 in free encumbered balances (surplus) never included in the budget.

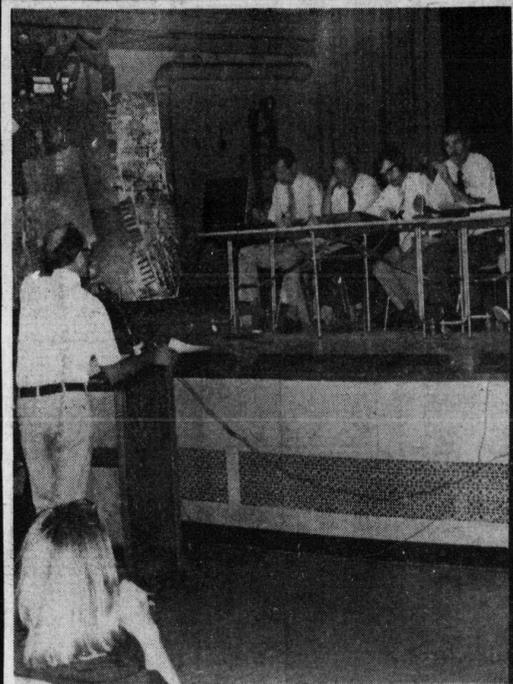
However, when questioned about the reported surplus, Robert Taylor, attorney to the board of education, said: "The board having not received the audit

report, is unaware of the exact amount — if any — of unencumbered balances."

But Rainieri says he will continue to push for the \$325,000 cut because it will

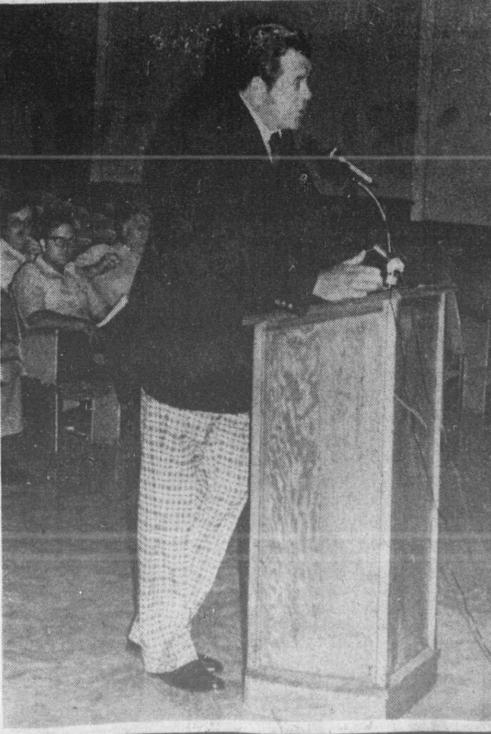
effect the tax rate by \$3.25 either way."

"And to the owner of a \$30,000 home, that means \$65 to \$75 dollars a year," Rainieri summed up.



The Dispatch Photo

OPPOSE TANK FARM—Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto (above) and Hudson County Clerk James F. Quinn (below), who lives in that same city, were among the nearly 60 persons who spoke out yesterday against a proposed oil storage facility on the HHoboken-Weehawken waterfront. Cosmopolitan Terminal, Inc., had filed an application for state approval for riparian rights for the 41-acre project. 8/14/75 A.D.



Hoboken to Coordinate Recreational Planning

8/7/75 A.D.

In an effort to help Hoboken throw off its image as a city with no recreational facilities for kids and residents, Mayor Steve Cappelletto has assigned a liaison officer to work with all the city's recreational divisions to coordinate a variety of events planned for the late summer and early fall.

In a meeting with recreational directors from various divisions within the city yesterday, Cappelletto assigned Youth Supervisor Jerry Molloy to coordinate all future recreation in the city.

In making the appointment, Cappelletto said he wanted to avoid a duplication or overlapping of facilities that has plagued the city during the early part of the summer.

Molloy will work in conjunction with the city's recreation department, the Board of Education's Recreation Department, the Cultural Arts Division of the Community Development Agency, the Police Athletic League and the Police

Community Relations Bureau.

For the same, \$10,945 a year salary he earned as youth supervisor, Molloy will review the proposal of future athletic events submitted by each recreation division and advise the directors of areas in which there may be a conflict.

If he sees that one division is planning a similar or related event, he will help the directors work out a more favorable schedule.

Molloy will also try to set up a series of clinics or educational seminars where children can be taught the rules and regulations of the sports they engage in.

He has so far suggested that there be a basketball, a baseball and a tennis clinic.

Currently the city offers free street tennis to city youngsters five days a week, free basketball sessions at the high school and the community center, low cost acting and dancing classes, low cost concerts, free swimming and in some cases free arts and crafts classes.

9 municipalities getting \$385,000 from HUD

8/7/75 J.J.

A Housing and Urban Development community grant totaling \$385,000 for nine Hudson County municipalities was released today.

A spokesman for New Jersey Sen. Harrison A. Williams said most of the money will be used to repair recreational facilities and for low-income housing

improvements. The breakdown of the grant:

—\$25,000 for tenement rehabilitation in Hoboken. A HUD spokesman said Hoboken would pay money in addition to the grant to refurbish 200 tenement units in 20 buildings.

—\$83,000 to Macaluso Towers in Guttenberg to winter-proof one side of the building, to refurbish the recreational hall, rewire some areas and repair the tower's garbage compactors.

—\$11,000 to Terrace Apartments in Guttenberg to repair its air conditioning units.

—\$72,000 to repair the roof on the old Jersey City Court House.

—\$24,000 for a study to help solve the sewage draining problem in East Newark and Harrison.

—\$64,000 for drainage improvement at Frank's Creek in Kearny.

—\$5,000 for a "passive recreational center" at Pollak Hospital, Jersey City.

—\$23,000 for Hoboken County Park Commission for two all-weather tennis courts and a roller skating facility.

—\$21,000 for the West New York Little League field repair, which will include resodding the field, a new sprinkler system, and repairs to the dugouts and the press box.

—\$23,000 for the 19th Street Field in Weehawken, where basketball, tennis and handball courts will be repaired.

—\$34,000 for planning and administering community development programs in the county until 1977.

Be There

8/14/75 A.D.

This is the time for everyone who is concerned with the future of the Hoboken-Weehawken area to come forward to speak on that plan for the establishment of an oil storage tank farm on the waterfront boundary of the two municipalities.

We have serious doubts about this project, even though it is a lot less objectionable than that asinine 1971 Supermarine proposal for an oil desulphurization plant. Frankly we do not think it is good for such a highly-populated section of the county.

Two state hearings will be held today, one in the afternoon and the other at night at Hoboken High School. Certainly if you're interested and concerned you can make one of them. As we warned before, don't let this become a reality by default and a lack of confidence.

Relevant 8/2/75 J.J.

The State Natural Resources Council, which is considering testimony concerning the proposed oil storage tank facility at the Hoboken-Weehawken border, cannot ignore the oil refinery blaze that is burning itself out in South Philadelphia.

Six dead, 17 injured and the threat of flames igniting additional storage tanks should certainly be relevant to the decision New Jersey must make about the proposed oil storage tank farm.

The damage will add up to at least \$10 million, according to preliminary estimates, but the dollars and cents are less important than the threat to life.

"With all that oil, all that fuel," said Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Joseph Rizzo, "any little leak, any ignition, and you have a holocaust."

Need any more be said?

Lifelines 8/7/75 J.J.

Hoboken police officials are concerned with the way citizen calls to the department for assistance are handled.

Dispatchers are the key to the situation. Although they are effective in most situations, one police officer is awaiting a departmental hearing because some calls for assistance apparently did not get an immediate response.

At times, help cannot be supplied because all cars are tied into emergency situations. Dispatchers can only explain this and assure help will be on the way as soon as possible, or advise the caller as best he can.

Police superiors are rightly concerned because they are aware that public confidence in the department depends on how quickly they send help when help is needed.

Vitale suggests Caulfield for city engineer

8/18/75 J.J.

Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today that he has recommended to Mayor Steve Cappelletto that the city hire James Caulfield, its building inspector, as city engineer.

"Caulfield now has his engineering degree and is licensed by the state so there aren't obstacles in the way of hiring him as city engineer," said Vitale. "I feel it would save the city a considerable amount of money in outside engineering fees."

The building inspector is the son of the last city engineer Hoboken had on its payroll — Patrick L. Caulfield. The elder Caulfield resigned from city employment as engineer and building inspector several years ago to become county engineer. He has since retired from that position on pension but continues to operate his own engineering firm.

The younger Caulfield was appointed to replace his father as building inspector but could not become city engineer as well because he did not have all of the necessary credentials for his state license, Vitale said. That situation has since been rectified and he can now be appointed to the job.

Vitale said that even though Caulfield wasn't licensed by the state he had done a lot of engineering work for the city in "non-sensitive areas."

"However, in many instances the city was forced to seek outside engineering firms to do work because the job required the seal of a licensed engineer — even though Caulfield could have done the work himself," the director said.

The whole thing 8/2/75 J.J.

The date is Aug. 18. The place is Hoboken High School. The hours are 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. The event is an open hearing on a plan by Cosmopolitan Terminals Inc., to dredge and fill Hudson River waterfront on the Hoboken-Weehawken border for a bulk oil storage facility.

Although Weehawken environmentalists were told the hearing would be limited to the dredging and filling, the state's Natural Resources Council now says all aspects of the Cosmopolitan project will be considered.

Forewarned is forearmed. Everyone concerned with protecting the environment should not miss this opportunity to speak out against the project.

Although other interpretations are possible, let us be charitable and assume that the limited scope of the hearing, as relayed to the Weehawken environmentalists, was an honest mistake.

Speakers are limited to six minutes, but Cosmopolitan will have 30 minutes at the 1 p.m. session to make its presentation and another 30 minutes at the 7 p.m. session. This may seem to give Cosmopolitan the edge, but it is better than having a brief public announcement and a lengthy explanation filed privately after the hearing.

Everyone concerned has 30 days after the hearing to file statements with the state's Natural Resources Council. The council would serve the public interest if it made those statements public.

Cappiello urges council to create land-use panel

8/20/75 J. J.
In a move designed to help Hoboken get the most for its money in all future economic development, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that he will ask the city council to consider the creation of a "Land-Use Commission" for the city.

The commission was originally proposed by the Hoboken Environment Committee several weeks ago.

"It is now my firm belief that if Hoboken is to enjoy any future economic development that will be beneficial and long-lasting for the city, some form of government body must oversee the process," said the mayor.

"Discussions will be needed between myself, the council and various groups in the city, including the Environment Committee, before any decision is made on how the commission will operate or how many people will be on it," he continued.

I personally envision the commission as an agency that can provide the city with the guidance it needs to get the very most out of future economic development. This could be done through the development of long-range plans for economic development and the authority to represent the city, as its agent, in seeking out developers who fit into the overall plan."

The mayor said he believed that if economic development was left up entirely to the city, too much emphasis would be placed on ratables and their immediate effect on the city's tax rate.

"It is obvious from the reaction of the public at Monday's hearing on Cosmopolitan Terminals' proposal for an oil tank farm that ratables are not always upper most in the public's mind," said the mayor.

"Those two hearings have me convinced that our citizens are willing to bite the bullet now if it means we might have a chance at a better all-round use of that area at a later date."

It has often been said that one of Hoboken's major problems is a lack of long-range planning and the inability to stick to and follow through on what little planning is done," continued the mayor. "With the Land-Use Commission we may have an idea whose time has finally arrived."



Hoboken's hydrant inspection crew on the job. From left are Stephen McIntyre, supervisor; Hipolito Figueroa, Noel Perez and George Schakarashwill.

Hoboken teens make work count

8/15/75 J. J.
BY PETER HALLAM

With few exceptions, summer youth work programs seldom produce any lasting results or benefits for either the youngsters participating in them or the municipalities for which they are working. But four Hoboken youngsters are involved in a pilot project that is going to be of practical use to the city for years to come. The teenagers are Stephen McIntyre, George Schakarashwill, Noel Perez and Hipolito Figueroa, and their project is a complete inventory of all city fire hydrants and all of the per-

manent information concerning each hydrant.

"By no means does the city consider the summer youth programs a waste of time," said Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale. "They provide work for the youngsters during the summer months, a source of income for them and some job training, and they help the city at a time when it needs additional help — during the summer vacation period."

"But the training the kids get isn't always the most desirable. The boys wind up in laborer positions and the girls doing low-end clerical work. This is something of an asset to the city but not necessarily to the youngsters."

Vitale said that he wanted to get the youngsters involved in more meaningful work, but couldn't think of any worthwhile projects until his Water Department foreman, James Mur-nane, and Sanitation Inspector Edward McIntyre suggested the hydrant program.

For the last five weeks the teenagers

have been assigning numerical listings to almost every hydrant in the city starting with 001. In addition, they list the location of the hydrant, the size of the water main it is connected to, the location of the closest watergate which will shut off the flow of water to the hydrant if it should need repairs, the manufacturer of the hydrant, and the working status of the hydrant.

This information, said Vitale is being compiled in a set of six volumes which will be distributed to the Police and Fire departments as well as Public Works and the Water departments.

The information is also being transferred to a series of maps which will also be given to the Fire Department.

"They are currently on their 193rd hydrant," Vitale continued. "Since we have more than 400 hydrants in the city and there are only two weeks-plus before the summer program ends it doesn't appear that the survey will be totally completed, at least not this year."

"However, the youngsters have been staying out of the area in the southern section of the city, where new water lines are being installed. The same information on the hydrants and new hydrants in this area will be coming to the city from the contractor. So we should have an almost complete picture of the total hydrant system in the city. What isn't completed by the youngsters will be done by Water Department regulars."

Vitale said that the benefit to the city from the information would be instantaneous identification of every hydrant plus all of the facts concerning that hydrant at a glance.

"What the youngsters have done is to compile a field study which would be the envy of a third or fourth-year engineering student and these kids are just out of high school or going into their last year," Vitale continued. "The practical experience they gained can be invaluable to them in later life."

According to Inspector McIntyre, the father of one of the participants, the youngsters feel that they have accomplished something that will be of continued value to the city in the future.

"It isn't like cleaning out empty lots, which they know are only going to get littered again in a couple of weeks or filing papers that will only get pulled out of the draw and refilled," said McIntyre.

"They've produced a valuable set of statistics with maps for the city. And they've learned how to approach a job or problem, systematically and to catalogue their results and information accurately and clearly."

Vitale said that this winter he would discuss with his supervisors and division heads other projects that might be used next summer to give kids in various work programs training that will be more meaningful.



8/15/75 J. J.
BY PATRICIA DONNELLY

Last winter, they braved the icy winds and walked Hoboken's darkened streets to meet and discuss a project in patriotism — the design and construction of a bicentennial quilt for their city.

And through these torrid summer evenings, the streets crowded with stoopt-sitters, the dozen women continued to meet in the Bloomfield Street brownstone that has served as a quilting center for seven months.

"In January and February we held initial meetings to establish the design and select the materials for the borders and backing," said Joan Silverman, a member of the art committee of the Hoboken Bicentennial Committee who was responsible for launching the quilt idea.

Each woman received a 16-inch square of white cloth and was assigned one of the city's historical landmarks for her patch. Many of the patches boast a variety of sewing techniques — applique, embroidery, patchwork and piecing. Others are equally handsome because of their primitive style.

Bordered in cherry red calico on a background of liberty blue calico, the patches are a mirror of the group itself — individually unique, yet perfectly compatible.

The quilting pattern is done in the official bicentennial star pattern, but on the patches the quilting carries the structure of the design. The Hudson River is quilted in an appropriate wavy pattern, buildings on squared-off patterns and other backgrounds in diamonds and slanted lines.

The most difficult part of the organizational scheme was pressuring the women to complete the individual patches so that they could begin piecing the entire quilt together in early July.

"Joan was threatening our families for weeks," said one of the women with mock seriousness.

But the collection of patches provided strong incentive to complete the project, and in many instances members of the quilters' families pitched in and stitched thousands of tufting stitches that were added to the piece during the daily sessions in July.

We had mothers, daughters, cousins, in-laws, all sorts of relatives who sat in for an evening to do some quilting," Joan added. "Once they saw how beautiful it was, they couldn't resist adding some of their own talent to it."

Another needed boost to the project came from Bernard Goodwin, father of quilter Lois Ortlieb. Goodwin constructed the quilting frame for the group from plans purchased from a quilting company.

While definite plans for the quilt have not been worked out, the women are planning to make a formal presentation to the Hoboken Bicentennial Committee at next month's meeting. In the meantime, they're

trying to find a suitable frame for displaying the 82-inch-by-68-inch completed quilt.

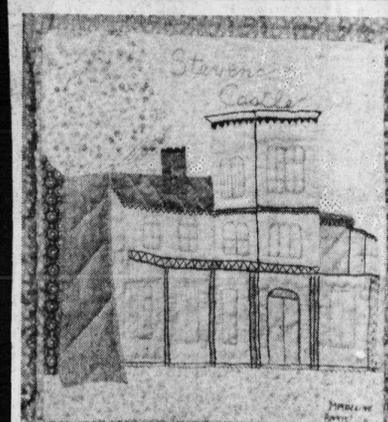
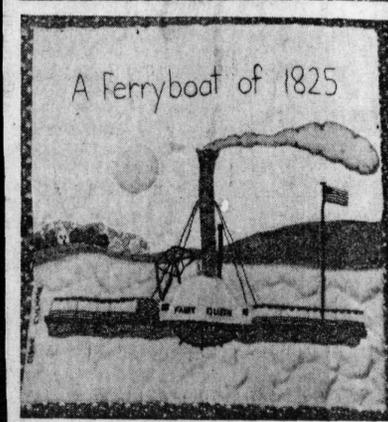
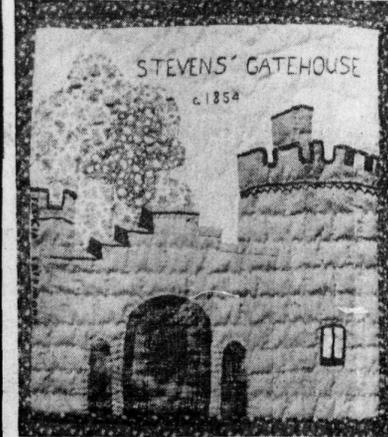
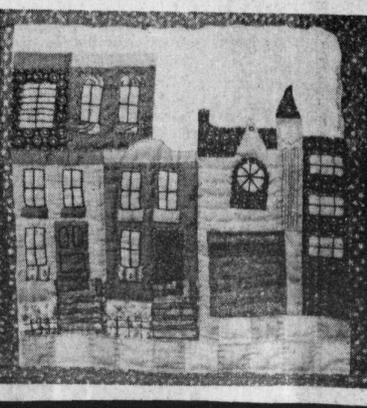
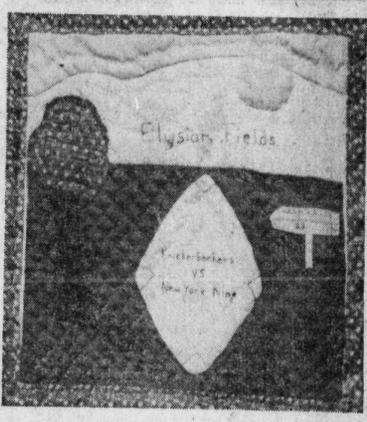
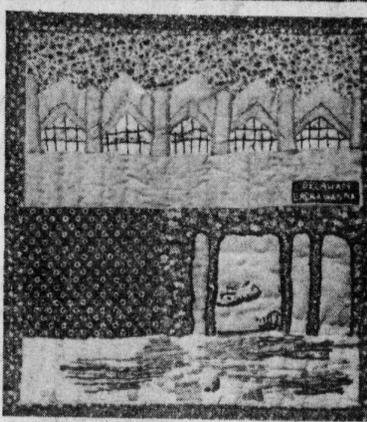
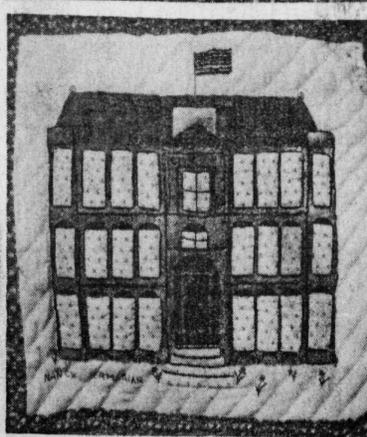
Joer, who in the interim will be moving to Gary, Indiana, hopes to fly back for the official meeting and enjoy one last reunion with the other quilters. They are Nancy Jermakian, Rosalee Blumberg, Madeline Batistich, Felicia Cappadona, Debbie Culhane, Betty Silvani, Doris Di Zefalo, Judy Marpet, Alice Genese, and Jenny McNamara.

"I don't know what I'll do now. We all had our husbands and families conditioned to the fact that we'd be out a lot," said Judy jokingly, as she eyed the finished project.

Echoing the thoughts of the group, Joan adds, "It's a visible, beautiful contribution that we've made for the bicentennial." The room was filled with women nodding proudly and smiling thoughtfully.

Their project now completed, the woman admit mixed reactions.

There's the anticipation of finally presenting the quilt to the city for display, yet at the same time there will be the loss of the closely knit group they have come to rely on for friendship, information and entertainment — curiously close in structure to those quilting groups that met around this area before there was any talk of forming a country called the United States of America.



Hoboken's school board hopes to hold programs

8/14/75 J. J.
The 1975-76 school year for the Hoboken Board of Education will not be one of new and innovative programs, but rather a serious attempt to hang on to what it already has.

"In many respects the course the school year will take is still unresolved," said Thomas F. McFeely, superintendent. "We anticipate getting some \$800,000 less in state aid than we had expected."

"This means that there will not be any new teachers hired for the upcoming year and there is a distinct possibility that we will have to redesign our staff assignments to compensate for the loss of funds."

McFeely said that no new educational programs are now planned but there is a possibility that some may be initiated if the school board is successful in obtaining outside

funds from sources other than the state.

A portion of the bi-lingual education group is being dropped because Hoboken was one of nine municipalities in the state not refunded for the purpose. The school board will have to let eight bi-lingual education teachers go, McFeely said.

"We may be able to retrieve these funds from other sources but for the time being we have to assume that we will not have them and take the appropriate action," he added.

The loss of the program will be felt not only by public school children but by some attending parochial schools as well.

McFeely said that a number of youngsters attending St. Joseph's School and enrolled in the bi-lingual education pro-

gram would have to be dropped.

Both the Joseph F. Brandt and A. J. Demarest Junior High School are due for evaluations during the school year by the state Department of Education and the Middle States Association.

McFeely said that the board expects no major changes in enrollment for the year.

"We anticipate a September starting enrollment of between 7,400 and 7,500, increasing to approximately 7,800 by the end of the school year," he said. "This is approximately what we had last year."

This will include between 15 and 20 youngsters from Vietnam who now reside in the city with their parents, all Vietnamese refugees. It will be their first year in an American school. No special programs will be set up to help them adjust.

"There is a bill in the U.S. Senate that would provide \$1,560 to the school system for special instruction for Vietnamese refugees," said McFeely, "but there isn't any assurance that it will be passed."

"The problems of the Vietnamese youngsters will not be ignored but we will have to attend to them on an individual basis, as needed, and with existing personnel rather than through any program designed especially for them. Should federal funds become available, then we can think about something more specific for them."

The school board rushed to get these youngsters enrolled in its summer program so that they would have some idea of what to expect in the fall.

"They've met many of the teachers they will be with daily throughout the school year and a lot of the older children that will share their classrooms," said McFeely.

"They've had some informal instruction in English and we've been able to evaluate their education to date and decide what grades they will enter next month."

McFeely said the Vietnamese children had adapted well in general and that he did not anticipate any problems when they begin their formal education in this country next month.

Job Mishap Probe Due

8/21/75 H. D.
After awarding close to \$3,000 in workmen's compensation awards for five municipal employees, the Hoboken City Council last night asked department directors to confer with the law department on what Council President Martin Brennan called "accident prone employees."

Recently it has been speculated that some municipal workers are deliberately hurting themselves to collect compensation. Brennan noted that some of those receiving the money last night have received such payment more than once this year. The council asked the law department to review just how much the city is liable for.

In other business the council passed two ordinances on the final reading. One placed the city's parking meter zones in accordance with state regulations; the other granted permission for St. Mary Hospital to erect a stair tower on a seven-story addition to its building. An ordinance was introduced authorizing the city to accept rights to property owned by the Hoboken Warehouse and Steamship Connecting Co.

The council also approved the appointment of Timothy J. Calligy to the city's board of adjustment to fill the vacancy of former chairman Walter Hartye who has resigned. It also appointed Frank Francolino and Mary Russo as parking violation officers.

Hoboken to check raises

8/19/75 J. J.
A number of Hoboken municipal employees may be getting more than the \$750 pay raises authorized by the city council, it was learned today.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today that he has started looking into reports that certain city employees, who were recently granted a \$750 pay raise retroactive to Jan. 1 of this year, were being given additional raises by their directors without council approval.

According to Ranieri, most Civil Service positions have salary ranges rather than one flat salary.

"For example, a secretary might have a salary range of from \$1,500 to \$3,500," he explained. "If the secretary is at the \$7,500 level her director can give her a raise up to the \$9,500 mark without having to go to the council for approval."

"However, doing so defeats the council's purpose of setting \$750 as the overall pay increase for the year."

Ranieri said that the council, if it finds the reports of the additional increases are true, will probably ask the directors responsible for granting them to reconsider. If they won't, then to give a good explanation why the increase was given.

Ranieri said that there were a few increases over and above the \$750 that were given with the council's approval. The councilman stated that these were cases where the increase had been promised in the past but not given for one reason or another.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the controversial salary ordinance for employees of the city's Community Development Agency (CDA) should be revised and ready for council action by the Sept 3 meeting. But in the meantime, the city is illegally paying the almost 40 CDA staff members.

According to a high city source,

presently there is no ordinance, even an old one, governing the salary ranges for the CDA staff. Without an ordinance, the salary checks that have been given out are illegal.

Mayor Steve Cappiello was not available for comment on the matter. He was attending the funeral of his brother, Daniel, and could not be reached for comment.

Ranieri said that he didn't know if the payments already made to the CDA staff were illegal with a salary ordinance to cover the city but he would "check the report out."

The proposed ordinance will probably provide \$750 raises for most of the CDA staff and \$1,200 raise for the higher jobs. The council may make an exception in the \$1,200 figure for the directors position but it was not known if it would be anywhere near the \$3,500 that had been proposed by Michael Coleman, CDA director.

Patches, starting above and going clockwise, are the seal of the city of Hoboken, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, City Hall, the 1907 Delaware-Lackawanna terminal, Elysian Fields baseball diamond — home of the Hoboken Knickerbockers, Brownstone buildings and Fire Engine Company 2 (built in 1800), the first Yacht Club, a map of the city from 1840, The Stevens Castle, the ferry across the Hudson River from Hoboken, the Stevens gatehouse, and the first steam locomotive built by Colonel John Stevens in 1826.



See Crowded Oil Farm Hearings

8/18/75 J. J.

By MARY ANN SHERMAN
Several hundred persons are expected today at state sponsored public hearings on the proposal of Cosmopolitan Terminal Inc. for an oil tank farm along the Hoboken-Weehawken waterfront.

The hearings, sponsored by the Natural Resources Council of the state Department of Environmental Protection, will take place at 1 and 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Hoboken High School.

When the last hearing on the storage farm was held Jan. 11, 1974, between 500 and 600 persons attended despite snow, sleet and extremely cold weather. At that time, only some five persons spoke in favor of the strongly opposed plan, and they were paid consultants for Cosmopolitan.

Mrs. Helen Manogue, former chairlady of the Hoboken Environment Committee, said yesterday that the only thing that could prevent a similar or even stronger showing would be summer vacations.

Besides environmental concerns, the major argument against an oil tank farm is that it would be a "poor use" of valuable waterfront property.

Few Jobs Seen
In a meeting with Mayor Steve Cappiello last week and in an interview this weekend, Mrs. Manogue pointed out that per acre, the plan would yield little of what Hudson County needs most—employment.

"The northern section of this city should be developed into a very fine industrial park," she said. "At this point, Hoboken should be trying to attract non-

standardized industry which uses unskilled labor, something this area can offer industry in large supply."

Examples of "non-standardized industry" offered by the environmentalist included electrical instruments manufacturing, printing facilities and dress manufacturing, which would use large numbers of unskilled workers.

By contrast, according to an Environmental Impact Statement released last February by the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Cosmopolitan's tank farm would offer only some 40 jobs once it is finished.

The construction industry in this area might benefit, but only for the short time it takes to build the facility.

Tax Probe Urged
Mrs. Manogue also suggested that officials should be investigating corporate tax structures in New Jersey to make this area competitive with New York for industry.

Sources close to the debate are suspicious that the approximately 3.8 million barrels of residential and industrial oil to be stored in the county will not benefit this side of the Hudson.

The sources point out that one of the two major promoters of the Cosmopolitan project is Peter Carlin, former president of the Whale Oil Co. of Brooklyn, current president of the Ace Oil Co., a New York based firm, and also president of the New York Oil Distributors Assn.

In addition, a survey of New Jersey oil distributors shows that not one of the

firms on this area had been contacted to voice support for a storage farm in Hudson County.

And on numerous occasions, Kenneth R. McGuire, president of Cosmopolitan, according to the sources, has stated the Lincoln Tunnel would be used to transport the fuel.

18 Tanks in Facility
The proposed facility would have 18 tanks, each six and a half stories high. And the environmental Impact Statement concedes that though the farm would satisfy all existing zoning regulations, it would not establish desirable land use trends.

It has been estimated the storage farm would generate about \$150,000 and \$500,000 for Weehawken and Hoboken, respectively, each year.

In addition to mailing hearing notices to some 1,000 people and placing ads in storefronts, the Environment Committee had a battery of people on the phone this weekend, calling residents and officials and urging them to attend the hearing.

Statements made today are expected to be overwhelmingly against the farm. McGuire announced last week that his firm would in no way be represented at the hearings on the grounds that the state has illegally passed the deadline for such decisions.

However, state environmental officials said the deadline, which McGuire quotes from the state Administrative Code, deals only with wetlands, of which there are none in Hoboken.

A host of citizen and environmental groups is expected to speak against the plan, including: the Save the Palisades Assn., Hudson County Citizens for Clean Air; Citizens Committee of Hudson County; and Union City Citizens Committee.

Officials expected to make opposition statements include: Hoboken City Council President Martin Brennan; Hoboken Councilmen Robert Ranieri and Walter Cramer; County Freholder Vincent J. Fusilli of Hoboken; and Weehawken Committeeman John Federer.

The Weehawken, Hoboken and Hudson County Planning Boards could not be reached for comment this weekend, and it is not known if they plan to be represented today.

McGuire had called today's hearings "irrelevant" because they are being held in addition to four hearings held last year.

But Larry Schmidt, acting director of the Review Council, said his organization wanted more information from the county and municipal governments and private individuals before making a decision on Cosmopolitan's application for a riparian rights permit to fill bulkhead, dredge and construct maritime facilities on the waterfront land.

The bulk of the acreage involved in Cosmopolitan's proposal is under water, but within the Hoboken boundaries. Cosmopolitan officials claim, however, that the worth of the Hoboken property rests on some 12 acres of the parcel, located "upland" in Weehawken.

Programs Forge Ahead Regardless

8/19/75 J. J.

Hoboken Stoic About Aid Loss

Speaking about the coming academic year, Hoboken school officials sound like a young mother who stoically assures her children they will have a splendid Christmas, even though their father has just been laid off.

Facing a loss of some

\$800,000 in state aid, officials say they will go ahead with programs implemented last year, and express hope they may even be expanded.

Members of the board of education say they will voice no decisions until the board discusses the problems they face in caucus tonight. President Otto Hottendorf has hinted that if partial cutbacks of extra-curricular programs do not generate enough of a saving, teacher layoffs are inevitable.

Superintendent of Schools Thomas McFeely is taking a

much brighter view of the situation. "We intend to continue regular basic programs despite our problems," he says optimistically.

Of prime concern to a city that was first in the state to institute a bilingual education program, is the need to teach English as a second language to a large, mixed ethnic population.

However, part of the bilingual program will have to be dropped along with eight bilingual teachers, because Hoboken was one of nine

municipalities not refunded for the program.

The cutback will affect public and parochial school students. Students enrolled in the program at St. Joseph's will have to be dropped.

Thus, the city's dreams of expanding its bilingual program will have to be temporarily abandoned. But Hoboken is still certain of receiving federal Title I funds for its established ESL (English as a second language) program.

Yet beyond serving a large Hispanic population in the city, Hoboken must now care for 15 to 20 children of 14 Vietnamese families living at Grogan Marine Plaza.

The Chase Manhattan Bank paid for Vietnamese bilingual classes this summer. But starting in the fall, there is no guarantee of special funding for Vietnamese. A bill pending in the U.S. Senate would provide \$1,560 to the school system for the Vietnamese, but passage is not a sure thing.

McFeely says no major change is expected in the school population this year. He estimated it would start with an enrollment somewhere between 7,400 and 7,500 and increase to 7,800, about the same as last year.

Excavation hazards blamed on vandals

8/19/75 J. J.

The theft and vandalism of construction warning barriers and lights were today cited as the reasons for complaints about open excavations in Hoboken's water line replacement program.

A spokesman for the Spiniello Construction Co. of Newark, the firm doing the installation of the new water lines in the southern section of Hoboken, said that on a weekly average, 90 per cent of the construction barriers and lights being used to alert residents to the work require replacement or repair.

"We've done similar jobs in the ghetto areas of Newark, Trenton and Boston, but Hoboken has to be the worst for vandalism," he said. "And it is vicious vandalism at that, since the acts could cause injuries and property damage to innocent persons."

The spokesman said the company could no longer assume that once a barricade has been put at an excavation it was going to remain there in proper working order. It is now starting the practice of having one of its workmen check all of the sites at least once a day.

He also was to check for potholes that may have resulted from the loss of fill from completed excavation work. Heavy rains in the last few weeks coupled with traffic

going over the work may have washed out enough dirt to classify the area as a pothole, he said.

He added the company also has had severe problems with the vandalism of its hose lines used to supply water to private properties while the new water lines are being installed.

"We estimate that we have lost about 75 per cent of our service lines through vandalism," he continued.

But in spite of the problems, the company believes it will finish its work ahead of schedule. The replacement program started in May and was supposed to take a year. It is now estimated that the job will be completed by late November or early December, he said.

A number of excavations where the new water lines have already been installed are now being put back into their original condition—and in some cases better than the original condition.

The spokesman said that at least five inches of blacktop are being put down to bring the areas back to original street level. He said most of the mains should be in and resealed by the end of October, leaving only the intersections to be completed.

Hoboken weighs mutual police assistance pacts

8/20/75 J. J.

Hoboken is studying the possibility of mutual police assistance agreements with its neighboring communities in the event of civil disorders, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

"The concept of one town helping the other isn't new," said the mayor. "But the conditions recommended by the state police are. Instead of the old informal agreements between one mayor and another, the state

police suggest that the whole concept be formalized and carefully planned."

Cappiello said the state has recommended that cooperating municipalities put their agreements into formal language and approve them in official resolutions. The participating towns would then work out a plan of action designating the responsibility for command and control of the units engaging in crowd control or civil disturbances.

Hoboken down to 3 patrol cars that work fully

8/20/75 J. J.

Five of the eight police cars assigned to the Hoboken Police Department's uniformed division are in need of repairs, leaving the division with only three fully operational cars, it was learned today.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, the city's Public Safety Director, said he has asked acting Chief Anthony Rinaldi (fill-in for Chief George W. Crimmins, who is on vacation) to make a thorough investigation into the matter.

"This is a situation that should not have come up," said the mayor. "We have been systematically purchasing new cars every year for the last few years in order to keep the police department's fleet up to date and functioning well."

"There is no reason why more than one or two cars should ever be out of service at any given time," added the mayor.

According to Patrolman Mario Mercado, supervisor of the police department's repair shop, the problem is getting the parts he needs to have the repairs made.

Mercado said that the cars sustained front end damage all at the same time; the incidents happened over a period of 16 hours last weekend. The parts have been ordered for the vehicles but still haven't been delivered.

Four of the five cars have bent undercarriages from "bellying out" in high speed runs. The fifth car has a cracked exhaust system.

Capt. Daniel Kiely, head of the uniformed division, said all of the cars, except for two, are safe and are being used. No uniformed division personnel normally assigned to squad cars have been added.

"As soon as the parts are received, the cars will be taken out of service two at a time and repaired," he added.

Quilting group closely knit

8/15/75 J. J.



Quilters Madeline Batistich, Jenny McNamara, Joan Silverman and Debbie Culhane add stitches to the framed patchwork quilt earlier this summer. The seven-month project for the

Hoboken Bicentennial Committee, was completed by a 12 women quilting bee that met, in spite rain, snow or humidity, in a Bloomfield St. brownstone

Hoboken teachers strike looms as talks bog down

8/19/75 J. J.

A strike by teachers looms as a distinct possibility if the Hoboken Teachers' Association and the city's Board of Education cannot reach an agreement on a contract for the 1975-76 school year, it was learned today.

According to association sources, the union may take a strike authorization vote at a meeting of all teachers (including those not members of the association) scheduled for Sept. 3 at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at a location away from any of the city's schools. Most routine association meetings are usually held in the auditorium of Hoboken High School. However, in past situations of stress, usually involving lagging contract talks, the association has moved its meetings to locations away from the schools.

Both the school board and the association submitted their disagreement on the contract to fact-finding. A letter to all teachers sent out on Aug. 12 by Mary G. Tecktonius, association president, said that the school board has ignored the recommendations of the fact-finder and Board Attorney Robert Taylor has stuck to the board's position of "zero salary increases, a reduction of between 22 and 25 teachers,

and the elimination of eight articles in the association's existing contract."

The articles cover the sick leave and incentive plan, the hiring of substitute teachers, teacher hours and teaching work load, determination of the school calendar year, class size, promotions, transfers, and the complaint procedure.

According to the source, the mood of the association's rank and file members has changed since learning that most, if not all, school board members have not read the fact-finder's recommendations and that the board members have not been participating directly in the negotiations themselves and instead have been allowing Taylor to conduct the sessions on his own.

The association president made an issue of this at the last school board meeting but failed to get any of the board members to agree to attend any additional negotiating meetings.

Planning board consultant renamed to Cook faculty

8/12/75 J. J.

Ralph Seligman, the consultant to the Hoboken Planning Board, has been reappointed to the faculty of the Department of Environmental Resources at Rutgers University's Cook College, it was announced today.

Cook is a four-year liberal arts college specializing in environmental planning. It is the newest of the Rutgers' colleges and located at its New Brunswick campus.

Seligman will be teaching a course on the fundamentals of environmental planning, which he developed and taught for the college last year. He will also continue working with department researchers on techniques for planning and managing

regional growth. One of the techniques developed by the department — transfer of development rights — is presently awaiting action of the state legislature.

Besides teaching, Seligman is also head of the planning division at Mayo, Lynch and Associates, a Hoboken engineering and architectural firm, and has been highly successful in both urban and rural planning.

It gives me a perspective and diversification which I hope I pass along to my students," said Seligman. "There is often a big difference or gap between book theory and practical application and I try to impress this upon my students."

In Hoboken, Seligman has prepared the background planning studies and successful applications for projects already completed or currently under way. A few include the HOPE program, Model Cities (now called the Community Development Agency), the new Multi-Service Center, and repairs to the sewer and water systems.

Unofficially known as "the father of Hoboken Model Cities," Seligman said he received the most satisfaction from the way the federal government has come to accept the original application's emphasis on the importance of housing rehabilitation in the city.

"The planning board stressed the need

for housing rehabilitation as early as 1957," he continued, "and our work on the Community Renewal Program of 1964 confirmed the need."

Furthering this concept, Seligman assisted the Hoboken Council of Churches for the 60 Garden Street Association, the city's first non-profit housing corporation, and to arrange for a low-interest loan from the state Department of Community Affairs in order to demonstrate the feasibility of rehabilitation housing. The project also led to meeting the principals of Applied Housing and interesting them in work in Hoboken.

Claims GOP is mum on oil project

8/13/75 J. J.

The proposed controversial Cosmopolitan oil storage terminal project along the Hoboken-Weehawken waterfront has again cropped up in the Weehawken political campaign.

Wally P. Lindsley, Third Ward Democratic candidate for the Weehawken Township Committee, charged that Republicans John D. Federer and Carmine Nersesian, incumbent Third Ward com-

mitteemen, and James Dow, a Republican candidate for the committee in the Second Ward, "have never uttered opposition to the proposed facility in any public testimony either locally or to any state or federal agencies."

But Federer retorted that both he and Nersesian, along with all other members of the township committee, "voted to oppose the project late last year" and he recalled

that the then mayor, Stanley D. Iacono, issued a statement on the matter on behalf of the entire committee. Federer said that Dow, a candidate last year, also publicly opposed the project.

Lindsley urged Weehawken residents to turn out for Monday's public hearing at Hoboken High School at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. sponsored by the state Environmental Protection Department to voice opinions on the oil storage project.

Hoboken Water Job on Time

8/15/75 J. J.

The \$3.2 million renovation of Hoboken's water system is "proceeding according to specifications," according to public Works Director Raphael Vitale, despite complaints to the contrary by city residents.

Numerous motorists have complained that driving in Hoboken is ruining their cars because the construction firm was leaving potholes throughout the city. Because of the complaints, the city council has withheld \$275,000 in payments to

Spiniello Brothers of Newark, the contractors.

But yesterday Vitale said he expects the council to pay the claim at the next council meeting.

Vitale said the spots in question can't be covered with asphalt until the fill has completely settled. Until it soes, he said, motorists must drive around the two-inch openings in the street. Vitale urged drivers in Hoboken to proceed at moderate speeds.

The public works director said the job which started in May should actually take a year but the contractor is trying to complete the job on the underground lines before winter.

In addition Vitale said he has been notified by Sen. Clifford P. Case that Hoboken may get an additional \$800,000 in discretionary funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to complete work on extra watergates.

Hudson school aid slashed \$870,000

8/13/75 J. J.

By Special Correspondent
TRENTON — Hudson County public school districts will receive \$47,249,748 in state aid this fiscal year, about \$370,000 less than last fiscal year, the State Education Department reported today.

Bayonne, Guttenberg, Harrison, Kearny, North Bergen, Secaucus and Weehawken will all lose funds due to the state's funding of minimum aid for school districts at 80 per cent of last year's level. Jersey City is not affected by the aid cuts

but will still lose about \$150,000 from last year's total.

Hoboken will actually gain almost \$500,000 over last year, but officials there are nevertheless talking about layoffs and program cutbacks because they had hoped to receive a \$1.3 million increase.

Jersey City, Hoboken, Union City, West New York and East Newark are "equalized" districts and not affected by the cut in minimum aid worked out in a compromise between the Legislature and Gov. Brendan

Byrne for the fiscal year ending next June 30.

Dr. Michael Ross, Jersey City superintendent of schools, today pledged there would be no additional staff or program cutbacks as a result of the aid allocations.

While stating he is hardly pleased with the \$150,000 state aid drop, Ross said it at least wouldn't require further slashes. He said economies instituted last year should

help soften, the impact of this year's reduction.

Dr. Ross said hiring this year would be kept to "no more than is absolutely necessary," and needed special programs would be delayed while the Legislature continues to struggle with the court-mandated "thorough and efficient" education funding formula.

Total Hudson aid includes \$44,970,700 in current expense plus \$2,279,045 in building aid, the department said. The current expense combines \$38,201,446 in formula aid; \$1,150,431 in transportation aid; \$4,618,826 in handicapped assistance.

- Aid by Hudson districts:
 - Bayonne \$1,514,303 plus \$40,131 in building aid.
 - East Newark \$107,731 plus \$7,156 in building aid.
 - Guttenberg \$117,530 plus \$7,774.
 - Harrison \$330,764 plus \$2,523.
 - Hoboken \$6,238,414 plus \$315,704.
 - Jersey City \$25,921,481 plus \$1,484,448.
 - Kearny \$938,780, no building aid.
 - North Bergen \$1,228,481, no building aid.
 - Secaucus \$421,431, no building aid.
 - Union City \$5,382,702 plus \$246,069.
 - Weehawken \$389,750 plus \$8,145.
 - West New York \$2,381,396 plus \$184,728.
 - Hudson County Vocational \$17,827 plus \$2,321.
- State-wide, the 21 counties will receive \$524,139,645 in current expense funds plus \$22,328,038 in building aid.

Hoboken drops school lunch bidding

8/28/75 J. J.

The Hoboken Board of Education has decided against any future public bidding on contracts for its lunch program.

A resolution voiding another resolution passed several years ago which stipulated that food service contracts would be put out for public bid was passed by the school board at Tuesday's meeting. Mrs. Mary Stack Gaspar offered the resolution.

According to Mrs. Gaspar, the resolution resulted from the position the board found itself in concerning bids for the 1975-76 school lunch contract.

"The board was in the position of having to award the contract to a bidder whose services the previous year were not entirely satisfactory," she said. "However, the bidder did submit the low estimate and since we were accepting public bids we were bound by law to accept the low proposal."

Mrs. Gaspar said that the bidding practice was not mandatory upon the board for such items and food service. However,

once the board decided by resolution that it would accept public bids it had to follow that course until the resolution was rescinded.

The lunch and breakfast programs are coordinated by former Sixth Ward Councilman John J. Palmieri. Mrs. Gaspar said that Palmieri has been advised to keep detailed records in the future.

Hoboken may get HUD \$890,000

8/1/75 J. J.

Hoboken stands to get an additional \$890,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under its Urgent Need program for the city's \$3.2 million waterline replacement program.

U.S. Sen. Clifford P. Case said today HUD has reviewed Hoboken's application for more than \$1 million and ruled that the city is eligible for up to \$890,000 in additional aid.

A spokesman for the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA) which submitted the application for the funds, said the additional money, if granted, would allow the city to expand the waterline replacement program to take in parts of the city that had been eliminated because of higher construction costs.

There was a significant time lapse between the time the city originally applied for the waterline replacement money and the time it was granted and the work started, he explained. "During this period there were significant increases in the cost of materials and labor."

Cosmopolitan is willing to sell embattled land

8/1/75 J. J.

North Hudson and Hoboken environmentalists who have objected strongly to the construction of an oil storage and distribution facility at the old Todd Shipyards by Cosmopolitan Terminals Inc. may yet get their way. The property is for sale.

Kenneth McGuire, the president of Cosmopolitan, said today that it is willing to sell the more than 50 acres of property in Hoboken and Weehawken for what it purchased the property for plus the cost of all improvements and cleaning it up.

Shore Road

8/25/75 J. J.

At long last Hoboken is going to be able to do something about that miserable collection of potholes known as Shore Road, River Road or, more colloquially, that "#1#!#! Road!"

Hoboken wants full taxes on projects

8/1/75 J. J.

The days of the tax abatement for developers of residential housing in Hoboken appear to be coming to an end.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he has advised the backers of the latest proposal to the city — a 225-unit senior citizen project — that the city expects full tax payments on the property if and when it comes about.

Condenser Service," the mayor said. "Before anything could be done the developers would have to purchase the property, and that would mean settling up what is owed in back taxes — close to \$100,000 plus interest," said the mayor.

Council to set Sept. 2 as date for city land sale

8/19/75 J. J.

The Hoboken City Council is expected to set Sept. 2 as the date for the sale of city-owned property when it meets Wednesday night.

All successful bidders will be required to submit to the city, before the council moves on accepting their bids, a written statement explaining what they plan to do with the property and buildings.

Seek Solution To Hoboken's Garage Flood

8/18/75 H. D.

The executive director of the Hoboken Parking Authority has asked the city's public works director to find a solution to the troublesome flooding that besets the municipal garage each time there is a heavy rain.

Seven of the 10 properties must either be repaired, rehabilitated or demolished within 60 days from the date the city council confirms the sale. They are 260-64 Newark St. with a minimum price of \$5,000; 116 Madison St., \$3,500; 321 Monroe St., \$5,000; 302 Madison St., \$3,000; 321 Willow Ave., \$3,700; 85 Park Ave., \$3,200; and 1405-07 Clinton St., \$4,000.

Halt This Park Ruin

8/13/75 H. D.

No matter how many warnings are posted and how many "crackdowns" are announced, vandalism seems to continue unabated. Hoboken, in particular, has been hard hit, in the housing projects, in the area of older homes and now again in the parks.

in a dilemma. He's right when he worries whether the city is going to end up "with nothing in the way of public parks but littered lots."

Nickel meters fading in Hoboken

8/25/75 J. J.

Hoboken motorists, if they are careful, can still get bargain parking rates: at meters around the city — five cents an hour. But by the end of this week all meters should be changed over to the parking authority's new rate — 10 cents an hour or half hour, depending on the meter.

Joseph Hottendorf, executive director of the authority, said that motorists can easily distinguish the new rate meters from the old. The authority is also changing the printed legends inside the meters, just below the window showing the time, which explains how much time costs and when the meters are in operation.

Bier raps council for delaying bills

8/1/75 J. J.

A number of firms doing business with Hoboken have advised Business Administrator Herman Bier that they will no longer have any dealings with the city because of the long delays in getting paid for their services and materials.

Vandals smash new \$16,000 bus

8/21/75 J. J.

Hoboken's new \$16,000 crosstown bus has yet to make an official run but it is already headed for the shop and repairs.

Hoboken to start compiling budget

8/26/75 J. J.

The new year is still more than four months away but for Hoboken city directors it starts next week.

Even if the Hoboken City Council were to give the school board the \$584,738 it's asking for, there still wouldn't be any money for teacher raises, school officials said today.

Police Standards

8/26/75 H. D.

We have to go along with the Hoboken PBA that city officials are wrong in trying to get police appointments for five men who have failed Civil Service examinations. At this moment, the city is awaiting state legislative action on five such cases.

'Plus'

8/14/75 H. D.

"Hoboken should have more stuff like this." That was a comment made by policemen patrolling quietly at the River City Festival on the Stevens pier as thousands of persons gathered for the two-day event which certainly gives a new dimension to the tired Mile-Square City.

Urges Fusilli Open Labor Relations Job

8/29/75 H. D.

Thomas Kennedy of freeholder seat in the Sixth District, yesterday called upon the incumbent to open up the new county position of labor relations research analyst to applicants.

Hoboken sees no money for teacher pay raises

THE JERSEY JOURNAL, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1975 23n

Even if the Hoboken City Council were to give the school board the \$584,738 it's asking for, there still wouldn't be any money for teacher raises, school officials said today.

The position was awarded last week to former Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale with a yearly salary of \$8,000.

"I expect the freeholder of the sixth district (Fusilli) to take a firm stand against this appointment," Kennedy said yesterday.

"Fusilli won his freeholder position by taking issue with the fact that DePascale was mayor and freeholder at the same time. Fusilli was elected for taking a stand against such dual job holding."

"But now DePascale is given an \$8,000 job in addition to the \$14,000 post he holds as labor negotiator for the board of education, and the job has as rental agent for Grogan Plaza," Kennedy pointed out.

Kennedy said he is not questioning DePascale's qualifications for the post. But with such high unemployment in Hudson County, he said, the job should be advertised and opened up to other applicants.

Reached by phone yesterday, DePascale said he was given the job when he wrote the board of freeholders, pointing out that such a researcher would help them deal with the numerous unions which hold contracts with the county. DePascale has worked in the labor field for many years and has his own labor consulting firm in Hoboken.

Fusilli is on vacation and could not be reached for comment.

Future Bleak for Hoboken Oil Tank Plans

By MARY ANN SHERMAN

8/20/75 J.D.

It appears the plans of Cosmopolitan Terminal Inc. will sink as deep as the 41 watery riparian acres the firm had hoped to develop on the Hoboken-Weehawken border.

When making its decision for a riparian rights permit for Cosmopolitan, the state Natural Resources Council will have to review testimony given Monday by close to 60 persons—from county freeholders to housewives—strongly opposed to the proposed oil tank storage farm. And included in the record are letters written by Gov. Brendan Byrne and David Bardine, commissioner of environmental protection, strongly advising against further installation of such facilities in New Jersey.

Even Cosmopolitan President Kenneth R. McGuire now has a dim view of the plan's future.

"We are pessimistic about the decision," McGuire said yesterday. "All of the welcomes that we received initially, from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Hoboken City Council, have been turned around. As much as we were welcomed in the beginning, we are being opposed now."

Mayor Steve Cappelletto also seemed pessimistic about the plan, once warmly welcomed by the city council when he said "We are now thinking in terms that it will be dropped and appears to be a dead issue."

So what now faces both the mayor and the city council which promised to stabilize the tax rate is the difficult task of attracting industry to Hoboken. But the future looks like an obstacle course.

• The tax rate in the Mile-Square City is presently the highest in the state—\$108 per \$1,000 assessed value. More ratables would lower that rate, but few will move to an area where the taxes are that high.

• Hoboken, one of the most densely populated cities in the country, has only two areas open enough to be developed, and one of them is under water. Cappelletto says the cost of retrieving 41 underwater acres has been estimated at \$4 to \$5 million and McGuire said that estimate is "conservative."

According to the mayor, Cosmopolitan was the first firm to come up with the "cold cash" to pursue the project. The only alternative for the city may be to retrieve the land itself, which it could do only if the federal government would come up with the money.

The only other available parcel of land is in the northwestern corner of the city. The Community Development Agency is presently studying the area to find what it is best suited for.

• Accessibility to roads from the Hoboken waterfront is poor and such accessibility is often one of the major factors con-

sidered when an industry is seeking a new location.

The Cosmopolitan oil tank storage farm would give Hoboken over \$500,000 a year in tax revenue, approximately a quarter of what it now receives yearly. One of the speakers at Monday's hearings, although he opposed the plan, admitted such a ratable was a "trumping morsel." Now the city council will probably have to look elsewhere.

But it should not look to industry, according to the Regional Plan Assn., a research and planning agency supported by the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut metropolitan area.

Speaking at the public hearings Monday, Sheldon Pollack, the association's information director warned: "There is little industry that will come to Hudson County. No major reputable developer is going to come here — its great advantages — without some assurance of the future."

"Almost every Hudson County community has misread the signs of change. Each believes that it can rebuild on its own, an economic and tax base focused on industry."

Pollack believes that the only possible replacement for industry is high rises and office and service work and for North Hudson to become a bedroom community for New York.

In a study done eight years ago and published as "The Lower Hudson", the Regional Plan Assn. proposed that from the George Washington Bridge south to the northern boundary of Hoboken, the most appropriate uses would be residential and associated commercial and community activities and regional recreation such as marinas and amusements.

And from the northern boundary of Hoboken to the Morris Canal Basin in Jersey City the association has recommended that upon the release of the railroads — which it says is likely — the area should be reclaimed for residential, recreational and related activities.

Yesterday, Pollack pointed out that in the eight years since that report was published, everything that has happened in terms of development and economic growth has passed Hudson County right by. And he said that if planning is not done with cooperation between the municipalities of North Hudson, that trend will continue.

"Neighbors (the municipalities) are too close," he said. "The organization hired by the courts to look into Penn Central is not going to work out investments of hundreds of millions of dollars for a residential complex if it is going to be bordered by a noxious industry."

Aim for Hoboken man as CDA chief

The next director of Hoboken's Community Development Agency (CDA) will probably be a local resident, according to Mayor Steve Cappelletto.

The mayor, who has started reviewing some of the applications he has received for the job now held by Michael Coleman, said today the general feeling among most city officials was that every effort should be made to "stay local."

"To some extent I agree," continued the mayor. "But I do feel that qualifications should come first. So the ideal replacement for Coleman would be someone with the qualifications who also happens to come from Hoboken or the local area in general."

The mayor said he has received a number of inquiries about Coleman's job as CDA director and several applications. He said right now they were all still in the running.

"I've reviewed a few of the applications but I haven't made any decision on them at all," said the mayor. "I can't even say that one is a front runner over the others."

Coleman has refused to accept reappointment and plans to leave the CDA in late September or early October.

Fusilli attending signing of seniors' drug aid bill

Hudson County Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli of Hoboken has been invited by Gov. Brendan Byrne to attend tomorrow's signing of Senate Bill 765 which will provide state aid for senior citizens purchasing prescription drugs.

The Freeholder, who strongly lobbied in both the Senate and Assembly for support of the bill, said he will be at the 1 p.m. ceremonies in Trenton.

According to Fusilli, the bill will benefit some 4,500 to 5,000 Hudson County golden agers and an estimated 55,000 throughout the state by making them eligible for state assistance for their medication requirements.

Hoboken receives grant from state to fight burglary

Hoboken has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency (SLEPA) for the city's crime prevention program, it was announced today.

A spokesman for Mayor Steve Cappelletto, the city's public safety director, said that the program's primary goal will be to prevent burglaries.

"SLEPA has called for a meeting in Trenton for next Wednesday for the purpose of briefing program officials on what will be expected of them," he said, "and what forms must be completed on a regular basis."

Sgt. Thomas Donnelly, the police department's planning officer, will make the trip since he will be doing most of the accounting for the program. However, Sergeant Donnelly did not know who was going to be the coordinator and the department representative — two posts SLEPA requires — of if they would be selected in time to go with him to the meeting.

"The main goal of the program is security," said the mayor's spokesman. "The coordinator and police department member, either alone or in conjunction with various divisions of the police department will be concentrating on showing how premises, whether business, industry or private residence, can be made secure or the possibility of burglary at least minimized."

He said a number of possible methods of providing not only personal security but block security involving the formation of block associations for this purpose, are recommended.

Hoboken tax, water departments may be moved to 'safer' offices

The Hoboken tax collector's office and the water department may find themselves in new office space on the top floor of City Hall in a move to provide better security for the two money-collecting units, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

According to the director, he is thinking about moving the two offices as a direct result of the recent theft of several hundred dollars from the violations bureau which is on the first floor of City Hall with the other two departments.

"To my knowledge, neither the tax department or water department have ever been robbed," said the director. "But the incident involving the

violations bureau shows that it is not impossible."

More than \$300 was taken from the violations bureau's cash register about three weeks ago. Police believe the money was taken by someone who had easy access to the building but have not yet made an arrest.

"Both the water department and tax department deal in sums of money much larger than the violations bureau, fortunately most of it is in the form of checks," said the director. "However, the loss or theft of those checks could cause a lot of undue problems for the city and disrupt the city's cash flow."

"The city would have to ascertain who had made payments recently and then contact those persons to have them stop payment on the original checks and issue new ones to the city. In the meantime, the flow of tax and water money coming into the city would be disrupted."

Vitale said the top floor of the building offered better security because it was more difficult to get in and out of the building without being noticed.

"I'm hoping that we may be able to work something out as part of the City Hall rehabilitation and beautification to cover the cost of making new offices," he added. "The matter is being discussed."

The director added that nothing would be done until the new City Hall elevator was operating. Work on the elevator is in its final stages and it should be operating within a few more weeks, he said.

Ultimatum on parking lot issued to Cappelletto

Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti has delivered an ultimatum to Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto: take action that will settle once and for all the issue of the parking lot at Sixth and Hudson Streets, or the councilman will do it for him.

"Our courtesy to the mayor and his position I am giving him the chance to meet the expectations of the residents of my ward on this matter," said the councilman. "Should he fail to meet his responsibilities, then it becomes my responsibility to see it through."

The matter concerns the use of a new parking lot at Sixth and Hudson Streets which was built by Stevens Institute of Technology for faculty and students but which is being used at night by a nearby restaurant. Residents of the area object to the commercial use of the lot because the area is zoned for residential-educational use and no variance of the zoning code was obtained by either the college or the restaurant.

The councilman said he expected the mayor to give him an answer within two weeks.

CDA director may be rehired as a consultant

Michael Coleman, who has announced that he is resigning as the director of the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA), may not be leaving after all.

According to a high city source, some city officials are considering a plan which would have Coleman follow through on his announced resignation only to be rehired as a consultant for almost the same annual salary.

The source said that Fred Bado Jr., the current assistant CDA director, would be promoted to Coleman's position as program head. Meanwhile, the position held by Robert Armstrong, who is starting law school next month, would be eliminated as a directorship and replaced by a consultant — Coleman.

It was explained that Coleman as director now makes approximately \$22,000 a year. The rumored fee for his services as a consultant in Armstrong's position would be around \$20,000 a year. However, as a consultant rather than a full-time employee of the CDA Coleman would be free to take on other consulting jobs outside the area and substantially supplement his income.

Meanwhile, it was reported that the new payroll ordinance for the CDA will be introduced to the city council for a first reading at its Sept. 3 meeting. The ordinance is said to have been amended by the city law department to reflect \$750 raises for most CDA employees and \$1,200 for those in top positions.

Church Towers rent raises unauthorized?

Residents of the Church Towers middle income housing project in Hoboken are getting notifications of pending rent increases that apparently exceed the amount authorized by the city's Rent Leveling and Stabilization Board. But for the time being the board isn't going to do anything about it.

According to the notices the tenants have been getting from the Y.A.N. Management Corp., the increases will be effective Oct. 1 and vary in amount depending on the family income, apartment size and allowable rent for that apartment.

Joseph Hottendorf, rent board chairman, said that from what he has been told by some tenants it would appear that all of the increases exceed the amount allowable by the board.

"The matter was discussed with representatives of the management firm," said Hottendorf. "They were told that they are entitled to raise the rents by eight per cent of the base rent as of January, 1975."

"If they wanted more than that a hearing would have to be held for the purpose of proving to the board that the money over eight per cent was needed. No such hearing has been held or asked for."

However, Hottendorf said the board is not going to take any action on its own — at least not for the time being — for two reasons. First, no tenants officially have complained about the proposed rent increase to the board, and secondly, there isn't anyone to do the paper work.

"The rent board is again a board in name only," said Hottendorf. "There is no staff to do the work, and in this case it means some 300 letters that will have to be sent out to every tenant in the Church Towers project. As soon as I know that we have clerical or secretarial help we'll consider the problem."

However, Hottendorf was not sure the board could take any action unless it had something to base it on — like at least one tenant's formal complaint of an excessive rent increase.

"Most of the tenants I have talked with don't want to make the complaint because they say they are afraid they will be evicted at a later date for signing," continued Hottendorf. "I can't buy that."

"Good tenants who pay their rent on time, keep their apartments in good condition and don't cost management any money for repairs normally don't get evicted even if they do haggle about the rents. Besides, eviction as a reprisal for signing a complaint dealing with housing violations or rent control is against the law."

Lung disease expert joins oil storage plant fight

A lung disease expert will be one of the speakers at environmental hearings in Hoboken High School today on an application by Cosmopolitan Terminals, Inc. to create an oil storage plant on the Hoboken-Weehawken border.

The hearings scheduled for 1 and 7 p.m. are being held by the New Jersey Natural Resources Council, an affiliate of the Department of Environmental Protection.

There was an unconfirmed report that Cosmopolitan president Kenneth McGuire would not attend the hearing or have his company represented. The report said that McGuire has sent a telegram to the state saying it is "just playing around" and charging it with violating its own administrative code by taking more than two years to make a decision on whether or not the company can build its facility.

Environmentalists objecting to the Cosmopolitan proposal for the oil tank farm were to criticize the project on many of the same issues they have brought up for the past three years: The danger of fire, air and water pollution, and economics.

Scheduled to represent the Hoboken Environment Committee at the hearing is acting committee chairman Michael Flanagan.

He said he would charge that the question is not if a fire would break out at the site, but when. "If more than one tank ever went, heaven help us," he said.

The air pollution problem would result from both the operation of the tanks themselves and increased truck traffic, according to Flanagan. He planned to charge that whatever questions remain on the air pollution issue, "there will be an increase of the hydrocarbons in an area already overburdened with them."

Trucks would also further congest Hoboken streets, Flanagan was prepared to contend.

The environment committee also argues that oil spills would reverse the direction of the problems that were going to confront it.

"We even took our preliminary proposal to the state Commissioner of Environmental Protection (then headed by Richard Sullivan) to feel out how his department would react to the proposal and to get some reaction," said McGuire. "The commissioner said that the state considered the Todd Shipyard a 'wasteland' and that we shouldn't anticipate any problems with our proposal."

"We were aware of the problems the former owner, Sumnermarine Inc., had with public opinion against its plan to build a small refinery, but this was not our intention so we assumed there wouldn't be any major opposition to our proposal."

McGuire said Cosmopolitan and its officials viewed the entire situation as a tragic experience.

According to Cramer, he has received a complaint from Mrs. Shirley Sturtz, the woman who took and passed the examination, that someone else was hired by the city for the position who did not take the test.

"Why, if we have someone qualified for the job by Civil Service standards must someone of questionable qualifications get the position?" asked Cramer.

The councilman said that he talked with Director Raphael P. Vitale about the matter but he was "not satisfied" with Vitale's explanation.

Hoboken Loses State Aid

An accounting supervisor for the State Department of Education yesterday confirmed reports that Hoboken's Board of Education will not get some \$800,000 in strongly hoped for state aid.

Upon hearing confirmation of the cuts, Otto Hottendorf, board president, said he fears teacher layoffs are imminent next month. "I don't see how we can avoid them (the layoffs)," he said.

However, Hottendorf was quite sure no definite decisions would be made at tonight's board of education meeting.

The board has not yet received formal notification of the cuts. Reports of the revenue loss were confirmed yesterday by William Searls, supervising accountant of the Division of Finance in the Department of Education.

According to Searls, state aid to Hoboken for the 1975-76 Academic year is proposed as follows: \$5,506,056 in formula aid; \$67,609 for student transportation expenses; and \$644, 749 for educating the handicapped.

Searls said the transportation and special education allotments are still subject to review, but at present, Hoboken's state aid comes to \$6,238,414.

Last year the board received \$5,770,594. Though it looks as though the city is actually getting much more, it isn't. The board was seeking an increase of \$1.3 million for this year. The mere increase of almost \$500,000 leaves a gap in the budget of close to \$800,000.

Hottendorf said he feared the teacher layoffs because the board has few other options. The board president estimated that reducing planned repairs would save only some \$200,000; curtailing after school activities would save only \$100,000 in staff overtime and fuel costs; limiting the athletic program would cut merely \$25,000 from the budget.

"But saving \$800,000 is a sheer impossibility," Hottendorf summed up. "We can't do it without layoffs. The people of Hoboken would not stand for complete curtailment of the after school or athletic programs."

However, Hottendorf said he could not estimate how many teachers would have to go.



8/22/75 Made in Hoboken J-J

At the annual Hoboken recreation department exhibition of arts and crafts done by youngsters in the city's summer recreation program, two of the participants model aprons they made and embroidered themselves. From left are Margie Dyer, 10; Mrs. Angie Salomone, who taught the girls sewing and embroidery; and Jacqueline Arroyo, 11. (More pictures on Page 5.)

Rent Body Of Hoboken In Dilemma

It appears that Hoboken's Rent Board may have to waive its policy of acting only on signed complaints if it wants to investigate recent rent increases at Church Towers above the eight per cent allowed by the city's rent control ordinance.

Joseph Hottendorf chairman of the rent board, said yesterday that he has received numerous calls from tenants complaining of the rent hikes, but that no one would sign a complaint. Hottendorf said the board will have to decide at its next meeting whether it will investigate the matter without formal complaints.

Meanwhile it was revealed that Mayor Steve Cappelletto has asked the Department of Housing and Urban Development to increase the allowable maximum income of tenants at the middle-income development.

A number of tenants admitted yesterday that they would not sign a complaint because they fear reprisals from the manager, Roger Levy, because their wives go to work.

When HUD financed the three-building development, salary ranges were set for all of the tenants. Now instead of raising rents when a tenant's income increases, Levy evicts the tenant, some say, if he or she has made complaints in the past.

Some tenants said their wives have started working since they moved to the development and that they would be evicted if Levy found out.

Tenants also complained that Church Towers was supposed to give preference to Municipal employees for vacant apartments and that instead, Levy only rents them on a first-come-first-served basis. In addition tenants claimed the management does not clean the buildings as it should. Councilman Sal Cemelli said yesterday he was opposed to the increases and that he wants the rent board to look into it.

The increases range from 7.5 per cent for efficiency apartments to 12 per cent for three-bedroom apartments. Besides being above eight per cent limit they are based on 1975 rents. The city's ordinance allows increase based on the rent paid in January, 1973.

Levy has claimed that Church Towers is exempt from the municipal rent regulations because it was financed by HUD.

Waterproofing for mini-school site approved

The last obstacle blocking the resumption of work on Hoboken's new mini-school at 524 Park Ave., has been cleared away.

The Board of Education has approved a change order in the construction of the school which will allow the contract or, Pisani and DeBar, to install steel sheeting on the north, south and west sides of the excavation which will prevent further erosion of soil from neighboring properties.

A board spokesman said that the additional work will cost \$104,528 and the money to pay for it will be found hopefully within the existing construction budget. He said that this could be done through a list of construction options which gave the board some financial flexibility.

Mayo, Lynch and Associates, the school project, recommended the change in plans. The steel sheets will be driven into the ground to a depth of 16 feet and stand four feet above ground.

This will create a waterproof membrane around three quarters of the construction site. The area will then be pumped out with the pumps remaining at the site to keep seeping groundwater from becoming a construction problem.

No work has been done at the school site since last December when the excavation work reportedly undermined the foundation of a five story tenement house at 520 Park Ave. forcing the city to condemn the building and move the tenants.

Dear Editor: 8/22/75 J.J.

This is a reply to Richard M. Cardillo's letter of Aug. 20, in which he comments on local observances of our bicentennial.

In addition to some excellent local observances throughout Hudson County including outstanding programs in Jersey City under Chairman Morris T. Pesin; in Kearny under Chairman Jessie Hipp; in Bayonne under Michael Adamski and Weehawken under Chairman Lucille Cunningham; (to mention only a few) the county's bicentennial observances are also NOT completely what Mr. Cardillo describes.

In addition to the festive aspect of the bicentennial, the county committees has conducted and will conduct programs that reinforce our heritage and help plan for the future.

These events in the 1975-76 will include a tour of historic sites in Hudson County; our second ethnic music festival; our Second Bicentennial Congress (with emphasis on educating our young); a conference on Women and the American Experience; a first edition of a Directory of Historic Sites in Hudson County; a new History of Hudson County; but will also include a Bicentennial Ball and a Colonial arts and crafts festival.

Among the hundreds of volunteers throughout the county working on the proper and dignified observances of the bicentennial there is complete agreement that this 200th anniversary is a time of reeducation and renewal to the principles which has made greatness a by-word for this country.—CHARLES K. ROBINSON, chairman, Hudson County Bicentennial Committee.

Developer may drop oil tank plan

8/19/75 J.J.

Whether Cosmopolitan Terminals Inc. get its permits from the state Natural Resources Council to begin landfill operations at its proposed Hoboken-Weehawken oil storage facility is rapidly becoming a moot point.

The issue, moot or not, will be decided by the council within three months, according to Donald P. Hetchka, who chaired two hearings in Hoboken for the council yesterday. The decision could come as early as Oct. 8, the council's first scheduled meeting after a required 30-day waiting period.

Members of the Hoboken City Council disclosed at yesterday's hearings on the company's application for landfill permits that a resolution ordering the city's law department to begin foreclosure proceedings against the company would be introduced at tomorrow night's council meeting.

See Editorial:
OVERDUE
On Page 14

Resources Council, the company must have clear title to the property for its application to be considered. Cosmopolitan already has a Hoboken tax lien on the portion of its land in that city, but owes the city more than \$500,000 in back taxes and penalties.

The final blow may be that Kenneth McGuire, president of Cosmopolitan, feels that his project is "dead" and that his refusal to attend yesterday's hearing was the final measure.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, who still took a middle of the road position towards the oil storage facility, said he has had conversations with McGuire in the last few days and was told by the company president he felt that the state would not grant him the necessary permits and that his refusal to attend the hearings probably would "insure that outcome."

The purpose of the hearings was to determine whether or not the company should be granted permits to fill, dredge and bulkhead below the high water mark at the facility, approximately three quarters of which is underwater and considered riparian land.

For those who questioned whether or not the hearings were necessary, as did McGuire, Hetchka said they were. But he added that the council would review the transcript of the January 1974 Department of Environmental Protection hearing on



Members and staff of the State Natural Resources Council conduct an environmental hearing in Hoboken High School on impact of proposed oil tank farm at Weehawken border. Donald

Hetchka, third from right, is a member of the council and chairman for the hearing. Stephen Brauer, to his right, is a deputy attorney general.

Cosmopolitan's proposal — and much of what was said yesterday by dissenters was a rehash of what they had said more than 20 months ago.

Hetchka also disputed McGuire's position that the long delay on the matter was in violation of administrative code.

Before starting the hearings, Hetchka read into the proceedings letters from Gov. Brendan Byrne and DEP Commissioner David Bardine which strongly indicated that the state may be reaching a decision shortly on the Cosmopolitan matter of last year.

The governor's letter stated New Jersey was taking a dim view of becoming the oil storage facility for her neighboring states especially after they have indicated that they want no part of the facilities themselves.

Bardine's letter was in a similar vein. The first portion of the hearing was to have started at 1 p.m. but, in fact did not begin until almost 1:30 p.m. Speakers were allowed to address the council by order of their positions — federal government officials first, followed by state, county and municipal officials — and then citizens — and each was limited to six minutes.

Assemblyman Chris Jackman of West New York was the first to speak against the granting of the permits. He said that of the 167 letters he had received from his constituents, more than 150 were against the proposal.

Edwin Chius, a legislative aide to Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo of Hoboken, told the council that Gallo's mail had been running 85 per cent against the oil storage facility.

Other officials addressing the council and speaking against the proposal were Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli, County Clerk James F. Quinn, Hoboken Council President Martin J. Brennan, Hoboken Second Ward Councilman Walter S. Cramer, Charles K. Robinson, director of the Hudson County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Thomas Vezzetti, representing Hoboken Councilman-at-large Francis X. Leahy, and Weehawken Committee Chairman John (Doc) Federer.

Cappiello was the only public official who didn't come out against the facility. The mayor took the opportunity to blast the state and the DEP for "fiddling around with this for almost three years."

"I have been in contact with the governor and Commissioner Bardine many times and my request was always the same — make a decision on this, either yes or no, but make a decision," said the mayor.

could jeopardize this entire Hudson River area on both shore lines. Allowing the prospective builders all possible leeway on safety, I feel we cannot afford to gamble."

Other Weehawken political figures expressing opposition to the project last night were former Mayor Arthur Olvesen; Committee man Francis J. Pizzuta; Democratic party official Claire Burke; former Democratic mayoral candidate James J. Terlizzi Jr.; Second Ward Republican candidate for committeeman James Dow and Third Ward Democratic candidate for committeeman Wally Lindsley.

Pizzuta also registered opposition to the length of time the council is taking to make its decision, and Mrs. Burke criticized Cosmopolitan officials for boycotting the meeting.

Former Union City commissioner Harry Calandrello said both the present and former commissioners of that city oppose the tank farm. West New York Anthony DeFino's assistant, Frank Gioia, read DeFino's statement that he was "unalterably opposed" to issuing a permit for Cosmopolitan, and that the project was "totally irresponsible from an environmental viewpoint."

Donald Pellicano read a statement from Hoboken Councilman-at-large Robert Raineri that he opposes the Cosmopolitan project "as hostile to progress and to the self-preservation of our city."

Also registering opposition were Angie Sneath for the Union City Citizens League; Flanagan for Dr. Sidney Borg; Nikki Counselman for Dr. Arthur Lesser; Lawrence Campagna for the Hudson County Planning Board and Richard McAleer, standard-bearer for the Dick McAleer Civic Association.

Hoboken Board of Education President Otto Hottendorf said he opposed the project because it would increase air pollution, which would increase the number of youngsters absent from the public schools, which would reduce state aid to the board based on the number of students in the classroom.

Other speakers last night included Vezzetti, James Marchetti, Sheldon Biber, Armen Jurmaician, Thomas Kennedy and Walter Pickout. Pickout of the Jersey City Respiratory Therapy Association, said any increased air pollution would be harmful to those with respiratory diseases.

Hetchka promised that the resources council will "recognize public sentiment" in making its decision. He said Cosmopolitan could appeal in the courts a refusal of the permit.

Hearing on oil plant wide open

8/21/75 J.J.

Despite a previous report that the hearing on the proposed Hoboken-Weehawken oil terminal Aug. 18 would be limited to comments on construction features, actually all aspects of the project will be gone into.

Donald T. Graham, director of marine services of the state Department of Environmental Protection, gave that assurance today. He said all who wish to speak will have ample opportunity to express their views at the hearing, which concerns an application for a permit to dredge, fill and otherwise prepare the site of the proposed plant.

The hearing, to be held in two sessions at Hoboken High School, will be conducted by Donald P. Hetchka of the Natural Resources Council, a quasi-judicial arm of

See editorial:
THE WHOLE THING
on Page 20

the department dealing with riparian permits, said Graham. Hetchka, according to Graham, will be "very liberal" in interpreting the guidelines of the hearing.

The subject of the hearing will be the plans of Cosmopolitan Terminal Inc. to

prepare the waterfront on the Hoboken-Weehawken border for a bulk oil storage facility.

Graham said the Natural Resources Council wants everyone concerned with the project to be given the chance to "express himself" at the "information-gathering" hearing.

The state agency's marine service director said the hearing is scheduled despite the fact a full hearing was held in Weehawken High School a year ago last December. Graham said the new hearing was necessary because of the amount of time that has elapsed since the earlier hearing and the Resources Council's need for additional information "from all viewpoints."

It was on behalf of then Commissioner Richard Sullivan that the state's environmental agency held the earlier hearing, said Graham. He said the present members of the Council have decided to hold the hearing because it is their duty to make the initial decision on the application and they do not want to rely solely on information gathered at the earlier hearing.

If the "initial decision" by the Natural Resources Council is negative, then it cannot be appealed to David Bardine, commissioner of the State's environmental agency, or to anyone else in the department, said Graham. But, if the Council decides in favor of the application for a riparian permit, it is still subject to Bardine's approval, explained Graham.

"The Council is concerned with anything that is going to be done on property for which the owner has applied for a riparian permit" said Graham.

Although Cosmopolitan Terminals Inc. only listed the construction features of the dredging and filling operations at the waterfront in its application, the Council will take into consideration the project as a whole, including Cosmopolitan's plans to establish an oil tank farm on the proposed landfill, said Graham.

Graham explained that, by law, the Council has the responsibility to pass all applications concerning riparian lands—lands under mean high water—but it also concerns itself "with the broad public interest" in the proposed use of underwater lands.

Tale of two City Halls

8/21/75 J.J.

Hoboken officials like Bayonne's

Hoboken is looking into both the past and the future regarding its municipal building.

Mayor Steve Cappiello received good news yesterday on the progress the city is making toward declaring Hoboken City Hall a national historic site.

At almost the same time, other city officials were looking with apparent envy on the modern city hall in Bayonne, as they contemplate major changes in Hoboken's aged building.

The two attitudes aren't as far apart as they first appear, because Cappiello hopes the historic site designation will make the old building eligible for federal funds for repair and renovation.

But the present building could hardly differ in appearance more from the three-

year-old building with sharp, clear architectural lines which Hoboken officials saw in Bayonne yesterday.

Eager to look at its modern style before making rehabilitation plans for Hoboken, the visiting architects, administrators and policemen from said they were impressed with Bayonne's building.

"We liked it very much, it's clean and quiet," said Sgt. Thomas Donnelly, Hoboken's police planning officer. He said he was "very impressed with the complete layout."

He said Bayonne policemen appeared comfortable in their headquarters. "And when they're comfortable they produce," the sergeant declared.

Donnelly said "we wanted to see how we could get as much usable space as possible by comparing Bayonne's building with ours," he said.

Joel Freiser, Hoboken's director of municipal operations, said the success of a building can be seen after a few years, and that Bayonne City Hall seems to be passing the test very well.

"The building plan and design really paid off. We heard very few complaints," Freiser said.

Most officials feel Hoboken can't afford the cost of a new building now, and are hoping that historic value will help find money to renovate the old one.

David N. Poinsett, supervisor of the Historic Sites section of the State Division of Parks and Forests, informed Hoboken officials that the state has favorably accepted the city's application for historic designation for the City Hall.

Councilman hits Hoboken CDA

8/26/75 J.J.

absenteeism

A Hoboken councilman said today that he plans to review the sick list for the city's Community Development Agency (CDA) after learning that only nine or 10 persons were working last Friday from a total staff of 40 employees.

First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano said today that it has been brought to his attention that 18 employees of the CDA were "sick" Friday and did not report for work.

Michael Coleman, CDA director, was not available for comment. A spokesman said he was "out-of-state" on CDA business.

"Another 13 are on vacation," continued the councilman. "That left a total of nine employees to man the offices on that day. It appears to me that some CDA employees are taking a vacation of their sick time to take Fridays off and make long weekends during the summer."

"In one respect I see nothing wrong with this. It is their sick time and if they want to use it that way and their director approves, so be it. But their is obviously very poor control."

"When almost half the staff of a program we are told is so important to Hoboken take sick at the same time — a Friday — there is something very wrong."

"Having 18 employees out sick on a summer Friday or Monday obviously indicates to me that there were many who weren't sick but wanted a long weekend. If the director approves of this he should at least make sure that there is an adequate staff on hand to keep the agency running at full capacity," asserted the councilman.

Romano said he did not feel that a staff of nine persons to handle the duties of the Community Development Agency was adequate.

The councilman said he wanted to review the CDA sick lists for the entire summer then see how much time each employee had taken as compared to the amount of time they are entitled to.

"If sick time is to be used for long weekends then that time should be deducted from the overall amount granted to employees for the year," added Romano.

Calls St. Mary Note Sale Lively

8/20/75 J.J.

The underwriters of part of St. Mary Hospital's \$15 million modernization program said yesterday that after only one day of the local sale of its direct obligation note issue it had handled over \$100,000 in investments.

Gordon Knutson, who is handling the local sale for B.C. Ziegler and Company of West Bend, Wis., said the firm anticipated the local sale to range from \$300,000 to \$500,000. But based on investing by noon yesterday, Knutson said he expects the local investing to hit, and maybe even exceed, the \$500,000 mark.

Ziegler and Company is underwriting a \$7,000,000 direct obligation note issue for the hospital. A national sale is being conducted all this week. Knutson will be at the St. Mary's for two more days to service local investors.

Knutson explained that notes bought by local investors keeps money in this area and reinforces resident confidence. "They are helping themselves and the hospital," he said.

Today and tomorrow interested investors can call St. Mary Hospital and ask for the bond sale. After tomorrow, investors can call Ziegler's Wisconsin offices on the toll free number: (800) 858-1751.

The notes mature in seven-and-a-half years and earn nine and a half per cent interest yearly. The interest is mailed to

registered bond-holders semi-annually on March 1 and Sept. 1 of each year. Investors can also order coupon bonds and collect their interest at their local bank.

The notes are available in denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 or any multiple of those amounts.

The issue was awarded an "A" credit rating by Fitch Investors Service of New York.

Ziegler and Company wrote the first commercial church loan in 1913 and since then has underwritten over 2,000 loans and over \$2.5 billion of notes and bonds, mainly in the medical and health field.

SLEPA Grants to Hudson, Bergen

8/28/75 J.J.

Law enforcement agencies in Hudson and Bergen counties will receive more than \$140,000 of the \$1.1 million awarded to municipal and county governments by the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency (SLEPA) at a recent meeting.

Among the governments to receive SLEPA aid are Union City, Hoboken, Kearny, Englewood, and Hudson County itself.

SLEPA announced that eight programs to improve police services to juveniles and to combat organized crime and illegal narcotics traffic were among the 22 grants approved at the Aug. 20 meeting of the agency.

Most of the money awarded by SLEPA comes from an \$18.6 million block grant to the state of New Jersey from the

federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

Union City will receive a new computer system for crime data and Hoboken will institute a new crime prevention program with money awarded by the state agency.

Englewood will receive \$56,322 for equipment to establish a new radio communications system. The new system is expected to reduce the time the police take to respond to a complaint to less than four minutes.

According to Capt. Paul Kelly, the Union City planning officer, the new minicomputer system will "automate the record system from the dispatcher to the incidents."

Kelly said the aim of the program is to "increase police patrol effectiveness

through the more efficient allocation of resources." He said, a superior officer or the chief of police will be able to find out from the computer where crime is taking place and use it as an indication of how to assign police beats.

More than \$27,000 will be used for the program with 90 per cent of the money coming from the federal government and the rest from the state and city, according to Kelly. He said the system should satisfy the needs of the city for the next 25 years.

Police officials in Hoboken said they will receive \$15,000 to hire a coordinator and run a new crime prevention program. In addition to this money from the federal government, the state and the city will provide \$800 each for the program.

A spokesman for the police said the program will be designed to reduce the number of break-ins of homes and businesses which is usually the major

crime in Hoboken. The program will include a public information campaign to teach how to make a home or business as burglar proof as possible.

In addition the program will include security inspections for the homes of people who request them and the establishment of block associations. The money will also be used to send the civilian coordinator and the police supervisor who will work in the program to the Crime Prevention Institute in Lexington, Ky.

In addition to money for Union City and Hoboken, Kearny will receive \$29,185 to continue a drug treatment program. The program provides physical examinations, detoxification, psychological evaluations, counseling, job placements and referrals.

Hudson County itself was awarded a grant of \$39,636 to continue and expand the County Inmate Rehabilitation project. The program provides screening, classification, counseling and training for prisoners, according to SLEPA.

Hoboken plan would add new facility for police

8/26/75 J.J.

If Hoboken's plan to modernize and preserve its City Hall building materializes it will mean a complete new facility for the city's police department at the rear of the municipal building.

According to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, the engineers and consultants hired by the Hoboken Community Development Agency to plan the City Hall project recommend the construction of a completely new four-story building behind the city hall building for the use of the police department.

"The new structure would contain all existing police offices plus the city jail, but would give the department some additional room for expansion at a later date if need," said the director.

"AS A RESULT of such a move of the police department, an entire floor of the municipal government some much needed additional room for either expansion of existing office space or bringing in some outlying offices into the municipal building."

Vitale said that the ground floor of the City Hall could be used to house the Community Development Agency (CDA) which now rents office space in a building at 82 Washington St., or possibly the city's welfare offices which are located away from the city hall building.

One benefit of a separate police headquarters, said Vitale, would be better security.

"The police would have their own entrance to the building to which squad cars could pull up and discharge prisoners without interfering with the public going in the other entrance," he continued.

"Currently, this is one of the bigger drawbacks of the existing arrangement. There are now two entrances into the police area and both are used as frequently by the public as by the police."

THE PROPOSAL, when completed, will have to be approved by Mayor Steve Cappiello and the city council. But it already has Vitale's support.

"Maintaining the existing jail area is a big headache for my department," he asserted. "Putting them in tip-top shape would be costly, too costly when you consider what I have to work within the way of funds."

"All new jail cells, featuring the very latest in vandal-proof facilities, would probably save the city money in the long run. They couldn't be damaged as quickly as the facilities we now have thus cutting out maintenance costs. And since they would be all new, it would be a while before we'd have to start worrying about their wearing out through normal wear and tear."

The success of the plan depends on whether or not the federal government agrees to designate the building an historic site. The state has already done so and recommends the federal authorities to follow suit.

With the designation the city would be and would be eligible for federal funds for the rest of it.

Cappiello urged to foreclose on oil tank farm site

8/13/75 J.J.

The Hoboken Environment Committee has urged Mayor Steve Cappiello to immediately institute foreclosure proceedings against Cosmopolitan Terminals Inc. for non-payment of taxes and reclaim the company's land in the northeast section of the city.

Cosmopolitan, which owes Hoboken more than \$125,000 on the property, plans to build an oil storage and distribution facility.

Committee officials, led by Mrs. Helen Manogue, a committee spokesman, met with the mayor yesterday to make the demand. However, Cappiello was "non-committal."

But according to high city sources, the mayor may soon have no other choice in the matter since the company is almost two years behind in its tax payments to the city and there is increasing sentiment on the city council that Cosmopolitan has had more than enough time to proceed with its project.

Several councilmen, including Council President Martin J. Brennan, have publicly stated that the company is not excused from meeting its tax commitments just because it is having problems with state and federal environmental agencies in getting the permits it needs to start work. And the city is not excused from its obligation of foreclosing on Cosmopolitan's property if the payments aren't made.

Mayor Cappiello said he looked on Cosmopolitan's proposal for the property — the old Todd Shipyard — as a last resort, but the only one available to the city.

"There are many ideas for the use of that land and area which would be much more beneficial to Hoboken in the long run," said the mayor. "The problem is that they are only ideas and ideas do not generate tax dollars that this city needs so desperately, now."

"No one would like to see high rise apartment houses or an office complex in that area more than I. Or maybe a marina with town houses. They are great ideas. But the truth of the matter is that no one has come along with a sincere interest, or even a passing interest, in developing the area along these lines. If there is anyone out there who is now interested in such a development and alerts to city I'll be the first to lead the battle to oust Cosmopolitan."

The mayor said that Cosmopolitan and Supermarine Inc. before it were the only two firms to show any interest in the Todd property since the city took it over for non-payment of taxes from the ship building firm. Supermarine planned to build a small oil refinery on the site but backed out when it met strong opposition from environmental groups.

According to Mrs. Manogue, the area, developed as a package with other properties south and west of it, has potential as a 100 acre industrial park if presented properly.

"We have suggested to the mayor that a land use commission be formed for the purpose of packaging such a proposal and presenting it to interests in New York," said Mrs. Manogue. "It is a long range proposal but one that is much more fitting and would make better use of the land than an oil tank farm."

She added that the committee planned to contact the mayor again in a few weeks and get his reaction to its proposal.

Stabilize

8/27/75 J.J.

That is the key word in the budget message Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello will send to his city directors Monday . . . and it is a word not unfamiliar in Hoboken.

For the last three years—to the envy of its neighbors—Hoboken has either reduced or stabilized its city budget. In these uneasy economic times, that is quite an accomplishment.

The Hoboken economic picture is far from cheerful. There is a strong possibility the city once again will have to bail out the Parking Authority by picking up part of its parking garage bond payments, but the city has been doing that regularly for years and still has managed to stabilize its budget.

Mayor Cappiello sees hope in the frequent visits to the city by those interested in commercial and industrial development. No one has offered to invest money yet, but another stabilized budget may be the final convincer for those who are looking for a reasonably safe place to invest.

Tank Farm Firm Will Shun Hearing on Waterfront Plan

By MARY ANN SHERMAN
8/16/75 J. J.

The president of Cosmopolitan Terminal, Inc., has charged that the state "is just playing around" and refuses to participate in the public hearings scheduled for Monday on cosmopolitan's application for a riparian rights permit for an oil tank farm on the Hoboken-Weehawken waterfront.

In a telegram sent yesterday to Gov. Brendan Byrne and state environmental officials, Kenneth R. McGuire charged the state with violating the New Jersey Administration Code by waiting two-and-a-half years to make a decision.

Reached by telephone yesterday, McGuire said that if a decision is not made "within a reasonable amount of time" Cosmopolitan will force a decision in the courts. But McGuire would not define he meant by a "reasonable amount of time."

However, a source close to Cosmopolitan and its push for an oil storage farm, said the firm has been hesitant to bring the matter to court. The source said Cosmopolitan officials believe that such action would only provoke David Bardine, state commissioner on environmental protection, into making a negative decision.

The hearings, to be conducted Monday at 1 and 7 p.m. by the Natural Resources Council of the state Environmental protection Agency, will be the fifth and sixth such hearings held since Cosmopolitan first filed its application in December of 1972.

Cosmopolitan needs a riparian rights permit to fill, bulkhead, dredge and construct maritime facilities on the waterfront land.

McGuire said he is "demanding an immediate decision" on the permit. According to the terminal president, the New Jersey Administrative Code specifies a 90-day deadline for a decision to be rendered following a public hearing on a permit for riparian rights.

McGuire said the last public hearing was held Jan. 10, 1974.

"The hearings scheduled for Monday are irreverent," he charged. "It's time for the department to make a decision."

"The whole idea of having continuous meetings and making no decision is a fraud on everyone. And if I were on the side of the environmentalists, I would be just as frustrated. If the speeches of Mrs. Zapp or Mrs. Manogue had any worth the government would have said, 'no,' long ago."

(Mrs. Audrey Zapp of Jersey City and Mrs. Helen Manogue of Hoboken are two of Hudson County's leading environmentalists leading the fight against Cosmopolitan on the tank farm.)

"But the government is just playing around. They could keep on calling public hearing from now until the year 2,000," McGuire said. "The environmental agency is outside the framework of the laws of the state."

Larry Schmidt, acting director of the Office of Environmental Review, said at 4 p.m. yesterday that the telegrams had not yet been received in Trenton.

But Schmidt said the state is still within the law because the code being cited by McGuire does not apply to the Cosmopolitan land in Hoboken.

"That part of Section 7 of the Administrative code was promulgated by the Wetlands Act of 1970," Schmidt explained. "There are no wetlands in Hoboken so the code does not apply in this case. Also, Cosmopolitan did not apply for a permit under the Wetlands Act."

Schmidt said there are no time limits set for decisions following public hearings like the ones already held on Cosmopolitan. He added that his office felt it was necessary to hold another hearing to elicit more feedback from county and municipal government officials and private individuals before making a decision.

Meanwhile Hoboken's law department has received orders to start foreclosure proceedings on Cosmopolitan's waterfront property, for nonpayment of taxes. Council President Martin Brennan said time had expired for Cosmopolitan to block the tax lien on its property.

According to Brennan, Cosmopolitan's promise to pay 60 per cent of all the rent it receives from the property is not enough. Cosmopolitan's present tax bill is over \$125,000, and the first payment on its promise, made July 31, was only \$10,000.

Yesterday that payment was called "unlawful" by Mrs. Manogue, founder and chairman of the Hoboken Environmental Committee. She said a legal adviser to the committee had told it that a municipality has statutory rights to any and all rentals received on a property under a tax lien and that the rent payments, cannot be in lieu of taxes and must be paid in addition to the taxes.

Bier warns non-payment if bills not OK'd by him

8/22/75 J. J.

A number of firms that have been supplying Hoboken with automotive supplies for the police department are being notified by Business Administrator Herman Bier not to honor any requests for more parts or services unless they come through or have been approved by his office.

"All purchases are to be made by or authorized by the business administrator," said Bier. "This procedure is not being followed and my action is the only way I know of insuring that it is."

According to Bier, it has come to his attention that a significant number of small purchases have been made by individuals within the police department without first going through his office for purchase authorization.

"To my knowledge the items that were purchased were all needed," said Bier. "However, that is not the issue at hand. What I am concerned about is the disregard for proper administrative procedures. Everyone knows, or at least is supposed to know, that all purchases, regardless of how small, are to be made or authorized by the business administrator."

"The responsibility if anything goes wrong rests with myself and my department. Therefore, if I am to be held responsible I must insist on an immediate end to this practice of purchasing items without first getting at least verbal clearance to make them."

Bier said that he thought the practice had been eliminated until he learned that the police department was waiting for parts with which to repair several of its cars.

"No orders for those parts were placed through this office," continued the director. "So it appears that the practice of buying things without going through my office continues."

Bier said he still had "one ace in the hole" should the practice fail to end immediately.

"I will simply refuse to sign the vouchers authorizing payment of the bills," said Bier. "If the payment vouchers aren't signed they can't be sent to the city council for its approval."

The director added that in some cases the vendors were also to blame because they had been dealing with the city for many years and should know better than to honor an order that isn't placed by his office.

Cappiello considering 'Centrex' phone setup

8/25/75 J. J.

A number of employees of the Hoboken Board of Education, the city, its Community Development Agency (CDA), housing authority, police department and fire department may soon be out of work or performing at new tasks if Mayor Steve Cappiello has his way.

The mayor said today that he is looking into the possibility of eliminating all of the individual switchboards servicing the different agencies and departments and consolidating them into one board at City Hall.

"Preliminary indications are that the savings to the city and other agencies would be considerable, not only in monthly telephone costs, but in manhours," said the mayor. "The suggestion to consolidate all of the switchboards into one was made originally by the telephone company last year."

Cappiello said he has been thinking about the suggestion "on and off" ever since.

According to the mayor, the telephone company suggested a "Centrex" board. He said that such a unit would expand the telephone efficiency of all the agencies but require less people to operate it.

"The persons would probably be required to operate the board during the day as compared to a total of six now being used," he continued. "At night, only one person would be required to take incoming police and fire department calls."

"Another advantage is that every telephone on the Centrex system is both a private phone and a direct extension of the main switchboard at the same time. Persons calling into the board can call either the main number and have the operator switch the call to whatever department desired, or they can call the department direct."

"For instance, the City Hall number is 792-3000. Say that is kept as the main number. The various city agencies would be given telephones with the same first three or four digits. Say the police department becomes 792-3123. The caller may call 792-3000 for police and have the call transferred by the operator."

"Or, the call may be direct to 792-3123 and goes direct to the police. Every extension will be direct line as well. City agencies will not have to get the operator to make their outside calls. They will first dial a series of numbers like 90 — which we now use — and automatically get an outside line."

"In the Centrex system every long distance call is automatically logged on a tape that shows what extension it was made from and to where the call was made with the number. This will allow the city to keep a close check on all long distance calls and greatly help to cut down the number of unauthorized calls."

The mayor said that he planned to discuss the matter with the city council and city directors within the next few days. If they think it is a good idea he will start approaching the outside agencies — the housing authority and board of education.

Litter warning in Hoboken

8/27/75 J. J.

Trucking firms operating along the south side of Observer Highway in Hoboken are getting warnings from the city's sanitation inspectors today to clean up their rubbish or be taken to court.

The crackdown was ordered by Mayor Steve Cappiello who observed yesterday that piles of rubbish had been allowed to stand so long that grass had started to grow on them.

"In order for the grass to grow to the height it had reached those rubbish piles had to be there at least two months without being disturbed," said the mayor, noting the bad impression it makes on visitors to the city entering from Jersey City or the Holland Tunnel.

The trucking companies operate out of a building that stretches from Washington Street to Willow Avenue and was formerly owned by the Railway Express Agency before it moved from the city.

"The trucking companies are definitely wrong for not cleaning up their rubbish and disposing of it properly," said the mayor, "but so is the city wrong for not making sure that they did keep their areas clean."

Cappiello contacted Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale and asked him to have his sanitation inspector get on the matter immediately.

Vitale said that he goes past the area in question regularly but never observed the stacked rubbish.

Close to 60 persons testified yesterday afternoon and last night at public hearings attended by close to 300 held at Hoboken High School by the State Office of Environmental Review, on an application by Cosmopolitan Terminal, Inc., for a riparian rights permit to build a 41-acre oil tank farm in Hoboken.

In addition, a petition with 1,000 signatures opposing the tank farm was presented.

The review board said it would have its decision ready within 30 days.

Of those who testified, only one man spoke in favor of the proposal — J. Henry Muller of Weehawken, the retired president and founder of the Muller Fuel Oil Co.

Citizens — carrying prepared statements to the podium, some carrying children — took strong, and sometimes emotional stands, against oil storage in this area.

Residents and environmentalists who started the protest when Cosmopolitan first made its application in 1972, were joined yesterday by state, county and municipal officials.

Arguments against the storage farm were many. They included; the danger of oil spills, pollution and fire; the lowering of property values; the poor use of valuable waterfront property which could be used for recreation, homes, and light industry; the need for industry which would provide jobs for the county, where in some places unemployment runs as high as 25 per cent.

Many speakers conceded the dire need for ratables, but they said the cost of getting those ratables from a tank farm would prove too high.

Others pointed out that Hoboken is enjoying a "renaissance" of rehabilitation, improvements and pride which would be diminished and perhaps even terminated by placing the tank farm there.

This view was summed up by Council President Martin Brennan when he said: "When Cosmopolitan Terminal Inc. first introduced its idea to the city council for an oil storage facility in Weehawken Cove back in May 1972, the city council grabbed at the notion that the city was down and out."

There appeared no hope for the city except to sell itself for ratables."

He added: "But times change, situations change, cities change. What might have now turned into a nightmare, because Hoboken is coming to life as a good, solid residential community. Hoboken is a city where people intend to live and not be victimized by facilities that no one else wants."

Assemblyman Christopher Jackman, West New York Democrat, who originally backed the proposal, reversed his position and was the first speaker yesterday against the storage facility.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, who has kept a noncommittal attitude on the matter, said in a mild speech yesterday that he believed the proposal would not be the best use of the property.

However, Mayor Cappiello did voice concern about whether other solutions for the city could be found to replace the Cosmopolitan project. "What disturbs me most," he said, "is that in 12 years this is the first time someone has come up with the cold, hard cash for a project."

Discussing the possible shelving of the Cosmopolitan plan, the mayor said, "I hope there are enough people who are behind me in making that site productive."

The mayor went on to criticize The Department of Environmental Protection for waiting more than three years and still not airwing at a decision.

Hearing Officer Ronald Hetchka read into the record a letter from Gov. Brendan T. Byrne advising against the further construction of oil storage facilities in New Jersey. The statement read in part: "The state has already contributed far more than its fair share of petroleum refining and storage capacity in the Northeast region."

Other officials to speak against the tank farm were Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli and County Clerk James F. Quinn, Hoboken Councilman Walter Cramer, Mayor Charles Miller of Weehawken, and Weehawken Committeemen John Federer and Francis Pizzuta.

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri of Hoboken and West New York Mayor Anthony DePino had their statements against the proposal read into the record. Former Weehawken Mayor Arthur Olvesen and former Union City Commissioner Harry F. Calandrillo spoke against the storage farm.

No Tank Farm No Way!

8/19/75 J. J.

Mayors, dock workers, regional planners, elected local and state officials, property owners and rent payers along with interested citizens united yesterday to tell a board of state environmental officials that under no circumstances would an oil storage tank farm be welcome on the Hoboken-Weehawken waterfront.

Yesterday's hearings came hard on the heels of a disastrous Philadelphia oil tank fire in which six firemen were killed and others suffered multiple injuries.

Hoboken is seen making garage payments again

8/23/75 J. J.

Only about half of the approximately \$1.4 million in surplus parking garage building funds will be used by the Hoboken Parking Authority to make its twice a year bond payments and will more than likely force the city again to pick up the payments.

According to Joseph Hottendorf, executive director of the parking authority, the authority is preparing to transfer approximately \$700,000 to its debt service account. But the remaining \$700,000 will remain in the authority's construction fund to pay for any remaining construction costs.

Hottendorf said there would be some additional costs and they were expected to wipe out most of the money. He said a breakdown of what the costs would be probably be available in a week or two.

The authority has two bond payments due each year—one in March and the other in September and each for approximately \$300,000. City officials had hoped that all of the \$1.4 million could be used to make the payments relieving the city of the responsibility for at least two years.

In that period, it was hoped the authority would become self-sufficient and earn enough income from the parking garages to make the payments itself. The city has been making them for the last three years.

Hottendorf said the authority probably will be able to pick up the Sept. 1 payment this year and the March 1 payment next year, but any payments after that were doubtful at the moment.

The date is Aug. 18. The place is Hoboken High School. The hours are 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. The event is an open hearing on a plan by Cosmopolitan Terminals Inc., to dredge and fill Hudson River waterfront on the Hoboken-Weehawken border for a bulk oil storage facility.

Although Weehawken environmentalists were told the hearing would be limited to the dredging and filling, the state's Natural Resources Council now says all aspects of the Cosmopolitan project will be considered.

Forewarned is forearmed. Everyone concerned with protecting the environment should not miss this opportunity to speak out against the project.

Although other interpretations are possible, let us be charitable and assume that the limited scope of the hearing, as relayed to the Weehawken environmentalists, was an honest mistake.

Speakers are limited to six minutes, but Cosmopolitan will have 30 minutes at the 1 p.m. session to make its presentation and another 30 minutes at the 7 p.m. session. This may seem to give Cosmopolitan the edge, but it is better than having a brief public announcement and a lengthy explanation filed privately after the hearing.

Everyone concerned has 30 days after the hearing to file statements with the state's Natural Resources Council. The council would serve the public interest if it made those statements public.

Hoboken to buy 7-block stretch of shore road

8/22/75 J. J.

For \$1 Hoboken is about to take title to a valuable piece of property along the city's waterfront currently owned by the Hoboken Railroad Warehouse and Steamship Co., better known as the Shore Railroad.

The property is a seven-block stretch of road known as River or Shore Road and possession of it will allow Hoboken to proceed with its plans to rehabilitate the roadway with a \$200,000 grant received more than a year ago from the U.S. Economic Development Agency.

An ordinance covering the transaction was introduced for its first reading and passed by the city council at Wednesday night's meeting. Final approval is expected at the council's Sept. 3 meeting.

Under the conditions of the agreement, the railroad will continue to have access to the area. However, its tracks will probably be moved so that they run alongside the roadway rather than in the middle of it as they now do.

The road runs from 11th Street to Fourth Street along the Hoboken shoreline. It has been many years since any major repairs were made to the road by the railroad. As a result, the roadway is in very poor condition and unsuitable for most traffic with the exception of heavy duty trucks.

With the money it has received from the EDA, the city will completely refurbish the roadway opening up a seven-block stretch of waterfront area to public use.

"It could be a very important key to the future development of the waterfront area," said Mayor Steve Cappiello. "The Penn Central Railroad owns a considerable amount of property along the waterfront in this area which it is hoping to sell shortly. With the roadway on the verge of being repaired, it will make the railroad's property just that much more attractive to possible buyers."

Cappiello said that the city may be interested in obtaining the property itself in the hope it could have some say on who buys it and what the land can be used for.

Hoboken workers may lose unlimited sick leave

8/29/75 J. J.

Unlimited sick days for Hoboken municipal employees may soon become a thing of the past. Mayor Steve Cappiello said today, blaming sick leave "abuses" in all departments, including the police and fire departments.

"A review and evaluation of all sick leave records in all departments is now being made," continued the mayor. "Preliminary indications are that the city is paying out a lot of money each year to people who aren't working because they claim to be sick."

"It is the opinion of the city council and myself that a firm policy must be set on sick leave and sick days that will give the city a fair shake and still provide employees ample but not excessive sick time."

Cappiello said the problem centers around employees who take one or two sick days off at regular intervals rather than with employees who are off for extended periods.

According to the mayor, the fire department is the first city department to complete a review of its sick leave records. The review shows that nine firemen and officers have amassed a minimum of 15 days off since the beginning of the year in one and two-day sick leaves or on sick leaves in non-service connected injuries or illnesses.

"One man has more than 60 days off so far this year," added the mayor. "Whether the problems are real, imagined or completely false the city cannot afford to continue this policy. A line must be drawn."

"The feeling of the council is that a cut-off should be set. That is, after an employee has taken so many days in any given year, the city will not pay him."

When asked what could be done if the employee had amassed a large amount of sick days and was entitled to get paid for them, the mayor said that this would be worked out. Police and firemen get sick days as needed. Other Civil Service Employees get a set number of days a year which can be accrued over the years.

"If an employee is entitled to the time off and is actually bedridden or hospitalized or otherwise confined at home, the city will work something out," he said.

"Employees should be entitled to sick leave for being sick," he continued. "But they aren't entitled to sick leave to make long weekends or to go shopping. That's a luxury the city can no longer afford."

The mayor added the sick leave or sick days in the fire department were doubly costly as compared to the other departments.

"We are maintaining a set number of men on duty at all times," he explained. "If one of those men calls in sick he has to be replaced. That means calling someone in to work overtime for him. So when a fireman calls in sick we not only pay his salary for the day but the additional duty pay for the man who works overtime replacing him."

Cappiello said he was also disturbed by reports that members of the Community Development Agency (CDA) staff have been taking off sick in large numbers on Fridays and Mondays.

He said the CDA also was being included in the overall review.

Hoboken workers may lose unlimited sick leave

8/29/75 J. J.

Unlimited sick days for Hoboken municipal employees may soon become a thing of the past. Mayor Steve Cappiello said today, blaming sick leave "abuses" in all departments, including the police and fire departments.

"A review and evaluation of all sick leave records in all departments is now being made," continued the mayor. "Preliminary indications are that the city is paying out a lot of money each year to people who aren't working because they claim to be sick."

"It is the opinion of the city council and myself that a firm policy must be set on sick leave and sick days that will give the city a fair shake and still provide employees ample but not excessive sick time."

Cappiello said the problem centers around employees who take one or two sick days off at regular intervals rather than with employees who are off for extended periods.

According to the mayor, the fire department is the first city department to complete a review of its sick leave records. The review shows that nine firemen and officers have amassed a minimum of 15 days off since the beginning of the year in one and two-day sick leaves or on sick leaves in non-service connected injuries or illnesses.

"One man has more than 60 days off so far this year," added the mayor. "Whether the problems are real, imagined or completely false the city cannot afford to continue this policy. A line must be drawn."

"The feeling of the council is that a cut-off should be set. That is, after an employee has taken so many days in any given year, the city will not pay him."

When asked what could be done if the employee had amassed a large amount of sick days and was entitled to get paid for them, the mayor said that this would be worked out. Police and firemen get sick days as needed. Other Civil Service Employees get a set number of days a year which can be accrued over the years.

"If an employee is entitled to the time off and is actually bedridden or hospitalized or otherwise confined at home, the city will work something out," he said.

"Employees should be entitled to sick leave for being sick," he continued. "But they aren't entitled to sick leave to make long weekends or to go shopping. That's a luxury the city can no longer afford."

The mayor added the sick leave or sick days in the fire department were doubly costly as compared to the other departments.

"We are maintaining a set number of men on duty at all times," he explained. "If one of those men calls in sick he has to be replaced. That means calling someone in to work overtime for him. So when a fireman calls in sick we not only pay his salary for the day but the additional duty pay for the man who works overtime replacing him."

Cappiello said he was also disturbed by reports that members of the Community Development Agency (CDA) staff have been taking off sick in large numbers on Fridays and Mondays.

He said the CDA also was being included in the overall review.

Hoboken Held to Giving Lunch Contract to Club

8/23/75 J. J.

The Hoboken Board of Education has advised that it must award \$330,000 food services contract to the low bidder—the Union Club—despite complaints last year about the quality of the lunches provided by the Hoboken restaurant.

The board is expected to award the contract Tuesday night at a special "ad-journed status" meeting. The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss how the board will deal with a cutback of some \$800,000 in state aid.

Sources close to the board said it was trying to find a way out of awarding the contract to the club.

Board members thought they would be successful when they were told by the state Board of Education that perishable items are not required to be submitted to bidding procedures, according to state law.

Numerous Complaints
However, the board did not find this out until several weeks after it had already received bids on the lunch program contract.

At a closed session last week, Robert Taylor, board attorney, advised that the board would be held to giving the contract to the low bidder since it had already accepted bids.

Numerous complaints were voiced last year by teachers that the Union Club was delivering lunches of stale sandwiches an unripe fruit. Last year the program served only three of Hoboken's schools. This year it will operate in six, serving some 900 students a day.

The Union Club was the lowest bidder at 43 cents per lunch, followed by the Villa Romano, 44.5 cents; Planned Meal System, of the Bronx, N.Y., 45.5 cents; Domino Restaurant, Newark, 46 cents; Food Management Services, Newark, 54.2 cents; and Service Dynamics Corp., Saddle Brook, 35.8 cents.

Hoboken Nickel Extinct

8/23/75 J. J.

Hoboken's nickel parking is finally going the way of the nickel candy bar and the nickel ferry.

Parking costs were raised from five to ten cents yesterday on some 50 meters along Washington st. between First and Third sts.

Joseph Hottendorf, executive director of the Parking Authority, said it should take his department about two weeks to change the meters throughout the city and offered the tip that side-street meters will be the last to be changed.

The resolution raising the price was passed over a month ago, but motorists were given respite from the hike when the necessary meter part ordered from Chicago were lost in the mail.

Steel Co. Antes \$700,000 Tax

8/23/75 J. J.

Hoboken Tax Department yesterday received over \$700,000 in back taxes from the Bethlehem Steel Corp. for its waterfront property stretching from 12th to 15th sts.

Tax Collector William Reynolds said the money represented one quarter of Bethlehem's taxes from 1972 to the present. Reynolds said Bethlehem withheld the money legally while it was appealing its assessment on the county and state levels.

Bethlehem won its county appeal, reducing its \$9,725,000 assessment to \$8,180,000. On the state level the assessment was further reduced to \$6,400,000. Reynolds said that during that time, Bethlehem always paid three-quarters of its taxes as required by law.

The check received yesterday for \$715,706.21 represented the remaining quarter balance.

Breast cancer fight

8/27/75 J. J.

Hoboken officials will meet Monday with representatives of the New Jersey Cancer Institute to finalize plans for the establishment of a breast cancer detection center in the city to service the Hoboken-North Hudson area.

First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano, who originated the idea and has been spearheading the drive to work out a proposal for federal funds, said only a few minor points remain to be worked out.

"With any luck at all we should iron them out at Monday's meeting," he said. "The location is firm — the new Multi-Service Center at Second and Grand streets."

Hoboken is seeking \$123,000 from the federal government to start the center. The councilman said the city already has commitments for the money from officials in Washington.

Flood problem resists efforts of Public Works

8/21/75 J. J.

A substantial effort by the Hoboken Public Works Department to eliminate a flooding problem at Second and River Streets, the entrance to the Park Authority's "B" garage, has failed, leaving no other choice but to break open the sewerline and catch basin and clean them by hand.

Joseph Hottendorf, the parking authority's executive director, has notified Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale that in spite of the work the department did in the area over the last few weeks, the garage entrance was again flooded following Monday's storm.

Hottendorf said he personally saw the public works crew clean up four catch basins at Second and Hudson Street, two at Second and River Streets, three along the east side of River Street between First and Second Streets, and two manholes on Second Street between Hudson and River Streets.

The executive director added that this was done with a large scoop. After it was completed the city's vacuum truck did all nine catch basins and the two manholes again.

"In spite of all this work there was again flooding in the area following the rain Monday," he asserted.

Director Vitale said he would have the line dug up and then cleaned out. However, if it clog in the line should happen to be cement or other building materials he said he is going to bill the builder of the garages for the cost of fixing the line.

"I have a very strong feeling that the blockage is being caused by cement that was carelessly discarded at the construction site when the garages and Gropin Towers apartments were being built," said the director.

"If this is the case, the builder will be billed for the labor and materials the city expands to make the repairs. Should he fail to pay the cost, I'll ask the council and mayor to have the law department start suit."

Honor Mayor At 'Y' Camp

8/27/75 J. J.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello was honored recently at a luncheon at Camp Tamaqua in Harriman Park, N.Y., the summer facility run by the Hoboken-North Hudson YMCA.

Cappiello was given a citation and participated in a group singalong.

Attending the event were Wasley Leverich of the YMCA; camp committee member Paul Biondo; Sgt. Richard Carroll of the Hoboken police department; and Deputy Mayor William Van Wie.

Hoboken Held to Giving Lunch Contract to Club

8/23/75 J. J.

The Hoboken Board of Education has advised that it must award \$330,000 food services contract to the low bidder—the Union Club—despite complaints last year about the quality of the lunches provided by the Hoboken restaurant.

The board is expected to award the contract Tuesday night at a special "ad-journed status" meeting. The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss how the board will deal with a cutback of some \$800,000 in state aid.

Sources close to the board said it was trying to find a way out of awarding the contract to the club.

Board members thought they would be successful when they were told by the state Board of Education that perishable items are not required to be submitted to bidding procedures, according to state law.

Numerous Complaints
However, the board did not find this out until several weeks after it had already received bids on the lunch program contract.

At a closed session last week, Robert Taylor, board attorney, advised that the board would be held to giving the contract to the low bidder since it had already accepted bids.

Numerous complaints were voiced last year by teachers that the Union Club was delivering lunches of stale sandwiches an unripe fruit. Last year the program served only three of Hoboken's schools. This year it will operate in six, serving some 900 students a day.

The Union Club was the lowest bidder at 43 cents per lunch, followed by the Villa Romano, 44.5 cents; Planned Meal System, of the Bronx, N.Y., 45.5 cents; Domino Restaurant, Newark, 46 cents; Food Management Services, Newark, 54.2 cents; and Service Dynamics Corp., Saddle Brook, 35.8 cents.

Hoboken Nickel Extinct

8/23/75 J. J.

Hoboken's nickel parking is finally going the way of the nickel candy bar and the nickel ferry.

Parking costs were raised from five to ten cents yesterday on some 50 meters along Washington st. between First and Third sts.

Joseph Hottendorf, executive director of the Parking Authority, said it should take his department about two weeks to change the meters throughout the city and offered the tip that side-street meters will be the last to be changed.

The resolution raising the price was passed over a month ago, but motorists were given respite from the hike when the necessary meter part ordered from Chicago were lost in the mail.

Steel Co. Antes \$700,000 Tax

8/23/75 J. J.

Hoboken Tax Department yesterday received over \$700,000 in back taxes from the Bethlehem Steel Corp. for its waterfront property stretching from 12th to 15th sts.

Tax Collector William Reynolds said the money represented one quarter of Bethlehem's taxes from 1972 to the present. Reynolds said Bethlehem withheld the money legally while it was appealing its assessment on the county and state levels.

Bethlehem won its county appeal, reducing its \$9,725,000 assessment to \$8,180,000. On the state level the assessment was further reduced to \$6,400,000. Reynolds said that during that time, Bethlehem always paid three-quarters of its taxes as required by law.

The check received yesterday for \$715,706.21 represented the remaining quarter balance.

Breast cancer fight

8/27/75 J. J.

Hoboken officials will meet Monday with representatives of the New Jersey Cancer Institute to finalize plans for the establishment of a breast cancer detection center in the city to service the Hoboken-North Hudson area.

First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano, who originated the idea and has been spearheading the drive to work out a proposal for federal funds, said only a few minor points remain to be worked out.

"With any luck at all we should iron them out at Monday's meeting," he said. "The location is firm — the new Multi-Service Center at Second and Grand streets."

Hoboken is seeking \$123,000 from the federal government to start the center. The councilman said the city already has commitments for the money from officials in Washington.

SS Stevens to Sail Once More

The S.S. Stevens, the famed floating dormitory at Stevens Institute of Technology, will begin her final voyage Tuesday when she leaves her berth on the Hudson River at the Hoboken campus for Chester, Pa., and the scrap pile.

The former liner, purchased by Aardvark International Corporation for approximately \$300,000, served as a dormitory for the past seven and a half years, housing as many as 140 students at the engineering and science college.

Rising costs of heating the vessel and needed repairs to the water and electrical system forced the college to decide last April to sell the ship.

"I have as much affection for the S.S. Stevens as anyone," Dr. Kenneth C. Rogers, president, said. "In addition to being so popular with the students, the ship when purchased, was a real bargain."

The total cost of purchasing and refurbishing the ship was not excessive when one considers the amount of money the college would have had to spend in construction, time, and real estate for a new dormitory housing 150 students.

"But the hard economic fact is that the ship has come to the end of its useful days," Dr. Rogers concluded. "The salvagers' torch will end one of the

The Dispatch

TODAY

Saturday, August 23, 1975 SECTION 2

most unusual careers of a ship.

Beginning her career on Sept. 23, 1944, as the U.S.S. Dauphin, an attack transport named after a county in Pennsylvania, the ship saw duty in the Pacific Theater during World War II, participating in the landings at Okinawa and carrying occupation troops to Japan.

In 1948 the ship underwent extensive remodeling at the Hoboken Yard of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, a mile river from Stevens, and emerged as the 14,900 ton S.S. Exochorda, passenger-cargo liner of the American Export Lines.

For the next 11 years the ship was to cruise from New York to various Mediterranean ports as one of America Export's reknowned 'Four Aces', — the S.S.

Exochorda, S.S. Exeter, S.S. Excambion and S.S. Excalibur, which were among the first air-conditioned ships.

The S.S. Exochorda was the first of the 'Aces' to be deactivated and returned to the U.S. Maritime Commission. The ship was mothballed in 1959 and assigned to the Hudson River Reserve Fleet at Stony Point, N.Y.

In 1967, Stevens, in need of a new dormitory but under-going a study of future land use at the 55-acre campus, decided to investigate the possible purchase of a ship for temporary use as a dorm, utilizing a portion of the campus that fronted the Hudson.

In June of that year the U.S. Maritime Commission announced plans to sell the S.S. Exochorda for either non-

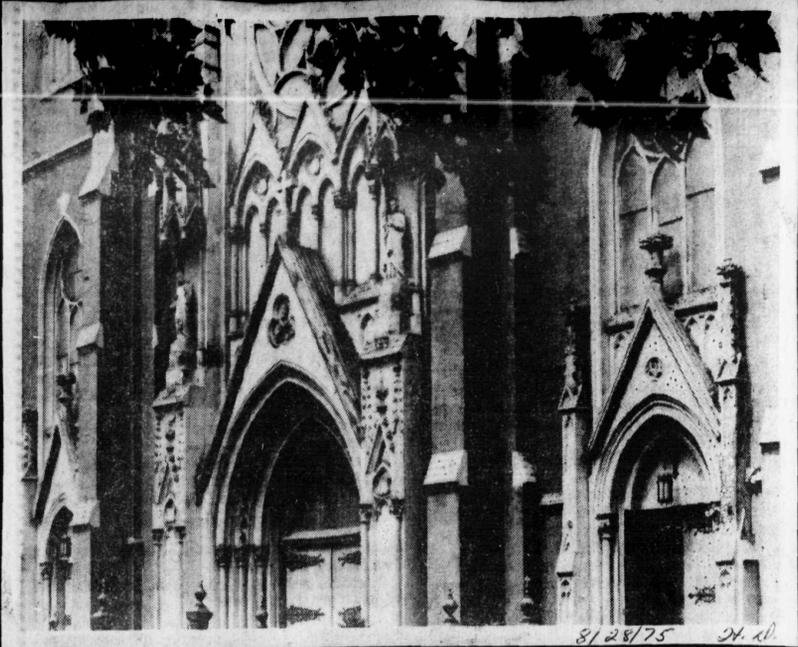
transportation use or scrap. With the assistance of ship building experts, the college prepared a bid on the ship and on September 28 the Maritime Commission announced the college's bid of \$130,301 was the highest made.

The ship was moved from the moorball fleet to the Bethlehem Yards in Hoboken on October 4 where refurbishing work prepared the ship for her final duty — the first floating collegiate dormitory.

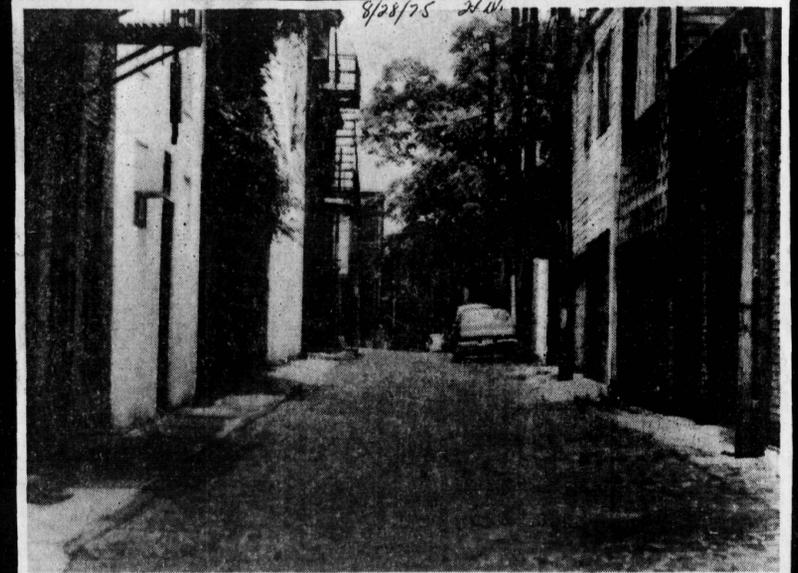
On November 10 the ship, with ceremonies similar to those afforded ships on their maiden voyage, was moved from the shipyard to her new berth at the college-owned 8th Street Pier and rechristened the S.S. Stevens. The first residents of the S.S. Stevens moved on board in January, 1968.

During her career as a college dormitory, the S.S. Stevens became one of the best known college landmarks in the country.

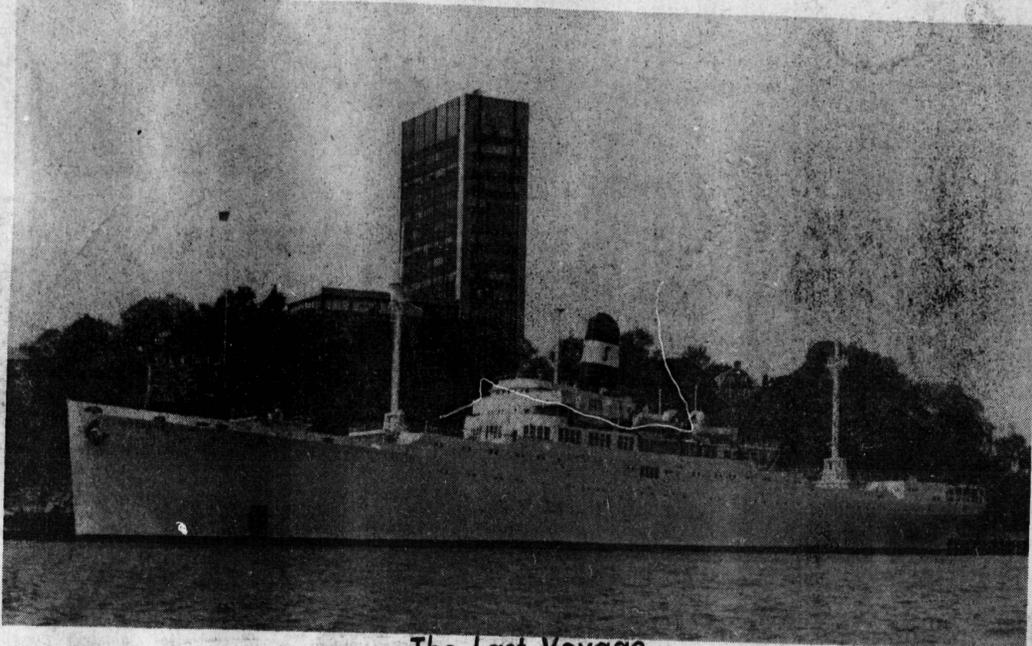
As a 'memorial' to the S.S. Stevens, the Class of 1975 presented funds to the college for the preparation of a site on the promontory overlooking the ship's berthing area where one of the ship's six-ton anchors will be placed as a tribute to the ship.



8/28/75 H. D.



8/28/75 H. D.



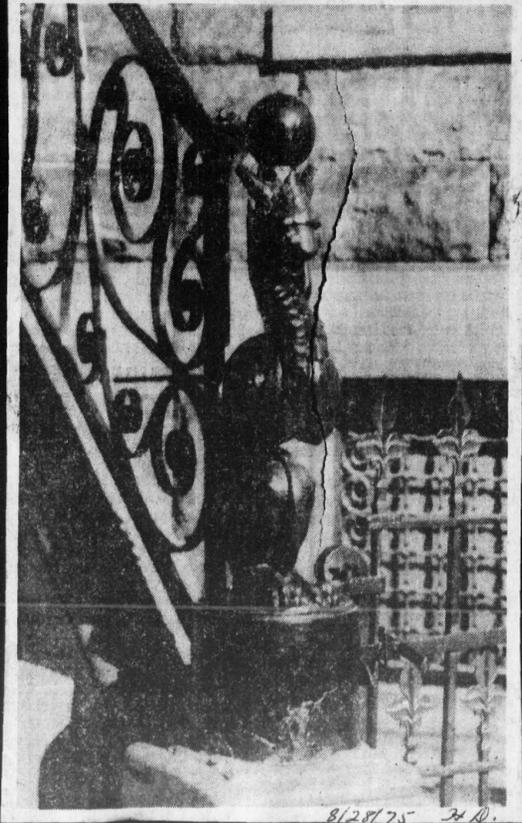
The Last Voyage

S. S. Stevens, the floating dorm at Stevens Tech, will head for the scrap heap in Pennsylvania Tuesday morning. The ship has been a landmark along the Hudson for the past eight years. During

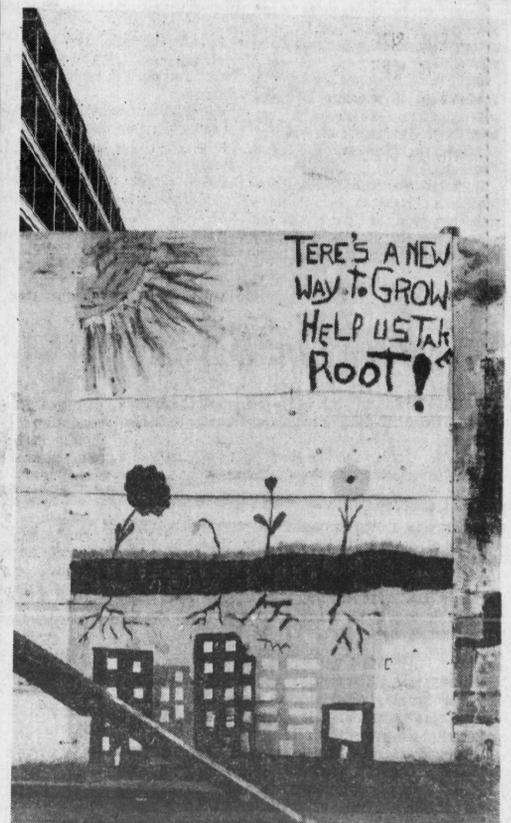
her seagoing days, the ship first served as a troop transport in World War II and then as a cruise ship.

Our lady of Grace Church at Fourth st. and Willow av. is a mix of architectural styles that could not be duplicated. The Hoboken Art Committee painted graffiti around Grogan Plaza. "There's a new way to grow" — blending new buildings to fit and complement the old.

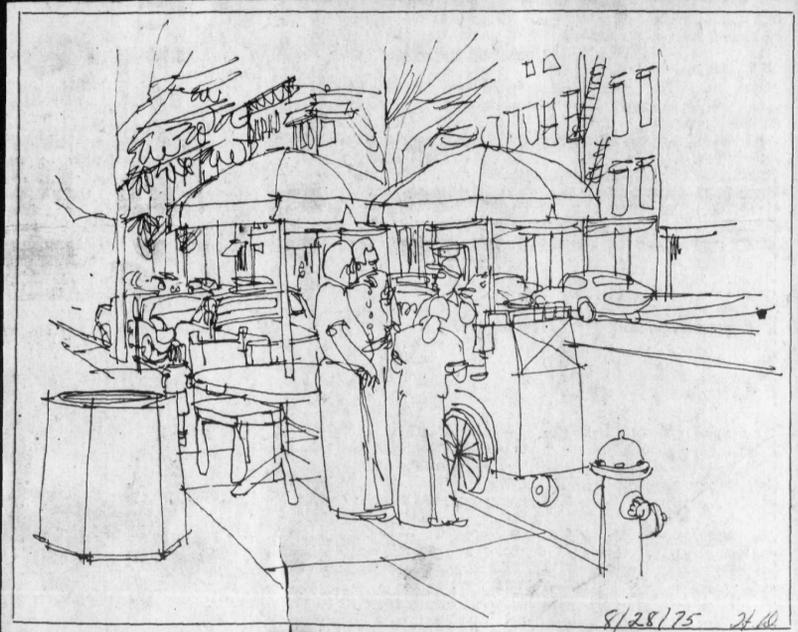
Cast and wrought iron detail can be seen throughout the city. The sketch at right by Stuart Pertz, shows a concept which he believes would bring new life to Washington st. — outdoor tables with umbrellas and chairs surrounding hot dog stands, and in front, sandwich shops and taverns.



8/28/75 H. D.



8/28/75 H. D.



8/28/75 H. D.

Hoboken's Different Approach

8/28/75

H. D.

All too often, urban rehabilitation revolves around "tearing down" and the loss of fine details that give a city its character. Ornate cornices and fine lines give way to bland aluminum siding.

A different approach, however, is being used in Hoboken by the Community Development Agency through its Urban Preservation Program.

With funding from the federal Department of Housing and Urban

Development and advice from the consulting and architectural firm of Porkorny and Pertz, of New York, the program aims to "preserve what in Best of Hoboken for the people who live here."

To learn about Hoboken and find what he calls its "natural resources" Stuart Pertz walked up and down the streets of the city and talked to its residents.

And he has found that many parts

of the city have a century old charm that should be preserved and could save the city.

Where proposed renovations would have ruined some of the best features of the city Pertz has stepped in to offer alternatives which save them.

Pertz's vision of the city includes outdoor cafe's along Washington st. in the summer to give residents a place to go while increasing the appeal of the shopping area.

This peaceful mews on Court st. and a row of 19th Century brownstones on Garden st., two of the prettiest sites in Hoboken are irreplaceable.

Photos were taken by Stuart Pertz and Caroline Redgen.



8/28/75 H. D.

Hoboken School Cuts Looming

8/28/75 J. J.

To get some \$584,000 from the Hoboken City Council, the board of education will have to convince the city fathers that the board's needs are more important than the council's pledge to stabilize Hoboken's tax rate.

Mayor Steve Cappiello and Council President Martin Brennan seemed to think the allocations would be impossible.

After-school use of the schools for recreation and club meetings will be eliminated entirely. Hottendorf said completely closing the schools at 3 p.m. would save the board close to \$100,000 in overtime pay for janitors and increased heating and lighting bills.

Hoboken comedy

8/28/75 J. J.

New TV show set in city

Hoboken has had more than its share of television and movie coverage for a city of its size and population. But starting Sept. 9 it will be the setting for a prime-time weekly television program, city officials were advised today.

"A representative of the network called to obtain some information about the city," said Vitale. "I was the only high-ranking official immediately available so I talked with him. He was asking all kinds of questions about the city."

The public works director added that the program deals with the trials and tribulations of an Italian widower raising two teenage sons, at least that's what he said he was told by the network officials.

Calls on Cramer to clarify views on Civil Service

8/21/75 J. J.

The Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) today called upon Second Ward Councilman Walter S. Cramer to state clearly his position on filling city jobs with persons who have not been certified by Civil Service.

"The councilman has taken two different positions on two similar matters," said Patrolman Charles Kosbab, acting PBA president. "At the Aug. 7 council meeting Councilman Cramer took the position that if there are qualified persons available for a job they should be appointed to the position before someone without Civil Service classification."

"But just one month prior to that, the councilman, along with most of the other council members, voted to have the state legislature introduce special legislation which would allow the city to appoint five temporary patrolmen as regular members of the department. These men have been serving as temporary officers since June 1972 and have all failed the Civil Service entrance examination a number of times."

Kosbab, who is filling in for vacationing PBA President Ernest O. Brissette, said the PBA is conferring with its attorney concerning possible legal action to block any move to make the temporary patrolman regular police officers.

Cramer confirmed he had acted as Kosbab stated, but not for the reasons the acting president said. He added that the situations were not quite the same.

"The matter I referred to at the Aug. 7 meeting concerned a woman who was qualified for a position but the position had been filled with a person who was not and had not taken the examination," said Cramer. "The prior matter concerned five temporary patrolmen but they were not being pushed past any eligible candidates for police officer. As far as I know there isn't any list of men eligible for the appointments. Had there been I would not have voted for the appointment of the temporaries."

Kosbab said there is an existing list of eligible men. He said there are three men on that list, and the city can call Civil Service for another test any time it wants.

Meanwhile, Andrew J. Amato and the Hoboken Outlook, critics of Mayor Steve Cappiello's administration, said the city should have all positions classified by Civil Service.

"Jobs and politics should be two separate areas," said Amato, "but the administration is still using the playing politics with the jobs that aren't covered by Civil Service."

"The people of Hoboken, who pay the salaries with their taxes, deserve to have the most qualified people filling all jobs, even laborer positions. While having all positions covered by Civil Service doesn't guarantee this, it at least puts the odds in the taxpayers' favor."

Cosmopolitan Pays Rents As Part of Back Taxes

8/15/75 J. J.

By MARY ANN SHERMAN
Cosmopolitan Terminal Inc. has turned some \$10,000 in rental payments received from its tenant on 41 waterfront acres on the Hoboken-Weehawken border over to both municipalities as installments on its overdue taxes, it was learned yesterday.

Kenneth R. McGuire, president of Cosmopolitan, said the money will continue to be turned over to the municipalities as long as the tenant, Eastern Seaboard Pile Driving Company Inc. continues paying its rent. However, he added that Eastern Seaboard does not have a long-term lease on the property and is only there on a month-to-month basis.

McGuire said Cosmopolitan will turn the rents over to the municipalities according to a 60-40 ratio—60 per cent going to Hoboken and 40 per cent to Weehawken. He said the ratio is based on the amount of property in each municipality.

Cosmopolitan owes Hoboken approximately \$125,000 in back taxes. Finance Director Frank J. Bartletta said the \$6,000 is the first payment Hoboken received from Cosmopolitan since placing a tax lien on the property a year and a half ago.

Weehawken does not have a lien on the Cosmopolitan lands. Finance Chairman Edward Winstow said the firm, though paying its taxes sporadically, always pays in time to avoid such a situation. Last night it could not be determined how much Cosmopolitan owes the township in tax payments.

Hoboken's Corporation Counsel, Lawrence Florio yesterday refused to comment on how initial payment and promises to continue paying, would affect possible foreclosure proceedings on Cosmopolitan's Hoboken property.

The Hoboken Environment Committee met with Mayor Steve Cappiello early this week, urging foreclosure of the Cosmopolitan property for non-payment of taxes. The committee sees foreclosure as a method to avoid any possibility of the oil tank farm proposed by Cosmopolitan setting on the northeast section of the city.

Studies and public hearings on the tank farm have been continuing for over a year. Two additional hearings will be held Monday at Hoboken High School at 1 and 7 p.m.

Final decision on the possible foreclosure—an involved legal procedure that could take up to two years—rests with the Hoboken City Council.

Yesterday McGuire said foreclosure to the terminal firm president, the move would kill any financial advantage Hoboken could receive from the 40 underwater acres in question.

The Hoboken property is only valuable, he says because of the additional 12 acres of upland in Weehawken. And in McGuire's view, the land in both municipalities must be considered "as one package."

McGuire also said the foreclosure suggestion is rather shortsighted. "It's not as if we (Cosmopolitan) haven't been doing our part to change a difficult situation." He added that whatever is best for the waterfront will be decided as Cosmopolitan pushes for the necessary permits.

"If the environmentalists are right, they will win," he said, "and if we are right, we will win."

The Environment Committee is announcing the Monday hearings with releases asking concerned Hoboken residents to write the city council and the mayor to urge foreclosure.

The release charges that the proposed oil tank farm would destroy property values and the quality of Hoboken; bring added oil truck traffic; increase fire insurance rates and the possibility of explosions; and only be a non-paying ratable.

Further, the release charges an oil tank farm in Hoboken would open "the entire Hudson-Bergen riverfront to the continuing cancerous growth of the oil industry" and would make Hoboken "New York's fuel dump."

Council to act on Shore Road resurfacing

8/27/75 J. J.

Hoboken will not be wasting anytime moving on its plan to resurface the Old Shore Road and open it to public use.

The city council is expected to give final passage to a resolution accepting title to the seven-block road along the waterfront from the Hoboken Shore Railroad at Wednesday morning's council meeting.

At the same meeting it will adopt specifications for the resurfacing and seek bids for its Oct. 1 meeting. Hoboken has a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Economic Development Agency for the job which will include moving the railroad's tracks to the side of the road. The railroad retains the right to use the roadway for its business.

The council meeting is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. the first meeting to do so under the council's new rules and regulations on procedure. The previous starting time for morning meetings had been 11 a.m.

The council also will adopt specifications for the collection of the city's garbage with bids also to be presented at the council's Oct. 1 meeting. The city currently has a three year contract with the LaFera Contracting Co. of Newark which expires in December.

Specifications also will be considered for the demolition of buildings at 527-29 Monroe St., 126 Jefferson St. and 128 Jefferson St.

Mayor ill-busy, not at council meet

8/22/75 J. J.

With one exception, all Hoboken city department directors attended Wednesday night's council meeting as ordered in the council's newly adopted rules and regulations. The one exception was Mayor Steve Cappiello, who is also the city's public safety director.

Although the council feels it has disciplinary powers which it can use if a director fails to show up for a council meeting, Council President Martin J. Brennan said it would not exercise them in the mayor's case.

Brennan said that the mayor had been excused from attending the meeting because he did not feel well. But while the council meeting was going on the mayor was meeting with officials from the U.S. Economic Development Agency.

According to the mayor, he had every intention of going home and to bed but circumstances beyond his control developed late in the afternoon and prevented him from doing so — or attending the council meeting. He added that his schedule had been fairly hectic in recent weeks and he felt "tired and kind of run down."

Cappiello said that one of the projects discussed with the EDA officials was the office building-motel portion of the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza project. The developer of the building, Bernard Kenney, still has not obtained his financing for the project and the mayor wants to know if the federal government can help in any way.

Cappiello added that he also discussed the development of Hoboken's waterfront with the federal officials.

DePascale sure he will have time for new county job

8/22/75 J. J.

Former Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale will be available "any time I'm needed" in his new job as labor relations research analyst for the county. He was named to the \$8,000 a year, part-time post at a meeting yesterday of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders.

DePascale is also administrative aide to the secretary of the Hoboken Board of Education and supervises a family business, DePascale and DePascale, public relations firm. He is on the Hoboken Board of Education payroll at \$14,000.

DePascale noted that he foresees little difficulties in adding the responsibilities of a third job to his schedule. "My sons handle most of the work here," he said from the family office. "I just come by to check on things. And the Board of Education has a ruling that our negotiations meetings must be held after school hours so that leaves me time for other work."

At yesterday's session the freeholders also relieved Dr. Angelo Gnassi of his duties as chief medical examiner while retaining him as chief pathologist at his current combined salary of \$32,500.

The 89-year-old Deal, N.J., physician will be replaced as chief medical examiner by Dr. John J. Budrick of Bayonne at a salary of \$14,000. In separate resolutions Dr. Israel N. Schenker's appointment as assistant medical examiner was terminated after six years and Dr. David Drelich of Jersey City was named to the post, Drelich is chief of surgery at the Jewish Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, Jersey City.

Schenker, in part of a 23-minute impassioned plea before the freeholders, read a prepared statement detailing his work as assistant medical examiner in post mortem examinations during the weekend of July 25. Subsequent reports from funeral homes on delayed autopsies that weekend were said to have influenced his ousting.

Salary ranges for 15 supervisory employees which had exceeded Civil Service maximums, were extended by the board. The raised maximum salary levels will now accommodate the increases received by the personnel in June.

Among the more extensive increases were for personnel manager, from \$12,700 to \$16,500; senior accountant, from \$11,000 to \$17,500; and administrative clerk at the County Clerk's office, from \$9,200 to \$17,200.

Bids for a security gate at the Hudson County Jail, 576 Pavonia Ave., Jersey City, were accepted from two Jersey City construction firms. The bids from the Louis Gargiulo Co. of \$9,800 and from the Miller Construction Co. of \$10,800 will be referred to the county's engineering and legal departments.

A \$4,000 contract has been awarded to architect Richard B. Rivardo of North Bergen for a survey of the county administration building. His firm will investigate the necessity of structural and air conditioning repairs in the building. An emergency resolution to appropriate funds for repairs in the Hudson County jail also was passed. The jail has been damaged by recent flooding.

Joseph Cahill received a \$17,000 settlement in his appeal to claim \$30,000 back pay for a two-year period when he was suspended on a morals charge from his job as corrections officer. He was later acquitted and reinstated in his job.

The resignation of Dr. Ervin L. Nemes of Fort Lee, psychiatrist-in-chief at Meadowview Hospital, was accepted. He was on a list of 50 non-resident county employees who had requested exemption from the residency requirement.

Contractor recalled

8/25/75 J. J.

The contractor who built Hoboken's new Multi-Service Center at Second and Grand streets has been called back to complete work that was found to be unsatisfactory or that hadn't been completed during the initial construction of the building, it was learned today.

However, according to Mayor Steve Cappiello, a small amount of pressure had to be exerted by the city to get the contractor, Max Drill, Inc., to finish what it had started and was paid for — the city threatened to keep the company's performance bond and a representative of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) warned it that it would have a hard time getting any further HUD contracts unless it finished the work.

The building was officially opened several months ago. It was built at a cost of more than \$1.5 million in federal funds. However, since the grand opening a number of problems that existed then and others found later had not been fixed in spite of repeated requests.

"To this day the elevator still doesn't work," said the mayor. "Also, the roof leaks badly, the wrong paint was used on the interior, there are cracks in the walls, ceilings and floors, and the molding was never installed in the gym along with the divider doors that allows the gym to be made into two separate rooms."

"A number of requests were made to the contractor to please return and finish up the work," continued the mayor, "but no one ever showed up. Finally, the city advised the company that put up the performance bond for the contractor that it was going to keep the bond because the work wasn't satisfactory."

Frederick Hauser dies on West Coast vacation

8/20/75 J. J.

Funeral services for Col. Frederick H. Hauser of Hoboken, former state senator and assemblyman whose legislative career spanned 24 years will be held Friday. Mr. Hauser also was an assistant superintendent of schools and engaged in the private practice of law. He was acting governor and Assembly speaker in 1966.



FREDERICK HAUSER
Long in legislature

A spokesman for the Lawton-Turso Funeral Home in Hoboken said the body is expected to be flown in today from Los Angeles, Calif. The late legislator died Monday night at the UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles where he had been rushed for treatment of a heart attack. Mr. Hauser had been vacationing on the West Coast. He was 75 last May 15.

Mr. Hauser was best known in Trenton for sponsoring bills benefiting veterans, teachers, police and firemen and other civil service workers.

Mr. Hauser was a native of Brooklyn, but he spent most of his life in Hoboken. He was a graduate of School 6, Hoboken High School and New York University where he received degrees of B.A., M.A. and Doctor of Jurisprudence. He was admitted to both New Jersey and New York State Bars. He was a professor of law and property at John Marshall Law School, Jersey City, for 20 years until 1949.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Hoboken and, for a time, taught Bible classes there. He also was an

American history instructor at Hoboken High School and vice principal there before becoming assistant to the Hoboken schools superintendent. He had been president of the NYU Athletic Association and the NYU YMCA Council and editor-in-chief of the university's newspaper. He also worked as a reporter on the New York World.

Mr. Hauser served in both World Wars — I and II. In the latter he rose from major to colonel, serving as colonel for 51 months. He had been a private in World War I. He was a Staff Judge Advocate and Staff Judge Advocate for sensitive defenses covering New York, Philadelphia and the rest of Southeastern U.S. He was also acting chief of Military Justice in the Judge Advocate's Office. He was awarded medals in both wars.

Mr. Hauser was a colonel in the J.A.G.C. Reserve. He rose to high national posts in the American Legion, after being State vice commander, Hudson County commander and Hoboken Post commander.

He was also a Mason, an Elk, Pi Kappa Alpha and member of the New Jersey Education Association and U.S. Reserve Officers Association.

Mr. Hauser is survived by his wife, the former Edna Weibe of Hoboken, to whom he was married 50 years.

He was elected as an Organization Democrat to the state assembly in November 1957 and was re-elected for successive two year terms until 1967 when he was promoted to the state senate for a four-year term.

Mr. Hauser had been largely politically identified with Mayor John J. Grogan of Hoboken and John V. Kenny, Hudson County Democratic Organization leader, when they were at the height of their power.

In September, 1954, the National Legislative Conference, meeting in Atlantic City, elected him to a one-year term as its president. At the meeting he won the praise of six other New Jersey assemblymen for his ten year's service on the N.J. Law Revision and Legislative Service Committee.

Mr. Hauser was named the "Legislator of the Year" in 1958 by the State Association of Freeholders.

Mr. Hauser, who became dean of the state assembly in January 1967 when he was sworn into office for the 19th year, in 1962 introduced legislation exempting children from immunization shots before they enter public schools in New Jersey if their parents or guardians object, in writing, that the immunization violates their religious principles.

Mr. Hauser was appointed assistant Superintendent to the Hoboken Public Schools on March 14, 1954, holding the post until his retirement almost 20 years later.

The Rev. Leland LaBar, of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Hoboken, will officiate at services Friday at 11 a.m. at the Lawton-Turso Funeral Home, Hoboken. Interment will follow in Weehawken Cemetery, North Bergen.

Overdue

8/19/75 J. J.

Kenneth McGuire, president of Cosmopolitan Terminals, Inc., a company that wants to build an oil storage plant on the Hoboken-Weehawken border, did not attend the two hearings held in Hoboken yesterday by the New Jersey Natural Resources Council, an arm of the state's Department of Environmental Protection.

"Everything factual was stated at the Jan. 10, 1974 hearing," McGuire said, "and the record was closed Feb. 15, 1974. Both state law and logic indicate that the state should have made a decision by now."

He is right. Of course, he thinks the decision should be approval of the oil storage plant and we think it should be rejection, but whatever the decision, it is long, long overdue.

Except for the Hoboken Environment Committee, which submitted a 75-page land use study proposal, and the Regional Council, which also discussed land use, the witnesses at yesterday's two hearings produced no new information.

That is not a criticism. It has all been said. All that is needed now is the decision. We are exactly where we were 18 months ago.

Hoboken Council, PBA at Odds Over Hiring

8/21/75 J. J.

By MARY ANN SHERMAN
Hoboken's Patrolmen's Benevolent Assn. and the city council are at odds over what qualifies a man to patrol city streets.

The PBA believes it is the Civil Service written and physical exams. However, the council and mayor believe the police force needs local men, particularly those who are familiar with the Puerto Rican community.

The disagreement came to light yesterday when acting PBA President Charles Kosbab criticized the city council for passing a resolution asking the state Legislature to pass a bill allowing five special patrolmen to be promoted to the regular force.

According to Kosbab, each of the five has failed either the physical or written part of the Civil Service exam.

"Through the civil service exam, the

city can get the cream of the crop from the test which is competitive throughout the state," Kosbab said. "Now the council is just throwing these guidelines away. It's unfair to any man in the state wanting to be an officer that another man can become a policeman just through the whim of a politician."

"The PBA is trying to keep high standards on the job, taking a man off the

street and making him a cop is not going to work."

Mayor Steve Cappiello, director of the Public Safety Department, said that promoting men from the special force is necessary because of the city's changing population.

"This city is 40 per cent Hispanic," he explained, "Three of the men we want to promote are Hispanic and familiar with the Puerto Rican community. The other two are from Hoboken and know how to deal with the problems and situations this city presents."

The mayor said further that each of the five has had experience as special patrolman and that each is good at his job.

public hearing on the resolution accepting title to seven blocks of Old Shore rd. along the waterfront. The council will then adopt specifications for resurfacing of the area and advertise for bids to be accepted Oct. 1.

Resurfacing of Shore rd., including the installation of bicycle paths will be paid for with \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Economic Development Agency.

Specifications will also be adopted for garbage collection with bids to be accepted Oct. 1. The city's three-year contract with LaFera Contracting Co. of Newark, expires in December.

The council will also adopt specifications for the demolition of buildings at 527-529 Monroe st., 126 Jefferson st., and 128 Jefferson st., with bids to be received Oct. 1.

Three contracts are expected to be awarded Wednesday to: Turnpike Ford Sales, Inc., for a dump truck and pick-up truck, for \$14,098.00; C. Pinto, Inc., for demolition of a building at 1005 Grand st. for \$13,500; and Matcha Machinery Co. for two hydraulic catch basin cleaners and two hydraulic paving breakers, at \$43,950.

Schools Cut Item to Greet Early Hoboken Council

9/2/75 J. J.

When the Hoboken City Council sits down at 10 a.m. tomorrow, its first early meeting under the council's new regulations on procedure, it will be greeted by the Board of Education's resolution asking for over \$584,000.

Though the board has threatened that school repairs will be halted, the bilingual program cut back and the after-school use of the schools completely eliminated if the council does not approve the appropriation, it looks as though the city fathers will not do so.

The school board is hoping the council will hand over part of the more than \$716,000 received recently from Bethlehem Steel for payment of back taxes. But the council has been eyeing the money as a step towards fulfilling its promise to reduce Hoboken's tax rate, believed to be the highest in the state.

Final action, however, is not expected tomorrow on the request. Such transfers in this year's city budget can not be made legally until Nov. 1, and Mayor Cappiello has advised that the board should wait until it knows the exact size of the student population before asking for a specific amount of money.

But final action is expected after a

Crosstown bus adds 4 blocks in Hoboken

9/19/75 J. J.

Four additional blocks have been added to the new route of Hoboken's crosstown bus to increase service in the Fourth Ward and the Hoboken Housing Authority's projects at the request of Councilman Louis Francone.

As of today, the bus will not head north on Jackson Street when it reaches the intersection of Fourth and Jackson. Instead it will continue west on Fourth to Harrison Street.

At Harrison it will turn south to Second Street, then east on Second to Jackson Street, and then head north on Jackson to Fifth Street where it will pick up the remainder of its regular route.

Get fed aid OK to cut Hoboken jobless rate

9/6/75 J. J.

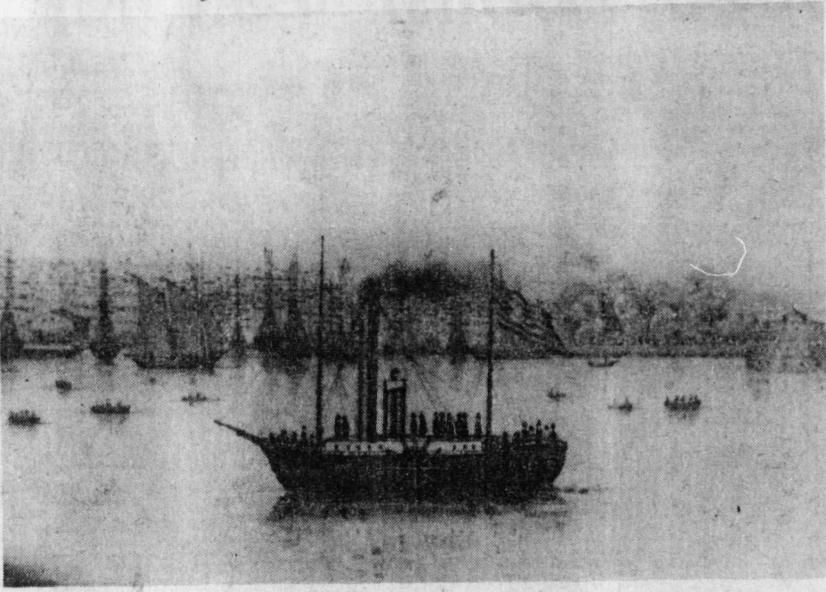
Mayor Steve Cappiello announced today that Hoboken has been approved for financial help from the U.S. Department of Commerce under Title 10 because of its high rate of unemployment which has been hovering around the 22 per cent mark for the last three or four months.

"I have received a letter from Rep. Dominick V. Daniels advising the city that we have been accepted for Title 10 assistance along with an application for that financial help," said the mayor.

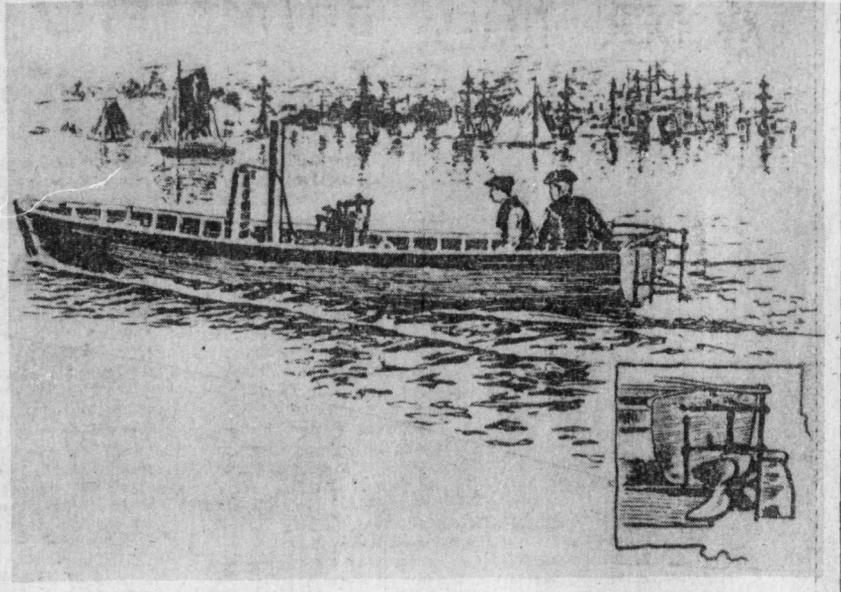
According to Cappiello, the city must now prepare a program showing how it will use whatever money it applies for. This, he said, will be done by either the city's Community Development Agency or its Manpower program.

The mayor said he didn't know how much the city would be asking for.

"Whatever amount we are seeking must be justified by the program," he continued. "And it should be make-work programs if possible. I'm hoping that something can be developed that will provide job opportunities for local residents but at the same time provide the city with some lasting benefits from that work."



Fulton's Side-wheel steamboat "Clermont" for its first trip up the Hudson to Albany in this old woodcut. Fort Battery, now Battery Park is at the right.



Col. John Stevens screw-driven steamboat the "Little Juliana" was put into service in 1804, three years before Fulton's "Clermont" made its history-making trip between New York and Albany. The boat was the forerunner of the "Phoenix" that became the first ocean-going steamboat.

9/4/75
H.N.

Steamboats On the Hudson

Hudson County was the home base for the two rivals in the development of steamboats in the years immediately following the Revolutionary War.

On one side was Robert Fulton, with his side wheel steamboat "Clermont" in Jersey City, and on the other, Col. John Stevens of Hoboken, with his twin-screw steamboat, "Phoenix." The locations of their shipyards in both Jersey City and Hoboken are still in use as shipyards today.

Actually, about 16 steamboats had been built in the New York-New Jersey area before them, but none were successful. Col. Stevens, in an effort to develop Hoboken as a recreation area, built the "Phoenix" for use as a ferry between New York and Hoboken in 1804.

Fulton, the son of a Pennsylvania farmer, went to Paris to study art but became interested in steamboats while there. He mustered backing for a steamboat and built one in 1803 which sank in the Seine River.

Then, tradition says, fortune came in the person of Chancellor Robert L. Livingston of New York, who persuaded Fulton to come to New York and try his hand at building a new steamboat. Livingston had just lost an exclusive use franchise for steamboats on the Hudson River. He had obtained the franchise after John Fitch, pioneer steamboat builder, could not build a boat within the franchise requirements.

Fulton came to New York and began to design what was to be the first successful side wheel steamboat. Livingston, meanwhile, saw his partner in the steamboat venture, Nicholas Roosevelt, drop out. He then offered the partnership to Col. Stevens, who refused the offer, believing that his design was superior.

Fulton became a resident of Jersey City, living in a house on Grand st. near Washington st. He began to redesign his former model, improving on almost every part of the vessel.

The result of Fulton's efforts was the "Clermont," named after Livingston's estate near Albany. The boat was 133 feet long, with an 18-foot beam and seven-foot depth powered by a Watt and Baldwin engine of 24 horsepower.

Fulton took delivery of the boat early in 1807 and brought it to Jersey City's Washington Gap, where, in a small cove, he had built his shipyard and testing station. He made several modifications before placing an ad in the New York newspapers for passengers for the trip from New York to Albany.

Immediately, the sceptics went to work, calling it "Fulton's Folly" and stating "they would not ride up the Hudson on a teakettle".

On Aug. 17, 1807 Fulton left New York and steamed up the Hudson to Albany, making the 150-mile trip at an average speed of five-miles-per hour.

At the start of the trip, his engagement to Harriet Schulyer, a relative of Chancellor Livingston, was announced. She was a passenger during the boat's maiden voyage and Fulton and his bride-to-be were given an engagement party upon their arrival in Albany.

Then Chancellor Livingston, spurred by Fulton's success, again was able to get the New York Legislature to grant him and Fulton the exclusive franchise for steamboats on the Hudson River.

Col. Stevens by that time had made modifications in his design, but was no longer able to operate the "Phoenix" in New York waters. He sold the boat to a group for use in Delaware Bay and he and his sons delivered the boat by following the Jersey coast to Delaware the "Phoenix" becoming the first ocean-going steamboat, a fact that drew little notice at the time.

The Livingston-Fulton monopoly continued until 1824, when a group of ship owners sued in U.S. Supreme Court to have the franchise declared illegal. Daniel Webster successfully argued the case for the ship owners.

Steamboats were then built in great numbers for use on the Hudson River, dooming the "Hudson River Sloops" sail boats that had dominated the river for more than two centuries.

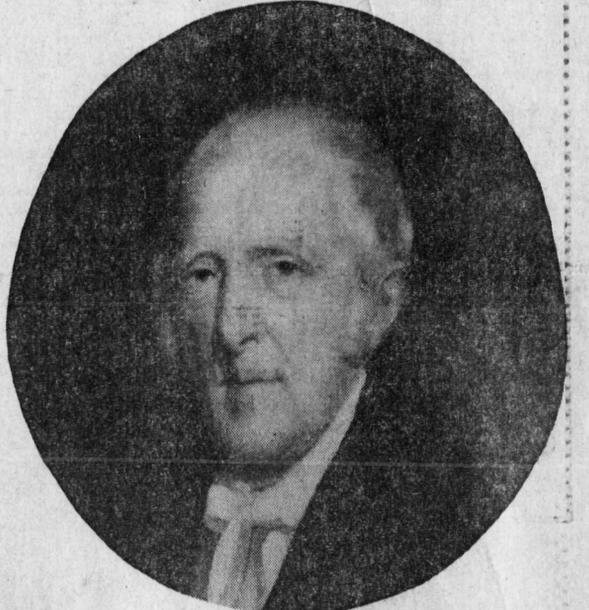
Col. Stevens continued his research to further what he felt was the better propulsion system. The screw-type ship took over from the side wheel, and, despite a change of power from steam to diesel and diesel-electric, the system stood the test of time.

In 1972, the Hudson River Day Line, which once followed Fulton's route between New York and Albany, retired the last side wheel vessel on the Hudson River, leaving Steven's screw-propelled ships "Queen of the River."

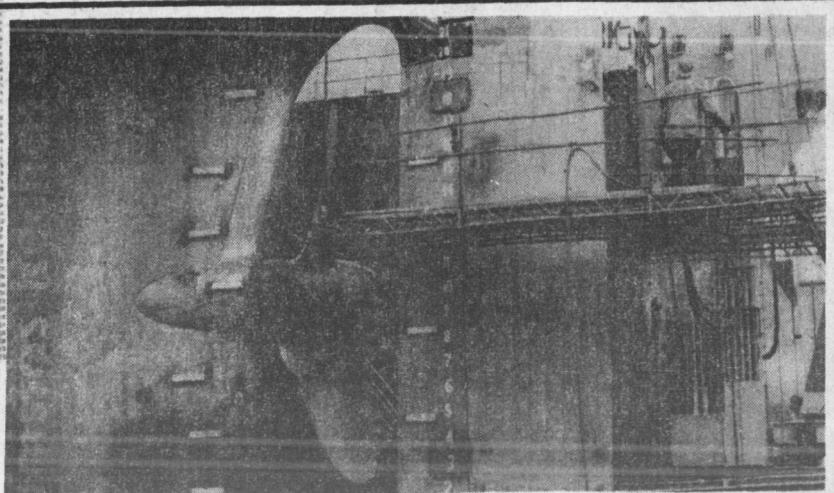


Likeness of Robert Fulton is on plaque near where he is buried in Trinity Church cemetery on lower Broadway, New York.

The Dispatch Photo

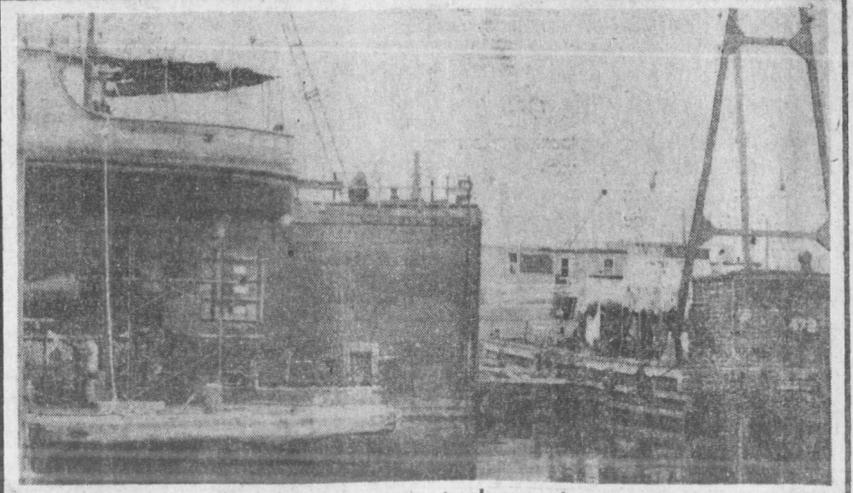


Painting of Col. John Stevens of Hoboken who developed, built and operated steamboats on the Hudson River three years before Fulton.



Giant screw-propeller of the Liberian bulk carrier "MV Grand Justice" dwarfs shipyard workers in Bethlehem Steel's Hoboken yard. The location has been a shipyard ever since

Col. John Stevens developed and built his screw-propelled steamboats in 1804. His ship facility was located at the southern end of the present shipyard.



Site of Robert Fulton's shipyard in a small cove of Washington Gap in Jersey City, has been a shipyard from that time until the present day. It was here that he put the final

touches on his history-making steamboat "Clermont." It is the present site of Rodermond Industries shipyard at the foot of Henderson and Morgan sts.



The Dispatch Photo

SIDEWALK CAFE—Teenagers relax in back yard cafe they built during the summer in rear yard of 152 Newark st., Hoboken. From left are Bill Lerdo (with guitar), Geri Turner, and Julio Reyes.

Summer's End Debut Of Hoboken Mini Park

9/4/75 By ELIZABETH PARKS A.D.

Hoboken's first backyard cafe and vest pocket park made its debut yesterday in time for the last golden rays of summer.

Located in the backyard of a cooperative arts and crafts store run by neighborhood youths, the cafe is intended as a place for Hobokenites to "come, relax, sit, sip coffee or cool drinks, gaze at the newly planted shrubbery and flowers, talk, listen to music and just have a good time."

Yesterday's day-long open house at 152 Newark st. attracted city workers from nearby City Hall and Community Development Agency, local residents, kids from the neighborhood and curious passersby.

Since the machinery for making coffee, fruit drinks and ice cream concoctions isn't installed yet, Don Cotter, adult advisor to the youngsters and the half-dozen local kids involved in the project served free cheese, crackers and punch.

The cafe and the store, respectively, called the Back Side and the Other Side, are designed to brighten the otherwise chilly tenement neighborhood and to provide unemployed Hoboken youngsters with a variety of occupational skills.

Profits from the store and cafe go back into the business to keep it running and any surplus is meant to go toward \$50 a week salaries for the young workers.

For their eight weeks and more of work on the store, cleaning it out, carting away wheelbarrels full of debris, painting the walls, building the canopy, tables, rock garden and sanding the floor, the kids have cleared an average of \$10 a week, more than a bit of that contributed by Cotter.

Despite their poverty, however, the youngsters are still hoping to attract other kids to the non-profit venture they call "The Other Side" to learn skills like carpentry, photography, silk screening, cabinet building, restaurant and retail managing, and waitressing.

Cotter emphasizes that everyone is welcome to the Other Side and points out that the cafe is also intended as a park and people are encouraged to wander in, look around, sit and relax.

"They don't have to buy anything or order coffee," Cotter says, "We just want them to enjoy the park and maybe get something like it going in other parts of the city."

Hudson Mayors at Kickoff Of 'Smile America' Drive



Hudson Mayors at Kickoff Of 'Smile America' Drive

Ranieri Raps New Garbage Contract

9/4/75 A.D.
The Hoboken City Council yesterday adopted specifications for garbage collection in the city which one councilman charges could cost taxpayers as much as \$1 million a year for work that will only be partially completed.

After leading an abortive attempt to table the specifications until they could be modified "to benefit the city," councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri charged that the specifications as they now stand are "rigged" to favor the pre-

sent contractors, the La Fera Contracting Co., 1414 Grand st.

Ranieri, who was supported in his effort to table the specifications by councilman Francis Leahy, Nunzio Malfetti, and Walter Cramer, charged that the council majority were going along with a contractual situation they know to be "unfair and inept."

According to Ranieri, the approved specifications obliges the city council to contract for either a three or five year

period. He said with inflation, the \$350,000 a fee now agreed to could possibly triple to a \$1 million a year.

Ranieri also charged that La Fera, which presently holds the contract with the city, only does approximately 85 per cent of the work obliged by contract.

"We're paying city workers to do garbage collecting which we've already paid LaFera for," he said.

The councilman said LaFera Co. fails to remove loose debris from the streets as the contract specifies; fails to pick up trash piled by fire hydrants, and fails to carry garbage pails to and from houses as specified.

Ranieri said the city council is partly responsible for the situation for failing to police the contract. "If we don't want to see the contract enforced," Ranieri said, "the only solution is to amend the contract so the city isn't paying twice for the same job."

Council president Martin Brennan said the amendments should have been made before yesterday's meeting because a delay in approving the contract specifications and receiving and accepting bids could push Hoboken past the Dec. 1 termination of LaFera's contract and leave the city without a garbage collecting agency.

According to Deputy Director of Public Works Carmine Cuttillo, Ranieri's charges that city workers are going LeFera jobs is unfounded. "We police LaFera," Cuttillo said "and as far as I know they are doing everything the contract specifies."

Cuttillo conceded that city workers do pick up garbage in the daytime, but he said that is because LaFera is only responsible for collecting garbage between midnight and 8 a.m.

"People unfortunately put garbage out at all hours," he said, "and if it was just left to lie there, the city would be a mess."

Ranieri Still Seeking Garbage Contract Sift

9/9/75 A.D.
sent specifications implies the "majority of the council either failed to read the specs or failed to understand what the contractors are doing."

Charging that the contractors, La Fera Contracting Co., 1414 Grand st. fail to perform all the services provided for in the contract and that city workers are forced to make collections La Fera is responsible for, Ranieri said the city council should either correct the situation or prove publicly that his charges are not true.

"If I'm wrong," he said, "give me the reasons why I'm wrong and I'll accept them. If I'm right, let's either enforce the contract and give taxpayers their dollar's worth or modify it and save the expense of paying three times for the same job."

Ranieri says La Fera only does 80 per cent of the work specified in the three-year contract. Collections they ignore are made by city workers or by the Allegro Corp., a compacting firm also employed by the city to remove garbage.

Ranieri's charges have been disputed by Public Works Director Raphael Vitale and his deputy Carmine Cuttillo who say La Fera is only responsible for garbage discarded on the midnight to 8 a.m. shift. Vitale said city workers have to pick up garbage left on the street at other times or the city "would be a mess."

Ranieri says Vitale fails to enforce city laws regulating the distribution of garbage and also fails to police La Fera.

At last Wednesday's council meeting, Ranieri urged that the council table the specifications until items that are not being performed are deleted.

Hoboken division heads must get pay raise OKs

9/2/75 J.J.
Hoboken department directors who are planning to give individual employees raises over and above the \$750 already authorized by the city council are going to be required to get the approval of the council's new labor negotiations committee before changing the payroll.

Tomorrow, the entire council also will be able to consider a revamped salary ordinance for the Hoboken Community Development Agency. The original version of the controversial ordinance would have increased the annual salaries of most CDA employees by \$1,500 a year, and \$3,300 in some cases.

The council is expected to wait at least two weeks before acting on the ordinance.

Establishing a procedure for approving individual raises will be the first priority for the labor negotiations committee, according to Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, a member and chairman who did not know of the committee or that he was on it until returning from vacation a few days ago.

"But we will not limit it to just that," the councilman said. "The committee will notify the directors that we want to see all proposed payroll changes before they are made. That will include hirings, firings, promotions and pay increases."

"And before they can officially be made, the committee must sanction them."

Ranieri said that the committee is also asking all city directors, including the CDA director to provide it with a complete list of all employees and all pertinent information concerning the employees such as their addresses, salary, salary ranges, job titles and appointment dates.

The committee, which consists of Councilmen-at-large Francis X. Leahy and Bernard Scrivani in addition to Ranieri, will meet every Monday night from 7 to 9 p.m. in either the mayor's office or the city clerk's office, for the purpose of reviewing any proposed payroll changes.

However, its primary function is still to come — negotiating new contracts with city employees. All city employees, including police and firemen, are without current contracts for this year. Agreement was reached on salaries but fringe benefits remain to be resolved.

Representatives of the Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) and the two fire unions, The International Association of Fire Fighters and the Fire Officers Association, are seeking to reopen talks but no firm dates have been set.

The ordinance setting the new pay scale for non-union CDA employees will be submitted to the council tomorrow, but a

Bethlehem taxes boost 1975 take

9/8/75 J.J.
In the midst of a nationwide financial recession, Hoboken's 1975 tax collections are running five per cent ahead of last year's.

Yes, the city has already taken in \$6,202,179 as of Sept. 1, the end of the third quarter. This is roughly 48.6 per cent of the \$12,766,089 tax levy.

In 1974 at the end of the third quarter the taxpayers had only paid \$5,698,450, or about 43.8 per cent of the levy, which was greater that year — \$13,002,192.

However . . . there is a slight catch to this sanguine view of Hoboken's affluence. The tax collector has garnered \$503,729 more as of Sept. 1 than he did last year — but this year's collections include a whopping big payment of \$386,070 in back taxes from the Bethlehem shipyard for 1972, 1973 and 1974.

Subtracting this bonanza, Hoboken's tax collection figures show a decrease from last year.

For the year 1974, the city ended up with a total of \$11,202,192 collected — about 83 per cent of the levy.

Fourth-quarter payments should boost the collection total considerably above the 48.6 per cent rate at which it stands at the end of the first three quarters, according to Mayor Steve Cappelletto.

"A lot of property owners pay twice a year or wait until the last quarter to make their full payments for the year," he said. "What they do will determine the estimated percentage of collections."

"I expect the collection figure to be around the same level as last year, since a good deal of the increase reflected for the first three quarters is a result of the settlement paid by Bethlehem Steel on its shipyard."

Bethlehem had been appealing the assessments for 1972, 1973 and last year on its shipyard at 14th and Hudson Streets. A settlement was worked out with the city while awaiting further court action on the appeal.

The steel company recently paid the city \$715,706 owed for 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1975. Of this amount, \$129,636 was for three-quarters of its 1975 taxes.

New books at library in Hoboken

9/2/75 J.J.
A total of 452 new books were ordered by the Hoboken Public Library last month, Lucille Cunningham, director, said today. Many of the new volumes have been received and are now available to library members.

Some of the new books include:

"The Twenties: From Notebooks and Diaries of the Period," by Edmund Wilson; "No Left Turns: The F.B.I. in Peace and War," by Joseph L. Scott; "The Island of My Life: From Petty Crime to Priestly Mission," by Roger Riou; "We're Going To Make You A Star," Sally Quinn; "You Must Remember This: Oral Reminiscences of the Real 'Hollywood,'" Walter Wagner, et al; "Passage to Ararat: A Novel" by Michael J. Arlen; "Desmond: A Novel" by A. J. Cronin; "The Carpathian Caper: A Novel" by Jacques Sandulescu and Annie Gottlieb; "Madame Catherine: A Biography" by Irene Mahoney.

"The Privilege Of His Company: Noel Coward Remembered," William Marchant; "Christian: Its Meanings in an Age of Future Shock," Malcolm Boyd; "Fatu-Hiva: Back to Nature," Thor Heyerdahl; "Ragtime: A Novel" by E. L. Doctorow; "The Great Victorian Collection: A Novel" by Brian Moore; "Teresa Batista: Home From The Wars: A Novel" by Jorge Amado; "East and West: Stories" by Pearl S. Buck; "Bogart and Bacall: A Love Story," Joe Hyams; "The Federal Rathole" by Donald Lambro; "Sarah Bernhardt: A Pictorial Biography of the Divine Sarah," William Emboden; "The Winter Name of God: A Biographical Narrative," James Carroll; "A Season For Unnatural Causes: Stories" Philip F. O'Connor; "Voices of the Rainbow: Contemporary Poetry by American Indians," Edited by Kenneth Rosen.

"The Poisoned Kiss and Other Stories from the Portuguese" Fernandes-Joyce Carol Oates; "Realms of the Human Unconscious: Observations from LSD Research," Stanislav Grof, M.D.; "A Wake for the Living: A Family Chronicle," Andrew Lytle; "Dirty Money: Swiss Banks, the Mafia, etc.," Thurston Clarke and John J. Tighe, Jr.; "The Golden Mistress: A Novel," Basil Beysa; "The Sixth Directorate: A Novel," Joseph Hone; "Some Kind of Hero: A Novel," by James Kirkwood; "Crime Pays: A Novel Look at Burglars, Car Thieves, etc.," Thomas Plate; "Separate Flights: A Novella and Seven Short Stories," by Andre Dubus, and "Creative Jewelry Making: Techniques for Craftsmen," by Larry Hemard.

Hoboken gets \$890,000 for more water line work

9/8/75 J.J.
Hoboken has been awarded an additional \$890,000 for its water line replacement program by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under its "Urgent Need" program, Mayor Steve Cappelletto said today.

The money will be used to expand the water line replacement program which is now entering its final stages, the mayor said.

"As a result of the grant, the city will tackle a major water problem along Shore Road which could have held up our plans to resurface and redevelop that area with a

\$220,000 grant from the U.S. Office of Economic Development," Cappelletto continued.

The mayor said that part of the \$390,000 will be used to modernize the water line running from Fifth Street and Shore Road, up the waterfront street to Elysian Park.

"This will include replacing and repairing whatever needs to be repaired or replaced," he said. "Water for the area is of course a necessity for any future redevelopment be it residential, recreational or industrial."

"The line has now been closed off because of several known leaks that couldn't be fixed because it would have cost too much and the city didn't have the money. The shutdown also affected Elysian Park and its water supply."

Kilmer Tells Hoboken Tales

9/12/75 A.D.
A Hoboken environmentalist and member of the city's bicentennial panel yesterday told an assembly of Kiwanis members that Hoboken is a great city that "residents should be working to make greater."

At the Kiwanis weekly meeting at the Clam Broth House, Hugh Kilmer, grandson of poet Joyce Kilmer who wrote the classic poem "Trees" and a member of the city's Arts Commission and bicentennial committee, spoke for about half an hour on Hoboken's "fascinating" history and quaint reality.

Kilmer, who replaced scheduled speaker Helen Manogue, ailing with pneumonia, spoke highly of Hoboken and urged Kiwanians to "do whatever they can to support this year's and next year's bicentennial observances."

Kilmer praised Hoboken as the city that "gave birth to baseball, Frank Sinatra, and which also hosted talented people like Stephen Foster and the nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte."

Kilmer discussed some of the projects the city's bicentennial committee has already undertaken, displaying a patchwork quilt depicting historic sites in the city sewn by bicentennial member Joan Silverman and a committee of 12 needlepoint experts; tile plaques depicting historic houses such as the Stevens Castle and a series of postcards with line drawings of various brownstones and parks.

The plaques can be purchased from the commission for \$5 each and the post cards sell for something like 3 for 50 cents. Proceeds will go to Bicentennial Programs.

Kilmer said the commission also wants to write a history of Hoboken and commission paintings of murals of historic scenes in prominent locations.

Push to Get Education Board Data

9/13/75 A.D.
The Hoboken City Council will ask the state commissioner of education to subpoena the Hoboken Board of Education's records of expenses in a preliminary hearing of budget cutbacks scheduled for Sept. 18, a city councilman said yesterday.

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri said the council has no choice but to secure a subpoena in light of the board's "latest and consistent refusal to release its records to us."

Ranieri said he was advised by city attorney Lawrence Florio that the subpoena, according to legal requirements, must be obtained through the state commissioner's office.

Ranieri said he did not fully understand why that particular legal channel had to be followed, but he accepted Florio's recommendations. Florio has a standard policy of not discussing the city's legal problem, with the press and did not comment.

For months, Ranieri has been asking the board to turn over all vouchers on its expenses to the city council so the council could use the information to substantiate its \$325,000 cutback in the board's 1975-76 budget.

Claims Over-Expenditure
Ranieri contends the vouchers show that the board has engaged in a 250 per cent over-expenditure in one category alone.

The council needs the information before a hearing on the cutbacks scheduled for Sept. 23 in the state commissioner's office. The hearing is to determine if the cutbacks are to be sustained or if the council must return the money.

More tickets, but fewer pay parking fines

9/9/75 J.J.
Hoboken is giving out more alternate-side-of-the-street parking tickets since eliminating its towing program earlier this year but fewer people are paying their fines, according to figures from the police department and violations bureau.

An average of 600 \$10 tickets are being given out each month by the special patrolmen who ride with the city's sweeper trucks as compared to approximately 125 to 150 \$2 tickets a month when the towing program was operating.

A check with the violations bureau for last month's tickets showed that 555 were issued. Of that number 73 went to out-of-state drivers—three paid the \$10 fines—and 482 went to New Jersey drivers, most of them Hoboken residents.

A bureau spokesman said that only 59 New Jersey motorists have paid their fines for August and the bureau will eventually have to "go after them" to get its money.

Going after them includes sending out supplemental notices to the registered owners of the vehicles giving them new court dates and, if they should fail either to appear again or pay their fines, seeking revocation of their licenses through the state Division of Motor Vehicles.

Both police and violations bureau personnel believe fewer people are moving their cars for the sweeper because the new fine of \$10 per violation is still more of a bargain than the old \$2 fine with towing. Motorists had to pay for the tow, storage and the fine which amounted to close to \$17.

"The city should either increase the cost of the tickets or reinstate towing," observed one police superior "If it wants to cut down on the number of tickets given out and clear the sweeper's path, that's the only way to do it."

"When a lapse of memory is going to cost you \$20 or more, or require some of your time to go get your car and pay for the towing, you remember."

Caliguire seeks another \$5,000 raise to \$26,000

9/19/75 J.J.
The executive director of the Hoboken Housing Authority has put in for a \$5,000 raise as of Oct. 1 which would bring his annual salary to \$26,000 a year, it was learned today.

According to one authority commissioner who asked not to be named, if the raise is granted, it will bring the total in raises given to Joseph Caliguire to \$8,000 for the year.

The commissioner said Caliguire started the year making \$18,000. In April he was given a \$3,000 raise and he is now asking for another \$5,000.

Caliguire became authority executive director in January replacing M. Edward DeFazio who retired after almost 25 years with the authority. At the time of his retirement DeFazio was making only a few

thousand more than Caliguire is asking for.

The commissioner said the request for the \$5,000 increase has caught the authority somewhat "off-guard."

"This looks like it is going to be a very tough year financially for the authority," he said. "We had been hoping to keep raises to a minimum along the lines granted by the city — \$1,200 for key personnel and \$750 for the rest of the staff."

"It is going to be extremely difficult to give the executive director \$5,000—\$8,000 for the year — and then tell the other employees that we can't give them substantial raises because we don't have the money."

The commissioner said the authority probably will take up Caliguire's increase request at its Oct. 7 meeting.

Louis DePascale Practices What He Preaches



BICENTENNIAL PLATES — Charles Robinson, right, director of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in Hudson County and chairman of the county's bicentennial committee, presents the special souvenir bicentennial state license plate to Hudson County Freeholders Vincent J. Fusilli and Anne O'Malley. The license plate may be purchased by sending \$3 to Bicentennial Committee, Box 1776, Greenville Station, Jersey City. 9/15/75 J.J.

By MARY ANN SHERMAN
Job seekers can take a tip from former Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken—if you want to do a certain job, convince someone he should hire you to do it.

That's how the former mayor and labor consultant got an \$8,000 part-time job with the county as a labor relations research analyst. DePascale was appointed to the post last week by the Board of Freeholders.

"I suggested it to them because of the complexities of union problems today, you have to have someone in a professional capacity to deal with them," he said.

DePascale has worked in labor negotiations practically all his professional life. A former secretary to the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America Local 15 of Hoboken, DePascale has also served as its national representative.

In addition, DePascale has served as a member of the United States Wage Stabilization Board for the New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania region, and from 1973 to the present as labor negotiator for the Board of Education and as head of his own labor consulting firm.

Hoboken's mayor from 1965 to 1973, DePascale was also a county freeholder from 1969 to 1972.

Although it is only a part-time job, DePascale said he will give the job "as much time as is required" and pointed out that last Tuesday he was at the administration building from 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

DePascale will work under the direction of Lawrence Campagna, the county's planning director. His duties as outlined by civil service classification will be to "collect

9/11/75 J.A.



Louis DePascale

and analyze labor relations data relating to existing and proposed labor contracts.

The labor consultant said he would also conduct salary surveys to determine if present pay scales in Hudson County

are comparable with other New Jersey counties and municipalities as well as compare cost of living statistics and fringe benefits with those of other counties in the state and private industry.

Hoboken Grid Still Sitting Idle

By GREG HOCHSTEIN

Unless a last second miracle takes place, Hoboken's football team will not meet St. Joseph's on Sept. 27 at Union City Roosevelt Stadium. It is to be their first regular season contest.

And with each passing day it becomes more and more likely that Hoboken will not field a football team in 1975, probably the first time in its history that it has not done so.

The Board and Teachers

Union are now farther apart as indicated by the remarks of Jerry Lang, N.J.E.A.-Uniserve representative of Hudson County, who seems to have reversed his field since Sunday night.

"Nothing was done about the football team practice with the coaches. The Board will have to take the initiative but the coaches will not cross the picket line and they will not coach until the strike is settled," Mr. Lang said last night.

Yesterday the Hoboken Teachers' Assn. asked coach Al Straten when the St. Joseph's game would be in jeopardy.

"If we don't practice by Thursday or Friday of this week I don't see how we can meet St. Joe's on the 27th" Straten said.

"We've already missed eight hours of practice and after two weeks left. We could double up but we are concerned about the safety of the kids. How far can we push them to make up so much lost time?" Straten asked.

Next Straten has to worry about the Bayonne game on the following weekend. But he has other problems.

"The kids are becoming disillusioned with the program. They want to practice and improve and get ready for the season but they can't. This will have an effect on the next few years," Straten added.

It will also have an effect on this year. Scholarships may be lost, school morals will suffer, teenagers will be turned away from football and onto something else, something less wholesome.

All because two parties can't make a simple compromise on a matter which is not germane to the main issue. It just takes a simple expediency.

True or false

9/16/75 J.J.
Councilman Ranieri's charge that Hoboken's garbage contractor seems serious enough to warrant a thorough investigation.

The councilman's accusation was not an off-the-cuff remark in the heat of council debate. He means it. He says he is prepared to prove it. He should be or he never should have made the charge.

The councilman contends other contractors would offer to do the garbage job for less money, but they fear to bid because they know that if they won the contract, the city would hold them to the stiff specifications, whereas the present contractor apparently is permitted to ignore them.

Six councilmen voted for the specifications which Ranieri says are rigged. If his charge is false, should they not be clamoring for a full investigation to disprove it?

Hoboken Hits Illegal Parking of Trucks

9/15/75 J.A.
At the request of Two Hoboken councilmen, Police Chief George Crimmins is starting to crack down on truckdrivers who park illegally along the city's busy Observer H'way, making driving both difficult and dangerous for the ordinary motorist.

Second Ward Councilman Walter Cramer and Third Ward Councilman Sal Cemelini visited Crimmins yesterday to ask that he investigate what they described as "flagrant and frightening violations of the city's traffic code along observer H'way."

Cramer told Crimmins that while driving into the city Wednesday with his wife and five children, he was nearly trapped in an accident because of two double-

parked trucks on both the north and south sides of the east and westbound throughway. Trucking firms line the entire south edge of Observer H'way.

The two councilmen said Hoboken police had to take a harder line with truckers before a resident or visitor to Hoboken is maimed or killed.

Crimmins said that from today on he will have a jeep patrol monitoring the area on a spot check basis.

He said tickets will be issued to any trucker illegally parking his vehicle until the "situation is as it should be."

Through a unique arrangement developed years ago, Hoboken policeman patrol the highway even though it is a county road under the jurisdiction of the county police department.

Hoboken council to take bids on street surfacing

9/12/75 J.J.
Bids on resurfacing a number of streets will be accepted by the Hoboken Council at next Wednesday night's meeting. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

In addition to the bids, the council will act on the sale of six pieces of city property, bought at public auction last week. The properties are 116 Madison St., 321 Monroe St., 1405-07 Clinton St., 61 Willow Court, 311 Madison St., and 106 Adams St.

The council will consider three proposals from the city's Community Development Agency. One authorizes the CDA to increase its contract with Michael Ehrman by \$1,150 for professional service. Another authorizes a \$7,000 contract increase with Caroline Redden for professional services. The last authorizes a \$26,000 contract with Martin McCarthy for his professional services.

Not included on the council's agenda as yet is the controversial CDA pay increase ordinance.

Forman officially named Hoboken welfare director

9/12/75 J.J.
The Hoboken Board of Public Assistance has selected Jerry Forman as its new welfare director replacing the late Edward Roderer, it was announced today, almost a month after Forman's selection.

Forman was Roderer's assistant and then became acting director when the former welfare head died several months ago. He was selected to become the new director by a 3-1 vote. The Rev. Roy Carter cast the only dissenting ballot. One other member was absent due to illness.

The board's recommendation has now been sent to the state for formal confirmation.

Rev. Carter said he was somewhat disturbed by the fact that the Public Assistance Board did not make public the fact that it had made its selection of a new director and the reasons why he had voted against the appointment.

"In our interview with Mr. Forman he was asked for clarification of a number of his activities," said Rev. Carter. "I was never satisfied with his explanations which I felt were vague. But apparently the rest of the board was."

Rev. Carter declined to say what the activities were or what Forman's reply was.

In recent years the new director of welfare has been involved in two controversies. One centered on his active participation or the participation of close family members in housing corporations that owned tenement buildings with mostly welfare clients as tenants. More recently, Forman was accused of pressuring welfare clients to vote for organization candidates in the city's last municipal election. Neither matter resulted in any formal action against Forman.

Hoboken facing new water woes

9/16/75 J.J.
Several thousand Hoboken residents were without water yesterday or had very low water pressure for several hours while the city put in a new cross connection on one of its 24-inch water mains.

And the same problem looms for Monday and Tuesday, according to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, when another 24-inch connection is scheduled to be installed at Newark and Bloomfield Streets.

Vitale said that the area affected yesterday was from approximately Fifth Street, east of Bloomfield Street, north to the Weehawken boundary line.

"The further north the less water," he continued. "In some areas around 13th and 14th Streets there was no water for a few hours."

According to the director, water service was restored late yesterday afternoon but the water was discolored and cloudy and would probably stay that way for most of the weekend.

Vitale said the matter was not an emergency but part of the city's water line replacement program. The 24-inch mains are the largest in the city and closing one down for any period of time affects a large area even if the water is rerouted through other smaller lines.

"There isn't any other way of doing it," he continued. "When you are dealing with a 24-inch main the flow has to be stopped. There's just too much water passing through a line of that size to work with a live line."

The director advised residents in the area that was without water yesterday or who had low pressure to stock up whatever water they can tomorrow for cooking purposes on Monday when the second connection will probably be installed.

Hoboken exchange

9/16/75 J.J.
Bayonne's annual student exchange with Hoboken, France, has been a great success again. In the light of this success, why not have a similar yearly exchange of high school students between our Hoboken and Hoboken in Belgium?

Money? This year the citizens of our Bayonne voluntarily contributed more than half the \$10,000 needed to finance their program. The taxpayers have not objected to picking up the rest of the tab.

Belgium's Hoboken is a city quite comparable to our Hoboken. An exchange seems to be a natural. A local committee proposed one earlier this year, when the senator representing Belgium's Hoboken visited here. The idea never got off the ground. That was unfortunate. Why not start again? The city of Hoboken is seeking a new image. This could help. 9/16/75 J.J.

What, again?

9/19/75 J.J.
Hoboken's public works director says the city's main thoroughfare is so untidy it is a disgrace.

He can say that again... or any number of times.

Washington Street looks as though a hurricane had strewn upon it the contents of 100 trailer trucks loaded with bits and pieces of wrapping paper.

No one bothers to sweep his sidewalk, says the director, threatening to start issuing summonses.

Unfortunately, this is an old story. The threat of summonses has been so much hot air. The police have refused to issue them and the conscientious sanitation inspectors who did have been discouraged by the court's leniency with the offenders.

Hoboken's main thoroughfare is a litterbug's paradise. So what else is new?

Solutions sought on Stevens lot

9/15/75 J.J.
The Hoboken Parking Authority has started looking for alternate solutions that would end objections from residents of the Sixth and Hudson Street area to the use of a Stevens Institute of Technology parking lot.

Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti said today that he and Joseph Hottendorf, executive director of the authority, met recently with residents of the area and found that they were willing to listen to possible alternates.

Residents want the city to take some action because a commercial establishment has rented the lot from the college for night use. The lot is located in area zoned for residential and college use only.

"The residents are willing to listen to alternate ideas other than shutting down the parking lot completely," said the councilman. "No alternatives have been presented to them but Mr. Hottendorf has agreed to have the parking authority look into the situation and see what it can come up with along those lines."

Pollution agency may have dropout

9/13/75 J.J.
A Hoboken councilman will introduce a resolution at a Sept. 17 city council meeting to withdraw Hoboken from any association with the Hudson Regional Health Commission, a county anti-pollution agency.

Councilman Robert Ranieri said he felt the \$5 registration fee the agency had levied for such fuel burning or working incinerator unit in commercial and industrial buildings and in residential buildings with four or more apartments (cold water flats excluded) is "direct taxation by an outside agency."

Ranieri said the four-year-old agency

was asked into the city by the city's board of health and it was empowered to levy the fees by the health department. He said that no one had the right to give the Regional Health Commission the right to collect "the tax."

"There's a question of philosophy of government," explained Ranieri, "and not a clash of personalities. I just feel there is an outside agency doing some taxing much as you would expect the Boy Scouts or the Red Cross to suddenly start taxing the residents."

"I also question the benefits they give us. I've looked through their books and don't see it. Because of this I've advised all the people who have called me and those that have written me letters, not to pay the fee."

Ranieri explained that Alfred Statile, executive director of the commission, has requested permission to attend the council's caucus prior to the public meeting. He said he had no objection to Statile and an assistant being present at the Sept. 15 caucus.

Defending the fees as helping to keep the cost of operating the commission down, Statile said it would cost Hoboken more than the \$3,500 they are presently being charged to operate an anti-pollution agency.

"Actually, their assessment will drop \$400 next year," explained Statile, "and it will probably drop again the following year despite the fact that the budget will increase due to inflation."

"Originally our budgeting was a primarily by federal grant, but that is being cut and we are becoming more self-reliant with the help of the imposed fees. Without them Hoboken could have been paying as much as \$5,000 for the service."

"Actually, I am not quite aware of the situation concerning Mr. Ranieri's proposal to withdraw from the commission, but, by agreement, the city couldn't do so until a year after notification and notification has to be on the first of the year. The earliest they could withdraw would be Dec. 31, 1976."

The commission director explained that Hoboken as well as the other 11 county municipalities receive services of a commission inspector for "five half-days" a week, plus special inspections when complaints are made.

He said the commission budget for next year will be discussed at the agency's first fall meeting.

TV Series Will Be Set In Hoboken

9/15/75 J.J.
Everybody who lives around here knows that Hoboken has charisma. And it isn't all brownstones and beer cans. Now that television has finally discovered the charm of the "Mile Square City" as the setting for a prime time family series entitled "Joe and Sons," the city is settling in for a celebration.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said the show would be given "a really big kickoff" with a parade planned for Sept. 9, date for the CBS premiere of the half-hour situation comedy.

Plans are also under way to have former North Bergenite Richard Castellano, who played Clemenza in "The Godfather" and who stars as "Joe" in the new series, on hand for the celebration. Jerry Stiller will play the part of his friend.

Vitale got the tipoff on the format for the show, which deals with the trials and tribulations of an Italian widower raising two teenage sons, when a network representative called to obtain some information about the city.

Mayor Steve Cappiello was advised about the call by Vitale and promised to give some thought to a celebration for the premiere.



A REMINDER — Preparing to raise the flag at the new Bicentennial-war dead memorial built by residents and management of the Church Towers middle income projects in Hoboken are, from left, Mayor Steve Cappiello, William Van Wie, a tenant who originated the idea; George Koenigsfest, superintendent of the project, and Roger Levy, vice president of the Y.A.N. Management Corp.

Hoboken Blight Resolution Approval Seen

9/11/75 J.J.
The Hoboken city council tonight is expected to approve a resolution asking the Hudson County Planning Board to designate sections of the city as "blighted" so homeowners can qualify for a five-year tax abatement on home improvements.

If granted, the tax abatements would permit homeowners to invest in rehabilitating their homes without their property values immediately going up and increasing their tax payments.

Martin Brennan council president and sponsor of the resolution said he hopes the abatements will encourage more residents to start fixing up their homes.

Brennan said if the Planning Board gives the city a blighted designation, the city's taxpayers will be eligible for the tax abatements under recently approved state legislation.

In other business, the council is also scheduled to vote on councilman Robert Ranieri's resolution requesting that

Hoboken withdraw from the Hudson Regional Health Commission.

Ranieri said he was asking for the withdrawal because he feels the council does not have the legal right to "delegate away its taxing powers, one of our strongest responsibilities."

Describing the commission as only a "quasi governmental agency," Ranieri said he feels Hoboken's Board of Health has all the "legitimate power it needs to do the job the commission is doing."

Both the commission and the city's board of health have the power to regulate oil burners to prevent air pollution. Hoboken pays \$3,600 a year to belong to the commission and the commission also charges city residents \$5 for oil burner permits for four-family houses and \$25 for incinerator permits.

Ranieri predicted that when the commission loses its state funds, as he thinks it may

through cutbacks, the share of its participating cities will increase and the \$3,600 a year Hoboken now pays may go as high as \$11,000 plus some \$4,000 in fees for permits.

Settle CDA pay raises

9/15/75 J.J.
The Hoboken City Council and Community Development Agency (CDA) have worked out a compromise pay raise ordinance for CDA employees which will be introduced at the council's Sept. 17 meeting.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, head of the council's new labor relations committee, said that the committee has met with CDA Director Michael Coleman and

worked out the compromise pay ordinance. Ranieri said that with few exceptions, the ordinance would provide for \$750 raises for most CDA employees, the same amount received by city workers, and \$1,200 for directors and key personnel, the same figure given to city directors.

Coleman, who is resigning as director of the program, or his replacement, will be getting a \$2,250 raise bringing the direc-

tor's salary to \$24,250. Ranieri said that it was his opinion and the opinion of most council members that the CDA directorship was the most important job in the entire agency, and possibly the city, and it was only just that the director receive an increase equal to that of the mayor.

The council's next meeting will be on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.

Scrivani quits labor relations panel

The Hoboken City Council's Labor Relations Committee, which resumed negotiations with the city's police and firemen last night on a labor contract for 1978, is already short one member.

Councilman-at-large Bernard Scrivani, who was appointed to the committee with Councilmen-at-Large Robert A. Ranieri and Francis X. Leahy by Council President Martin J. Brennan, has notified Brennan and Ranieri in writing that he is resigning from the committee.

Scrivani said that, if the committee was to be effective, it should have three members who could devote the proper amount of time to it, especially now that the city and its employees were about to resume negotiations.

However, Ranieri, as chairman, said he has suggested to the council president that he appoint himself as Scrivani's replacement. Ranieri said that Brennan has not yet made a decision on the replacement.



HOT OFF THE GRILL — Joseph Petrosino, left, standard bearer of the Joseph J. Petrosino Association of Hoboken, and Angelo DeMassa, right, chairman for the group's annual cookout, serve Mayor Steve Cappiello during the event held over the weekend in the clubrooms.

Safety

The abandoned marine repair shops of the Penn Central Railroad on the Hoboken waterfront present a serious safety problem to the railroad and to Hoboken. More than a dozen fires have flared there this year.

Saturday night a three-alarm fire raged there. Two firemen were injured and apparatus had to be called from Union City and Jersey City to back up the Hoboken firemen.

Mayor Steve Cappiello has ordered city inspectors to make sure the area is properly policed by the railroad and that it is cleaned up. He threatens to take railroad officials to court, if necessary.

Equally stern action should be taken against youngsters — or anyone else — caught trespassing there.

Martial arts lesson for tactical patrol

Five members of the Hoboken Police Tactical Patrol Force (TPF) will be part of a one-day demonstration self-defense program which will be held at the Hoboken-North Hudson Young Men's Christian Association Thursday.

Sweeten said the five patrolmen will be given a three-hour "mini-course" in the "Zen Karate Method" by Randall Bassett. The Hoboken Community Development Agency is sponsoring the pilot program.

"The purpose is more than just giving the men instruction in self-defense," said Sweeten. "We hope it will increase their self-confidence as well and eliminate the feeling of always having to try to prove themselves when in tight situations."

Sweeten said that there are a number of TPF members who have had instruction in the Oriental martial arts and these men have shown that the training helps to build self-confidence in one's own ability.

"The knowledge or belief that one can cope with most situations helps produce a reliable officer," he continued. "They project self-confidence and it comes across in dealing with the public. The result is that officers with such training seldom actually have to use it."

Sweeten said that after the three-hour course is completed it will be evaluated and possibly made into a regular training procedure for the department, especially the TPF.

Pumping plant briefing due

Mayor Steve Cappiello has called a special meeting of the Hoboken City Council for tonight to brief the members on the situation resulting from the explosion that destroyed the 11th Street pumping station last week.

The mayor said he wanted the council to be up to date on the incident in case it was required to take quick action on any appropriations for repairs.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. in the council chambers. At 7:30 the council will meet with representatives of the Hudson County Regional Sewer Authority to discuss Hoboken's participation in the regional treatment plant.

A spokesman for the authority said it planned to show the council the benefits of participating in the authority.

"Hoboken, along with most other municipalities with treatment plants, is under court order to upgrade their treatment to a secondary system," he said. "It will be a lot less expensive to do this on a county-wide level as an authority rather than individually."

Another benefit is that should the authority take over the Hoboken operation, it will also assume all of the city's problems along with the responsibility of the bond issue that financed the plant.

CDA staff under fire

A Hoboken councilman is investigating reports that no one from the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA) staff attended Wednesday night's meeting of the CDA's Citizen's Advisory Council.

First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano said today he's been advised that no one from the CDA staff attended the meeting which is held once a month for the purpose of briefing local citizens on what the CDA is doing and its future plans.

"With no one from the CDA attending I don't see how the citizens can know what is going on," said Romano. "Or maybe there isn't anything going on and we don't need the CDA."

Romano said he was trying to locate CDA Director Michael Coleman for an explanation.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, who is also looking into the matter, blamed the incident on a "lack of leadership in the CDA" because Coleman is leaving at the end of this month and no action has been taken to designate a successor.

"We have lame duck leadership which amounts to no leadership at all, and as a result the CDA is foundering," he said. "The program is much too important to allow this to happen."

Ranieri said he would press the mayor to make a decision who was going to replace Coleman.

Hoboken recreation

Now that Hoboken is on the way toward getting more use out of the central portion of its waterfront, through the imminent repaving of Shore Road, it is time to move toward getting some use out of the northern part, which has been idle for years.

Hoboken will probably regain ownership of most of the 40-acre tract, site of the defunct Todd Shipyard. A small part will probably revert to Weehawken. This tract, largely underwater, is unsuitable for housing or for any commercial use other than some obnoxious development such as an oil storage terminal.

The oil-tank project which has been proposed there seems to be moribund. Now is the time to set aside the site for recreation. The federal and state governments are financing such projects, particularly when they do not require expensive land acquisition, as will be the case here.

Hoboken is notoriously lacking in recreation facilities and city officials have always given the answer that the city has no available room. The details can be worked out to include ballfields, tennis courts, a strollers' promenade, bike paths, picnicking areas, fishing piers, perhaps a marina . . . the possibilities are almost endless.

Will someone pick up the ball?

In the open

Two Hoboken officials — appointed, not elected — say they are seriously thinking about starting a recall movement against three ward councilmen because they were elected as "organization candidates" but have acted more like "independents" since they were sworn in.

Neither of the officials will identify the prospective targets of the recall, but one said: "It is strictly an organizational and political matter that shouldn't be aired in the newspapers."

He is wrong. Councilmen are elected to represent the people, not an "organization." If they act independent, they are to be praised, not recalled.

And, if there is a recall movement, it should be conducted in the public view and not in the privacy of political clubrooms.

Election and recall are public functions, not private privileges.

It is interesting to note that one of the appointed officials admits he is planning to open at least one and possibly several new political clubs around the city. That is his privilege and, no doubt, he will air his political actions in the newspapers.

Crosstown bus starting new, longer route

As of 7 a.m. tomorrow the Hoboken crosstown bus will be running on a new expanded route and service will be discontinued on the old route.

Business Administrator Herman Bier said today.

"With one exception, the elimination of one hour of bus service between 2 and 3 p.m.—an overtime hour for the drivers—the schedule will stay about the same," he said. "We expect the new run will take about 20 minutes as compared to roughly 15 for the old one. The only difference is that the drivers won't lay over as long when they return to the starting point."

Bier said that the fare for the ride will be 25 cents instead of 15. The old fare was 15 cents and 10 cents for senior citizens. Seniors will now pay 15 cents.

The new route will include most of the old one—an east-west run using Fourth and Seventh streets—along with service to the PATH terminal at Hudson Place and the Fox Hill Gardens Senior Citizen building at 13th Street and Willow Avenue.

Starting at Fourth and Hudson streets the new route is as follows: South on Hudson Street to the PATH terminal at Hudson Place and River Street, north on River to Second Street, west on Second to Bloomfield Street, north on Bloomfield to Fourth Street, west on Fourth to Jackson Street, north on Jackson to Fifth Street, east on Fifth to Adams Street, north on Adams to Seventh Street, east on Seventh to Clinton Street, north on Clinton to 12th Street and the Fox Hill gardens project, east on 12th to Willow Avenue, south on Willow to Seventh Street, east on Seventh to Hudson Street, and south on Hudson to the starting point at Fourth.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said that most of the bus stops in the expanded portion of the run have not yet been marked out or posted for no parking. However, the city decided to start operating the new route anyway.

Ranieri said that the bus stops and signs would be put up as quickly as possible while the bus was operating.

"There isn't much sense in delaying the start of the new operation," the councilman said. "We have permission from the state Public Utility Commission (PUC) to discontinue the old route and start the new one with the new 10-passenger bus. The new bus is small enough to use whatever space there is at corner intersections without having them painted in."

The new bus will run from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday. The old weekend schedule will be maintained for the time being and it, too, may be changed.

Ranieri explained that the crosstown bus route and operation lost about \$30,000 a year for the city. However, the city planned to make whatever changes necessary to cut that figure.

"The ideal situation would be to break even since this is a service the city is providing to its residents, not a profit-making venture," the councilman said. "If we can cut the deficit and still continue to provide the same service I'll be happy."

Bier said he has asked the city's transportation inspector, Sgt. Gabriel Ferriaiuolo, to make random checks of all buses operating in that city to make sure they are clean.

"The city has received a number of complaints about the conditions of the buses," he said. "They included vehicles operated by Transport of New Jersey (TNJ), the Washington Street buses and the city's crosstown bus."

"A dirty or littered bus is a violation and summonses will be issued to the drivers of vehicles found to be excessively dirty."

Bier added that in the case of the city's crosstown bus he wasn't sure if the drivers, who are city employees, could be given a summons for the violations. However, they could be brought up on departmental charges if the situation warrants.

The director added that most of the complaints were about TNJ and Washington Street buses.

10n Thursday, September 18, 1975



TICKET TAKER — Selling two tickets to Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello are Mrs. Alice Yacullo, left, and Mrs. Vincent J. Fusilli, who are co-chairing the Hoboken chapter of the Hudson County Mental Health Association. The tickets are to a fund-raising cocktail party the chapter is sponsoring Sept. 28 in the Union Club, Hoboken.

Leahy will manage Fusilli's campaign

Hoboken Councilman-at-large, Francis X. Leahy, today was named campaign manager for the reelection of Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli. Fusilli is seeking election in Freeholder District 6 under the new district setup. The district encompasses Hoboken, Weehawken and part of Union City.

Fusilli classified Leahy as the perfect campaign manager who pays attention to detail, is a hard worker, and has his finger on the pulse of the people. Leahy is a longtime Fusilli backer. He supported Fusilli in May 1971 when the latter was elected councilman in Hoboken's Second Ward.

On speaking of the appointment as campaign manager, Leahy termed it "an honor and a privilege to be selected by Jimmy. He has been an outstanding freeholder particularly in the fields of taxes, where he has kept the lid on, and senior citizens, for whom he has worked not only in the county but throughout the state in his capacity as vice president of the New Jersey Freeholders Association."

"He has been most active for and always available to the people he represents. A man of high integrity who has never lost touch with the little people and take great pleasure in seeing legislation passed that will assist the poor and the taxpayer of not only Hoboken but all of Hudson County. He deserves to be reelected and the people will give him an overwhelming vote of confidence."

Encouragement

There are generous programs to provide tax breaks for big time developers who specialize in urban renewal projects, but there has been no similar tax break for the ordinary taxpayer interested in improving his home.

In Hoboken, the City Council tomorrow is expected to approve a resolution asking the County Planning Board for a five-year tax abatement on all home repairs and rehabilitation.

It may be too generous; it may not be generous enough; but it is an interesting idea. It could stimulate home improvement loans; give home repair workmen badly needed employment; and it could help to change the face of many neighborhoods badly in need of improvement.

There may be problems—inspections, bookkeeping and the inevitable exemptions and exceptions that mushroom when a new program is considered—but the proposal should not be discarded without discussion.

Sinatra's Chicago honor gets few cheers

Frank Sinatra may now be a honorary citizen of Chicago but he'll always be a citizen of Hoboken — and one of its more controversial figures.

Even in the most recent honor bestowed on the Hoboken singer there were those who were pleased for both Sinatra and his home town, and some who appreciated the honor but frowned on Sinatra's worthiness.

Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago made Sinatra an honorary citizen of the Windy City and presented him with a medal prior to the opening of the singer's current 10-day concert there. Hoboken never conferred such an honor on her most famous native son and the only attempt to do so — renaming Hudson Place after Sinatra — became bogged down in bureaucratic red tape and died.

For those who know the singer as only a name, there is some wonder about why he stays away from the city whenever he is in the New York area, why he avoids an open association with it.

Robert Van Ingen of 501 Bloomfield St. was rather indifferent to the honor. "I always got the impression that he didn't care much for Hoboken and never played up the fact that he was born here," he said. "He never did anything for Hoboken that I know of."

Robert Ranieri, a city councilman, was also unimpressed. "We should mail him a copy of 'I'm from Hoboken,' and if he'll record it we'll give him a medal, too," said Ranieri.

Cappiello to fight PennC until it cleans old yards

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello today declared war on the Penn Central Railroad, vowing to bring railroad officials into court through every conceivable legal means until it satisfactorily cleans and improves security at the abandoned marine repair facility on the waterfront.

The facility was the scene of a three-alarm fire Saturday night. More than a dozen fires have been reported at the yard during the last year in spite of efforts by the city to get the railroad to provide a better way of keeping youngsters out.

Two Hoboken firemen were hurt fighting the blaze and the city was forced to call in Jersey City and Union City fire-fighting units to back up the Hoboken firemen.

The mayor met with city inspectors yesterday as a result of the latest fire and ordered them to "go all out" to get the railroad to comply with the city's orders to make the area secure and clean it up.

"Letters already have been sent to the company advising it to clean up the debris from the fire immediately," said the mayor. "If the company fails to do so or again takes its time, we'll cite it and bring its officials into court."

"There is no question in my mind that it is only a matter of time before some kid

gets killed or seriously injured inside the facility. We have already had two firemen injured fighting another unnecessary fire. I say unnecessary since it was probably started by kids who wouldn't have been inside the facility in the first place had it been secure."

"Past complaints about the condition of the facility have been acted on but at the railroad's pace," continued the mayor. "Complaints about security resulted in more frequent checks by railroad police — for a little while."

"In a week or two the kids have figured out the new schedule for checking the facility and we're right back to the same old thing."

Five-year abatement sought to spur Hoboken home repairs

In an effort to encourage more home improvement projects in Hoboken, the city council is preparing to ask the Hudson County Planning Board for a five-year tax abatement on all such repairs and rehabilitation.

A resolution making the request on the agenda for Wednesday night's council meeting is expected to be approved by the council, with little or no opposition.

According to a council spokesman, the abatements are aimed at individual private property owners.

"We are hoping that if the county approves we will be able to give the property owners an abatement on any improvements they make and that the abatement actually

will encourage them to make the improvements," he said.

He said many property owners wanted to begin improvement work but were hesitant because they knew the work would result in an increased assessment on their property and the payment of more taxes to the city.

"For many, having to pay more in taxes along with whatever loans they have to take out to do the work is just too much," the spokesman continued. "But with five years to work with before they have to pay any additional taxes on the work, they may be able to get their loans paid off and be in a better position to make tax payments on their repairs and improvements."