

# Caliguire Praises Hoboken Public Housing's Past, Plans for Future

Hoboken's public housing program has made life "safer" for the city's percentage of senior citizens, "curbed" juvenile delinquency, and given the city "its first push along the road to better living conditions for low and mid-income residents."

Those were some of the accomplishments Housing Authority Executive Director Joseph Caliguire told a gathering of Kiwanis members, the authority has achieved in its 26 year history in Hoboken. Speaking before some 30 Kiwanians at the city's Clam Broth House recently, Caliguire outlined what the authority has accomplished in Hoboken and summarized what it still hopes to do. Although the authority has built 28 buildings in six sites throughout the city for low income families, Caliguire said

there now exists "a great need for mid-income housing in Hoboken." "A definite shortage exists for young married couples, senior citizens and fledgling families who can afford to pay mid-income rents," he said. Describing the middle class "as the backbone and the staple of American life," Caliguire said the city's tax rate would be stabilized, its community spirit enhanced, its school system invigorated, its physical housing stock revitalized "if we could build more mid-income housing and

make it available to the public under conditions they would find attractive." Caliguire suggested that the federal government could help the city "tremendously" by expanding its recently reduced housing assistance programs and concentrating the bulk of its attention on "brownstone renovations, the rehabilitation of more private homes with public money and the financing of more complexes like the Grogan Marine View Plaza." He urged that federal, state and local dollars be spent to promote better housing by up-

dating and transforming "all aspects of the community" including "schools, parks, playgrounds, recreational and cultural facilities, the redevelopment and renewal of slums and blighted areas, the provision of land for industry and the creation of parking facilities and the elimination of traffic congestion." Caliguire called public housing a sound civic and social investment that will prove to be of great financial benefit to Hoboken, especially in 40 years when the bonds that built the \$22.8 million buildings are paid

off and the property reverts to the taxpayers free and clear. Last year the authority paid the city \$42,037 in lieu of taxes and in the 26 years of its life span, it has turned over to city tax coffers some \$791,389.

According to Caliguire, the authority is presently trying to clear and rehabilitate the block

south of the Mt. Carmel Senior Citizen housing project now under construction.

## Assessors never OK'd tax appeal compromises

Several tax appeal compromise agreements reached by Hoboken and some of its large property owners may be in jeopardy because the agreements were never approved by the city's assessors.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today that he will recommend to the rest of the council that it refuse to take any action on the agreements until the city assessors make written recommendations to the city to accept or reject the compromise pacts.

Six of the city's major property owners, whose holdings are assessed at several million dollars, are appealing the assessments the city has placed on their properties. Compromise agreements for reduced assessments have been worked out by Herbert Fine, the city's special tax attorney, and Hugh McGuire, its special appraiser, who recommended the city accept the agreements.

If the reduced assessments are to hold, the city must approve the agreements before Sunday and notify the Hudson County Bureau of Taxation. The resolution approving the compromise agreements is not on the agenda for tomorrow's council meeting but it is expected to be added before the meeting.

In exchange for the reduced assessments the property owners will hold off for a year or two before they seek any further reductions of their assessments.

"Somewhere along the line, we've missed a step," said Ranieri. "Our city assessors haven't had any say in this at all, and that's taking away part of their duties. We have the recommendations from Mr. Fine and Mr. McGuire but nothing from our own city assessors."

"Before the council takes any action on this matter I feel it should obtain in writing from our assessors their recommendations to accept or reject these proposals."

Ranieri added that he also believed that the city should get the property owners to put their end of the agreement into writing.

"If the city is going to agree to a lower assessment on these properties in exchange for a breather for a year or two, then we should make sure that in exchange for the reduced rate the property owners live up to their end of the deal," he said.

The councilman said that he will ask the rest of the council to table the resolution, if it comes up, until it gets a written recommendation from the city assessors and assurance that the agreements will be put into writing.

## Hoboken tax delinquent list late

Although the Hoboken City Council decided more than a year ago it would publicize the names and addresses of property owners who are behind in the payment of their taxes to the city, the city has yet to do so.

Second Ward Councilman Walter S. Cramer, the originator of the idea, is trying to find out why.

"I have asked the city clerk's office to take out all of the paper work on this matter in the hope of finding out why no one ever followed through," Cramer said.

One of the reasons might be that the

council, while authorizing the Department of Revenue and Finance to publish the list, failed to appropriate any money to pay for the advertisements.

"I don't have the money to pay for it in my budget," said Director Frank J. Bartlett. "The council didn't appropriate any funds for it."

According to Cramer, he raised the money question when the council first decided to make public the names of delinquent taxpayers but was told that funds wouldn't be necessary, at least not

specifically for this purpose. The money could be taken out of expenses or other department accounts.

"But even if the money was necessary to get the list published, Director Bartlett should have said something to the council about it," said Cramer.

The councilman said that the list was ready for publication in June but nothing was done. Then it was postponed until last month, and again nothing was done.

"There seems to be a certain amount of reluctance about having this list made public," the councilman said. "I don't know why, but I certainly intend to find out."

According to administration sources, one of the main reasons there is concern about publishing the list is that on it are the names of many persons well known politically, socially and professionally.

Unlike a tax lien list which the city is required to publish each year by state law, a property owner could make the delinquent tax list for missing only one quarter and for a small amount of money. However, the owner would not be entitled to be removed from the list without making good on whatever is owed.

Some city officials object to the fact that constituents of theirs are only the list for missing one quarter.

## Gourmets May Delight On Hoboken Ferryboat

Hoboken, internationally known for its fine seafood and Italian restaurants, may soon have an unusual "ferry boat restaurant" anchored off its Erie Lackawanna piers.

A businessman-developer, whom city officials decline to identify, yesterday rented a tug boat to tour the city's waterfront in company with Mayor Steve Cappiello, state economic development agency representatives and members of the city's community development staff.

According to Cappiello, the businessman is interested in mooring a ferryboat restaurant, similar to the one now anchored in Edgewater, along the Hudson waterfront and asked to tour the Hoboken waterfront to assess its "marketing possibilities."

Cappiello said the businessman wasn't prepared to make definite commitments, but did indicate that he was "impressed" by the bustling activity of the city's PATH tube area and the number of people who pass through the city.

Cappiello said the project, if it develops, will take a year or two to effect, but could be combined with the city's hoped for reconstruction of the Erie terminal itself. Although the city recently received a setback in its terminal rehabilitation plans when the federal EDA refused to approve an \$800,000 conversion grant, officials are still hopeful that future applications, revised to concentrate on the terminal's cultural potential, will be more successful.

If the city can establish theatre, cinema, museum, shops and malls in the terminal, Cappiello said, it would present a "powerful inducement" to businessmen like the restaurant owner to move into the city and share its "growth potential."

## Hoboken Eyes Sewer Funds

Hoboken stands a good chance to receive a \$500,000 federal grant in two months to rebuild its 11th st. sewage pumping station destroyed in an explosion two months ago.

It costs the city \$2,000 a day to divert the sewage from the Hudson River in compliance with a state directive.

State officials said yesterday that Hoboken is making "steady progress" toward completing the preliminary work entailed in the application for a federal

environmental protection agency grant and the process should be completed in about two months.

Russell Nerlich, basin manager of the Raritan District of the state Department of Environmental Protection, said the state and federal governments have been working closely with Hoboken in the last few weeks to "expedite" the application and that there is every indication that the city will receive the needed money to rebuild the plant.

## 2 Hoboken Councilmen Await New Trips

Two Hoboken councilmen recently returned from conventions in Las Vegas and Atlantic City in connection with their jobs with the Board of Education are expected to be off to another convention later this month.

Councilmen Anthony Romano and Louis Francone, who attended separate conven-

tions in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, will travel with 17 other city officials, including the mayor, to the New Jersey League of municipalities convention in Atlantic City. The convention will cost

\$5,700, or \$300 per person. Romano received \$965 in expense money for his trip to the National Assn. of School Business Officials Workshop in Las Vegas. Added to the expense for the forthcoming trip, the councilman-school board business manager will have spent \$1,265 for the two conventions.

Francone, councilman and director of maintenance for the schools, will have spent \$525

dollars for the two conventions. Despite the public outcry against the outlay of scarce funds for the two school conventions, Mayor Steve Cappiello, for one, thinks the expenditures are worthwhile. "We get more back than what we spend," the mayor said. "We

pick up information on discriminatory monies that are available on grants, and methods and procedures for accomplishing objectives more efficiently."

## Hoboken Balking on Mall Bills

What are Hoboken taxpayers getting for the approximately \$340,000 the city is spending this year to build a mall along 11th st. and beautify the northwestern portion of the city by planting trees?

The city council says it doesn't know and is refusing to pay any more bills until it finds out.

Further, one councilman may write the state Department of Community Affairs, which is funding half the project through

a Safe and Clean Streets grant, and ask for an investigation of the work under construction.

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri said on Thursday he is looking through the specifications, contracts and allied materials on the project and will "definitely call in the state if I find anything that looks suspicious."

Ranieri said the main reason why the council at its public meeting Wednesday

refused to pay two bills totaling over \$24,000 was that "we just don't know what's going on down there. Not what we're getting or what we're supposed to get or what each part of the project is supposed to cost."

Ranieri, along with councilmen Francis Leahy, Nunzio Malfetti and Walter Cramer, defeated a resolution authorizing a \$17,313 payment to C. F. Malanka and Sons for construction and \$7,406 to Mayo, Lynch and associates for engineering and supervisory work.

All four councilmen said they agreed with about half a dozen area residents who stood up to criticize the project, particularly the mall and its "total lack of value."

Council President Martin Brennan, who voted to pay the bills on the grounds "the work has been done and we're legally compelled to pay," conceded the mall as "less for pedestrians and more for the dogs."

"We're asked to pay these bills," Ranieri said yesterday, "without knowing what the total costs of these projects are, which projects these bills are for, what work has been done and where it can be found."

"Some \$360,000, half of it municipal tax dollars, is too much to spend for some scruffy shrubs and torn-up sidewalks that are less attractive now than they were before."

## Board Getting \$325,000

Without even voting, the Hoboken City Council yesterday gave up its last chance to appeal an order to reinstate \$325,000 in budget cutbacks to the board of education, making the reinstatement automatic and a consequent \$3.25 tax rate increase for next year almost

inevitable.

The refusal to vote on a resolution authorizing a court appeal of state commissioner of Education Frederick Burke's order to reinstate the money came after Councilman Bernard Scriveri demanded that the resolution, introduced by Councilman Robert Ranieri, be seconded before it was acted on. No one did so.

Contesting the com-

missioner's decision in court, Scriveri said, "would open wounds left by the recent teacher's strike and would weaken a city left bleeding by internal dissensions only weeks ago."

Scriveri also said that the city's law department has advised the council that it would not be "impossible but highly improbable" that the city could win its case in court.

## City will pay water line bill—as soon as it can

Hoboken still does not have the \$337,000 it owes the Spiniello Construction Co. for replacing city water lines but it has taken steps to make sure it can pay out the money as soon as it gets it.

A resolution was added at the last minute to the agenda for today's council meeting to authorize paying the \$337,000 to the company as soon as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) makes the money available to the city. To date, the company had done

\$2,508,000 in work and has an additional \$71,000 of materials on hand for the project. However, the company has been paid only \$2,248,000 leaving a balance of \$337,000 due from the city.

Hoboken has two applications for funds pending with HUD, one for approximately \$338,000 and the other for \$820,000. The money is due the city but payment was delayed because the city failed to get its requests processed. The request for the \$820,000 was misplaced for several weeks

in the city clerk's office and was only sent to HUD last week. The other request was received by HUD a few days prior to that.

According to a council spokesman, by authorizing payment of the money now — even though the city doesn't actually have it on hand and can't make the payments — the payments can be made immediately upon receipt of the cash from HUD without having to call a special council meeting or waiting until the next regular meeting.

## Hoboken Kids Get Recreation Center

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken's reputation for recreational and cultural outlets for the city's youngsters hasn't been particularly good, but in the last few months the city has made progress toward setting up a well-rounded recreational-cultural program.

In addition to the typical after-school activities sponsored by the Board of Education, the city has set up an extensive cultural and recreational program at the new community center on 2nd and Grand sts.

Kids from toddlers to teenagers are involved in theater classes, dance classes, concerts, amateur theatrical productions, basketball, arts and crafts, and Saturday movie matinees. There is also talk of establishing karate and boxing classes.

In Recreation Center at 117 Jefferson st., kids play basketball at night and softball and simpler games in the afternoon. There are league tournaments and dances. Younger children have arts and crafts and finger painting. The Police Community Relations Bureau, The Police Athletic League, the city's Recreation Dept. and the Cultural and Recreational Division work in unison to set up occasional hockey games, tennis sessions, and more regularly scheduled football and baseball games.

When the weather gets too cold for kickball and street hockey, kids can go to the YMCA on 13th and Washington sts or to American Legion Hall, now being used between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. as a city recreation center.

Many of the newer and more innovative programs like dancing and acting classes are just beginning to attract a following, but while kids from uptown can easily reach the "Y" or the American Legion and kids from downtown have access to

the community center on 2nd and Grand sts. or the Recreation Center on 1st and Jefferson sts. kids from midtown have to take buses or ask parents to drive them.

So to tighten the city's recreational coalition and to bring midtown kids into the mainstream of activities, the city's Cultural Arts division is opening a second center in the heart of the city with a \$40,000 state grant from the Hoboken Organization Against Poverty and Economic Stress (HOPES).

The center will be in Rev. Roy Carter's First Presbyterian Church at 629 Washington st. Classes will begin Nov. 5, but the center will have a grand opening to which the whole city is invited Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

Lisa Eilers, a former counselor at Camp Tamagua and a political science student at New York University, will coordinate the program and in the beginning will direct the activities into three separate enrollment areas: recreation, special activities and arts and crafts.

Recreation will consist, as it does at other centers, of games such as volleyball, kickball, softball, handball, and competitions in chess and relay racing, dancing, hiking, kite flying and charades.

Special activities will include visits to local factories, newspapers, museums, public buildings, New York City parties, bread baking and safety lessons for bicyclists.

The Arts and Crafts will involve candlestick making, ceramics, drawing, painting, paper mache, doll making and similar activities.

The 22-year-old coordinator speaks enthusiastically about doing things that "kids like."

"If they don't discover the center and come to us," she says firmly, "We'll go out into the streets and bring us to them."

## Celebrities to Enliven Clam Broth House

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Next time you walk into Hoboken's Clam Broth House for linguine with lobster be prepared to see Anthony Quinn sitting across the room from you cracking lobster tails and trading anecdotes with radio personality Virginia Graham.

Quinn will be one of a variety of stars visiting the restaurant once a week to tape interviews for the Celebrity Hour, a new radio show created and produced by Roz Starr who also is responsible for Ray Heatherton's Breakfast Club.

The Clam Broth House isn't the quietest or most subdued restaurant in

town — as anyone who eats there knows — and not an obvious setting for radio interviews. But Ms. Starr finds its "gracious, friendly, warm and comfortable atmosphere" perfect for relaxing people and getting them to talk "freely and naturally."

So far she's taped two shows in the Clam Broth, one two weeks ago with singer Alan Jones, who's been everywhere but found Hoboken "stimulating," and one with Virginia Graham and singer Virginia Budd, who's appeared with Frank Sinatra, and Tony Bennett and whose first album is about to be released.

In the weeks to come, she has

interested in good talk, good times, good friends, good food and good wine.

Called Landmark

"We picked here to tape," she says, "because we've heard the city described as an interesting and exciting place and the Clam Broth was acknowledged as a landmark — not a cold impersonal landmark, but a warm and friendly one."

"We saw 'Lampost Reunion' and that intrigued us. I've met Sinatra and I've heard the stories he tells about the city, and they intrigue us."

In the weeks to come, Ms. Starr intends to have "steamers and wine" party for the cast and producers of "Lampost Reunion," a singing legend.

The play's been called the "sleeper of the year" by New York critics who are seldom flattering. Author Louis La Russo lives in Hoboken and grew up here.

In December, the Monday night tapings will probably be shifted to Tuesday night to make it easier for actors with 8 p.m. curtain calls most of the week to keep Monday as a day off.

When the entertainers drive over from New York for the tapings, Ms. Starr likes to take them through the Lincoln Tunnel, over the Willow av. bridge, up 14th st. and south along Hudson st. so their first view of the city "is one that reminds them of New York."

Always Alive

"And 14th st.," she says, "is always alive and moving and someone always comments on the people you see everywhere. They're shopping or talking in the streets or sitting on stoops. It's stimulating. You know the city lives."



TOUR RENOVATED HOUSING — Walter Barry (right), president of Applied Housing, Hoboken, points out feature of renovated apartment building in the northeast section of Hoboken during tour yesterday. With him are (from left) Nicholas Mastorelli, executive director of North Hudson Council of Mayors, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and Union City Mayor William V. Musto.



# Cappiello says Hoboken may default on bonds

Commenting on a report in a national news magazine, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that there is a distinct possibility that the city could default on its bond obligations next year if it is "not extremely careful."

It would not, however, be default in the sense of the situation now facing New York City. Under New Jersey law, the state Division of Local Government automatically would step in to insure continuance of municipal services, pay off creditors and run the city until it was again on sound fiscal footing.

This has happened in other municipalities including North Bergen, Fort Lee and Cherry Hill but not during the past 30 years. New Jersey is one of the few states to

have such provisions and this often is cited as a reason for favorable acceptance of municipal bond offerings in the state.

The big problem facing Hoboken "will be taking in enough in taxes to meet our obligations," said Cappiello. "We have certain responsibilities in the way of bond payments and must provide for their payment in the budget for next year."

"However, if our tax income isn't enough to meet these commitments there is no other possibility than default. So caution must be the keyword for everything we project for 1976."

The magazine said that Hoboken and Jersey City were two of 10 cities in the nation that have shaky financial bases and could

default on their bond obligations in the coming year.

Cappiello said that 1976 doesn't appear to be any worse for Hoboken than the current year and it appears that the city will make it through the remainder of this year without any further problems.

"We are in trouble, of that there is no doubt," said Cappiello. "But it would seem that the two main factors will be salaries for next year and whether or not the parking authority will be able to make its own bond payments."

"If our labor unions make demands that we can't meet, and the parking authority can't make its own bond payments, the city has problems. And if tax collections are off again, then the city is in trouble."

## Free Play For Living In Hoboken

The producer of a Broadway play dealing with Hoboken said yesterday that residents of the mile square city would be admitted free to the play this

Wednesday night to "let them see how we treated their city."

Joe Garofalo, producer of "Lampost Reunion" a play dealing with a famous Hoboken singer, resembling Frank Sinatra, and a reunion he attends at a local tavern, said Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello will lead a contingent of

local citizens to the play Wednesday night.

Cappiello confirmed that he would attend a performance of the play Wednesday night after a buffet at a local tavern, the Lamppost, which is the scene of the reunion in the play.

Cappiello said he had heard that some non-complimentary references were made about Hoboken, and that Garofalo had invited him to a performance to clear up any doubts about how his city was treated in the drama.

In addition, Garofalo said "Any Hoboken citizen who arrives at the box office before 7 p.m. at the Wednesday performance with proof of residence will be admitted free. Let them see how we've treated their city, which I think is fairly."

The play was written by Louis La Russo a resident of Hoboken.

# Hoboken to Propose Park Curfews

To control vandalism and eliminate harassment of citizens who stroll through Hoboken's city parks at night, the city council plans to introduce an ordinance at Wednesday's council meeting prohibiting congregation in all parks and playgrounds after 10 p.m. and before 6 a.m.

The ordinance, which must be given a public hearing two weeks from Wednesday — before it can receive final approval, would prohibit parks access to all Hoboken citizens

and not just those under 18 as originally suggested by Councilman at large Robert Ranieri.

Ranieri said yesterday that when he first conceived the ordinance he thought it should prohibit use of the parks only to teenagers, since they were generally blamed for harassing adults who walk through the parks.

But Ranieri said he decided to amend his original ordinance after residents told him that gangs of adults, some

ranging in age up to 30 and 35, also congregate in the park, and annoy passers-by.

Ranieri called the curfew ordinance a "strong measure and one that I regret having to suggest implementing," but he

said that conditions in the park have deteriorated to the point where the city council can't afford to ignore "an ignoble and potentially explosive situation."

He suggested extending the curfew to 11 p.m. during summer months.

Residents would still be permitted to walk or cut through the parks, but not to linger, sit or talk there with friends.

# Hoboken Industrial Park Discussed

Director of the State Economic Development Agency, Robert Powell, and two members of the New York-New Jersey Port Authority Planning Board yesterday met with Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello to discuss the establishment of an industrial park in Hoboken.

Cappiello said the two hour meeting concluded with a promise from the EDA and the PA Board to work closely with the city's Community Development Agency and its economic consultants to "attract new and growing industries to the city's northwestern section."

Cappiello said the city feels it has a lot to offer industries in what could be a complex located in the northwestern area.

Although the area is now occupied by trucking firms, light industries, houses and some vacant land, Cappiello said the city would exercise its right of "imminent domain" to claim the land if it becomes necessary to do so "in the best interests of taxpayers."

"As our tax base diminished and industries desert us," Cappiello said, "the city dies a slow and painful death. We have to bring in new business so we can survive."

Cappiello said the EDA has promised to forward representatives of industries interested in relocating to Hoboken to see if the site "meets their needs."

The PA and the EDA have already agreed to conduct a survey of New Jersey's economic needs concentrating on urban areas such as Hoboken and Cap-

pello said the city's CDA staff and hopefully Director Michael Coleman, who is interested in representing the city as a consultant on economic affairs, "will be able to collaborate on the study."

According to Cappiello, the study will concentrate on the marketability and feasibility of certain economic projects, the costs and benefits involved in their conversion to Hoboken, and the type of inducements that might be legalized to aid in attracting industries, particularly tax abatements.

"We have to reverse the trend we now find ourselves in," Cappiello said. "Industries can't be left to slip away. We have many good points to offer, including our metropolitan location and our proximity to New York and the waterfront."

## Hoboken OKs Pact On Repaving Road

The Hoboken City Council yesterday approved a \$216,330 contract for repaving the city's Shore Rd., its main thoroughfare to the waterfront. Work could begin within a week.

A spokesman for the city's Community Development Agency said work on the road may begin today, with completion within 30 days.

The contract went to the Massare Brothers of North Bergen. Most of the expense will be borne by a \$220,000 federal Department of Economic Development grant received by the city nearly two years ago.

In other business, the city council approved an ordinance giving \$2,500 salary increases to CDA Director Michael Coleman, \$1,200 increases to top CDA directors and \$750 increases to staff workers.

The council also ratified a 1975 contract with the city's Assns. of Firefighters and Fire

Officers, ending two years of often bitter negotiations.

Firemen get the same base raise as CDA workers, plus a compounded 15 per cent differential for officers.

Despite its criticism of the Board of Education's recent allocation of nearly \$10,000 for various conventions, the city council yesterday agreed to spend \$5,700 to send three councilmen, the mayor, five city directors, eight planning board members and two city inspectors to the League of Municipalities Convention in Atlantic City Nov. 18 to Nov. 21.

## Hoboken 'welfare' j.g.

The disconcerting factor about the current investigation of the cashing of welfare checks in Hoboken is that nobody thought of investigating it before now.

It appears there is no law on the books which specifically says a welfare client cannot turn his food check over to a storekeeper for 80 per cent of it in cash, letting the merchant keep the other 20 per cent.

Even if there is no written statute forbidding this, does it not seem a peculiar arrangement?

It appears this practice has been going on in Hoboken for a long time on a large scale. The checks involved — ranging up to \$100 — are issued by the Hoboken Welfare Department for the specific purpose of buying needed food.

But when the client turns the check in for cash, instead, and makes the storekeeper a gift of 20 per cent, the director of the Welfare Department contends there is nothing wrong with the procedure.

Isn't this a bit difficult to believe?

# Hoboken's Rec Dept. Plans Hockey Loop For Teenaged Kids

For nearly a year now, hockey has been freezing out street football and baseball as the most popular outdoor sport for Hoboken youngsters.

On any given day, a gang of kids from 7 up to any age you want to name, can be spotted slashing at pucks from behind parked cars and darting all over the street trying to score a goal in a portable net goal.

The city's Recreation Department has been watching hockey gain popularity and yesterday coordinator James Farina announced the opening of the city's "first annual recreation hockey league."

The league is open to kids 13 and older and will feature games on Tuesday, 5 Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays in the playground at the Wallace School.

Farina said the kids will have to supply their own pucks, whistles and nets, but the city will try to supply uniforms even though players may have to settle for old football jerseys.

**3 Game Playoff**

The season will last for two months and will end with a three game playoff between the first and second place teams. Winners will be awarded trophies for their teams, their most valuable player, their highest scorer, and their outstanding leaders.

According to Farina, the games will be refereed by a former semipro, Harvey Wouche, who has played with a variety of teams.

"It's time we did something for hockey

players," Farina said. "These kids are knocking themselves out to find places to play and equipment to play with. We get it organized and who knows what kind of talent can develop."

Farina has also asked the city's Community Development Agency "to expedite as quickly as possible" plans and proposals and funding applications for a proposed ice skating rink for the city.

"Kids have been asking me about this project ever since it was announced eight months ago," Farina says. "It has tremendous appeal and interest. Kids expected to see it being built by now, but the city hasn't even picked a site."

**Block-Long Site**

A block-long site between 12th and 13th st. on Clinton st. is being looked at as one potential site and Farina urged that it be selected as "perfect."

"It's across from the Wallace school. It's in a section of town that's easily reached. It's in an industrial area so there aren't many homeowners to disturb. The city isn't getting much of a return on the land in the form of tax dollars."

Farina's points are accepted as valid by the CDA Agency which may make a tentative site selection at a meeting scheduled for Friday afternoon.

Once the site is selected, the city will apply for a \$500,000 grant from the state Green Acres program to begin acquisition and later construction.

## Talks Seek New Hoboken Water Source

Hoboken First Ward Councilman Anthony Romano has contacted two water companies "cautiously" interested in replacing Jersey City as the main supplier of water to Hoboken residents.

Romano said yesterday that his contacts with the two companies, Hackensack Water Co. and Passaic Water Co., are still too "tentative and exploratory" for him to release a detailed statement. But the councilman said he is "encouraged" by their "interest, their willingness to listen and their promises to work out tentative proposals."

"In about two weeks," he said, "we should be able to roll up our shirt sleeves and get down to some hard and fast specific exchanges."

"I don't imagine Jersey City is going to like losing us as a customer, but they gave very little thought to our problems when they decided to hike water rates 200 per cent several months ago. Jersey City looked after Jersey City then and now Hoboken is looking out for herself."

Romano and Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri have been trying to set up various meetings with private water companies since last summer when Jersey City announced it was hiking water rates to out of town customers by an initial 212 per cent.

**Estimates Increase**

According to Ranieri, the rate increase will escalate over the next four years to more than 500 per cent.

Both councilmen contend that Hoboken cannot sustain such increases. "It'd kill us," Romano says. "It would drive all our industries out of town."

Hoboken has appealed to the State Public Utilities Commission to offset the proposed increase and the new rates have been stayed pending a decision. The PUC is still in the process of deciding whether it has jurisdiction over Jersey City.

## Hoboken Garbage Shift Eyed

By ELIZABETH PARKS

If Hoboken can't knock at least \$1 million off the price of a three-year \$2.2 million bid for garbage collection, the deputy director of the city's Public Works Department urges adoption of a city councilman's suggestion that the city form its own sanitation force.

Deputy Carmine Cuttito said yesterday that councilman Robert Ranieri's estimate that the city could save as much as \$500,000 by collecting its own garbage was "reasonably accurate."

Cuttito said the job entails a "systematic and routine performance of duties that can be easily supervised."

He said that after the initial outlay of perhaps \$200,000 for five or six trucks, the city would have to do little more than "hire the men to pick up the garbage, a mechanic and helper to maintain the trucks, and a supervisor to keep track of operations."

"I've favored this type of system for a long time and I know we could save money," Cuttito said.

Cuttito said it would take the city no more than two months to set up its own sanitation force and even less if men in the Comprehensive Employment Act (CETA) program could be used as workers.

CETA workers are paid through federal funds and their employment could save the city as much as \$150,000 a year in salaries and wages.

However, Cuttito recommended that the city revise its specifications and reauthorize for private bidders "one more time" because if "we can get a decent contract there's no reason to affect a transformation. We'd come out almost even."

Cuttito recommended amending the new specifications which only attracted one bidder at the last council meeting back to the point where a contractor only has to put up a \$200,000 performance bond for a one-year period instead of a \$500,000 bond.

Granting that the industry is tightly controlled and it's hard to stimulate competition, Cuttito said, "the problems contractors have with getting such a high performance bond is probably the major reason we only attracted one bidder."

## Hoboken's Patrolmen Won't Spy

Another crack in the relations between Hoboken police and their superiors which for a short while threatened to become a chasm was sealed gently yesterday after Mayor Steve Cappiello rescinded an order instructing certain patrolmen to check on fellow officers and evaluate their performance.

The mayor dismissed the order as well intentioned but "unnecessary."

The mayor would not say who issued the order, but it had already been stopped by Chief George Crimmins pending a determination by the mayor.

Crimmins told Cappiello the department's Patrolmen's Benevolent Assn. strongly opposed what they called a "shoo fly" assignment.

An officer in the city's Police Community Relations Bureau, under the command of Capt. Russell Sweeten, was told to survey policemen of equal rank at four-hour intervals and evaluate their performance.

In the past, Sweeten has reportedly expressed dissatisfaction with current supervisory procedures. The department has received complaints that some officers have been seen relaxing on the job in cars and restaurants and not properly patrolling their posts.

Although FBA President Ernest Brissetto conceded that there are occasional breakdowns in supervisory administration, he said there are "liaison officers, round sergeants, and tour commanders responsible for surveillance procedures and capable of doing their job intelligently and well."

## Hoboken tax attorney gets green light to settle appeals

Herbert Fine, Hoboken's special tax attorney, has the go-ahead to settle six tax appeals involving several of the city's largest property owners, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

According to the mayor, the city's assessors have given their recommendation in writing to the properties reduced considerably.

Cappiello declined to name the property owners because there was still a possibility that some may have last-minute doubts and decide to continue with their

formal appeals to the Hudson County Tax Commission.

"The city is trying to buy time," said the mayor. "If the appeal goes through we will not get any taxes on those properties until it is settled one way or the other. However, if they go along with a compromise agreement, with the condition that they don't launch any new appeals for a year or two, the city at least can count on getting its tax payments — and time in which to prepare for any future appeals."

Cappiello also mentioned Ralph Seligman, an engineer associated with the consulting firm of Mayo and Lynch, and one of the designers of Hoboken's old Model Cities program "as the perfect choice for the directorship of planning."

The mayor said he intends to meet with Seligman to discuss the job with him, but added "I know we can't pay him what he's worth." The job is budgeted at approximately \$22,000 a year.

## Church Towers tenants seek 18 improvements

Improved maintenance, better snow removal, higher quality washing machines and dryers — these are some of the items the recently-formed Church Towers Tenants Association will be seeking from the firm managing the middle income housing project in Hoboken.

The association, which is joining the New Jersey Tenants Association, is looking to improve conditions in the three apartment buildings, but in a "friendly" way with the cooperation of the management — the YAN Management Co., according to President Anthony Russo.

"We are not out to hamstring or harass the management, but to work with it to make the Church Towers a better place to live," he said. "If we can achieve that we'll not only be helping ourselves but helping management."

He added that with the cooperation of the management firm it is believed the most, if not all, of the association's 18 goals will be realized.

"Because we are willing to work with management does not mean that we aren't willing to fight for some of the improvements

we are seeking," asserted Russo. "But that is a last resort. We would much prefer to work together for the common goal of a better place to live."

Russo said that the association is now in the midst of a drive to enlist as many tenants as possible. Letters are being sent to all Church Towers residents with the list of objectives. A \$2 dues fee is required with the money going to the state Tenants Association.

Some of those goals include an increase in the maximum allowable family income in order to get an apartment in the project, and a 30 per cent increase in the maximum income level for existing tenants so that they will not have to face eviction as quickly if their incomes improve.

Another is to have the rent increases tenants received in 1974 and 1975 reduced to conform with the percentage allowed by the city's rent control ordinance, a refund to tenants of the difference and to have all future increases conform with the rent control ordinance.

Of all the goals, this will probably be the one that is most unlikely to be realized. Roger Levy, a vice president of YAN, says that Church Towers is a federal project financed by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It is their opinion that federally-financed projects are exempt from local rent leveling laws.

## Parking in Hoboken j.g.

Angle parking is gradually being eased out in Hoboken. The city's Parking Authority is about to switch over to parallel parking on two more city blocks, continuing a process that began last week.

This means fewer parking spaces.

It happens that nearby the Parking Authority has some new municipal parking garages which are furnished for customers. It does not seem, however, that the change to parallel parking is a ploy to force more motorists into the city's garages.

The state has been after Hoboken to abolish angle parking on safety grounds. It is true that angle parking on busy Newark and Washington streets presents a hazard and slows traffic.

The Parking Authority has shown good faith by taking a firm stand against eliminating angle parking on the upper part of Washington Street where there are no available off-street parking facilities nearby.



VETERANS DAY SERVICE—Matt Grimley, past commander of Hoboken Post 158, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Norma Hoessel, past commander of Hoboken Post 107, American Legion, open Veterans Day ceremonies yesterday at the "boulder" at Second st. pier, Hoboken. At rear are members of Hoboken Council Knights of Columbus who held the memorial service.

# Cappiello to Appoint Bado CDA Chief

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken lawyer Fred Bado will be appointed Director of the city's \$4 million Community Development Agency effective Dec. 1, Mayor Steve Cappiello announced yesterday.

Cappiello said he intends to submit Bado's appointment to the city council for ratification at next Wednesday's meeting.

Bado, 32, has been deputy director of the federally-funded year old agency since last December. Characterized by the mayor as a "thorough, diligent and intelligent administrator," Bado has worked for the city since 1970 when he was hired as a legal counsel to the Model Cities Agency which predated CDA.

"His working knowledge of the city, the federal government and past federal programs in Hoboken," Cappiello said, "are indispensable elements for insuring the continued success of the CDA programs."

He is the only person I can think of who can provide the link between the effective continuation of old programs and the implementation of vital new ones."

**Renewal of Drive**

Cappiello also said he perceives a need for a "renewal of drive and vigor in the agency."

"We have to recapture the energy and enthusiasm we had in the past," he said. "I'm going to recommend that we create a new directorship of planning and development and that we accept a consulting contract submitted by current director Michael Coleman will leave the agency as director Nov. 30."

Coleman will leave the agency as director Nov. 30. Since he submitted his letter of resignation last August, he has been setting up a consulting agency. He recently submitted 18-month \$37,000 proposal to Cappiello, outlining the implementation of an

economic unit similar to the city's housing renovation program.

**Program Inevitable**

"With our diminishing tax base and continued loss of ratables," Cappiello said yesterday, "an economic program capable of reversing the trend is an inevitable necessity. Coleman has the know-how, the skill, the connections, insight and creativity to set up such a program and make it work."

Cappiello also mentioned Ralph Seligman, an engineer associated with the consulting firm of Mayo and Lynch, and one of the designers of Hoboken's old Model Cities program "as the perfect choice for the directorship of planning."

The mayor said he intends to meet with Seligman to discuss the job with him, but added "I know we can't pay him what he's worth." The job is budgeted at approximately \$22,000 a year.



## Tennis courts proposed for Church Sq. Park

First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano said today that he has asked Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale to look into the possibility of building tennis courts in Church Square Park at Fourth and Garden Streets.

"I have asked the director to see if it would be possible to combine some of the plots in the park and turn them into one or more tennis courts, but without disturbing any of the trees," Romano said.

"The popularity of tennis is increasing daily but there are limited places in Hoboken where the game can be played. The few facilities we do have do not meet the demand."

Director Vitale said that he thought the idea had some merit and he would look into it. However, funds for any work required would probably have to come from the Community Development Agency or the Safe and Clean Streets Program.

"It would solve a couple of problems for the parks department," said Vitale. "Many of the plots are used by youngsters to play touch and tackle football or any other sport that's in season. They're also used by dog owners to walk their pets. I don't like the idea of the kids playing in the same areas, but it's difficult to stop them."

Vitale said that asphalt tennis courts could be kept clean by the city and could also be used for other recreation activities when not being used for tennis.

"We could put up portable basketball nets and use it for basketball," he continued. "Or maybe roller skate hockey."

Vitale said he would consult with CDA officials and Safe and Clean Streets representatives on the councilman's suggestion.

## Bad scene

Cleanliness of its streets is not one of Hoboken's strong points and what happened Monday shows how a combination of circumstances can make the city look bad.

One of the two street sweepers conked out and could not clean the half of the city assigned to it; the sweeper that does the other half of the city was picking up too much rainwater and bowed out. It was just as well, the policeman who rides it was busy in court and could not go along to ticket obstructing autos.

Meanwhile, the garbage contractor was having bad luck with his trucks and could not get around, so the thousands of water-soaked paper bags illegally filled with garbage disintegrated into the unswept gutters.

A new sweeper—if possible, one more efficient—would help. The first-time-ever competition for the new garbage collection contract expected next week might help, too.

## Meeting slated on sewage pumps

A special meeting of the Hoboken City Council will be part of tonight's caucus session for the purpose of approving specifications for temporary sewage pumping facilities at 11th and Hudson Streets, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

The mayor called the special meeting at the request of Joseph Lynch of the engineering firm of Mayo, Lynch and Associates which is doing the engineering work on the repairs and replacement of the 11th Street pumping station which was destroyed by an explosion on Sept. 18.

The council has a regular meeting Wednesday evening at 7 but the mayor said that the specifications could not wait until then for council consideration.

"We have a hearing before the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tomorrow on the pumping station and what the city is doing to meet state requirements that all sewage be treated," said the mayor.

"The approved specifications will be additional proof to substantiate the city's claim that it is trying to comply with all state directives on this matter. So council approval is needed before Tuesday."

The specifications will establish criteria for the renting of heavy duty pumps, their installation and the installation of temporary electrical service to operate the pumps. The DEP wants the city to put up a temporary facility that will handle 100 per cent of the dry and wet weather flow at the site.

Currently, the city has some pumps at the 11th Street site but they can handle only about 90 per cent of the dry weather flow, with the remaining 10 per cent going directly into the Hudson River untreated. Excess flow caused by rainy weather increases the river discharge.

The facility the city wants to install will handle all of the dry weather flow but will still require some discharge into the river during periods of heavy rain.

## Speaking of jobs

Hoboken does not have enough men to guard its parks and playgrounds. It does not have enough men to track down the motorists who ignore parking tickets.

Vandalism in the parks and playgrounds costs the city many thousands of dollars each year. The scofflaws who get away with unpaid fines cost the city more thousands in lost revenue.

The federal government has a large scale program to create jobs in every city and town. The Comprehensive Employment Training Act does just that. There are CETA employees in many lines of work at public expense.

Only the other day the government announced 7,000 more new jobs would be provided for four Hudson County municipalities—including Hoboken—under a new public works grant.

Why not assign some of these job slots to the revenue-producing programs of running down scofflaws and the expenditure-protection program of guarding the parks and playgrounds at night?

This could be done, not only in Hoboken, but in other municipalities with similar problems.

## Alternate street parking in Hoboken off indefinitely

Alternate-side-of-the-street parking regulations in the section of Hoboken west of Willow Avenue have been suspended indefinitely again because the city's sweeper truck is still broken and the parts needed to repair it aren't available.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today he has suspended the sweeping and parking program indefinitely because he hasn't been able to get a promised delivery date from the manufacturer of the parts.

"There isn't much point in estimating when the parts will be in without some kind of promise from the manufacturer as to when the parts can be expected," said Vitale. "So I've suspended the sweeping indefinitely until I can give residents some idea on when the sweeper can be fixed and back on the streets."

Vitale said the suspension does not apply to the section of the city east of Willow Avenue. The sweeper trucks assigned to that area are working but haven't been on the job because of the rainy weather.

## Cappiello cool, but not opposed to bridge linkup

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello today expressed less than enthusiastic support for a proposed highway connector linking Jersey City and the George Washington Bridge in Fort Lee.

"I am not opposed to the proposal if it is picked as the one most feasible by the state," said the mayor. "We can never have enough highway arteries to support traffic and industries."

"However, I have doubts about this being in the best interest of anyone, even the motorists. I still favor a connector between the Holland and Lincoln tunnels—and the linkup with the George Washington Bridge can take care of itself."

Cappiello said that there is already a suitable route to get to the George Washington Bridge from the Lincoln Tunnel—Route 3 and the New Jersey Turnpike.

There are only three possibilities for its construction—along the river, along the westerly boundary or through the city which would require condemnation of property, something this city doesn't need since it would lose ratables for us," he said.

"If it does come about I'd prefer to have it veer to the west and go along the Palisades at the Hoboken-Jersey City, Union City boundary lines, possibly over the railroad tracks."

The state has scheduled three community meetings for the purpose of involving the public in the early planning stages. The first will be Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther King School, Jersey City. The following night another will be held in Memorial High School, West New York, at the same hour. The third session will be held in Edgewater on Wednesday in the Van Gelder School.

Cappiello said the city would be represented at both the Jersey City and West New York meetings.

## Something new

Bureaucratic red tape has always been horrendous, but now that computers have been added to the arsenal of bureaucracy, the red tape becomes more binding.

A federal computer turned down Hoboken's request for economic development funds because the way Hoboken prepared its application did not fit in with the way the computer was programmed.

As anyone who has tried to reverse a computer decision knows, Hoboken is in for a trying time. The mental picture of a computer in a Washington office spitting back an application because it is not programmed properly is more than a bit frightening.

Many of us suspected a machine made the decisions in Washington, but we did not expect to obtain the proof so easily.

## Ranieri curbing hours spent on city business

One of Hoboken's hardest working and most vocal councilmen has decided it is time for some of his fellow elected officials to "start pulling their share of the load."

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today that he is limiting his council activities to two caucus meetings each month and the two regular council meetings until further notice.

Ranieri, who is on several council committees, said that he wasn't resigning from the committee but he wasn't going to concern himself with committee business "for awhile."

Why should a councilman who has been devoting at least three hours a day to city business since he was sworn in to office in July of 1973 suddenly decide to sit back?

"There are other councilmen on the council besides myself," he said. "If there is need for someone to do some work, I suggest they contact councilmen Bernard Scrivani, Martin Brennan, Walter Cramer or Salvatore Camelli. They're all available for some duties. I've put in my time."

Ranieri went into his "unforced retirement" following the Nov. 5 council meeting. He walked out of the meeting when none of the other councilmen would second a resolution of his directing the city attorney to appeal the decision of the state commissioner of education rescinding the council's cut of some \$325,000 in the board of education 1975-76 budget.

According to Ranieri, several council members had assured him, prior to the action on the resolution, that they would second it. But when it came time for an open vote, "no one spoke up."

"A few others openly told me that they were against the resolution and probably would vote against it and I admire them for at least being honest," the councilman continued. "But to have some of the others assure me that they were with me and then backing down five minutes later is the bottom of the barrel."

Ranieri declined to name the councilmen who had promised their support for the resolution and then reneged.

"I think the public can figure that out for itself," he asserted. "All it has to do is check the records and make its own evaluation."

Only seven councilmen attended the Nov. 5 meeting. Francis X. Leahy was ill and Nuncio Maffetti could not get away from work. Councilmen Anthony H. Romano and Louis Francione are both employees of the school board and were expected to vote against the suit—had it gone to a vote. Besides Ranieri, that leaves Councilmen Cramer, Camelli, Brennan and Scrivani who attended the meeting.

However, Ranieri still declined to say whether any one or all of the four had promised to support his resolution.

## Council to air bus route cut

Business Administrator Herman Bier will meet with the Hoboken City Council tonight to discuss Mayor Steve Cappiello's proposal to eliminate a portion of the new cross-town bus route.

The mayor said he wants an 11-block stretch of the new route eliminated because the same area is being served by the city's new senior citizen bus, free of charge.

The portion of the route the mayor wants removed is from Seventh Street, north to 12th Street along Clinton Street, 12th Street east to Willow Avenue, and Willow Avenue south to Seventh Street.

Bier said that the main purpose of that 11 block leg was to provide residents F the Fox Hill Gardens Senior Citizen project at 13th and Willow, with bus service.

Senior citizens must pay 20 cents on the cross-town bus. The regular fare is 25 cents.

## Hoboken kids won't lose Yule, Easter holidays

Hoboken's school children won't have to attend classes during the Christmas or Easter vacations.

The state Department of Education is allowing the Hoboken Board of Education to make up only eight days lost during the school strike in September and October, and this will be accomplished by extending the spring term until June 30.

The state has approved the board's contention that although the teachers were on strike for 25 school days, the schools were open during 17 of those days, so the board does not have to make up those 17 days.

Vincent B. Calabrese, assistant commissioner of the department in charge of administration and finance, told The Jersey Journal that the 17 days have been approved

by two of his subordinates who were in Hoboken as observers at the time, and he is accepting their recommendation. State law requires schools to be open at least 180 days if the school district is to receive the state aid which comprises a large part of the schools' financing.

Hoboken Schools Superintendent Thomas E. McFeely said today the schools were officially closed only on these eight school days: Sept. 10, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 22 and 23. The striking teachers returned to work Oct. 8.

On the other 17 school days of the teachers' strike, McFeely said, there were 60 regular teachers on the job, including many who are non-tenured, and an average of 20 to 22 substitute teachers each day, plus 28 "certified personnel" (principals and supervisors.)

"This was more than enough for the youngsters who attended—those who had not been told to stay away," McFeely declared. "We had meaningful learning going on."

In the original schedule, the school year was to end eight school days before June 30. By coincidence, eight is the number of days that need to be made up.

Actually, the schedule called—and will still call—for 183 days, not just the 180 the state requires, McFeely said. This is to allow a cushion for possible school closings as many as three days due to bad weather.

Calabrese said Hoboken's plan for meeting the 180-day requirement would be formally approved as soon as the board puts it in writing, specifying exactly which dates the make-up days will be.

## New city-wide cultural arts and recreation program underway

Hoboken officially opened its new comprehensive city-wide Cultural Arts and Recreation Program with ceremonies yesterday in the Multi-Service Center, Second and Grand streets.

The program, which will be working out of two sites—the Multi-Service Center and the First Presbyterian Church at Ninth and Washington streets—is funded jointly by the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA) and HOPES Inc., the city's anti-poverty agency.

Attending the ceremonies were Mayor Steve Cappiello, Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli, E. Norman Wilson Jr., HOPES director, and Community Development officials.

## Close vote seen on top CDA job

A close vote is still expected on the appointment of Fred M. Bado Jr. to the directorship of the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA) when the city council meets next Wednesday, it was learned today.

Sources close to the council say that Mayor Steve Cappiello has now secured enough votes to get Bado's appointment through, but some opposition is still expected. At least three councilmen are still expected to vote against the appointment.

Bado, the son of former Hoboken Board

of Education member Fred M. Bado Sr., is currently the assistant director of the CDA and closely aligned with the mayor. Bado is also a city parking authority commissioner.

Those who are against Bado's appointment argue that even though he is the assistant director of the program, he has not had enough administrative experience to effectively replace Michael Coleman, the first and only director the program has ever had.

A councilman, who asked not to be named, said that the mayor's plan is to keep

Coleman associated with the program as a full-time director.

Mayor Cappiello said that he still plans to send such a resolution to the council but he didn't know if it would be in time for next week's meeting. The mayor added that Coleman, if the contract is approved, would be available to assist Bado.

"But that would be only a small part of his responsibilities," said the mayor. "Primarily, Coleman would occupy himself with the city's economic development plans for the future."

## Deny new tenants moved into slum

Frank J. Bartletta, Hoboken director of Revenue and Finance, today denied a report that the city was moving new tenants into a rundown slum tenement building the city is managing at 229 Madison St.

"There are no new tenants in the building that the city knows of," said Bartletta. "We have three families paying rent, a superintendent and four vacant apartments."

"If there are any new families in the building they moved in without the city's knowledge and aren't paying rent. And if they aren't paying rent, they'll be evicted, forcibly if necessary."

The city began collecting rents in the building earlier this year when a tax lien was placed on the property for non-payment of taxes. The owner is still listed as Upgrade Realty.

Tenants protested to the city's Rent Leveling and Stabilization Board several months ago because of conditions in the building and sought a reduction in their rents until the corrections were made. The rent board threatened to reduce the rents to \$1 a month if the city didn't make some repairs.

## Cop evaluation is called off in Hoboken

An evaluation program aimed at determining the ability of each patrolman on the Hoboken Police Department has been called off by Chief George W. Crimmins following a meeting with Ernest O. Brissette, president of the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA), it was learned today by a department source.

Crimmins confirmed that the evaluation program has been "terminated for the time being," but declined to say why. Brissette was not available for comment.

However, it is reported that the PBA objected strongly to the program because it involved the use of a patrolman from the Police Community Relations Bureau, Cecil Vincent, to check the performance of other patrolmen.

According to a PBA source, the decision to make the evaluations was made by Capt. Russell Sweeten, commander of the Tactical Patrol Force, with orders issued to Vincent Thursday night to start yesterday morning.

Crimmins was not apprised of the move, the source said.

He added that the PBA objected to the move because it usurped the authority and duties of superiors.

"It is not good policy to have a man of one rank evaluate the performance of men of the same rank," he said. "This is a task that should be handled by a superior, who, by virtue of the fact that he is a superior, is supposed to be thoroughly familiar with all aspects of the job."

"In addition, it puts the patrolman doing the evaluating in a very delicate position."

According to department sources, Vincent was also present for the early morning conference with the chief.

## Council awaits garbage contract bids

Hoboken's councilmen are waiting anxiously for next Wednesday's meeting to find out if their newly revised garbage collection specifications are going to attract any bidders.

To date, four companies have picked up copies of the specifications and paid the \$50 deposit the council now requires before giving out the specifications to prospective bidder.

The specifications have been given to the La Fera Contracting Co. of Newark, the company currently collecting garbage for Hoboken under a three-year contract; Anthony J. Iazzetti of Jersey City; N. Vaccaro Inc. of New York City, and Ralph Fischetto of Hoboken.

The new specifications eliminated a number of requirements that had been made of the collector but were seldom enforced by the city.

Seven trucks had been required under the old specifications but LaFera usually used five or six. Now the specifications require a minimum of five trucks.

Bidders also are no longer required to hold a valid

landfill permit since landfill (dumping) is not the only method of garbage disposal. However, the successful bidder must prove to the city that he has some form of acceptable disposal method.

The bidders will also be required to post high performance bonds to insure that they will perform in accordance with the specifications.

The council will hold a public hearing on an ordinance which will close all city parks and playgrounds after 10 p.m. during the winter months and 11 p.m. during the summer. The ordinance was proposed by Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri in an attempt to curtail vandalism and incidents in the parks at night.

The ordinance calls for the parks and playgrounds to be closed to everyone after those hours. Some councilmen want the limitations to apply only to those 18 years old or younger while others are against any closing of the park, even to juveniles.

Also on the agenda for the council's consideration are specifications for the purchase of two new street sweeping trucks through the Safe and Clean Streets Program, specifications for the purchase of five mid-size police cars and specifications for the furnishing of insurance for the city's land, buildings and vehicles.

The council is expected to approve the payment of more than \$25,000 in engineering fees to Mayo, Lynch and Associates for work the firm has done in conjunction with two projects.

## School officials also will forego raises

The three top administrators of the Hoboken school system have fared no better than the system's teachers in their efforts to get pay raises for the 1975-76 school year, it was learned today.

Thomas McFeely, superintendent of schools; Thomas Gaynor, assistant superintendent; and George Maier, grants manager, will not get any raises for the school year, a board spokesman said today.

However, the school board has voted to allow the three to return to the ratio system which had been used several years ago to

compute pay raises for them starting in July of next year—the start of the 1976-77 school year for the three.

"McFeely will get a ratio increase of 2.1 per cent, Gaynor 1.8 per cent, and Maier 1.7 per cent," the spokesman said. "It is difficult to explain exactly how it works but basically what it amounts to is that they will get the same raises as the principals, plus their percentage."

The spokesman said that McFeely and the other administrators had been on the ratio system several years ago but abandoned

it when the principals and teachers went without raises for a two-year period. Instead, they opted for a new system in which they negotiated directly with the school board, much in the same way the teachers do.

All three had asked for raises this school year but were turned down by the school board after it had refused to give the teachers any pay increase. But the board did agree to allow them to go back to the ratio system for next year, insuring fairly substantial raises for the 1976-77 school year.

## Play pleases Cappiello

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello led a contingent of about 100 city residents into the Little Theater in Manhattan last night to see first hand whether the play "Lampost Reunion" was offensive to the city.

"It was not," Cappiello said when the curtain came down. In fact the mayor had high praise for the play and the playwright, Louis La Russo II, a Hoboken resident.

"I found it typified how people in Hoboken lived at one particular time and that's the point the author tried to convey," he said.

"I'm very familiar with the era and its characters and I didn't find it offensive."

The play, according to the program, is about a kid from Hoboken. The audience knew at the outset that it was about Frank Sinatra and his return to the city after 20 years of success.

The names used in the play were changed but it was obvious to the audience who the lead character, Fred Santora (F.S.) was.

Patrick Cappiello, nephew of the mayor and part owner of the Lamp Post Lounge in Hoboken, said there was very little resemblance between his lounge and the one used in the play. He agreed with the mayor that the play was "enjoyable and not offensive."

Three other reviewers also had similar reaction. They were Hudson County Clerk James F. Quinn, Edward Chius, a member of the Hoboken Parking Authority, and Police Sgt. James Giordano.

## Pumping facility plans nearly ready

The engineering firm working on the replacement of Hoboken's sewage pumping station at 11th and Hudson streets will ask the city council to hold a special meeting prior to next Wednesday's regular council session for the purpose of approving specifications for a temporary pumping

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## New Stevens Center Dream Come True

By WINNIE BONELLI 11/21/75

A dream became reality for Dr. Francis T. Jones of Ridgefield when the new Chemistry-Chemical Engineering Learning and Research Center at Stevens Tech, Hoboken, was officially dedicated. Chemistry has always contributed a significant role in the development of the institute, founded in 1870. Mounting scientific data and advancements posed severe restrictions to existing space and splintered locations by 1967, prompting the chemistry professor to draft a proposal addressed to the federal government's education department.

Receiving full support from the college trustees, Dr. Jones tackled the fundamental and unavoidable chore of funding. Intentions had to be supported with promises based on past accomplishments in terms private patrons and industry would understand.

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Layout was another priority. Labs, offices and equipment size were evaluated from information advanced by the chemistry staff then tallying 14 professors.

Armed with practical knowledge gained through exposure to his own father's construction business, Dr. Jones visited other educational facilities seeking insights into their solutions and pitfalls. Transforming these findings into working blueprints was the next phase, eventually accomplished through a succession of architectural firms.

What emerged was a five-story building layout serving two cardinal tenets of the department. One is to use research as a teaching medium for graduate and undergraduate students alike. The other is to promote maximal interaction among researchers in a given field and between groups working in related fields.

### Located Near Labs

Accordingly, teaching laboratories have been located near research labs where investigations in the same field of chemistry are being conducted.

Laboratories were located on the periphery of each floor instead of at the center, as strict economy dictates, the crucial factor being that outside lighting helps minimize fatigue resulting from long hours at the laboratory bench.

Setting a precedent is an underground vault utilized for high energy radiation equipment. Accessible by ramp and situated under a parking lot, the earth acts as a natural shield.

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Whether building a private one-family house or a multimillion dollar skyscraper the task can develop into a perpetual struggle between nature and man. The center was no exception during the initial stages when steam shovels parted the dirt only to uncover a supposedly non-existent stream. Engineering skills and perseverance finally remedied the situation.

### Resembles Father

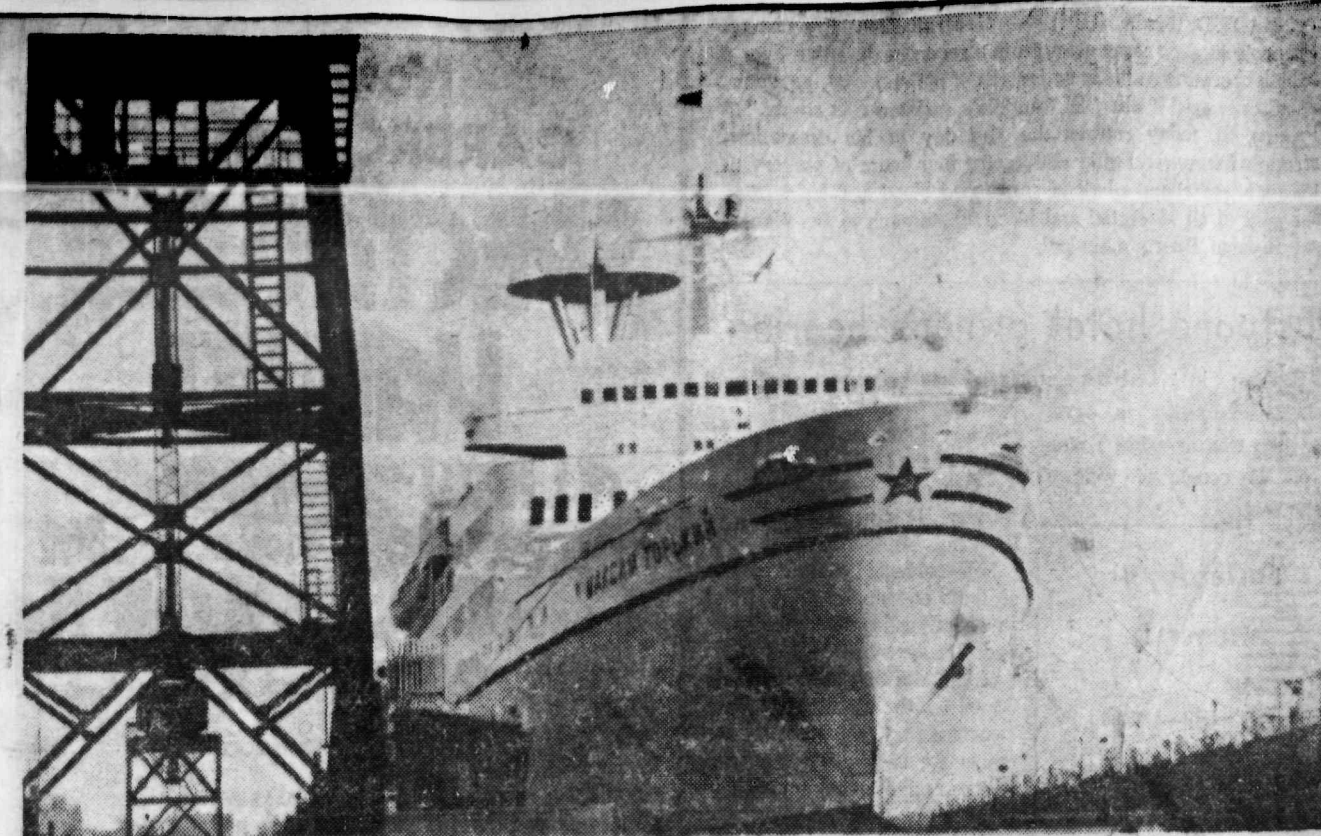
Donning his construction hat daily, Dr. Jones resembled a proud father observing the latest progress of an infant son.

Human mistakes do occur, however, as experienced one day when the undergraduate lab, capable of serving 400 students, became permeated by chemical fumes. Coughing and tearing eyes cleared up only when the culprit, an installed reversed fume hood, was rectified.

In recognition of his contribution in the planning of the \$6.5 million center, Stevens Tech recently conferred an honorary master of engineering degree on Dr. Jones.

With the successful completion of a project which consumed eight years from its conception, the resident of 787 Pleasant View ter., Ridgefield, can once again devote full time to his endeavor, prodding the fine details of small molecule reactions.

Close attention to detail and discipline can also be witnessed in an entirely different spectrum. Being a musician at heart, the native Pennsylvanian plays piano and organ in a trio rounded out by a director of surgery and a chemistry department colleague.



11/8/75 Russian liner Maxim Gorki is berthed at Hoboken shipyard.

## Soviet ship in Hoboken for repairs after explosion

A 25,000-ton cruise ship purchased by Russia a year ago is berthed at the Bethlehem Steel shipyard in Hoboken for the repair of metal plates on the vessel's starboard side.

Last Saturday the vessel, the Maxim Gorki, was docked in the harbor of San Juan, Puerto Rico, when an explosion, possibly two, racked the ship, damaging plates below the water line. It is reported that the explosion occurred on

the outside of the ship.

Bethlehem officials refused to comment on the extent of the damage or what might have caused it. However, from other sources it was learned that sabotage has not been ruled out and a full-scale investigation by federal agencies is under way.

The ship arrived in Hoboken Wednesday under her own power and was drydocked Thursday.

According to a Bethlehem spokesman, the repair work is expected to take about a week.

Originally christened as the "Hamburg," the vessel was built in 1960. She has had several registries since, the latest change occurring last year when she was purchased by the Russians.

She is 637 feet long and carries 790 passengers.

The ship's next cruise, according to a spokesman for the March Shipping Co. of New York City, the company that handles all of its American bookings, is scheduled for Nov. 15. It will make a seven-day cruise from New York to Bermuda. The cruise is not expected to be cancelled.

## City drive to get ex-mayors' photos comes up negative

Efforts to make up a photography display featuring the pictures of all former Hoboken mayors as part of the city's Bicentennial observance are not faring well, Mayor Steve Cappelletto said today.

"We have the photographs going back as far as the late Bernard McFeely," said the mayor, "but not much more than that. That leaves another 25 mayors whose pictures we don't have and probably won't get."

Cappelletto said including his own, the city has pictures of former mayors Louis DePascale, Silvio J. Failla, John J. Grogan, Fred M. DeSapio and McFeely. The mayor said that the city might get one or two more of the real old timers but for most of the former mayors there hasn't been any response.

The city had planned to have the photographs blown up to portrait size and then hung around the city hall building as part of the Bicentennial observance next year. But the project may now be cancelled because there are still so many mayors whose pictures the city does not have.

## Elysian Park water leak fixed at last

A 12-inch water main that has been leaking for more than a year some 40 feet under Elysian Park at 11th and Hudson streets in Hoboken has finally been repaired.

The break, a large crack in the side of the pipe, was located at the deepest location within the park, just next to the wall overlooking the city's waterfront area. Approximately six feet of the pipe was removed and a new section installed in its place.

WHY WAS a water line put so deep into the ground? Originally it wasn't, according to former Hoboken City Engineer Patrick L. Caulfield.

"When the line was installed, Elysian Park sloped down to the river," he said. "There wasn't any retaining wall then. When the wall was installed the water lines were never moved. Everything went in on top of them."

After the 40-foot wall was constructed tons of fill were dumped, eliminating the gentle slope to the river and leveling out the park. Caulfield said the work was done around 1925.

THE JOB of finding the leak, digging down to it and repairing it went to the Spiniello Construction Co. of Newark, the same firm that is currently working on Hoboken's waterline replacement program.

A proposal had been made to the city to forget about the leak, cut the line off, and run a new line from the Hudson Street main at 11th Street along Shore Road, a distance of some 600 feet.

But Joseph Lynch, whose engineering firm is supervising the job, said that the city did not want to go for that kind of money. He said the repair job will cost approximately \$14,000 while the installation of new piping from the Hudson Street main would cost somewhere between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

For a water line that is at least 60 years old the section that was removed showed very little signs of wear. Sediment and mineral deposits had accumulated to some degree but were considered to be minor by the workmen at the scene.

However, Lynch said he wasn't surprised. The line is located on "high ground" which he said provides ideal conditions. Much of Hoboken is below sea level with a high water table. These conditions are not good for water lines. But the park is above sea level and the ground is fairly dry, he said.

## Proposes Hoboken Cut Pumping Station Costs

Hoboken may not have to spend another \$65,000 in emergency funds to keep the temporary sewerage pumping station on 11th st. in operation.

Councilman Robert Ranieri yesterday recommended the mayor replace supervising workers, paid with city funds, with workers salaried through the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) program.

Ranieri also urged that Mayor Steve Cappelletto assign enough men to the station so 12 hour shifts can be eliminated and overtime abolished.

The councilman criticized Public Works Director Raphael Vitale for establishing the 12 hour shifts instead of eight hour shifts and for also paying overtime and time and a half to public Works employees "when other city workers including police and firemen only get regular pay for overtime."

Ranieri said Vitale's scheduling procedures have already cost the city "unnecessarily" \$32,000 in overtime.

At Ranieri and councilman Martin Brennan's request last Wednesday, a \$65,000 emergency resolution submitted by Vitale for additional overtime and other expenses was withdrawn from the council's agenda "because it lacked documentation."

Ranieri said yesterday the city can either eliminate that expense completely or reduce it substantially by letting CETA workers supervise the operation of the pump.

"The CETA program is intended to provide jobs for the marginally unemployed and added services for the cities that employ them," Ranieri said.

"We'd be helping ourselves and saving taxpayers from another expenditure that could jack the tax rate next year if we can effect the transfer."

According to CETA Director George Crimmins Jr., there is no problem in deploying the men. "The city can do what it wants with CETA workers. Vitale already has them working as carpenters, painters and laborers and it's merely a question of deploying them to other duties."

Crimmins said he will discuss the idea further with Mayor Cappelletto next week.

## Right to speak

The public's right to attend public meetings is not as complicated as the public's right to be heard at public meetings.

Under the law, all who are residents or property owners have a right to address meetings of public bodies, but obviously if all availed themselves of this right, the meetings would never end.

Consider the case of Hoboken, where persons are required to sign up in advance to speak on specific items on the city council agenda and are limited to five minutes per speech.

One critic booked himself in for 20 appearances at one meeting. At that, he was kind. He might have put himself down to speak on all 40 items on the agenda, instead of only half of them. But even 20 speeches, multiplied by five, makes an hour and 40 minutes.

There were other critics waiting to be heard, some of them crestfallen at not having had the same audacity. The chairman of the meeting worked out a compromise, but the meeting dragged on and on.

Like many of our multi-million laws, which are not infrequently incompatible, the right to be heard laws have to be administered with a degree of common sense. A critic denied the right to speak, or limited as to time, may have a justifiable complaint, but not if what he tries to do is clearly unreasonable.



11/1/75 RELUCTANT GUESTS — Mayor Steve Cappelletto of Hoboken, happily prepares to hand out bags of goodies at Recreation Center but meets some resistance from skeptical Millie Montijo, left, and Jill Ann Ryan. Everything turned out happily, however, as the mayor distributed more than 200 trick or treat bags for Halloween.

## Royal Visit To Hoboken 'Possible'

There is a possibility that Queen Elizabeth of England will visit New Jersey during a state visit she will make here from July 7-11.

"She is likely to visit New York and likely to visit New Jersey, but any such announcements now are a bit premature," said Peter Heath of the British Information Service in New York City.

Heath did not deny a report that the Queen would be in Hoboken during her New Jersey trip, but said confirmation of the details of the visit would have to await finalization of the itinerary by officials in London and Washington.

Announcement of the queen's plans is still some weeks away, Heath said.

Hoboken bicentennial officials expressed shock and hope at the report of Queen Elizabeth's unconfirmed visit to their city.

"This is the first I heard of it," said Vincent Wassman, chairman of the Hoboken Bicentennial committee and a member of the county's committee. "I would have known about before and I was shocked to see the story she might come, but it would be a great thing for Hoboken. I hope she comes."

Terry Sasso, treasurer of the Hoboken committee, said no mention of a visit by the queen was made at the committee's meeting last week.

## Relief check 'skimming' \$10,000 monthly?

Between \$8,000 and \$10,000 of the welfare money Hoboken pays out each month is finding its way into the pockets of some merchants and businessmen who have been cashing the welfare vouchers and keeping part of the money for themselves, police said today.

A spokesman for the city's detective bureau, which has been investigating alleged welfare frauds for the last month, said today that information obtained to date shows as much as \$10,000 a month is being "skimmed" from welfare vouchers by some merchants and the amount could go even higher.

Police have arrested a local grocery store owner and hotel owner and charged both with welfare fraud. Police said they cashed vouchers for either food or rent without providing either and for cashing the vouchers they kept a portion of its face value for themselves.

Both cases are due in court later this month.

"How much is kept by the merchant or businessman depends on what kind of welfare voucher is involved," the spokesman said. "Food vouchers are usually clipped for 20 per cent. But in cases dealing with rent

vouchers as much as half of face amount is being kept without providing the welfare client with a room, even for one night."

The spokesman said that no additional arrests are expected this week. However, some more arrests could be made next week and are expected.

Sgt. Frank Turso and Detective Leonard Serrano are in charge of the investigation. Serrano has been checking all of the vouchers issued by the welfare department for the last several months. For the last few days he has been in the city clerk's office going over the vouchers.

Serrano said that vouchers are not to be exchanged for cash—even if the vendor gives the welfare client the full face amount.

"According to state welfare officials, vouchers must be redeemed for the specific purpose they were issued for—food, clothing, rent, prescription—nothing else," he said. "They cannot be cashed for money."

"If the cost of the items or service purchased is less than the face amount of the voucher the vendor is supposed to issue a credit slip for the difference to the welfare client, not a cash refund."

## Romano seeks water firm to take over supplying city

A Hoboken councilman is arranging for meetings with two private water companies to see if they would be interested and capable of selling water to the city as an alternative to buying it from Jersey City.

First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano said today that he has already had preliminary communication with representatives of both the Hackensack Water Co. and the Passaic Valley Water Co. and is now attempting to set up formal meetings for this week.

"I think we are off to a good start," said Romano. "Representatives of the two companies have not come out and flatly stated that they aren't interested. To me that indicates that both have the potential to provide Hoboken with water. Now we have to find out the particulars of what the two companies have to offer."

Romano said he is "committed to

breaking away from Jersey City as Hoboken's water supplier" unless Jersey City drastically revises its proposed water rate increase of more than 300 per cent.

"The only possible alternative I will accept from Jersey City is a rate lower than what it charges its own residents," the councilman continued. "In view of the fact that we receive no services from the Jersey City Water Department it is illogical that we should pay more than customers who do get service. By service I mean maintenance of water lines, repairs and the clerical work that goes into billing customers."

"Besides paying top dollar for the water, Hoboken also repairs its own water lines and bills its customers."

The councilman added that although that situation probably would not change by buying water from the two private companies, Hoboken would probably save money in the long run while getting a superior product.

"Since both private companies already have filtering plants it is only natural that the quality of their water would be better than Jersey City's which doesn't have such a plant," he said.

"In fact, the reason Jersey City is upping its water prices is so that it can pay for the filtering system the state has ordered it to install. And should the cost of that system exceed the original estimates, which it probably will, we can look forward to yet another increase."

"Both private companies have had stable water rates and moderate increases when they came. And when increases were implemented it was only after proper notification and due process involving hearings before the state Public Utility Commission."

Romano said that Jersey City never notified Hoboken that it was planning to increase the water rates until after it had worked out a formula placing most of the burden on other municipal users.

"Jersey City did not worry whether or not Hoboken or any of its other municipal users could afford a 300 per cent increase in the water rate," continued the councilman, "so I don't see any reason to worry about what's going to happen to Jersey City if we pull out and get our water elsewhere."

## Fireman candidate for school board

Charles Roberts, a Hoboken fireman, has become the first to announce his candidacy for the city's upcoming school board election in February.

Roberts ran last year for the board and although he did not win one of the three seats, he made a respectable showing finishing sixth in a field of 13 candidates.

Last year, Roberts ran as an independent and will do so again this year, he said. However, he added that he is looking for all the support he can get.

With this year's election, the city's third, the school board will have all elected members. The terms expiring this year are held by Clayton Anderson, John Raslowsky and Aurelio Lugo. None of the three has yet announced that he will be a candidate for election.

Nominating petitions for the school board contest are not yet available. A spokesman for the school board said that they are normally ready sometime during the second week of December, depending on the schedule for the election worked out by the Hudson County superintendent of elections.

City political observers are expressing the opinion that the February school board election might be the city's last. They say that there has been growing disillusionment by the public and the board members themselves with the elected system and sentiment for the return to the appointed system has been growing.

During the recent school strike, the board

introduced a resolution calling for a referendum on the elected board question; but the resolution was tabled without a vote being taken.

Some elected city officials are also against the elected board because the school budget is also voted on by the public —

which is sometimes meaningless in the eyes of the State Department of Education.

Citizens voted down the school board's 1975-76 budget and the city council cut out some \$325,000 from it. But the board appealed the cuts to the state commissioner of education who reinstated every penny.



# Multi-Racial Kindergarten Enriches Hoboken Education

By CRAIG E. MEYER  
If 23 Vietnamese refugees were enrolled in the Pella, Iowa, school district,

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their physical attributes, customs and language would make them stand out like a black cat in snow. But put those same

youngsters in Hoboken, and they'll blend right into the surroundings.

The kindergarten class in Hoboken's David E. Rue School is known among its staff as The League of Nations. Black, yellow, and white youngsters, and those of colors in between, from almost every continent in the world gather five days a week to learn their letters and numbers, music and manual dexterity, and most importantly, how to communicate.

"I have a little Spanish girl in my class who's incredibly shy," said kindergarten teacher Suzy Rocco. "One day one of the Vietnamese boys walked up to her and started talking a mile a minute."

"She gave him this incredulous look, stared at him a few minutes, and then started answering him. She spoke Spanish, he spoke Vietnamese. Neither of them understood each other, and yet they just carried on, talking to each other like crazy."

## New Home

Hoboken became the home for 14 families after they fled from war-torn South Vietnam. But unlike thousands of the refugees holed up in tents at Camp Pendleton, Hoboken's Vietnamese families for the most part, represent their former country's intelligentsia. They were brought to this country by their employers, Chase Manhattan Bank. Teachers of the Vietnamese youngsters are unanimous in their opinion that the little refugees are all educationally oriented and good students, probably because of their backgrounds.

"They continually talk English in the class," said Jerry Smith, a reading specialist who also taught the students during the summer.

"I've seen adult classes where, as soon as the lesson is over they begin talking in their native tongue. Many of our other students are the same way. But the Vietnamese students keep practicing the language even outside the classes."

Credit for bringing the youngsters into the mainstream of the school goes to the teachers, claims both Rue Principal Joseph Buda and Schools Superintendent

Thomas McFeely.

## Praises Staff

"We have an excellent staff here," Buda said. "And the teachers are so used to dealing with students who speak a foreign language, that the Vietnamese students pose no problems. They just use the methods they've developed over the years."

Unlike various other ethnic groups, the Vietnamese took no time in shedding many of their former customs and adapting American mannerisms, the teachers said.

Mrs. Grace Marnell, a fifth grade teacher and director of the district's Head Start and summer programs, explained how one Vietnamese youngster kissed her hand after the student and his mother spent much time with the teachers filling out numerous forms for entrance into the program.

The teachers also talk of how the children entered school practicing the oriental custom of bowing. That didn't last long, however, and the teachers report that they see no more bowing in the school.

"They're pleasant children," preschool teacher Annette Hershberger, said, "always smiling. And they adapt quickly. On Halloween, for instance, they came in dressed in costumes, even wearing masks. I was surprised. They've only been in this country a few months."

## Were Tutored

During the summer months, the kids received English lessons from a Vietnamese tutor. Their English training now, however, comes from American teachers through examples, props, and rote.

"They are learning to read very quickly," Smith said. "They might not always understand what they read, but they recognize the words and can pronounce them. The understanding comes later, after they can associate the words with the objects represented."

The teacher also said that the phonetics of the Vietnamese language cover the sounds of the English language and, as a

result, the students are experiencing no difficulties in pronouncing American words.

Buda also spoke of the youngster's artistic ability, which he said is demonstrated by the Vietnamese children at all grade levels.

"I was shown an example of one of the

children's penmanship," Buda said. "I couldn't believe it. If the writing wasn't in the penmanship book I would have sworn that it was written by machine."

Teachers in the preschool and kindergarten classes also noted that the artistic ability of the children is outstanding.



Children of many ethnic backgrounds attend school in Hoboken, creating a true melting pot. Here, pre-schoolers Evelyn Roman of Puerto Rican descent, Mil Lord, Mexican, and Tram Anh Le (Caroline), a Vietnamese refugee, dine on fruit at Hoboken's David E. Rue School.



Crayons cross the language barrier for Vu Gea Hiew, left, and Neuyen The Pheng.

# State Says Hoboken Sewage Peril Over

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Hoboken's sewage treatment problem, which intensified in September when a pumping station was completely destroyed in an explosion, is easing up as far as the state is concerned, Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday.

The city had been required to appear before the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today to explain what it is doing to meet state requirements that all sewage be treated.

But Cappiello said that he received a phone call yesterday from the state attorney general's office informing him that the city is complying with the requirements and that a meeting is not needed.

The city had been ordered to cease and desist from pumping

its raw sewage into the Hudson River while awaiting a total replacement of the 11th st. pumping station. Currently, several pumps are in operation at the site but not enough to treat the entire sewage flow.

Cappiello also cancelled a special meeting scheduled during last night's caucus to approve specifications for the 11th st. pumping station. Instead, Cappiello said, the council will approve the specifications and advertise for bids during the regular council meeting 7 p.m. tomorrow.

The mayor explained that the city engineers have been working closely with the DEP on drawing up the specifications so that the council will not have to clear the plans with the department before putting them out for bid.

# Shore Rd. Project Due to Start Today

By ELIZABETH PARKS  
Hubert may be about to give up but with the Shore Road it's always tomorrow.

Work on Hoboken's \$216,000 Shore rd. rehabilitation project was supposed to have begun last Monday, exactly 10 days after the city council awarded the reconstruction contract to Massare Brothers of North Bergen.

The day after the contract was awarded sources in the city's Community Development Agency, financing the project through a \$220,000 federal department of transportation grant, promised construction would begin Nov. 17 and be completed within a month.

The same sources said Fri-

day they still hope construction will be completed within a month but work will only begin today because the Massares had a job in Harrison to finish first and because they decided they'd build curbs first and not scrape the road as originally planned.

The change meant they'd have to bring in heavier equipment than what they would have needed to just scrape, one source said.

The contract calls for the road to be finished within 30 to 60 days and supervising engineer Lawrence Lodge yesterday said he is still optimistic that the bulk of the work can be done by Christmas.

Lodge said the major problem is the pouring of asphalt, which must be done hot. "If the weather's too cold to cover the road with asphalt," Lodge said, "the contractors will spread gravel over the top, leave it for the winter, and finish the asphalt in the spring."

# Housing Firm Renews Hoboken Image

By ELIZABETH PARKS

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If a Hoboken resident hears the line "nobody laughs at Hoboken anymore," he knows immediately what the speaker is referring to.

It's the city's different look, its new physical image.

Tenements that once threatened to become crowded slums with drug addicts slumped in the hallways are now respectable brownstones whose residents would banish the first litterer to drop a gum wrapper in the hallway.

Tough guys who once thought all the city had to boast of was Frank Sinatra and the physical prowess of pier workers now talk about the city's "community spirit and the closeness of our common heritage."

Reporters for New York newspapers and camera crews from ABC and CBS come in to record ground breaking ceremonies to convert the Keuffel and Esser building, a 75-year-old factory, into a 177-unit apartment complex.

Dave Mirish, a CBS reporter, takes his camera crew up to 13th and Washington sts. to film the recently renovated yellow flats, changed from slums into brownstones by the Applied Housing Agency, a private company working in conjunction with Hoboken's Old Model Cities Agency.

Now the North Hudson Council of Mayors, after hearing reports of Hoboken's Circé-like success with housing renovation, is setting up a tour of the city to see whether the same techniques can work in their communities.

According to a council spokesman, eight mayors including Union City Mayor William V. Musto, North Bergen's Peter Mocco, West New York's Anthony DeFino, and Weehawken's Charles Miller, will arrive in Hoboken at 11 a.m. today to tour the yellow flats, the newly converted houses at 12th st. and Willow av., and 12th and Hudson, and to look at other buildings now under construction.

Walter Barry, the president of Applied Housing, will conduct the tour and explain the techniques and methods used to effect the transformation.

The mayors will talk with tenants and get their reactions to the project and their current management.

At 5th and Clinton, they'll be able to see apartments "before and after" renovation.

According to Barry and people who lived in Hoboken before Applied Housing came in, the contrast is startling.

"Some of the apartments," one tenant who lives in the Willow av. building says, "were in terrible shape before they were converted. Paint was peeling; cell-

ings were cracked, windows were broken, rooms had holes in the walls."

## Formula Explained

Applied Housing buys a building that is structurally sound, then gouts the deteriorated insides and builds in whole new apartments with different layouts.

Kitchens are modern; rooms generally mid sized, and hallways clean and brightly painted. With Barry's guidance and assistance, tenants are encouraged to form associations and oversee the operation of the buildings.

"We have a community, not just people living together," says Willow av. resident Frank Zitani. "We meet regularly, we have debates, discussions and parties and we have guest speakers like Walter Barry who keep us informed."

City officials say the crime rate in the uptown area has gone down significantly since Applied Housing took over. Visitors to the city are impressed with the site and encouraged to move in or buy homes nearby. "Because they like what they see of their neighbors," businesses expand and the city generally thrives.

"These are skills we can utilize in other North Hudson communities," a spokesman for the council said yesterday, "and they bear investigating."

# To Get the Answer

What do you like about the "men or blue," or what do you dislike? Many times we've heard the old refrain of "I'd like to tell 'em what I think." In Hoboken the people now have that opportunity to speak their mind, to have their say.

We are cognizant of the fact that a lot of people don't like the police, particularly those living in ghetto areas. They feel they are being "oppressed" by the police, the municipal government, their landlords. They have their own reasons to think this way.

Hopefully through the Police Community Relations Bureau's new program the police will get answers to some of these questions. We're sure they'll also hear about the neighborhoods, whether there is enough policing, by cars or on foot, or whether there are enough street lights for instance.

Capt. Russell Sweeten, head of the bureau, feels the public can tell the police a lot about the city and has assigned a man to each of the 12 police posts to get "the message" from the public. We urge the people, in return, to say their mind, what they think.

Only through the proper contact with the public can the police, or anybody else, get the true story — if it will be told. In a city like Hoboken there are many problems. Some can be solved, others are beyond the scope of municipal government.

The Mile-Square City project in making a concrete effort to ferret out some of these problems, principally, but not exclusively, in the area of the police department is a good one. It could very well be copied in other municipalities.

# Hoboken Officials Ask Rink Priority

By ELIZABETH PARKS

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Two Hoboken City councilmen yesterday urged the deputy director of the city's Community Development Agency to give "top priority" to a proposed \$1 million ice skating rink that has been laying on the city's drawing board for the past eight months.

Pointing out the need for increased recreational facilities inside the city and calling the rink a project that has "enormous community significance," Council President Martin Brennan and Second Ward Councilman Walter Cramer urged Director Fred Bado "to cut through the red tape" that's been bogging the project down since it was announced last April.

Brennan told Bado to assign "one responsible person to oversee the project and lift it out of the bureaucratic limbo into which it's fallen."

According to Bado, the biggest obstacle hindering development is the selection of a site for the rink. Three sites have been proposed but all have factors both in their favor and against them.

Bado said the CDA has already assigned one top planner to oversee the project and that planner is scheduled to

make site recommendations at a meeting next Friday.

Once the CDA has its recommendations formulated, the city council and mayor can make a decision on the site and the process of acquiring the land can begin.

The city still has to make out an application for acquisition funds which it hopes to get through the state's Green Acres program.

Figures for acquiring the site range from \$100,000 for a block long stretch of land located on Clinton st. between 12th and 13th sts. and \$300,000 for acquiring the waterfront Penn Central property which is soon to go up for bid.

Although a CDA source said Thursday, the Green Acres application couldn't be submitted before January, Bado said the tentative application for acquisition will be submitted "reasonably soon."

Actual construction on the park, however, will have to wait until after the city completes another Green Acres project — two new parks and playgrounds for central Hoboken, work scheduled to begin by spring and be completed by summer.

# Cappiello turns down crossing guard request

11/7/75  
Crossing guards will not be assigned to Fifth and Grand Streets or the immediate vicinity, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today, turning down a request by Anthony J. Russo, a teacher at the Kelly School.

"The only way the city could put crossing guards at that location or in that area would be to hire more guards," he said. "But the city's money situation is too uncertain at this point to make such a move."

Cappiello said that the only other possible way of providing a guard would be to reassign one from somewhere else.

"The problem with that is that the residents of the area from which the guards are being taken away from will undoubtedly create just as big a furor, and with good reason," he said.

"The crossing guards we have are needed where they are. It wouldn't be very practical to take one away to solve one problem and create another."

Russo asked the mayor to consider the crossing guard for Fifth and Adams Streets after a six-year-old student at the Kelly School was struck by a car at the location and hospitalized with a severe injury.

# Hoboken to meet feds Dec. 11 on discrimination

11/25/75  
Officials of the Hoboken Board of Education will meet Dec. 11 with representatives of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare in New York in the hope of resolving charges that the board has failed to provide adequate bilingual education for its students who speak little or no English.

Thomas F. McFeely, superintendent of schools, said he and several other administrators will represent the school district at the meeting.

To be resolved are charges that the district has discriminated against its more than 900 students who speak little or no English by failing to provide adequate bilingual education for them, and in some cases, no special instruction at all.

Also in question is a charge that the district has discriminated against blacks in its hiring practices. Hoboken has only two black teachers among its staff of more than 370 teachers.

McFeely disclosed that the school board is working on a racial balance plan for all of the city's schools, except for Hoboken High School, as ordered by the state Office of Equal Educational Opportunity (OEO) more than six months ago.

He said that the plan to balance out student enrollment must be submitted to the OEO and approved before the end of the 1975-76 school year for implementation next September.

"There will not be any busing involved, not in a city the size of Hoboken," he continued. "But undoubtedly some children will be walking to schools further away from their homes. That's the way the state wants it."

Teachers were on strike for 25 school days. McFeely said it would be illegal to pay them for any of those days.

The Hoboken Federation of Teachers, which is their union, will meet with the board tomorrow to discuss non-salary matters.

The teachers got the board to agree to pay raises in the next two school years,

# Hoboken More Hopeful On Shipping Comeback

11/8/75  
Hope that the Port Authority piers in downtown Hoboken could still be used to attract shipping industries back into the city was revived again yesterday when members of the local Chamber of Commerce told the mayor they had met with companies interested in the property.

After a nearly hourlong meeting with the Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Steve Cappiello announced "an awakening optimism" in the future of the once thriving but now abandoned waterfront property.

Cappiello said the chamber was reluctant to go into great details about the companies interested in the land, but he said a future with the interested companies and the chamber to discuss specific details has been tentatively scheduled for Nov. 20.

The mayor said the chamber has received "what seems to be strong indications of interest in the property from shipping companies now based elsewhere."

He said that if negotiations could be successfully concluded, the city could count on a resurgence of jobs for

longshoremen who now have to go out of town for work.

Under a complicated federal agreement worked out after World War 2, the Port Authority owns the piers, located between First and Fourth sts., but rents them out to shipping firms which choose to locate there.

The authority will have title to the land for approximately 40 more years. Then the land will revert to the city.

For a variety of reasons, the most important being space limitations and poor storage facilities, the shippers who have been using the piers steadily been moving out of Hoboken.

Longshoremen who could count on steady work and healthy paychecks have either been going further away to find work or finding themselves on unemployment lines.

Cappiello has been saying for months that he intends doing "everything possible" to get more shipping into the city "and our men back to work."

# 10,000-Tickets-a-Month Hoboken Quota Denied

11/13/75  
Hoboken drivers relax. The city does not intend to issue 10,000 parking tickets this month to drivers parked illegally.

A report published yesterday attributing such a quota to the city's parking authority was dismissed as "hogwash" by Executive Director Joseph Hotendorff.

"Ten thousand tickets a month," Hotendorff said in an incredulous phone interview with The Dispatch, "Do you know what 10,000 tickets a month are?"

"Are we supposed to be supermen flying over the city with our ticket books between our teeth and binoculars clenched to our eyes to ferret out all possible infractions? Are we supposed to discourage all motor transportation in Hoboken by just daring drivers to cross our borders?"

Hotendorff said he has no idea where the story originated or who gave it out. "No one spoke to me to verify it," he said.

## Tickets increasing

The authority is increasing the number of tickets issued each month and the amount of revenues raised, Hotendorff said, but it's neither close, nor aiming to

be close, to giving out 10,000 tickets a month.

"Last month we gave out 2,390 tickets and raised \$5,188," he said. "In October, we issued 1,850 tickets and raised \$4,100. When I took over the job we were giving out approximately 900 tickets a month and making about \$1,800 a month."

"The more money we make, the easier it is for the authority to pay its own debts and free taxpayers from responsibility for a \$700,000-a-year debt service and towards that end, I wouldn't mind raising \$10,000 a month from violations, but that still doesn't come out to 10,000 tickets a month, maybe 4,000," he said.

Hotendorff said the authority's enforcement of parking violations isn't intended to "punish drivers" but to enforce the law so drivers can benefit. "It's to their favor to find metered spaces open to them when they need it. And to keep the fire zones and the bus stops free."

There's been a long standing practice in Hoboken," Hotendorff says, "that some people weren't to be ticketed. They were immune because of their position."

# Caulfield fifth man in running for inspector

11/12/75  
The Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA) has given Mayor Steve Cappiello a list of four engineers who it feels are "extremely well qualified" to become the city's new full-time engineer. However, the mayor has been sitting on the list for several weeks without taking any action.

Cappiello said today he is still reviewing the applications of the four applicants for the \$25,000-a-year position and has not yet made a selection. He added that James Caulfield, the city's building inspector, is also in the running for the job even though he did not file an application for it with the CDA.

Caulfield was recently licensed by the state as an engineer.

Several months ago the CDA advertised that it was looking for applicants for the post. Some 50 applications and resumes were submitted, it was learned, but only seven actually appeared for personal interviews.

A list of four names was sent to the mayor several weeks ago but no action has been taken on an appointment.

The mayor said contrary to reports the purpose of hiring an engineer was not to have him do all of the city's engineering work but to protect the city's interests in cases where outside firms were hired to do the work.

"Some day in the future we might be able to set up an office that could handle everything that comes up," continued the mayor, "but for the time being we are interested in primarily protecting the city's interests with some qualified persons who would be answerable to the mayor and council."

The mayor added that the engineer could handle most of the small jobs such as specifications for street resurfacing and making engineering inspections to make sure contractors were following the codes.

# Board 'need not pay' teachers extra

11/18/75  
Will Hoboken teachers get paid extra for any of the eight additional days they will have to work at the end of June to make up for days lost during their strike?

School Superintendent Thomas McFeely said today the board of education does not have to pay them anything extra.

However, he said, the board has the right to pay them extra for any days worked beyond 180 days, if it so wishes.

He added that the present schedule, as now revised because of the strike, calls for a year of 183 days, ending June 30, and he said he guessed the question of paying the teachers for the last three days, was "negotiable," meaning the teachers could ask for it in forthcoming contract discussions.

The additional three days were put into the schedule as a cushion against possible

school closings on days when the weather is bad.

Teachers were on strike for 25 school days. McFeely said it would be illegal to pay them for any of those days.

The Hoboken Federation of Teachers, which is their union, will meet with the board tomorrow to discuss non-salary matters.

The teachers got the board to agree to pay raises in the next two school years,

starting next September, before they returned to work Oct. 9 after their strike, but numerous issues have yet to be decided.

A board can schedule as many school days as it wishes, provided the year ends by June 30, McFeely said, and the teachers are only entitled to receive their fixed annual salary, regardless of how many school days are called for in the schedule.



## Hoboken Police Seek Views of Public

If you're a Hoboken resident with a gripe about your local police department, now's the time to get on your soap box.

Capt. Russell Sweeten, commander of the department's Police Community Relations Bureau is assigning a man to patrol each of the city's 12 posts to find out what residents think of their cop on the beat and the department in general.

Are cops friendly? Are they reasonable? Do they tend to

rap with local kids or do they bully them and push them around from street corner to street corner.

Can you find a cop when you need one? Are they visible or do they hang out in restaurants sipping coffee?

Sweeten wants to know how the public thinks the department performs and what the public believes can be done to make their relationship with police better and "mutually gratifying."

## City will seek funds for rink —a bit late

Almost six months late, the Hoboken Community Development Agency is expected to file its application by the end of the month for some \$500,000 in Green Acres funds for the construction of a skating rink in the north section of the city.

Fred Bado Jr., assistant director of the CDA, said that the application was delayed because the agency decided to work on other "more urgent" projects also involving Green Acres money.

The skating rink project, announced just prior to last May's ward elections by Councilman Martin J. Brennan and Walter S. Cramer, was expected to cost almost \$1 million. Besides the Green Acres funds, the rest of the money was to come from the CDA and the state's Safe and Clean Streets program.

At the time of the announcement, the proposed starting date for the rink was last month.

According to Bado, the CDA staff fell behind on the rink application because it was decided that several park projects were more important, easier to do, and more likely to be approved.

The other applications included a small park for the Multi-Service Center at Second and Grand streets, the playground between Fifth and Sixth Streets on Madison Street, and Church Square Park.

## Hoboken Sets Curfews For City Park Strollers

Hoboken residents who linger in their local parks after 10 p.m. are now subject to \$200 fines or 90 days in jail, or both. The city council Wednesday night unanimously approved an ordinance banning "congregating" in any city-owned park after 10 p.m. in the winter or 11 p.m. in the summer or anytime before 6 a.m.

The ordinance, sponsored by Robert Ranieri, councilman-at-large, is intended to discourage vandals or rowdies from "taking over the parks and using them as a base from which to terrorize citizens."

The ordinance is not restricted to teenagers who are generally blamed for most of the vandalism and alleged "drinking, smoking and fooling around" that goes on in the parks because members on the city council say they've seen "gangs of people as old as 30 hanging out in the parks, drinking and insulting passers-by."

The ordinance does not prohibit a stroll through the parks, but forbids anyone

who crosses the park during the designated hours to linger or sit down for a rest.

"No one likes to impose a curfew," Ranieri said, "but the situation was becoming intolerable. Women told me they were afraid to walk through the parks at night and some parks were becoming more and more the exclusive domain of the disreputable elements."

Speaking on the ordinance, Thomas Vezzetti, owner of the uptown Madison Hotel on 14th and Washington sts., asked that the curfew be extended to include the entire city for children under 15.

"Conditions in the city are getting ridiculous," Vezzetti said. "I go out at 2 in the morning and find kids 8, 9 and 10 running around. They can't be doing themselves any good or the city any good. If their parents won't take the initiative to keep them home and in bed at night, the city council should."

"We need to sit down with Bayonne officials and with representatives from other communities who have a sanitation force and determine how such an innovation is working out for them and what the benefits and liabilities are," Ranieri said.

"Obviously we can't blithely ask taxpayers to cough up another \$3.60 on the tax rate year so some garbage firm can get rich."

for the money have failed to document specifically how it will be spent.

Public Works Director Raphael Vitale insists that the money is needed for "salaries, wages and other expenses" but the vagueness of that description was attacked as "unconscionable" by councilman Robert Ranieri who vowed to oppose the resolution "until the city council has a clear idea of what it's doing."

"If we approve the expenditure of this money now," Ranieri said, "We have to make it up in next year's budget. It's one thing to spend it knowing where it's going, but to spend it haphazardly, risking next year's tax rate, is not only disturbing, it's disastrous."

Ranieri said that although he questioned Vitale and Engineering consultant Joe Lynch on the resolution at Monday night's caucus, he received no clear indication of how the money will be spent.

Further, Ranieri said Lynch could not produce a cost estimate on the total costs of rebuilding the 10th and Hudson st. pumping station damaged last September in an explosion. Lynch estimates it will cost nearly \$600,000 to rebuild the plant, but Ranieri said the figure seems "excessively high."

Lynch promised to get the cost estimate to the councilman before tonight's meeting.

Vitale said it costs \$2,000 a week in overtime and rental fees to keep the pump running and that he needs the \$65,000 to continue the operation until the end of the year.

Ranieri wants to see the overtime bills, the rental bills for the three pumps, and Mayo and Lynch's bills for services rendered before approving a set sum.

Vitale said that except for the overtime figures, most of the bills are in Lynch's office. "I've asked for copies but I haven't received them yet," he said.

stereotypes and we can make our own mistakes."

"If I can get people talking to me and through me they get to talking with their regular of-

ficer, maybe we can both knock out some misconceptions and make the kinds of friends people need when they get in trouble."

## Cappiello critic pays up, charges plants flee city

Mayor Steve Cappiello's leading critic is off the list for the forthcoming tax lien sale after making an \$8,400 payment on his tax arrears, but he charged today that at least 15 "needle trades" factories have moved out of Hoboken in the last six months because they can't afford the rents necessitated by the city's high tax bills.

"And when they went, they took a couple of hundred jobs with them," said Andrew J. Amato, head of the Hoboken Outlook organization. Amato manufactures women's and children's clothes.

"They left behind people without jobs and property owners with vacant space that they can't give away."

He blamed the mayor, asserting that Cappiello "did nothing to stem the loss of business and industry."

Cappiello replied today that he did not believe the loss of "needle trades" companies was due to the rents they were paying.

"On a per-foot basis I think Hoboken is very competitive with other communities in the area," said the mayor. "I think the real problem is that there is probably not enough business, so they closed up, or they moved to facilities that were better suited to their operations."

Amato said he is among the property owners with vacant spaces they can't give away. He owns a five-story factory at 1015 Clinton St. but has only two occupied floors. The property was on the city's tax lien sale for Nov. 20 but has been removed because part of the \$12,489 that was owed to the city has been paid, along with a portion of the \$7,530 Amato owed on 117 Madison St.

According to William Reynolds, the city's tax collector, Amato paid approximately \$8,400 of what was owed, and promised to pay the remainder in a few weeks.

"I've had to take money from other business interests to pay these taxes, not from the money I collect in rents," said Amato. "And a lot of other property owners are finding themselves in the same situation. And others are taking advantage of the situation."

"While some of us try to do the best we can under the existing circumstances, others are using them to get tax assessment reductions that are questionable."

Amato said it was recently brought to his attention that the owner of a large industrial building was given a "healthy" tax assessment reduction partially on his claim that the building was almost completely unoccupied and he could not get anyone to rent it.

"But the building is far from empty," said Amato. "Most of the space has been rented for storage. There is no business or industrial activity to be seen, but the owner is getting a return on his investment, which has been hidden from the city."

Amato said similar situations exist elsewhere in the city but are being ignored.

"To this, the mayor replied that he knew of no instances where property owners had "conned" the city into giving them reduced assessments.

"If such a situation does exist I suggest Mr. Amato alert the Hudson County Board of Taxation or myself and I'll alert the board," he continued. "But I doubt it exists. I'm very sure that a physical inspection of these properties is made by the board before it makes any decision on appeals."

## Hoboken Garbage Cost Doubles, City-Run Collection Requested

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Since the sole bidder for a Hoboken garbage contract has doubled to \$720,000 a year the rate he wants to charge for city collecting, a councilman is recommending that the city void its connection with contractors and create its own sanitation department.

According to councilman at large Robert Ranieri, the shift from a private to a public work force could save the city as much as \$500,000 a year based on the price the city is now being asked to pay.

Ranieri said yesterday that he will ask Mayor Steve Cappiello to create a special task force composed of councilmen, Public Works Director Raphael Vitale and Business Administrator Herman Bier to visit neighboring cities such as Bayonne to see how their sanitation departments operate.

"We need to sit down with Bayonne officials and with representatives from other communities who have a sanitation force and determine how such an innovation is working out for them and what the benefits and liabilities are," Ranieri said.

"Obviously we can't blithely ask taxpayers to cough up another \$3.60 on the tax rate year so some garbage firm can get rich."

### The Present Costs

Presently Hoboken pays the LeFera Collection Agency of Newark \$365,000 a year to collect garbage seven days a week. Ranieri said an analysis of their contract shows that if they budget \$50,000 a year for the five trucks used; \$150,000 a year for salaries for the three men who

man each truck and \$100,000 a year for garbage maintenance, insurance and operating expenses, "they are currently making a profit of over \$65,000."

"If we accept the \$720,000 one year bid or the \$2.2 million three year bid they submitted Wednesday night," Ranieri said, "they'll be making \$420,000 a year in profit and the council will be deserving targets of the first irate taxpayer to file a malfeasance in office suit."

Ranieri said the city can set up its own sanitation department for an initial outlay of \$200,000 for five trucks which can be paid off in a five year period for \$50,000 a year including interest.

## Assessment settlements submitted

Tax assessment settlements on several large Hoboken properties have been submitted to the Hudson County Board of Taxation for approval after Hoboken and the property owners agreed to them yesterday.

A spokesman for the city said the final decision is still with the county board which should notify the city and property owners within a few weeks.

The proposed settlements include a reduction of the \$2.5 million assessment on the old Lipton Tea Building, owned by Nationwide Development Corp. to \$2 million; a \$50,000 reduction on the R. Neumann Co. building at 300 Observer Highway which is now assessed at \$518,000; and a \$70,000 reduction on the Arte-O Products Inc. building at 35-56 Jackson St., now assessed at \$550,000.

The reductions, if approved by the year. In addition, the property owners have all agreed to allow the new assessment to county tax commissioners, will apply to this stand for 1976 without further appeals.

"As part of the settlement, it is understood that the property owners will not file a new appeal next year," he said. "This condition is not in writing but more of a gentlemen's agreement. We have been doing it this way for many years and have yet to have a property owner agree to a settlement with the condition not to appeal the following year, and then go ahead and violate his promise."

## Hoboken Watchdog Growling

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken's Community Action Council (CAC), watchdog of the administration of city funds and grants, is not satisfied with the way work is progressing on a \$110,000 updown day care center and is withholding the city's share of that grant until it gets some "coherent idea" of how the money is being spent.

A spokesman for the council said yesterday that CAC advised the city's Community Development Agency Wednesday night to withhold payment of a \$6,500 check, part of CDA's \$22,500 contribution to the First Spanish Baptist Church's Day Care Center.

The CDA grant matches an \$82,500 federal grant for the center approved last spring. If the city withholds or eventually refuses to contribute its share, the federal grant itself can be lost, a spokesman said, and the project aborted.

"It hasn't gotten to that stage yet," a

CDA source said. "All we want is a report documenting the current status of the project and how previous payments of the grant have been used."

According to a CAC source, Rev. Jose Gonzalez, pastor of the Spanish Church and the man responsible for turning the grant money into a day care center for 45 children in the church's basement and ground floor, has failed to send in progress sheets on the project, to submit copies of specifications or to explain how \$7,000 given to him last summer was spent.

"We don't know how that project is proceeding and how that money is being used, and we're not approving any more until we do know," a source said.

Bado Agrees

Community Development Director-to-be Fred Bado, who authorizes the checks for the center, said he will accept the CAC recommendation to withhold the

\$6,500 payment, the second of four annual payments, "until additional factual information has been submitted to me."

Bado, appointed to the CDA directorship just this week and not officially director until Dec. 1, said he has not had a chance to go over the project with Gonzalez to ascertain its status.

"This may be a problem we can clear up with a single conversation," he said; "but CAC feels it needs more incisive information and I think it's reasonable to ask for it."

Gonzalez could not be reached for comment, but Bado said he's written CAC twice, once to send in a copy of an agreement with the state's Department of Institutions and Agencies which has pledged another \$17,600 to the center to pay its first year's operating expenses and once to explain that he could not submit minutes of a church meeting on the center because of summer vacations.

## Wants construction of bank halted

A Hoboken councilman will ask the city's building inspector today to immediately stop work on the construction of a new bank branch office at Second and Hudson streets because the building has failed to make ordered repairs to Court Street.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today that the con-

tractor, Gargiulo Construction Co. of Jersey City, failed to meet yesterday's deadline for repairing the street that was set by the building inspector, James Caulfield, last week.

"The building inspector notified the construction company that it had until yesterday to repair Court Street to his specifications or have all work on the bank

stopped until the repairs were made," said Ranieri.

"As of this morning, the street still was not usable. As such, the contractor's efforts, if any, to repair the street do not meet the building inspector's orders, so I want the bank job stopped until the street is repaired and open to traffic."

Court Street runs from Observer Highway to Seventh Street, parallel to and between Washington and Hudson streets. The street was closed between First and Second streets more than two months ago when excavation work on the bank's foundation caused the street to cave in near the corner of Second Street.

Last week, Caulfield served the construction company with notice that he was not satisfied with what work it had done to repair the street and giving the firm until yesterday to do it the right way. But no re-inspection of the area was made yesterday because it was election day — a holiday for city employees.

## Cite Hoboken on HEW Funds

Four New Jersey school districts, including Hoboken have been singled out by

the Department of Health Education, and Welfare for being in violation of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

According to Hoboken Superintendent of Schools Thomas McFeely, who said that he has received no notification of the violations from HEW, Title VI was a federal program which provided funds for special education classes for the foreign born.

School districts in 19 Northern, Midwestern, and Western states were singled out by HEW for strong enforcement of school desegregation laws. The other New Jersey districts, cited in response to a federal suit filed against the federal agency by private civil rights groups, are Passaic, Perth Amboy, and Pleasantville.

McFeely last night said that he can think of no reason why the district should

be cited for its previous performance under Title VI, adding that since federal funding for the program was phased out last year, the district is not conducting its programs with federal funds this school year.

HEW Civil Rights Director Peter Holmes, reportedly said that in an affidavit filed in the suit, Hoboken was sent a letter notifying it that its bilingual education practices were in violation of Title VI.

Holmes also reportedly said that the agency's Office of Civil Rights was conducting negotiations with Hoboken in an attempt to have the district voluntarily settle the matter.

McFeely said that his office has received no letter, and has had no discussions with the agency, having not yet been informed that a suit had been filed.

## Leaks Costly for Hoboken

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken taxpayers are losing \$600,000 a year because each day six million gallons of water purchased from Jersey City is going down the drain in leaks scattered throughout the city, a Stevens Tech survey shows.

The city has let the problem escalate: a) because it doesn't have the money to repair the leaks, and b) because, according to a councilman, the problem isn't entirely all the city's. Homeowners are responsible for repairing all leaks that occur in service lines bringing water into their property.

A recent report by the Stevens Tech Center for Municipal Services shows that half the city's major water loss is taking place through leaks inside service lines.

Since the water is lost before it is registered on individual meters, homeowners are reluctant to spend the \$600 to \$1,000 per leak necessary to cor-

rect the problem. Consequently everyone in the city is spending \$600,000 a year for water no one gets to use.

Yesterday city officials and members of the Stevens Tech Center met for over an hour with Mayor Steve Cappiello to discuss the problem and how to remedy it.

According to Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri, it was agreed that taxpayer interests could best be served by maintaining an expert water repair crew full-time to repair the leaks, spot check

the lines and eliminate problems before they become catastrophes.

"The problem is," Ranieri said, "how do we do it?"

"Do we force taxpayers to repair leaks when they say en masse they can't afford to? Do we repair the leaks and then attach a bill to their tax statements? Do we make them pay for more services when they're begging us now to reduce taxes? Do we raise our own tax rate so we can do the repairs ourselves?"

## Survey seeking opinions on tactical patrol force

Hoboken's Tactical Patrol Force (TPF) is now in its second year and a survey has been launched by its commander, Capt. Russell Sweeten, to find out just what city residents feel it has accomplished and how it can be improved.

Patrolman Cecil Vincent of the Community Relations Bureau, has been assigned by Sweeten to talk with residents of the 12 beats patrolled by TPF members and find out how they feel about the police protection they have been getting.

"It isn't an evaluation of any individual TPF members' performances," asserted Sweeten. "That isn't the purpose at all. It's a general evaluation of the TPF itself to see what we have accomplished and what more there is to be done."

Sweeten said that Vincent has completed the survey of only one of the 12 beats so it is too soon to start making any judgements or evaluations.

"The complaints have been few, at least in that one area," he continued. "A few residents said that they'd like to see more patrol cars passing by more frequently. But most were satisfied."

"The biggest complaint was with neighborhood children who hang out on street corners or stoops. I expect that one complaint is going to hold true for all of the beat areas. It was common when I was a patrolman and it seems it still is."

Sweeten said the results of the survey will be used to find out if any changes are needed in the TPF's priorities and, if so, in what area they will be made.

## Submit Hoboken Ice Rink Sites

By ELIZABETH PARKS

It's still as uncertain as a white Christmas, but Hoboken's proposed \$1 million ice skating rink, which was promised to residents last April, may at last be given a site location by Dec. 1.

Community Development Deputy Director Fred Bado has received a detailed report outlining eight "possible and several preferred" sites which he thinks could accommodate the rink.

Bado said Friday the report contains "most of the information the city council and the mayor need to make a decision on the site."

Once the site is selected, CDA planners can begin drawing up a \$500,000 acquisition and development proposal for the state Green Acres program.

Bado says the proposal could be done in about a month, but although the state program director Edward Wolf has promised Hoboken "all the Open Air funds it needs," Bado points out that it's hard to say when the state will finally approve the project.

Hoboken also has to find its share of \$500,000 to match the state funding. That entails another application for community development funds.

Since city officials don't want to use municipal tax dollars for the rink, the city must ask the federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) to approve allocation of \$500,000 from next year's \$1.9 CDA grant.

Bado concedes that it's possible HUD may not think it practical for Hoboken to

spend 25 per cent of its federal appropriation on an ice skating rink, but he said he felt confident that the project, "as an enhancement to the community," would be approved.

It could take as long as June, however, for HUD to give the city an answer.

So even if Hoboken selects a site by Dec. 1, it will still take months to get the money to acquire it and more months to get the funding to build it.

One source said the earliest it could be a reality, if it's built as a permanent facility, is by 1978.

If the city decides to cut costs and save time by building a temporary rink in a city-owned park such as the baseball field in Stevens Park, it could be a reality by next winter.

A temporary rink, however, would cost at least \$500,000, would deprive the city of one recreational facility in favor of another, and would not be so desirable or attractive as originally promised.

Although a proposal for a temporary rink at Stevens Park has been drawn and will be presented to the city council, Bado said he feels its chances for approval are "slight."

"For the expense and trouble entailed," he said, "it seems wiser to go with the original plan, even though it will take longer to build than the two years originally estimated."

## Investigator for law department?

Hoboken's law department could become the city's only agency outside of the police and fire departments to have its own investigator.

Included in the department's proposed budget for 1978 is \$7,500 which Law Director Lawrence Florio wants to use to hire a full-time investigator for use in civil cases involving the city.

"The job would include taking statements from persons directly connected with the civil cases, serving subpoenas and

conducting the investigation on which the city will base its case or defense," said Florio.

"Presently, the law department must rely on the police department to help in these situations. It has been most cooperative but the fact remains that in order to comply with our requests a policeman must be taken away from his regular duties."

Florio said that he felt that by having its own investigator the law department would be able to increase its efficiency.



# Schools Eye 'Busing' In Jersey City, Hoboken

By MARY ANN SHERMAN  
Boards of Education in Jersey City and Hoboken are rushing to analyze the racial mix of their student populations to meet Spring deadlines of a state directive ordering both municipalities to achieve a racial balance in every school in the districts.

School officials in Jersey City refused to rule out busing as a possible solution to racial imbalance, saying it is too early to tell and stressing that there are other solutions. In Hoboken, School Superintendent Thomas McFeely said busing would never be necessary in a city that size.

But at the same time, the Hoboken

Board has until Dec. 1 to answer federal charges of "noncompliance," with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 filed by the regional office of civil rights of the Department of Health Education and Welfare (HEW).

**State Directive**  
In its directive the state Office of Equal Educational Opportunity has ordered both cities to achieve a racial balance in each school, reflecting the racial breakdown of the districts' student population.

Though the state maintains this should be done where "administratively possible" the OEO does not define how far

a school board must go, nor does it spell out exactly what the school board must do. It simply says plans for racial balance must be developed by the board itself.

But, the final plan must be approved by the OEO. As the Rev. Erce Webb, Jersey City's assistant superintendent of schools and a member of the team searching for a plan put it: "We could go to all this work, and hand in the plan to the state by the Apr. 30 deadline, only to have it rejected." In any event, the OEO specifies that the racial balance plan must be ready for implementation by September, 1976.

There are a total of 36,806 students attending Jersey City's public schools, according to Sept. 30 figures, although schools officials say that figure changes daily. Racially, the students break down as follows: 46 per cent black Americans; 21 per cent Spanish-surname Americans; 30 per cent white and other Americans; 2 per cent American Indians, and 1.6 per cent Asian Americans.

Rev. Webb says that to date, racial ratios for each school in the city are unavailable. Hoboken has a total of 7,163 students. Racial ratios are not available, school officials say, but the total student population in Hoboken is made up of at least 60 per cent Hispanic.

In addition, both cities have been cited by HEW as having among the lowest ratios of minority teachers in the country.

Jersey City — second only to New York City — has 15.6 per cent minority teachers though its minority students comprise 64 per cent of the school system. Or 1,624 teachers, 244 are black, 33 Hispanic, and three Asian.

Of Hoboken's 373 teachers, two are black, 16 Hispanic and there are no Asian.

To meet the OEO's directive, Jersey City is following the state's suggestion of forming a 15-member educational staff team representing a cross-section of the community. It also formed a developmental staff comprised of professionals employed by the board of education.

The developmental staff will write the plan, while the support team will offer suggestions based on community input. The board will have final say on the plan submitted to the OEO.

Until both committees compile the racial breakdown at each school, they will not know what specific changes must be made. But defining the problem yesterday, Rev. Webb said the final plan will have to be more than a "reshuffling of bodies."

"We want to provide quality education for all the pupils in the Jersey City school system and we want to address ourselves to the state mandate of thorough and efficient education. We are also worried about quality education," Rev. Webb said.

**Says It's too Early**  
He refused to discuss the possibility of any form of busing in Jersey City, saying it's too early since the board is only starting its research. But speaking personally he said: "If it were a question of 'quality' education I would be willing to bus my children."

But he later said a school that is attended by a balanced racial and ethnic mix of students would be offering its students a "quality" educational experience. Rev. Webb then stressed that the board will also be taking a hard look at the city's curriculum, and said the best possible solution may be more money for public education.

OEO directors say racial balance could possibly be achieved by redrawing school district lines or paring schools, a process which combines two schools placing lower grades in one and upper grades in the other. The first suggestion, though, may not help Jersey City since it already has an open enrollment policy which allows parents and students to pick the schools they want to attend.

In Hoboken, McFeely expressed surprise and perhaps indignation at the OEO directive. "I'm trying to find out from the state what schools they mean," he said. "We've been integrated so far back — East Europeans, Indians, Vietnamese."

"These things (racial ratios) happen in six months to a year and we're supposed to turn a school upside down because a directive comes down from Trenton or Washington?"

OEO officials said Hoboken had an acceptable plan in the 1960's but pointed out that the city's population has changed drastically in the past 5 years.

**Hoboken Not Complying**  
But HEW says Hoboken is not complying with the Civil Rights Act on three counts: that 900 Hispanic students are not being served by the municipality's bilingual education program; that the student teacher ratio in that program is not as high as the student teacher ratio in the system as a whole — 32 to one compared to 20 to one; and "presumptive" discriminatory hiring practices.

An HEW spokesman explained the last charge saying that if neighboring Jersey City can hire 244 black teachers, such professionals are available in the area. "We are then presuming Hoboken has discriminatory hiring practices," he said.

## Vitale, Ranieri feud on pumping station

It will be up to Mayor Steve Cappiello to resolve the dispute that has arisen between Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale and Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri over the operation of the temporary sewage pumping station at 11th and Hudson streets.

Vitale said today that he will not use inexperienced men to monitor the station's operation and will continue to pay overtime to personnel from the city's treatment plant to do the job — unless the mayor orders him in writing to do otherwise.

Ranieri claims that the work being done at the temporary pumping station could be handled by laborers hired by the city under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Agency (CETA), saving the city the overtime money it is paying treatment plant personnel.

The director and the councilman discussed the matter Tuesday night at a special council caucus but failed to reach

any agreement or compromise. "The overtime has to stop," said Ranieri. "As far as I'm concerned, what is being done at the pumping station is essentially the work of a watchman and that doesn't require any special skills."

"If the director won't eliminate the overtime or work out some kind of schedule that ends this additional cost to the city I will have to ask the mayor to order it done."

Vitale said "I'm being put in the middle here between the mayor and council who want to cut the costs, and the state and federal environmental agencies who aren't concerned with the cost but want 24-hour pumping and supervision at the temporary station," he said.

"I can be held both civilly and criminally responsible for not doing my part to comply with the environmental agency's orders. That could include fines up to \$5,000 and a jail term."

"If I'm to continue the pumping operation with inexperienced personnel, then I would like the order to be put in writing so that I can protect myself."

Vitale disagreed with Ranieri that the job was little more than a watchman's position.

"First of all, conditions at the station are not entirely safe," he asserted. "There are accumulations of gas that an inexperienced man wouldn't notice which could be dangerous. And one of the two men assigned to each shift has to go down into the pit to make sure the pump doesn't get clogged."

"Personally I can't see risking anyone's life through inexperience for the saving of a few thousand dollars. But if that's what the mayor and council want, I'll comply providing they protect me with a written order."

Cappiello was not immediately available for comment on the situation.

## Mayors willing to work with Clark

Hudson mayors are as willing to work with newly elected county executive Edward F. Clark Jr. as he is to work with them.

Clark, in election night comments, said he hoped to work closely with the mayors and wanted to hear from them what he

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might do in his new position. He'll meet with them on Monday to explain what new powers he has as county executive and to set up a mayor's advisory council.

Questioned about Clark's past track record, the mayors gave him good marks and felt his increased powers would put him in a better position to help the various com-

munities. The following are comments from Hudson's mayors.

**PAUL T. JORDAN, Jersey City:** "Ed Clark is an exceedingly capable public official whose administrative ability has already been clearly demonstrated by his accomplishments as county supervisor. He is a close personal, political and governmental friend of mine."

"The strong executive powers in his grasp will allow for the type of firm, accelerated decision-making that can only help every municipality in the county. I look forward to working with him over the next few years."

**STEVE CAPIELLO, Hoboken:** "Our relationship has been a good one with Mr. Clark. I hope we can begin working closer

together on services that overlap in adjoining communities. I think if the county works toward that it'll be to the benefit of most communities. We could use a little more support from the county in recreation and police, where we get very little."

## Budget requests up \$2.5 million in Hoboken

Hoboken's department heads have submitted their 1976 budget requests to Mayor Steve Cappiello, and if allowed to stand, they will be some \$2.5 million over this year's budget.

Almost every department and division of the city's government asked for more money than this year. The requests were formally submitted to the mayor at a special public meeting yesterday morning.

The only cut was in the city clerk's office, where the budget proposal was down \$30,000 from last year — mainly because there won't be any municipal elections during 1976.

Cappiello's proposal for the city's public safety director — the mayor is the city's public safety director — rose \$446,000. Included in the amount are increased overtime for police and firemen, the purchase of new police cars, the hiring of more men for the two departments and repair of police and fire buildings.

The department of administration budget proposal is up \$68,000. Business Administrator Herman Bier anticipates increased costs in the municipal court and violations bureau, the public library and the city's rent leveling board.

An increase of \$710,000 was reflected in the public works department, with most of the money going towards increased garbage collection costs and the repair and rehabilitation of city hall.

Welfare costs for next year are estimated at \$125,000 more than this year and account for most of the \$132,000 increase asked for in the division of health and welfare, which includes parks and playgrounds as well.

The law department is asking for a \$74,000 increase. Some \$13,000 is proposed for the hiring of a special assistant to Director Lawrence Florio and \$7,500 for an investigator.

The treatment plant, budget rose by \$736,000 and the water department's request is up by \$336,000 over this year's. Close to \$600,000 of the treatment plant's budget is for the replacement and repair of the 11th Street pumping station.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said that the city hopes to get most of the money for the work from the federal and state governments but the need for the funds still has to be shown in the treatment plant's budget.

The water department's increased figures are to be used almost entirely to offset anticipated increases in water costs.

## Shore Road repaving job is underway

It may be several months before Shore Road in Hoboken is reopened to traffic, but when it is, the going will be a lot smoother, thanks to a paving job that started yesterday.

The project is being funded with a grant from the U.S. Office of Economic Development. The road will be resurfaced from Fourth Street north to 11th Street. Curbs will be installed, along with drain pipes and catch basins. One of the railroad tracks on Shore Road will be retained, the other taken.

The Hoboken Shore Railroad owns the track and has retained the right to use it and a portion of the roadway.

Preliminary work on the project consists of a major cleanup of accumulated debris and dirt prior to the start of the repaving.

That is expected to take a week or two. Once completed, the roadway is expected to help eliminate the use of city streets for through truck traffic.

## PBA president claims city officials might try to dodge Civil Service

Officials of the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) are seeking a joint meeting with representatives of the city's two fire unions to initiate a unified front against any attempts the city may make to disregard or circumvent Civil Service hiring regulations, it was learned today.

Ernest O. Brissette, PBA president, said today that it has been brought to his attention that the city may attempt to ignore Civil Service or get around its rules and regulations for hiring new police and firemen sometime within the next few months.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, the city's Public Safety Director, was not available to comment on Brissette's charge. The mayor is attending the state League of Municipalities convention in Atlantic City.

"I cannot speak for the mayor, so if the

reports I have received are true I can't say why the city would make such a move and again open the possibility for political control of the police and fire departments," said Brissette.

"But based on public statements that have been made by the mayor and other officials it would appear that residency is the motivating factor. Policemen and firemen are not required to live in municipalities they work in. The city feels that this causes a monetary drain on the municipality because their salaries are being spent elsewhere."

Brissette said that Civil Service and its hiring requirements were the only assurance the public had that reasonably qualified men were being hired as police and firemen. He added that Civil Service was also the only means of assuring that police and fire

department members were given reasonable consideration when being considered for promotions.

"Without Civil Service and its tests for promotions, political factions can promote who they want and when they want," he said.

## When your library book is overdue...

BY THOMAS GOLODKI

Libraries are looking for more and more overdue books and borrowers who neglect to return their books are finding the friendly neighborhood libraries are taking stern and unfriendly methods to recover missing volumes.

Lucille Cunningham, director of the Hoboken Library, said there were 21 books currently overdue in the library's 75,000-plus volumes with the majority of them two or three days overdue.

In Hoboken, if a patron doesn't respond to the post card or telephone call, a staffer will visit the home of the borrower to pick up the book.

One reason that there are so few overdue books in Hoboken is a special phone renewal service. Borrowers can call in and have the book's return date extended by a week or two. Hoboken does not offer an amnesty period and has fines pegged at two cents a day.

## Lack of funds shelves check on vacancies

BY PETER HALLAM

A new certification procedure which would have helped Hoboken better control the number of substandard apartments in the city has been tabled by Mayor Steve Cappiello because implementation of it might require hiring new city employees.

The procedure would require the owners of all buildings with three or more apartments to obtain certificates of occupancy from the city before they could rent vacant apartments. It was proposed by Michael Curcio, head of the Hoboken Housing Squad.

"It was a good idea and still is," said the mayor, "and it has not been abandoned. The only problem is that for it to work the way we want there will have to be some additional personnel to handle the paper work and inspections."

"That's provided we implement it the way it was originally proposed. What I am now trying to do is figure out something where we can use the staff we already have and accomplish the same thing, or at least nearly the same thing."

"Perhaps we can give some employees a few additional duties and by doing so spring loose an existing employee or two to handle the certification," he said.

The proposal, which would have to be put into the form of an ordinance and approved by the council and mayor, would require inspections of all vacant apartments by the city. If the apartment meets city codes a certificate of occupancy would be issued. If not, the owner could not rent the apartment until he has made all necessary repairs and obtained his certificate through a re-inspection.

According to Curcio, both tenants and landlords would get some additional protection. The tenants would be protected because they would be getting apartments that meet the city's codes. The landlord would be protected from tenant neglect because he could prove that at the time an apartment was rented it was in good condition.

## Funding is sought for park project

The Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA) is finalizing an application for some \$200,000 in state Green Acres funds which will be used to build one new small park and rehabilitate two others, Joseph Sciala, a CDA spokesman, said today.

According to Sciala, the overall project will cost approximately \$400,000 with the CDA putting up some \$200,000 as the city's share of the program.

"The new park will be built between the city's new Multi-Service Center and Marian Towers, the Mt. Carmel Guild's new senior citizen project now under construction at First and Grand Streets," said Sciala.

"This project will cost approximately \$145,000."

Sciala said the two parks that will be rehabilitated are Church Square Park at Fourth and Garden Streets, and a park playground on Madison Street, between Fifth and Sixth Streets.

"The Church Square Park rehabilitation is expected to cost around \$150,000 while the Madison Street work will run around \$95,000," he added.

"We hope to be able to file this week but we may be required by the state to have the city council take a covering action in the way of a formal resolution approving or authorizing the project. This is being checked out now."

## Freeze Hoboken Budgets

Hoboken Council has told city directors to forget about plans to increase their various departmental expenses by an overall aggregate of more than \$2.5 million and "hold the line at exactly where it was last year."

Councilman at large Robert Ranieri, who made the suggestion of eliminating salaries for selected personnel, including the mayor and councilmen, said it was just one example of the "desperate measures that will have to be taken if Hoboken is to continue to survive as a growing concern."

Ranieri said that in going over budget request submitted Tuesday, the council in unanimous in its determination to keep expenses where they are and the current tax rate of \$1.06 per \$1,000 of assessed valuations stable.

On the record, directors at City Hall say they completely understand and sympathize with the council's position, but in informal remarks they convey a sense of impotence in the face of inflation and "unanticipated expenses coming at us from all angles."

Personnel in some divisions particularly police and fire have been steadily and justifiably, it is conceded, complaining about being under-manned but Public Safety

"The city is like a patient with a temperature of 104. If the tax rate like the temperature goes any higher, the patient will die."

Ranieri also said that the city council is prepared to "release" any director who feels he "cannot do his job adequately without more money."

"They are professionals. They know their departments and their various needs better than the city council does," Ranieri said.

"We must say to them, we don't have any extra money for this year. This is a fiscal crunch and the city has nowhere to turn, then they either have the flexibility and expertise to survive and get the job done with what they have or we have to hire new men."

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Directors are expected to review their requests and submit amended figures to the mayor and city council within a month.

## Bado Sworn as Chief Of CDA for Hoboken

Fred Bado Jr., a lawyer and former deputy director of Hoboken's federally funded \$10 million Community Development Agency, was sworn in as director yesterday in a brief afternoon ceremony.

Taking the oath of office in Mayor Steve Cappiello's office, Bado swore to "impartially and justly" administer the directorship recently vacated by Michael Coleman.

In the mayor's absence, the oath of office was administered by City Clerk Anthony Amoroso.

Bado, who was deputy director of the program since January and a legal counsel for similar programs since 1968 when the agency was known as Model Cities, says he is not planning any innovations "at the moment."

He said his first task will be to preserve the continuity and progress of programs already underway and establish a solid groundwork for programs now coming into existence.

**Housing Revitalized**  
Under Coleman, Model Cities and, later, CDA, concentrated on establishing a variety of cultural and social programs and revitalizing the city's housing.

Prime examples of the revitalization program are the renovations of the up-town yellow flats, the Willow st. and Hudson st. houses done by Walter Barry and his Applied Housing Agency with Model Cities assistance, and the conversion of the old Keuffel and Esser factory into a 177-unit apartment complex. They are considered unprecedented successes, acknowledged as "model" programs by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials in Washington.

The emphasis on housing has been credited with saving the city from settling into a slump.

As Bado and city officials now see it, however, the emphasis must shift from housing to industries so Hoboken's economy can continue to keep pace with the rising standard of living.

In the five years which CDA still has before Congress phases it out, Bado hopes to spend the bulk of the \$6 million the city still has coming on setting up an industrial park, bringing in new industries and satisfactorily accommodating those industries now here.

To do this effectively, he either has to set up a very strong economic division inside the CDA agency or accept the services of an outside consultant.

Bado has told the city council that he could operate competently with either plan, but he has reportedly recommended that the city council accept a proposal from Coleman offering to set up an economic division inside the agency.

Coleman would work on the division 20 hours a week as a consultant. The contract would last for 18 months and cost \$37,000.

Bado is said to have reminded the council of Coleman's excellent reputation and professional expertise. As Director of Model Cities, Coleman has been widely credited as the driving force behind the success of Model Cities programs.

City councilman Robert Ranieri has proposed that Coleman attend the council's second caucus in December to defend his proposal, "define it in greater detail and show us where he thinks we can go and how."

## Hoboken will try again to attract garbage bids

BY PETE HALLAM

Hoboken city officials will attempt to revise for a second time their garbage contract specifications in the hope of having them ready for the city council's action on Dec. 3.

The council is expected to reject the bid proposals it received from the LaFera Contracting Co. of Newark, the company that holds the current collection contract, at the same meeting.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that the new specifications will include a requirement of a performance bond of only \$200,000 instead of the \$500,000 which was required in the other specifications, and which was blamed for discouraging other contractors from bidding.

LaFera was the only bidder to submit a proposal at last week's council meeting. Its offer was \$720,000 for a one-year contract, \$2,230,000 for a three-year pact, and \$4,240,000 for a five-year agreement.

Hoboken's present contract with LaFera covered a three year period and cost the city \$1,318,000.

The change in the specifications was suggested by Deputy Public Works Director Carmen Cuttito who said that by reducing the performance bond from \$500,000 a year to \$200,000—the amount that city had required in previous contracts—it could reduce the bid or bids by much as \$1 million for a five-year pact.

Cuttito, a former professional bondsman,

denied a report in another newspaper that he favored a city takeover of the garbage collections, or that workers from the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) be used to collect the garbage.

"I never said that," asserted the deputy director. "I think we could stick with private collections."

"I think if the specifications are revised again to include a lower performance bond, we will get lower bids—and from more than just one firm."

## Hoboken firm gets loan

By Special Correspondent  
TRENTON—The New Jersey Urban Loan Authority announced yesterday it awarded \$150,000 in a guaranteed loan to Instant-Crete Bulk Materials, Inc., of Hoboken, to expand its concrete manufacturing business.

The Community Affairs Department said the company's productive capabilities will be increased and employment will rise from nine to 14 full-time members. The firm manufactures pre-mixed concrete for high-rise construction in northern New Jersey and New York City.

Franklin State Bank of Somerset, Township, awarded the loan through the authority, a quasi-independent agency of the department.

## Auditor Asked For Ed Board

A Hoboken citizen has written the state commissioner of education asking him to appoint an auditor to go over the board of education's budget and insure "that taxpayers money is being spent in a prudent and fiscally responsible manner."

Leo Genese, 919 Washington st., the father of three children who attend public school in Hoboken and a member of the city's Citizens for Better Education Association, earlier this week wrote Commissioner Fred Burke to complain about the board's consistent reluctance "to read and discuss its audits at public meetings" and at the current six week delay in completing this year's audit, due three months after the fiscal year closes.

Genese urged the commissioner to "inform the Hoboken board of its responsibility to the community which is required by state law."



## Hoboken to follow order to reinstate school cuts

11/6/75 J.J.

Hoboken will reinstate the \$325,000 it took out of the board of education's 1975-76 budget, but the school board will have to wait until next year to get the money.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri failed to get any support for his resolution at yesterday's council meeting directing the city's law department to institute a suit against state Commissioner of Education Fred Burke and his order in September to have the money put back into the school budget.

As a result, Ranieri walked out of the meeting in "disgust" calling the rest of the council members "irresponsible."

"They have run away from a legal action that could have rewritten the state education laws and the financial control that the state is now able to exert over local school boards," said Ranieri.

"Our local voters voted down the school board's 1975-76 budget because it was too high," continued the councilman. "The state commissioner took it upon himself to override the wishes of the people of Hoboken who defeated that budget by reinstating the money — and doing so without a reasonable hearing."

The state did hold a hearing on the matter, but Ranieri claims it was a "kangaroo court" with absolutely no regard paid to the merits of the city's actions. He said the state

wanted the money back in the budget and "cared not for the city's arguments."

Now that the city has decided against legal action to overturn the state commissioner's decision, the board can expect to have the money returned by the city. However, Hoboken doesn't have it on hand at the moment — the funds were taken out of the city's 1975 budget to keep the tax rate down — and the school board will have to wait until 1976 to get the cash.

Just before the council got to Ranieri's resolution a five-minute adjournment was called.

The council returned to the city clerk's office, caucused for five minutes exactly on the resolution and returned to the council chambers.

The meeting resumed with Councilman-at-large Bernard Scrivani asking for an open second on Ranieri's resolution because of its "controversial nature." No second was made by any of the other councilmen and the resolution automatically died. Ranieri slammed his papers into his briefcase and walked out of the meeting, calling the other councilmen "irresponsible" as he left.

His action caused an uproar in the audience on the part of Thomas Vezzetti, a local hotel owner and council critic, who was ordered out of the council chamber by Brennan for his outburst.

Later in the meeting, Scrivani offered this explanation of the council's lack of action. He said that a few months ago the city was "bleeding," torn by a teacher's strike and indecision. The strike has been resolved and things are almost back to normal, but taking the case further would only reopen the wounds.

Scrivani added that the council had talked with attorneys and been advised that while it was not impossible for it to win such a suit, the chances of winning were slim.

Ranieri, reached later in the day, said he too had talked with attorneys — private lawyers — and they felt that the city had a very good case, one that could possibly rewrite the state's education laws.

## 31 in Hoboken have 10 days to pay part of taxes owed city

11/21/75 J.J.

The owners of 31 Hoboken properties have 10 days to pay part of the taxes they owe to the city for at least the last year or tax liens will be placed on them and foreclosure proceedings started six months later.

The city auctioned off liens on the 31 properties yesterday — except there weren't any bidders for the sale and the city took possession of the liens.

William Reynolds, city tax collector, said there is still a 10-day grace period within which the owners can still act to be excluded from the liens by paying part or all of the money they owe in taxes.

Another reason the sale didn't attract any buyers other than the city could be the fact that it didn't take place at the announced time.

The Department of Revenue and Finance advertised the sale for 10 a.m. yesterday. But at that time the city's municipal court was in progress. It wasn't until almost three hours later that the sale took place.

Another reason, said Reynolds, is that the interest the purchaser of a lien can anticipate — if the owner pays off — is less than what can be obtained through private investments which are usually much safer.

He explains that a citizen cannot foreclose on a tax lien until after two years have elapsed — municipalities can foreclose after six months — in the meantime additional taxes are building up. In order for the holder of the tax lien to protect his initial investment he must try to buy all subsequent liens or someone else will have a claim on the same property.

Interest on a lien is eight per cent for the first \$1,000 owed and 12 per cent on everything over \$1,000. Most of the properties claimed by the city owed less than \$1,000 and the few that were over that amount were under \$2,000.

One of the large amounts owed — and still owed — was \$14,421 for the property at 106-110 Clinton St., owned by Bel Dino Enterprises. The city will hold the lien.

## Council to get water survey results

11/26/75 J.J.

Officials of Stevens Institute of Technology and its Center for Municipal Services and Studies are preparing to give the Hoboken City Council a two-hour briefing and slide show on their completed \$26,000 water loss survey.

It will be the same presentation given yesterday to Mayor Steve Cappiello and Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale.

Attending the meeting besides the mayor and Vitale were Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, Helen Locato, head of the city's water department, Richard Sullivan, director of the center, Prof. Thomas Konan, project director, and Jodi Frieser of the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA).

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promoting a \$600,000 three-year program aimed at spot repair of water leaks, improved meter service and readings, and new accounting procedures for the billing of the city's water customers.

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## To give pumping station breakdown

11/25/75 J.J.

Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today he will give the city council a breakdown on the \$65,000 emergency appropriation he has requested to maintain a preliminary sewage pumping station at 11th and Hudson streets, but he can't use untrained men from a federal work program to replace the men operating the station.

Vitale said he cannot use persons hired through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) because none of them is qualified to operate or monitor the pumping operation.

"If the situation was strictly a local matter I'd take the chance of using them and giving them on-the-job training," said Vitale. "But we have the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) looking over our shoulder almost continuously to

make sure we are complying with its requirements.

"The only qualified men I have are from the city's sewerage treatment plant. I cannot take them away from the plant to run the pumping station. The only alternative is to have them work their regular shift at the plant and then overtime at the temporary station on 11th Street."

Vitale said that as long as the pumps were working properly the work for the men at the temporary station was minor and could be handled by almost anyone.

"It is the prospect of something going wrong that troubles me," he continued. "This is where an untrained man could cause the city problems. If he doesn't know how to get those pumps going again as quickly as possible we're in trouble with the state again."

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"It is the prospect of something going wrong that troubles me," he continued. "This is where an untrained man could cause the city problems. If he doesn't know how to get those pumps going again as quickly as possible we're in trouble with the state again."

## Columbus Park next teenage refuge?

11/24/75 J.J.

Is Columbus Park at Ninth and Clinton streets in Hoboken due to become a hangout for city teenagers once the city's new park curfew goes into effect?

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, who authored the ordinance which created the curfew, said today that it was a "very good possibility" and for that reason he is sending a copy of the ordinance to the Hudson County Board of Freeholders in the hope that they will adopt similar legislation for Columbus Park.

Columbus Park is a county facility operated by the Hudson County Parks Commission.

"It is already a hangout for some teenagers and young adults," said Ranieri. "That was made clear at last week's council meeting by some residents of the area."

"The fear of residents in the area is that

once the new park curfew begins the teenagers and young adults who are hanging out in city parks will suddenly move to Columbus Park. So I am sending a copy of the ordinance to Freeholders Vincent J. Fusilli and a request for the freeholders or parks commission to take similar action."

Under the city's new curfew ordinance the parks will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. from Sept. 13 to June 1, and from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. from June 2 to Sept. 12 each year. The ordinance becomes city law 20 days after Mayor Steve Cappiello signs it and it is again advertised to the public.

Hoboken has three city parks — Church Square Park at Fourth and Garden streets, Stevens Park at Fifth and Hudson streets, and Elysian Park at 11th and Hudson streets.

## Hoboken Cops Will Get Renovated Washroom

11/14/75 J.J.

Hoboken City Hall may not be eligible for the \$500,000 renovations the city hoped to lavish on it with federal funds, but the city's Police Department, located in the basement of the Hall, is at last getting decent washroom facilities.

Public Works Director Raphael Vitale reported yesterday that city plumbers, electricians and laborers have started to gut out the 50-year-old police washroom on the basement level and replace it with new floors, new tiling, two

new shower stalls, two sinks and two new urinals.

Police have been complaining for months about the run-down and unsanitary conditions of their washrooms, but although the money has been available for the renovations, work has been delayed pending the availability of city laborers.

The renovations will cost approximately \$5,000 and will be paid out of a 1973-1974 Safe and Clean Streets Program discretionary grant.

The balance of the money has already been used to set up a new communications system on the third floor of the hall.

2 Months Required Vitale said the project will take about two months to complete.

When the washrooms are finished, the workers will be instructed to add new lockers to the city's main headquarters and the newly established station at the old firehouse on Fourth and Grand sts.

Vitale said that approximately 50 new lockers are needed to remedy crowded conditions at the City Hall station and make the firehouse station "fully efficient."

Next week, the city should receive some \$555,000 in 1975-76 Safe and Clean Streets funds which will be used to upgrade police facilities and improve the city's street and park programs.

About \$100,000 of the state grant will be set aside for development of a proposed \$1 million ice skating rink which is now being designed by the city's Community Development Agency.

Funds from Safe and Clean Streets, Green Acres and the CDA Agency will be used to acquire land for the rink and implement its construction.

Safe Streets Coordinator Edwin Chius said site acquisition and actual work on the rink is only "a short distance away."

## Vitale shakes up sanitation corps for cleaner city

11/9/75 J.J.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today that he has reorganized his corps of sanitation inspectors in the hope of putting a dent in Hoboken's ever-increasing litter and rubbish problem.

"I have made Edward McIntyre chief inspector and have given him full authority to implement an effective and thorough system of inspections and enforcement," said the director. "He will be responsible for all sanitation enforcement and for taking whatever steps are necessary to get a program under way."

McIntyre said he has already started, by dividing the city into four areas of approximately equal size, duty-wise, and assigning one of the other four inspectors to each area.

"Each inspector will be required to make out a report at the end of each week stating how many warnings were given, how many summonses, and whatever other action they took," continued McIntyre.

"There will also be a monthly report for the entire city that I will prepare for the director."

McIntyre said he will serve as a "swing inspector" assisting the other inspectors should they have any particular situations that might require additional help. He will also make daily tours of each area, issuing warnings and summonses to violators, and covering areas for inspectors if they have to go to court or are out sick.

The new chief inspector added that he hoped to be able to keep the work schedules of the inspectors "flexible" so that they can handle "just about any situation that might arise."

"That would include putting in some night hours to catch litterers and dumpers in the act if that's when they are doing it," said McIntyre.

One thing the inspectors haven't been doing is working weekends and it is then that some sections of the city become the most strewn with rubbish and litter.

McIntyre said that too would be taken into consideration.

"The inspectors don't get paid overtime," he continued, "so I hate to take their weekends away from them. But we may be able to work something out by rearranging schedules. Still, this would leave use with a gap on weekdays."

According to McIntyre, he has suggested to Vitale that some funds be included in the 1976 public works department budget for overtime for the sanitation inspectors if they are required to work weekends. Vitale said he would but it was up to the mayor and council whether or not the funds stayed in the budget.

Vitale added that the sanitation inspectors would be centering their initial efforts on Washington Street under McIntyre's new system.

"The mayor is very dissatisfied with the appearance of Washington Street," said Vitale. "Property owners aren't paying much attention to keeping their sidewalks clean and it shows. It is usually the most littered section of the city."

## City workers petitioning for free parking lot

11/9/75 J.J.

A petition carrying the signatures of more than 100 Hoboken municipal employees who want the city to provide them with a free municipal parking lot will be presented to the city council at tomorrow's meeting.

Judge Fitzgibbons, an inspector with the city's housing squad who collected the signatures, said that the employees want the city to convert two vacant municipally-owned lots at Observer Highway and Bloomfield Street into free parking lots for city employees.

"We are asking for only what we feel is fair consideration," said Fitzgibbons. "Hoboken is the only municipality in Hudson County that we know of that doesn't provide some kind of parking facility for its municipal workers."

"But even more important, the lack of parking has become a serious financial burden for city workers who use their cars in their job because of the strict enforcement of all parking violations. We just can't afford it."

The city does provide some parking spaces around City Hall but these are all for top officials.

In spite of the petition, Mayor Steve Cappiello held out little hope today that the lots would be used for employee parking.

"They both happen to be in an area that is the subject of a proposed Economic Development plan," said the mayor. "Until we are positively sure of what is going to happen in the area we can't spend city money on fencing and resurfacing only to close it down in a few months for an economic development project."

## Stevens leases 3 floors of new high-rise as dorm

11/21/75 J.J.

Stevens Institute of Technology is leasing the three lowest residential floors of the new 25-story apartment house at Fourth and River streets, a block from the college campus, to provide additional dormitory space for students.

There are 27 apartments involved. The college will sub-let them to the students, prorating the rent on the basis of the number of students occupying each apartment.

Thomas Lunghard, assistant to the president of the college, said the additional dormitory space is needed to accommodate an anticipated increase in enrollment of about 100 in the year starting next September.

The cost to the student will be slightly higher than the present charge for the existing dormitory, he said.

Louis DePascale, the renting agent, said the lease means that more than half the apartments in the two Grogan Marine View

Plaza apartment houses will have been rented.

The lease does not start until next Sept. 1. It is expected to be signed within a few days. The three leased floors are the ones above the ground floor. The ground floor, and also the ground floor of the second apartment house in the same block, comprise store space which has not yet been rented.

DePascale said he has a "good prospect" for a "package" lease of all the commercial space.

Of the 27 apartments taken by Stevens, 12 are two-bedroom apartments with balconies, renting for \$367; six are two-bedroom apartments without balconies, renting at \$321; six are one-bedroom units at \$275, and three are studio (efficiency) apartments at \$196. All utilities are included.

Lunghard and DePascale said Stevens is paying the same rent as any other tenant.

Originally the rents set for those classes of apartments in the two buildings were respectively \$437 for the balcony apartments, \$390 for the two-bedroom units without balconies, \$335 for one-bedroom units and \$241 for efficiencies. Those rents included space for a car in the adjoining municipal parking garage.

That schedule was changed to the present schedule after it was seen that renting was slow. The present lower rents do not include garage space. The latter is available at \$20 a month if leased for a year.

Lunghard said students would have the option of sub-renting from the college on either a nine-month or a 12-month basis. He said priority probably would be given to the more senior students, but the dormitory council would be consulted on this matter.

The existing dormitories are all filled, Lunghard said. The enrollment at the science and engineering college has been increasing after a decline following the curtailment of the United States space program. In September of 1974 there were only 309 incoming freshmen. This rose to 413 last September, and about 450 are expected next fall.

## Cleanup should resume Thursday

11/17/75 J.J.

Hoboken's street sweeping program in the west section of the city has been suspended again because a sweeper broke down yesterday, but it could resume by Thursday, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

The director said the sweeper assigned to do the section of the city west of Willow Avenue broke down yesterday morning shortly after starting its route.

"Repairs should be completed and the sweeper back in service by Thursday morning," said the director. "There is no sweeping today anyway, since it is a holiday, and sweeping will be suspended tomorrow."

"In the event the sweeper is repaired by tomorrow it will go out but no tickets will be issued to persons parking on streets it is to sweep that day. But tickets will be given out Thursday, unless of course the sweeper still isn't fixed."

Motorists who illegally parked in the sweeper's path yesterday in the east section of the city also got a break. Only Washington Street was swept and no tickets were given out.

Vitale said that the streets between Washington and Willow Avenue accumulate too much water on rainy days for the sweeper to be effective.

"The sweeper picks the water up, requiring it to be emptied that much more frequently," he explained. "As a result the sweeper falls behind on its schedule and the whole day is shot."

Vitale said that no tickets were given out on Washington Street because of the rain and the fact that the special policeman who usually rides with it had to be in court on one of the summonses he had issued which was being contested.

Garbage collections in some areas were also behind schedule yesterday, the director said. One of the trucks operated by the LaFera Contracting Co. of Newark broke down at the dump and it was several hours before collections could be resumed.

"It was the worst day for it to happen," Vitale continued. "Monday is a double day since there isn't any collection Saturday. The men collect Saturday and Sunday rubbish early Monday morning."

According to the director, the truck was stranded at the dump for almost an hour before one of the company's other trucks pulled in at the dump and could be sent for help. He added that the trucks do not have two-way radios, but there is no telephone immediately available at the dump and none within walking distance.

Vitale said that the areas affected were in the northwest quarter of the city and included parts of Washington Street, Bloomfield Street, Garden Street and some of the east-west side streets.

## Cappiello Seeks U.S. Water Aid

11/22/75 J.J.

Despite recent extensive repairs to Hoboken's downtown water lines, the city is still losing more than \$500,000 a year in water and the only solutions are to borrow millions to repair the lines further or seek additional federal aid.

After receiving a report from the Stevens Tech Center for Municipal Studies and Services outlining the water loss yesterday, Mayor Steve Cappiello said the borrowing alternative "was out of the question" and that ways had to be found to get more federal aid.

Cappiello said he'll schedule a meeting with center personnel, city directors and Community Development Director Fred Bado for as early next week as possible to explore ways to qualify for federal funding.

The federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) recently gave Hoboken a \$2.7 million grant to supplement the \$2 million renovations of the city's downtown water system.

That work is nearly completed and Public Works Director Raphael Vitale estimates that the city is saving approximately 20 per cent of the 12 million gallons a day he estimates the city was losing.

The center report indicates where the major leaks are in the city. Cappiello said it may be possible for Hoboken to repair them on a "spot by spot basis" but even that approach will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The mayor says he is not sure if HUD money is still available for water improvement projects and determining this and other funding sources "will be one of the purposes of next week's meeting."

"By fixing the leaks and saving the \$500,000 a year," the mayor said, "We'll really be saving enough to justify the costs of repairs even if they are in the millions. The problem is finding the money for the initial capital outlay."

## Fraternities won't get extra police protection

11/19/75 J.J.

Ten fraternity houses on Hudson Street and Castle Point Terrace will not receive any special police protection despite their recent request for it to Hoboken City Council President Martin J. Brennan.

The fraternities, whose members are all students at Stevens Institute of Technology, sent a letter to Brennan last

month asking for more police protection because of burglaries in the fraternity houses and the destruction and theft of thousands of dollars of property belonging to the organizations and their members.

Police Chief George W. Crimmins, who said that Brennan referred the matter to him, reported that the problem has been looked into and it has

been decided that no additional police will be assigned to the area.

"The area around the fraternity houses will get the same police protection as anywhere else," said the chief. "And that should be adequate."

"After looking into the reports of vandalism and burglaries it was found that some of them could have been avoided had the fraternities exercised just the normal precautions that most property owners do as a matter of course. In one case we found that the front door of the house had been left open and anyone could have walked in and apparently someone did just that."

Crimmins said that he would suggest that the fraternities start implementing better security precautions on their own and that this could help cut down the number of incidents.

## Hoboken litter

11/24/75 J.J.

Hoboken is revamping its efforts to cut down on the rubbish littering its sidewalks and streets. The system of deploying sanitation inspectors has been revised, and new methods of supervising their work have been instituted.

This latest attempt is undoubtedly sincere, and no one should scoff at it. Yet there are some holes in it which may have to be plugged before much can be accomplished.

For one thing, the inspectors still will not be working weekends, when most of the litter accumulates. In addition, the court has not yet gone along with the idea of stiff punishment for offenders.

It should be obvious that an inspector will be less than eager to risk abuse and spend time and energy issuing summonses when he sees the fruits of his labors go down the drain in the courtroom.

## Hoboken teachers wait interpretation of salary memo

11/20/75 J.J.

The Hoboken Teachers Association today is awaiting a decision on an unfair labor practice charge it has filed against the board of education with the Public Employment Relations Commission. The charge grows out of interpreting a salary memorandum both sides signed to end a month-long strike in September.

Money had been one of the topics scheduled for discussion yesterday at a conference of HTA and board officials. However, both sides agreed that since the matter is now before PERC, they would wait a hearing by that agency.

At the time the memorandum was signed by the board representatives and teachers, it was announced that it included a \$400 pay increase for this year but deferred to the 1976-77 year. On top of that they would receive an 8.7 per cent pay increase. The following year they would receive an 8 per cent pay boost.

However, both sides now differ on how to interpret the wording of the memorandum and the HTA has turned to PERC for a ruling.

A board spokesman said several other matters concerning absences and no layoffs were discussed yesterday but there was no talk about salaries.

Mrs. Mary Tectonius, HTA president, reported "the teachers are not happy" but are confident of a favorable ruling by PERC.

"We've given the board members every opportunity to work with us," she said.



## Hoboken Asks Neighbor's Aid to Bypass Cost

11/25/75 J.D.  
In the hope of saving hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in consulting fees, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and members of the city council yesterday asked a city official from a neighboring community to give Hoboken a "practical outline of the most efficient way to set up a city engineering department."

In a meeting at the Union Club, Cappiello asked Michael D'Autilio, Director of Public Works in East Orange and a former Hoboken native, to give the city a list of "practical suggestions" for setting up its own engineering department and curtailing the costs of expensive fees to outside agencies.

D'Autilio who indicated he would do what he can for Hoboken was described by Cappiello as a man of extensive experience responsible for the creation of an engineering department in East Orange.

In East Orange, the engineering department is included in the Public Works department, a system Cappiello said "should work in Hoboken."

The city has been studying the creation of the proposed department since last summer when council president Martin Brennan urged that an engineer be hired "to work with us on the inside and guide us in the making of highly technical decisions."

Both Brennan and councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri contend that an engineer could "conservatively" save the city \$250,000 a year in consultant fees.

Although Hoboken has had an ordinance creating a department of engineering since 1953, for the last few years it has been relying on the engineering firm, Mayo, Lynch and Associates, to do most of its surveys and engineering projects.

According to Ranieri, the city spends between \$300,000 and \$400,000 a year in consultant fees. Ranieri estimates that it would cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000 to set up a city engineering department, including the engineer, assistants and a secretarial staff.

Consultants might still be needed but less frequently and with tighter supervision. "Engineering is a highly technical field," Ranieri said, "It takes one expert to understand what another is talking about."

## PERC gets teacher pact in dispute over language

BY PETER HALLAM

The three-year pay package agreed to by the Hoboken Teachers' Association (HTA) and the city's board of education that ended the 35-day teachers strike has been sent to the state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) for review because both sides now find they can't agree on the terminology.

According to representatives of both the HTA and the school board, they agree that the agreement calls for a \$400 raise this year with payment deferred until the 1976-77 school year, an 8.7 per cent increase in the 1976-77 school year computed after the \$400 has been included, and an 8 per cent increase in the 1977-78 school year.

The disagreement, according to Robert W. Taylor, school board attorney, is on whether or not the increments due to the teachers are to be subject to the 8.7 per cent.

"The board of education's position is that the 8.7 increase is to be based on last year's (actually this year's) base pay," he said.

Increments are considered to be salary increases for the current school year not for the past school year.

"I think the difficulty rests in the fact that this is the first time the teachers and the school board have agreed to raises in percentage figures rather than flat or fixed monetary amounts. In the past, because the amounts were fixed the problem didn't come up."

Taylor said that the teachers also expect that they will get additional \$400 raises in the second year of the contract and probably the third. He said the board's position is that the \$400 is only for the first year and will not be paid in the other two.

Mrs. Mary Tecktonius, HTA president, said that there were several other matters that still remain to be resolved but the board of education refuses to discuss them until the money matter has been resolved.

One of those matters, she said, is whether or not the teachers are going to get paid for the extra teaching days at the end of the school year.

"The school board contends that it is illegal under state law to pay us for these extra days," said Mrs. Tecktonius.

"However, our position is that state law makes this an item subject to negotiation. But the board has refused to negotiate."

Another matter, she said, is the replacement of teachers who have retired or left the school system. The HTA president said that 13 teachers retired since last year and 14 others have left the school system but none has been replaced by the board, which won't discuss the situation.

## Hoboken balks at lone garbage pact bid

11/26/75 J.D.  
Despite an attempt by the Hoboken City Council to encourage bidding on a new garbage collecting contract, the only bid the council has received is from the firm that holds the present contract.

La Fera Contracting Co. of Newark submitted a bid calling for a 50 per cent increase in its present rate.

Both Council President Martin Brennan and Councilman Robert Ranieri said they were "surprised" there was only one bidder since the council had revised specifications to elicit more bidders. Several firms did review the specifications.

Ranieri said, "It would seem that despite efforts of law enforcement agencies in the state and in the nation, the garbage business is still a closed business."

He said he would recommend the council reject the bid and specify fewer collections to save money.

La Fera has been paid \$480,000 a year the past three years for collecting the city's garbage. It bid \$720,000 for a one-year contract beginning Dec. 15, with higher annual payments for multi-year, optional contracts.

In other action last night, the council failed to pass two payments for work on the 11th Street Mall. The vote on the payments of \$17,000 to the C.F. Malanka for construction and \$7,000 to Mayo, Lynch and Associates for engineering work was 4-to-4, with Councilmen Ranieri, Walter Cramer, Francis

Leahy and Nunzio Malfetti in opposition, councilman Louis Francione was absent.

Ranieri said, "The entire project has been of dubious value from the start."

Before the vote, three citizens, Thomas Vezzetti, Charles De Fazio and Maurice De Gennaro questioned the payments. De Fazio and De Gennaro said "mail" is a misleading term for work on the grassy islands in the middle of the street.

The council removed two other payments to Mayo, Lynch from the agenda because of apparent "discrepancies," Brennan said.

Leahy said the city is still studying plans to form an engineering department rather than rely on Mayo, Lynch.

The council last night approved the appointment of Fred Bado Jr., deputy director of the Hoboken Community Development Agency, to become director of the federally-funded CDA Dec. 1.

Vezzetti said Bado is "too easy-going" for the job. Romano, however, said he was glad Bado, a Hoboken resident, would obtain the appointment to the \$25,000 a year post. He succeeds Michael Coleman.

Ranieri said city officials are still studying a recommendation to hire Coleman as a part-time consultant, but that he would oppose such an appointment.

The council adopted an ordinance setting curfews of 10 p.m. in winter and 11 p.m. in summer for the city parks. Vezzetti said the curfew should apply to youngsters under 16 throughout the city and not just in parks, because youngsters who can't go in the parks might damage other property.

The council set Dec. 19 as the date for a public hearing on construction of a new sewage pumping station on 11th Street to replace the one damaged by an explosion last September. Ranieri said the total costs could run from \$600,000 for one on the same site to \$2 million.

The public hearing is necessary to receive state or federal aid, and will be separate from any bonding ordinance to obtain the city's share of the money. If the city chooses the cheapest option of construction it could cost the city \$150,000 to \$200,000, officials said, depending on how much aid it receives from the state.

The council approved a resolution setting "specifications for construction of a temporary pumping station," Ranieri said those specifications are for the new station, but other city officials said they are only for smaller, stopgap measures.

The council delayed for more explanation a \$85,000 emergency resolution for repairs on the pumping station.

The council did approve specifications and authorize bidding for two new street sweepers and five police cars.

Walter Gottschalk, representing the 237 Washington St. Corp. appealed to the board to reverse the city rent board's ban on increased rents from tenants in the firm's apartments at Third and Washington streets.

Brennan, however, said that because of an amendment to the rent law the courts were the proper vehicle for appealing the rent board's decision.

The council approved the appointment of Richard England to the Hoboken Parking Authority and the reappointment of authority member John Muciaccia. Commenting on England's appointment, Frank Duroy and Michael Mongiello said the parking authority has not been "sensitive to the needs of the people."

Mongiello and Mark Willner, both residents of the Grogan Plaza apartments, and Margaret Leonard, a resident of nearby Hudson Street, offered criticism during the citizen's participation session last night of the parking ban on streets in the area.

More than a dozen of the 50 persons in last night's audience appeared because of the parking problem.

Brennan told Leahy and the parking committee he heads to discuss the residents' appeal for an end to the ban on night parking with the parking authority commissioners.

The authority requested the parking ban to encourage more drivers to use the authority garages.

Robert Van Ingen asked the city to conduct a traffic survey at Fifth and Bloomfield streets Brennan said he would refer the request to the state transportation department. De Gennaro asked how the council would respond to the "Sunshine Law" requiring more official business to be open to the public. Brennan said that before the law goes into effect in January he would study brochures on how to comply.

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## Hoboken balks at lone garbage pact bid

Despite an attempt by the Hoboken City Council to encourage bidding on a new garbage collecting contract, the only bid the council has received is from the firm that holds the present contract.

La Fera Contracting Co. of Newark submitted a bid calling for a 50 per cent increase in its present rate.

Both Council President Martin Brennan and Councilman Robert Ranieri said they were "surprised" there was only one bidder since the council had revised specifications to elicit more bidders. Several firms did review the specifications.

Ranieri said, "It would seem that despite efforts of law enforcement agencies in the state and in the nation, the garbage business

is still a closed business." He said he would recommend the council reject the bid and specify fewer collections to save money.

La Fera has been paid \$480,000 a year the past three years for collecting the city's garbage. It bid \$720,000 for a one-year contract beginning Dec. 15, with higher annual payments for multi-year, optional contracts.

In other action last night, the council failed to pass two payments for work on the 11th Street Mall. The vote on the payments of \$17,000 to the C.F. Malanka for construction and \$7,000 to Mayo, Lynch and Associates for engineering work was 4-0-4, with Councilmen Ranieri, Walter Cramer, Francis

Leahy and Nunzio Malfetti in opposition, councilman Louis Francione was absent.

Ranieri said, "The entire project has been of dubious value from the start." Before the vote, three citizens, Thomas Vezzetti, Charles De Fazio and Maurice De Gennaro questioned the payments. De Fazio and De Gennaro said "mail" is a misleading term for work on the grassy islands in the middle of the street.

The council removed two other payments to Mayo, Lynch from the agenda because of apparent "discrepancies," Brennan said. Leahy said the city is still studying plans to form an engineering department rather than rely on Mayo, Lynch.

The council last night approved the

appointment of Fred Bado Jr., deputy director of the Hoboken Community Development Agency, to become director of the federally-funded CDA Dec. 1.

Vezzetti said Bado is "too easy-going" for the job. Romano, however, said he was glad Bado, a Hoboken resident, would obtain the appointment to the \$25,000 a year post-term for work on the grassy islands in the middle of the street.

Ranieri said city officials are still studying a recommendation to hire Coleman as a part-time consultant, but that he would oppose such an appointment.

The council adopted an ordinance setting curfews of 10 p.m. in winter and 11 p.m. in summer for the city parks. Vezzetti said the curfew should apply to youngsters under 16 throughout the city and not just in parks, because youngsters who can't go in the parks might damage other property.

The council set Dec. 19 as the date for a public hearing on construction of a new sewage pumping station on 11th Street to replace the one damaged by an explosion last September. Ranieri said the total costs could run from \$800,000, for one on the same site to \$2 million.

The public hearing is necessary to receive state or federal aid, and will be separate from any bonding ordinance to obtain the city's share of the money. If the city chooses the cheapest option of construction it could cost the city \$150,000 to \$200,000, officials said, depending on how much aid it receives from the state.

The council approved a resolution setting "specifications for construction of a temporary pumping station." Ranieri said these specifications are for the new station, but other city officials said they are only for smaller, stopgap measures.

The council delayed for more explanation a \$65,000 emergency resolution for repairs on the pumping station.

The council did approve specifications and authorize bidding for two new street sweepers and five police cars.

Walter Gottschalk, representing the 237 Washington St. Corp. appealed to the board to reverse the city rent board's ban on increased rents from tenants in the firm's apartments at Third and Washington streets. Brennan, however, said that because of an amendment to the rent law the courts were the proper vehicle for appealing the rent board's decision.

The council approved the appointment of Richard England to the Hoboken Parking Authority and the reappointment of authority member John Muciaccia. Commenting on England's appointment, Frank Duroy and Michael Mongiello said the parking authority has not been "sensitive to the needs of the people."

Mongiello and Mark Wilner, both residents of the Grogan Plaza apartments, and Margaret Leonard, a resident of nearby Hudson Street, offered criticism during the citizen's participation session last night of the parking ban on streets in the area.

More than a dozen of the 50 persons in last night's audience appeared because of the parking problem.

Brennan told Leahy and the parking committee he heads to discuss the residents' appeal for an end to the ban on night parking with the parking authority commissioners. The authority requested the parking ban to encourage more drivers to use the authority garages.

Robert Van Ingen asked the city to conduct a traffic survey at Fifth and Bloomfield streets Brennan said he would refer the request to the state transportation department. De Gennaro asked how the council would respond to the "Sunshine Law" requiring more official business to be open to the public. Brennan said that before the law goes into effect in January he would study brochures on how to comply.

The school board's new pay scale, set by the state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) for review because both sides now find they can't agree on the terminology.

According to representatives of both the HTA and the school board, they agree that the agreement calls for a \$400 raise this year with payment deferred until the 1976-77 school year, an 8.7 per cent increase in the 1976-77 school year computed after the \$400 has been included, and an 8 per cent increase in the 1977-78 school year.

The disagreement, according to Robert W. Taylor, school board attorney, is on whether or not any increments due the teachers are to be subject to the 8.7 per cent.

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The council has been confronted with a future garbage collection problem since only one bid was received and that was nearly triple the present price of approximately \$50,000 a year.

"We'll ask for six figures in all new bids," Ranieri said. In addition to bids on a one, three and five-year contract, he said prospective bidders will be asked to submit offers for a three-day weekly collection and the present six-day.

"I consider this a great victory," he said.

The price of the performance bond to be posted also will be reduced from \$50,000 to \$200,000, he explained, since the council feels that higher cost may have prevented some contractors from bidding.

Earlier, Ranieri said he would ask Mayor Steve Cappiello to have the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA) carry out a study of the city's garbage collections to see if it could cut down its present six-day collection at least in some areas.

He said six-day collections "are an expensive proposition, especially on a citywide basis. It would appear though that this service is not required in all areas."

"If we can establish a pattern of need, specifying six-day collection areas and fewer than six-day collections, it might be possible for the city to set up different collection routes of say, two days a week for some areas, three for others and six for yet others."

Ranieri said that if something along these lines could be done it might enable the city to reduce the cost of its collections.

The lone Hoboken bid came from LeFera Contracting Co. of Newark, the same firm that now does the collecting. That bid will be rejected by the council next Wednesday and the city will readvertise, Ranieri said.

The councilman said he discussed the bonding matter with both the State Public Utility Commission, which regulates the garbage collection industry in the state, and the State Division of Local Government. He reported that both agreed that municipalities should protect themselves by seeking performance bonds equal to the size of the contract "dollar for dollar."

"But there was a word of caution involved," he continued. "They also agreed that high performance bonds will likely chase away smaller contractors. So the bonding requirements have to be tempered to our situation."

## Water repairs would pay for themselves in 2 years

For an investment of \$790,000 over a three-year period Hoboken can save almost \$450,000 a year it is losing in water purchased from Jersey City.

That's the finding of a study made by the Center for Municipal Studies and Services which will be discussed today with Mayor Steve Cappiello by Richard Sullivan, director of the center at Stevens Institute of Technology.

The study, which cost \$26,000, suggests a three-year program designed to make repairs of existing leaks and tightening up the city's metering efforts.

Conducted in a 14-block area, the study shows that the city has numerous water leaks in its mains and in the service lines connecting the mains to the properties being serviced. But even more important, a large percentage of the meters used to record the

amount of water used by the city's customers are faulty.

The team of engineering students and professors from the college thoroughly checked 157 meters and found that 49 showed irregular readings, 33 did not work properly and 64 were in good working order.

Although much of the information contained in the study confirmed information and knowledge already in the city's possession, Sullivan said it contained more usable details but more would still be required.

"There is no point in going any further to show what and where the problems are unless the city is committed to a repair program," he said. "This will be one of the key matters discussed with the mayor today."

The report recommends that Hoboken's entire water distribution system "be investigated for a comprehensive study."

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vita said he was "slightly disappointed" by the study.

"I guess I was hoping for too much," he said. "From what I've seen and been told about the survey it contains pretty much what the city has known all along."

Vitale said he felt the most significant aspect of the report was that it was conducted by someone "outside city government" and confirms what he's been saying all along.

"We must make repairs if we want to save money," he continued. "That is going to take money and people to do the job. I just hope officials from the center can convince the mayor and council they must commit themselves to the job."

Meanwhile, Vitale said the installation of new water lines in the southern third of the city is starting to show a reduction in the city's overall water usage.

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## Hoboken Council Caucus Studies Budget Slashes

Hoboken City Council met in caucus last night to discuss ways of cutting back a requested \$2.5 million departmental increase in next year's city budget.

A spokesman for the council said prior to the meeting that the council wanted to discuss with Mayor Steve Cappiello alternatives for holding the present \$108.69 per \$1,000 of assessed evaluations "stable" without seriously cutting back on municipal services.

Fears that the city will have to raise the tax rate or sacrifice service grew stronger Monday after city directors presented their 1976 budget requests totaling \$2.5 million more than last year.

"We were faced last year with budget requests totaling \$1 million more than what was needed in 1974," Cappiello said, "and we had a hard enough time keeping that in line. I don't really know how far we can go to make this budget manageable."

According to councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri, however, there is no contest between the demands for service and the demands for a stable tax rate.

"The council's in agreement," Ranieri said, "We have no intention of following New York into default or bankruptcy. We'll maintain the services we can afford and those we cannot afford will have to wait for a more propitious time."

Ranieri said the council's first objective will be to look for "fat" in the proposed increases. He said the council will intentionally "scrutinize" each departmental increase and slash as close to the bone as possible.

Layoffs are a possibility. "New York laid off workers when they reached the point where no other alternative was possible," Ranieri said. "We'll do it now to keep Hoboken from getting in straits that desperate."

Major rehabilitative projects may have to be postponed. "There's no question

that City Hall needs a face lift," Ranieri said, "but there is a question of whether we should spend \$300,000 now to rehab the Hall or wait till money is less tight."

"If it comes to a choice between a \$3 tax rate increase or a \$300,000 face lift, the council has only one recourse: protect the tax rate."

Cappiello said there will be many similar meetings between now and the middle of next February when he submits his finalized budget to the city council for adoption.

## Advisory Council to reorganize

The Parent Advisory Council of the Hoboken Board of Education's Title I program will reorganize and welcome new members at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at a meeting to be held in the board meeting room, 1115 Clinton St., School Superintendent Thomas F. McCreely, said today.

The council is the advisory body which helps set policy for the administration of the federally funded program now in progress in four public schools, the Multi Service Center and five parochial schools.

Under a \$282,000 grant, the program gives additional help to students in reading, mathematics, pre-kindergarten training and English as a second language. Administered by Francis E. McGorty, the program is carried out by a staff of 34 professional teachers and 28 pass professionals.

The council, of which Mrs. Mary Lemmonovitch is chairman, is composed of representatives of each school who are selected as delegates. They report back to other parents on the guidelines of the program and the progress being made.

The advisory panel is an integral part of the Title I program, bringing to it ideas, suggestions and concerns of parents whose children are benefiting from the extra educational advantages that the program offers.

Title I classes are now in progress at the Rue, Kealey, Connors and Wallace Schools, the Multi Service Center and at St. Ann's, St. Peter and Paul's, St. Joseph, St. Francis and Our Lady of Grace parochial schools.

## Hoboken council to back up Fusilli

The Hoboken City Council was expected to give unanimous approval to a resolution at today's meeting opposing curtailment of rail and bus service and proposed fare increases on lines operating in the city.

The only possible exception was Second Ward Councilman Walter S. Cramer who is employed as an attorney by Transport of New Jersey, one of the companies involved in the plan to reduce bus service and increase fares.

If the curtailments and discontinuances ordered by the state Department of Transportation go into effect the city will lose the No. 31 Grove St. bus, the No. 18 Passaic and have less service on the No. 43 bus to New York. Service on the Erie Lackawanna Railroad would also be reduced and fares increased.

The resolution was sponsored by Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francione in support of the efforts of freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli, a member of the freeholders transportation committee, to block service cuts and fare hikes.

## New water lines Work due at 2 projects

The Hoboken Housing Authority expects to get work underway later this month for replacement of old water supply lines at the Andrew Jackson and Harrison Gardens housing projects.

The authority yesterday awarded a contract of approximately \$128,000 to the J. Fletcher Creamer Co. of Edgewater, to replace sections of the 22-year-old lines and improve water service.

In other business the board also awarded a contract to the J. and T. Painting Co., of Long Island, for painting vacant apartments and accepted the bid of the Con Lux Co. to furnish paint and supplies. Andrew Scherer, board chairman, presided.

## Plan Water, Sewerage Rate Hike in Hoboken

By ELIZABETH PARKS

The Hoboken city council plans to raise the city's water and sewerage rates eight to 10 per cent within the next two months, and probably more next year when a proposed water rate increase is effected, a city councilman has revealed.

"The city council has delayed long enough in effecting an increase to set off a nearly \$200,000 deficit in both departments," Councilman Robert Ranieri said.

"We either have to raise the rates to customers or continue to pay off the deficit with money raised from tax revenues. Since the consequence of paying deficits through a continually escalating tax rate have had its effects fully dramatized in the New York situation where the city faces default, it is obvious we only have one practical alternative."

"The people who use a commodity have to pay the city what it costs to supply it," Ranieri said the city council will probably introduce an ordinance raising the rates at either the first or second meeting in December.

The tentative increase calls for a raise

of eight to 10 per cent but the actual increase may be lower if the city comptroller can confirm that this year's water deficit totaling \$114,648 was primarily due to the final payment of a long overdue \$200,000 water bill to Jersey City.

"It's possible that with those payments eliminated," Ranieri said, "the deficit will average out to something like \$50,000 a year. In that case the increase should be under five per cent."

As the months go by, however, Hoboken will either have to pass on a proposed 212 to 540 per cent rate increase sought by Jersey City or make arrangements with another water supplier.

Either solution will inevitably cost taxpayers more than what they are now paying for water. "That increase will have to be added into the rates," Ranieri said, "as soon as we're fully aware of what it will compute to."

"We have no choice. The water and sewerage utilities have to pull their own way or they'll continue to jack our tax rate up to a point where no one will be able to afford living in the city or operating a business here."

## Hoboken collects

Hoboken's latest tax lien sale makes the city look surprisingly good. Only 31 liens were put up for sale, fewer than at any sale in recent years.

This means fewer property owners are in arrears for a year or more. And this is in a time of a nationwide economic recession.

It would be unwise if the city fathers concluded from this that the Hoboken property owner is so well off he can afford an increase in taxes.

It may be that the property owner had to borrow up to the hilt to keep his property out of that tax lien sale.

Hoboken's city officials are fortunate in having such a low rate of tax delinquency. Let them not press their good fortune too far.

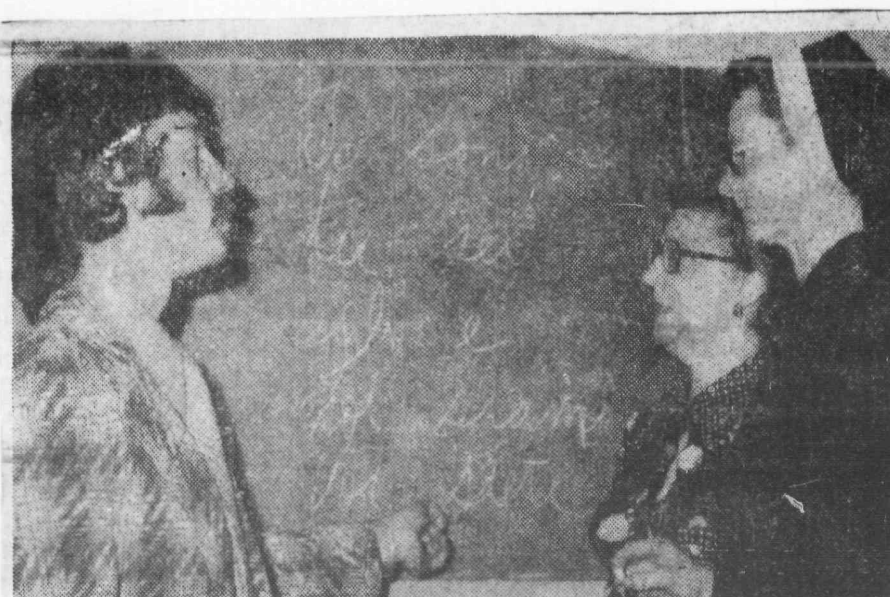
## Stevens accepts millions held in trust since 1942

Stevens Institute in Hoboken has received \$4.5 million as the partial proceeds of a trust fund established by the late Gertrude D. Walker in 1942, which matured upon the death of Florence Kloeber, the life tenant.

The remaining \$2.5 million of the \$7 million trust fund is expected before the end of the year, according to Thomas Lughard, assistant to the college president.

Lughard said part of the sum already received is being used to pay off bank loans, and the remainder to help pay for the college's new Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Building.

Of the sum still anticipated, he said, \$2.2 million will go to pay off an accumulation of loans covering operational deficits of the last two years, and the rest will go in to an endowment fund, the income to be used to help finance operations.



DISCOVERING ITALIAN — Matteo Percontino, teacher in the Hoboken Board of Education's first course in Italian, instructs Francis Cracolini and Sister Francesca of St. Francis School, Hoboken. The class in the adult education program meets Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Denarest Junior High School, Hoboken.



# Deny Cosmopolitan Tank Farm Bid

By MARY ANN SHERMAN

Cosmopolitan Terminal Inc. has been denied the necessary state permits for the oil storage tank farm it proposed to build on the Hoboken-Weehawken waterfront. People close to the decision say it kills any hopes Cosmopolitan had for the project.

The state Natural Resources Council yesterday voted 7 to 0 to deny permits for dredging, bulkheading and retrieving of some 41 riparian acres that would have formed the site for the bulk of the facility off the Hoboken waterfront.

Under state statute, a negative decision by the Resource Council cannot be overruled by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

Therefore, if Cosmopolitan wishes to continue it's two-year fight for the project, it will have to do so through the courts.

Legal action by Cosmopolitan, however, does not seem likely. President Kenneth McGuire was not available for comment yesterday. But in August, at the time of the last public hearing

## Hoboken Wins as State Refuses Permit

on the proposal, McGuire expressed anger that consideration of the project by state authorities had taken two years. He even hinted that he was prepared to give up the proposal if a decision was not handed down soon.

At public hearings that stretched over a year environmentalists fought a knowledgeable fight against the tank farm and yesterday they cheered the decision. "This is a personal victory for Helen Manogue and the Hoboken Environment Committee," said one. "It says a lot for the citizens of Hoboken and Weehawken."

Mrs. Manogue, who led the opposition, yesterday attended the meeting of the Natural Resources Council in Trenton. Returning to Hoboken, she said, "It was a beautiful decision. I was so delighted for the people of Weehawken and Hoboken."

"One of the council members said the people of Hoboken had given very rational testimony and a very good approach. The council was really concerned about the health, safety and

aesthetic factors of the project. It was really beautiful."

But yesterday's victory for Hudson County environmentalists represents only one battle in their war to keep storage tanks out of the area. On Dec. 11, a public hearing will be held at Jersey City State College on two proposals for oil and chemical storage farms on the Jersey City waterfront.

As the state panel that must approve all dredging and bulkheading projects, the Natural Resources Council must also decide on permits for Steuber Chemical Co. and Metropolitan Petroleum Co., which have applied to build projects Port Jersey.

And Donald Graham, director of the Division of Marine Services, to which the council answers, stressed that yesterday's decision should not be viewed as a barometer of the council's position on tank farms. "They are entirely independent decisions," he said.

A source close to the council added that a major consideration

in the Cosmopolitan decision was that the tank farm would have been located within 1,000 yards of private homes. He said that it was not the case with the Steuber and Metropolitan plans since they are proposed for an area at a considerable distance from land in residential use.

In his report, Hetchka noted several considerations for his decision:

- The concern of local residents that the tank farm would bring the danger of violent explosion and fire to an area with a highly concentrated population.
- Noxious odors, truck and tug traffic and emissions from 17 storage tanks would increase pollution levels in air already badly polluted.
- Only some 50 jobs would be provided by the facility while the tax rates it would generate would not be optimum for that parcel of property.
- The plan was in sharp contrast to the redevelopment of that area.

## Presumed guilt

Is Hoboken's Board of Education discriminating against blacks in hiring teachers? The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) says it "presumes" this is so because in the 1974-75 school year there were only two blacks among 373 teachers. Hoboken has under 1,000 blacks in a population of 46,000.

HEW does not offer proof to back up its "presumption". It is up to the board to disprove it.

Is this not a flagrant case of finding a defendant guilty without a trial? Any schoolchild or naturalized citizen must have heard that under the constitution you are presumed innocent until proved guilty — not the other way around.

## In a Fix

That's quite a loss for Hoboken in water that's going right down the drain. To the tune of \$600,000 a year the city is losing water due to leaks, primarily because the Mile-Square City doesn't have the cash to repair them. It's a bad situation.

Mayor Steve Cappiello and his councilmen are in a quandary and we can understand it. Should taxpayers ante up the cash for repairs individually or should the city do it as a service? Frankly, with the high taxes, the city should do it. Somehow.

## Hire a lawyer

Hoboken's sewage treatment plant treats sewage from parts of Weehawken and Union City, too, but Hoboken's property owners are billed at a rate 11 times as high as the rate charged the other municipalities for the same amount of sewage. With inflation, the disproportion is rising steadily.

The trouble is that Hoboken short-sightedly signed up Union City and Weehawken to a 35-year contract in the late 1950s at a fixed price of \$36 per million gallons of sewage. Meanwhile, the cost of treating sewage has risen astronomically.

Hoboken is now providing this service to Union City and Weehawken at a loss, and the city makes up the loss by soaking its own people.

Councilman Romano thinks Hoboken's property owners should sue, charging discrimination, and he is urging this on some of the bigger taxpayers. Certainly it seems there must be some way of obtaining relief for Hoboken from this inequitable situation, either as the councilman proposes or by some other course of legal action.

Who will get up enough money to hire a smart lawyer?

## Hoboken library announces arrival of 416 new books

A total of 416 new books were purchased by the Hoboken Public Library last month, Lucille Cunningham, library director, said today. Many of the new volumes have been delivered and are now available to library members.

Some of the new books are:

- A Private View Of A Public Life, by Dorothy Goldberger; The Gulag Archipelago, 1918-1956: An Experiment In Literary Investigation, by Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn; Bring On The Empty Horses, by David Niven; Such A Strange Lady: A Biography of Dorothy L. Sayers, by Janet Hitchman; Hope and Fear in Washington (The Early Seventies); The story of the Washington press corps., by

- Barney Collier; The Arab Mind Considered: A Need For Understanding, by John Laffin; In The Beginning, a novel, by Chaim Potok; The Realm of Gold, a novel, by Margaret Drabble; Growing Up Rich, a novel, by Anne Bernays; The Italian Woman, a novel, by Jean Plaidy; Save Your Health and Your Money, by Patrick J. Doyle, M.D.; Against Our Will: Men, Women And Rape, by Susan Brownmiller; Can America Win the Next War? by Drew Middleton; Powers of Mind, by Adam Smith; All The Strange Hours: The Excavation Of A Life, an autobiography, by Loren Eiseley; The Art Of Defense In Chess, by Andrew Solis; The Unwanted, a novel, by Dr. Christian Barnard and Siegfried

- Stander; The Time of the Dragon, a novel, by Dorothy Eden; Target Manhattan, a novel, by Drew Mallory; The Wind's Twelve Quarters: Short Stories, Ursula E. LeGuin; The Seduction And Other Stories, by Joyce Carol Oates; Stranger and Traveler: The Story of Dorothy Dix, American Reformer, by Dorothy Clarke Wilson; Fair Enough: The Life of Westbrook Pegler, by Finis Farr; The Morality of Consent, by Alexander M. Bickel; Eight Is Enough, by Tom Braden; The Spirited Taste Of Italy: A Cookbook, by Saul Krieger; The Seven Sisters: The Great Oil Companies And The World They Shaped, by Anthony Sampson; Before The Blossoms Fall: Life And Death In Japan, by Agnes Newton Keith; Prince Of Thieves: The Memoirs Of The World's Greatest Forger, by Brian David Boyer; Change Leubsters and Dance, an autobiography, by Lilli Palmer; Century's Ebb: The Thirteenth Chronicle, by John Dos Passos; Man, Myth, and Monument, by Marianne Nichols; Elizabeth Tudor: Portrait Of A Queen, by Lacey Baldwin Smith; Findings And Keepings: Analects For An Autobiography, by Lewis Mumford; A World Destroyed: The Atomic Bomb And The Grand Alliance, by Martin J. Sherwin; The Lusitania Disaster, by Thomas A. Bailey and Paul B. Ryan.

## School board is blasted for OK of \$17,000 fence

Is \$17,000 too much to spend for a fence around a small parking lot for school vehicles and school officials' cars?

Donald Singleton, a member of the Hoboken Board of Education, says it is, and he denounces his fellow board members for awarding a contract to erect the fence.

The lot, at the corner of 12th and Clinton streets, adjoins the board's office and also the new Wallace School. By day, board officials and employees park in it. At night, it accommodates two school buses two station wagons, two maxi-vans, a regular van and a jeep.

Singleton said the reason given for spending the \$17,000 was that youths break into the school vehicles at night and vandalize them and neighbors repair their cars in the lot over weekends.

Singleton thought the vandalism was exaggerated, saying: "It was mentioned once that a school bus was broken into and a fire extinguisher stolen from it, and a couple of hundred dollars damage done to it."

He asserted that the fence wouldn't keep the kids out anyway.

"It's ludicrous," he declared. "Kids can go over any fence."

Singleton said the board had made "a poor decision."

"We don't have enough money for anything," he continued. "But they can always get what they want. They never have anything for the kids. We could use that kind of money for desks or chairs or laboratory or science equipment. It could have been used in so many different ways."

Singleton also faulted his fellow members for choosing a wrought iron fence

over a cyclone fence which would have cost somewhat over a third as much. The board had its architects draw alternative specifications for both kinds of fence, then picked the latter after the bids were in.

The resolution to award the contract to the Dura-Guard Company of Newark was introduced by member James Farina and seconded by Police Sergeant Michael Costello.

Singleton asserted that "no educator" was consulted. "The idea came from an employee of the board, not from the board itself," he added.

Anthony Romano, the board's business manager, stoutly defended the awarding of the contract.

It wasn't just the vandalism in the lot, he said. Once the boys get into the lot, they break into the rear of the school.

"They go into an alleyway and up the fire escape, trying to break windows to get into the school," Romano declared. "They smash the glass panel doors on the school building."

And the vandalism in the lot, although on a small scale, is quite troublesome too, Romano continued. "They take things out of the buses. There's a dent here and a dent there and it adds up. They break windows with their baseballs, and damage the cars."

As for the fence not keeping the kids out, Romano asserted: "I'd say there's a 1,000 per cent better chance to keep them out. It's better security. A fence is harder to climb."

Romano vigorously defended the board's selection of the iron fence as against a cyclone fence which Dura-Guard offered to install for \$6,400.

The architects, Mayo and Lynch,



Fencing this board of education parking lot will cost \$17,000.

recommended the iron fence, and Romano said he fully agreed with them.

Cyclone fences are constantly being cut, he declared. He said this was the board's experience at the play yard of the Wallace School and at the high school stadium. With a cyclone fence, he said, "You pay 10 times over before you're through with it."

The \$17,000, he argued, "is a cheap price to pay. You pay for the fence once, and that's all. We have a new schoolhouse here, and it is worth preserving."

Singleton said he understood that the auto of Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo, the board's secretary, had been damaged while parked in the lot. Romano said he hadn't heard that, but had heard that Gallo's car had been damaged elsewhere.

Could the police keep the neighbors from repairing cars in the lot during weekends? The police come when we call them," Romano replied, "but they can't be on the scene all the time."

It had been hoped that the school

vehicles could be parked overnight and weekends in the municipal garages at the Grogan Marine View Plaza project, Romano said, but it was found that the buses and vans wouldn't fit in those garages—the overhead clearance is too low.

The second-lowest bidder on the contract, the Consolidated Steel and Aluminum Co. of Kenilworth, submitted a price for the iron fence only \$113 higher than Dura-Guard's.

Consolidated's bid for the cyclone fence was \$9,813.

The only other bidder, the United States Steel Corp. of Newark, bid \$35,000 on the iron fence and \$7,000 on the cyclone fence.

Romano said the specifications call for sliding gates at the entrance and exit of the parking lot, and a swing gate at the alleyway between the lot and the school building. The gates will have locks, and keys will be issued only to personnel designated by School Superintendent Thomas McFeely, Romano said.

It had been hoped that the school

## Next step

It was not unexpected, but now that the New Jersey Natural Resources Council has recommended rejection of an oil terminal on the Hoboken-Weehawken border after three years of confrontation, further action is required.

The next step is to find another use for this valuable 52-acre tract so that someone else does not come along with some equally obnoxious proposal.

Hoboken's Mayor Cappiello has announced he will appoint a land use commission — first proposed last August by the Hoboken Environment Committee — to plan for a feasible use of the property and to coordinate efforts to follow through on the recommendation.

It makes sense for the commission to include in its study the potentially valuable adjacent area in the north of Hoboken, now greatly under-used.

The mayor's announced choice of Mrs. Helen Manogue to head the commission indicates it will be more than a list of names on a letterhead. It was she who aggressively steered the long and successful campaign against the latest oil terminal proposal.

During the long oil plant fight, there were suggestions that the site should be rezoned from general industrial to light industrial to permanently ban oil tanks. That should be carefully examined by the new land use commission.

## Say Day Center Delay Not Caused by Bias

By ELIZABETH PARKS

The withholding of a \$7,500 check to a proposed Hoboken Hispanic day care center was due to a "misunderstanding of procedures," not to prejudice, according to a spokesman for the state Department of Institutions and Agencies.

If the check is not forwarded within a reasonable period, it could eventually result in the loss of federal funding for the \$227,000 center to be set up in the basement of the First Spanish Baptist Church on 11th and Bloomfield st.

However, Jose Mojica, a spokesman for the Bureau of Day Care Centers, a division of DIA, yesterday said he expects that a "few simple meetings" between church pastor Jose Gonzalez, members of Hoboken's Community Development Agency and the city's Citizens Advisory Committee, "will clear

up basic misunderstandings about funding procedures without damaging the center's future."

In the wake of the CDA's refusal to forward the check, the third installment of a \$23,195 seed grant, to state officials, Gonzalez had charged the state's committee and CDA workers with trying to sabotage the center "because it's being done by Spanish people for Spanish people."

However, Mojica said the check was withheld because of "wrong assumptions."

Two payments of the grant, one for \$644 and one for \$7,500, had already been issued.

The citizens' committee nearly two weeks ago advised the CDA to withhold payment of a third check for \$7,500 "until we have a progress report on how the money's been spent."

The money was withheld on the assumption it went to Gonzalez, Mojica explained, but actually, the checks come to the Bureau of Day Centers which then forwards them to the federal government as proof that the city is paying its share of two federal grants totaling \$227,000.

Since CAC and CDA thought the money was going to Gonzalez, they refused to authorize another check until they received a report on how the earlier monies had been spent.

Gonzalez, who didn't receive the money, attacked the requests for a progress report as "a phony way of trying to kill the Spanish program."

His insistence that he hadn't received any money was initially doubted by members on the citizens' council who intensified their insistence on a progress report.

Mojica said that if the citizen's committee invites him, he will be glad to attend their next meeting Dec. 17 and explain how the complex funding procedures work.

Because two checks have already been forwarded to the state, work on the architectural design of the center is expected to be authorized within the next two weeks.

## Hoboken Sets Sunshine Law Deadline

With less than two months to go before New Jersey's new sunshine law goes into effect, the Hoboken City Council has notified city directors that they must conclude all business with the city clerk's office the Wednesday before the council's Monday caucuses.

In a letter to all directors written yesterday, Council President Martin Brennan reminded city officials that the Baer Open Public Meetings Act, informally known as the sunshine law, will take effect Jan. 21.

The law, sponsored by Englewood Assemblyman Byron M. Baer, was passed by the state legislature Oct. 21. It directs all public bodies such as city councils, commissions,

boards of education, and authorities to open their caucuses and all supposedly public meetings to the public. City officials must also give at least 48 hours notice of the time and place of their meetings.

The law goes into effect on the third Wednesday of January, a date scheduled for the Hoboken council's meeting.

He said yesterday he will have to check with the city clerk's office for submission of the agenda by Wednesday instead of that particular Monday will be the agenda by Wednesday instead of that particular Monday.

Hoboken's last closed caucus, or first open one.

City directors, however, will Monday will have to be complete.

## Hoboken Drops 187 From Welfare Rolls

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Approximately six weeks after Hoboken police started an investigation into alleged fraudulent activities involving the Hoboken Welfare Department, Director Jerry Forman reported that he has saved the city \$17,000 by closing out 187 cases of disqualified clients since the first of last month.

Forman, whose bureau came under scrutiny last October when police discovered that some clients were cashing food and rent vouchers illegally and pocketing half the proceeds, reported yesterday elimination of the 187 cases by cracking down on clients who failed to comply with the bureau's directive to report three times a week for employment counseling.

Recipients who missed three meetings in a row and failed to supply a doctor's certificate or a slip from the state employment office showing they were out being interviewed for a job, lost their right to continue receiving welfare payments.

However, Forman has failed to explain how those particular clients, and others questioned by police in their investigation of alleged welfare frauds, managed initially to qualify for welfare assistance, particularly when many of them were

young men, with police records, who chose to cash their rent and food vouchers for half their value.

Several local merchants have already been arrested on charges of illegally exchanging the vouchers for cash and pocketing 20 to 50 per cent of the proceeds.

Forman has never explained how a man who could afford to give away half his welfare allotment could qualify for welfare in the first place.

Police are still working on an internal investigation of the welfare operation and yesterday one seasoned officer referred to the closing out of the cases as a "not very surprising side product of our investigation."

Meanwhile, Forman warned that the city's welfare roles may start to climb again next month when some "hundreds of Hoboken citizens," part of 77,000 state residents who this month lost their unemployment benefits, join the welfare roles.

Hoboken's public assistance program has more than doubled in the past year. It's only been in the last two months that Forman has sought public recognition for deliberately and carefully cutting down clients rather than adding clients.

## Water and sewer rate rises due

Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale today asked for a meeting with the city's auditor to decide how much to raise the city's water and sewer charges — which now fall short by \$250,000 a year.

According to Vitale, it costs the city approximately \$100,000 a year more than what it takes in for sewage treatment and \$150,000 more for the water department.

"So we have a built-in deficit each year of close to \$250,000 — maybe more — for the two departments," he continued. "However, neither deficit is major, and under normal circumstances it wouldn't really hurt our taxpayers."

"The deficits in both departments are made up with dollars received in tax payments. If we increase the rates so that what is taken in covers us, there should be a corresponding decrease in the taxes."

Vitale said that the real problem was the possibility of a major increase in the cost of the city's water. Hoboken buys all of its water from Jersey City.

"We know an increase is coming one way or the other," he said. "The main question is how much — the 300 per cent Jersey City originally sought or something less should the state Public Utility Commission (PUC) decide it has jurisdiction and prescribe a low hike."

"The city has to be prepared. But I don't know how rate-wise. That's why I have asked the mayor to schedule a meeting with the city's auditor. We have to come up with rates that will give the city some protection in case of an increase but it can't be so high that it ruins our water users."

Hoboken's water users pay \$5 for the first 1,000 cubic feet of water and \$4.50 for every 1,000 feet after that. Sewage charges are also based on the amount of water used. They are \$3.50 for the first 1,000 cubic feet; \$3.10 for the next 25,000 feet; \$3 for the next 75,000; \$2.50 for the next 200,000; \$2.50 for the next 500,000; \$2.70 for the next 1.2 million; and \$2.60 for everything over that.

Vitale said that the city's sewer charges haven't increased since the treatment plant opened back in the late 1950's. The water rate has gone up only once in the last 20 years and that was in 1963.

## Garbage bids to be rejected as 'too high'

As expected, Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale will recommend to the city council to reject the city's 10 a.m. meeting that garbage collection bids received from the LaFera Contracting Co. of Newark be rejected because they are "too high."

A resolution accepting Vitale's recommendation, adopting new specifications for the garbage collection requirements and advertising for new bids to be received at the Dec. 17 council meeting is on the agenda for the meeting.

The main change in the specifications will be to require contractors to post a \$300,000 performance bond per year for either a one, three or five year contract. In the other specifications the city was requiring performance bonds of \$500,000 a year.

According to Deputy Public Works Director Carmen Cutillo, a \$500,000 bond is too difficult to obtain, especially for small collection companies who, without the bond, are automatically eliminated from bidding.

LaFera submitted bids to the city for one, three and five year contracts, each considerably higher than what the city is now paying the firm.

The city's police and firemen will be dividing up some \$53,875 in time for some Christmas shopping. The money is for their 1975 holiday pay (\$35,850) and the second half of their 1975 clothing allowance (\$28,025).

Bids will be received by the council on the purchase of two new street sweeping trucks and on the temporary repair of the 11th Street pumping station.

## Ask Gallo's help on traffic light rule

Hoboken Councilman Robert A. Ranieri has written to Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo of Hoboken, asking him to try to relax the new state requirement for multiple traffic lights.

The state has ordered that all traffic lights be replaced by the end of 1977 to conform to the state code. As many as six separate sets of lights are required for an intersection of two one-way streets, and more for other intersections.

Ranieri told Gallo that "during these

times of difficult financial situations," the tremendous cost involved is not warranted.

As yet, only one intersection in Hudson County has been brought into conformity, the one at 4th and Hudson streets, Hoboken, near Ranieri's home. Here, Ranieri wrote, "one simple traffic light which was sufficient for generations has been replaced by six traffic signals and 30 lamps," at the expense of the county's taxpayers.

The councilman said he realized that there are a church and adjacent school and

an apartment complex at the location, but experience shows that "one simple traffic light on that corner" is enough to do the job adequately.

He asked Gallo to talk to authorities at Trenton to try to have the requirements toned down.

Ranieri said he was replying to a letter he received from Gallo after the latter was selected 15th month, in which Gallo offered to aid in any civic work which Ranieri was doing.

## Hoboken to Hire 17 With \$200,000 Aid

Within the next few months Hoboken expects to create 17 to 20 laboring jobs with a \$200,000 Federal Department of Commerce grant the city applied for yesterday.

In completing the application for the neighborhood preservation grant which will be used to beautify the city as well as relieve unemployment, Community Development Director Fred Bado said the "money is as good as ours."

According to Bado, federal officials

have assured Hoboken that the city qualifies for the grant and will receive the money "if it's applied for."

Bado said it will probably take a couple of months, however, for the application to be approved.

The grant will create 17 to 20 \$7200 to \$8500 a year jobs for laborers who will sweep streets, clean out lots and parks and playgrounds, remove debris from abandoned houses, paint and do minor repairs on public buildings.



## Cappiello may back only 1 of 3 school incumbents

The same problems that besieged Mayor Steve Cappiello's organization in the support of Hoboken Board of Education candidates last March are beginning to reappear in anticipation of the upcoming school board election.

According to administration sources, the mayor's political organization may back only one of the three incumbent school board members whose terms expire in February.

It is reported that the organization will support neither Aurelio Lugo nor Clayton Anderson, both appointees of former Mayor Louis DePascale, but will back the third incumbent, John Raskowsky, for re-election. Being considered as possible replacement candidates to run with Raskowsky are the Rev. Roy M. Carter, pastor of the Hoboken First Presbyterian Church; Leo McLaughlin, a cargo checker and former dock boss on the Hoboken waterfront; and Charles Roberts, a Hoboken fireman.

The report was confirmed to some extent by Lugo, who said that he had been unable to get any commitment from the mayor's organization to support his candidacy should he decide to run.

"I have heard the same rumors," he said. "They have disturbed me very much. What's even more disturbing is the fact that no one is willing to come out and refute them."

Lugo said that he does want to run for re-election and has commitments for support from some of the other board members. However, he is still undecided whether he

will be a candidate either as an independent or on a ticket.

Anderson was not available for comment but Lugo said that he talked with Anderson and Anderson wanted to run for re-election.

The Rev. Carter said that no one has asked him to consider running for the school board. When asked if he would run if asked to, Carter replied: "I really haven't thought about it. I have followed the activities of the school board with great interest, but running for it just hadn't entered my mind."

This year's school board election was a confusing affair in that the organization was backing four candidates with only three seats to be filled and the matter was not resolved until a few weeks before the March 11 election by some juggling of board members.

Some organization members had publicly endorsed Lugo, Anthony DeBari and Police Sgt. Michael Costello — including the mayor's own political club. But the mayor came out for DeBari, Costello and Mrs. Mary Stack Gaspar.

The confusion was finally resolved with the help of Mrs. Candida Padin, a board member at that time. She resigned, leaving her unexpired term open. Lugo withdrew as an active candidate for re-election and was appointed to fill her unexpired term of office, solidifying organization support behind DeBari, Costello and Mrs. Gaspar.

The proposed Raskowsky-Carter-Roberts or McLaughlin ticket is said to be the personal selection of Cappiello, the city's Democratic leader.

## Multi-light signal lacks OK, so erring driver is freed

BY PETER HALLAM

The multiple traffic light system recently installed at a cost of almost \$13,000 at Fourth and Hudson streets, Hoboken, is as modern and up to date as possible—but it still isn't legal.

A Lincoln motorist who received a ticket for ignoring a red stop light at the 30-lamp intersection early last month had the charge against him dismissed in Hoboken Municipal Court yesterday because the state Department of Transportation says its records do not show that any approval of a resolution or ordinance was ever given by the state for the traffic light at that location.

James O'Farrell, county engineer, said that the motorist was right but only on a technicality. The resolution from the county freeholders covering the light can't be submitted to the state until the traffic light has been installed in accordance with state specifications.

He said that this will include the installation of two one-way street signs, one no-right-turn sign and the painting of warning bars on the street itself at the intersection.

William F. Slattery, the Lincoln motorist, appeared in court yesterday on the summons issued to him by Patrolman Eugene Drayton last month and produced a letter from state Commissioner of Transportation Alan Sagner and D. W. Gwynn, chief engineer for the department's Transportation Operations and Local Aid.

The letter stated that Sagner and Gwynn had checked the department's files and found that it had not approved any resolutions or ordinances providing for the installation of the light. Based on the letter, Judge Rudolph R. Naddo dismissed the charge against Slattery.

A spokesman for the state Department of Transportation's Bureau of Traffic Engineering said that the county had followed the proper procedure for the light.

Joseph O'Brien, who has been working with O'Farrell on the proper installation of the light in accordance with state specifications, said that the county has complied completely with all state requirements for the light and its installation.

"However, formal state approval must wait until the work has been completed and

as of now it still isn't," he said. "It is unfortunate that this situation developed but it is better to have the light working as a means of traffic control at that point than to let it stay out of operation until such minor items as a few signs and street striping are finished."

"The point is that most motorists will obey the signal. One didn't, that's true, but the one who probably be the exception."

For Hoboken police the dilemma is now whether they will continue to issue tickets to anyone who ignores the red light until the state gives its approval.

## Vitale: Chaos Will End Soon

BY ELIZABETH PARKS

Chaos in downtown Hoboken, caused by the digging up and replacement of deteriorated water lines, seems to have been going on forever, but Public Works Director Raphael Vitale yesterday prophesied "the end is in sight."

Vitale said work on the extensive renovations is nearly 75 per cent completed "overall" and almost 200 per cent completed in the western section of downtown area past Garden st.

He warned, however, that with the cold and frosty weather ahead, work will eventually have to be halted to be resumed either in the spring "or when we get another warm spell."

He urged residents, suffering from situations in which their water is shut off or poorly pressurized, to "have patience."

The renovations have to be completed," he said, and "unfortunately the only way we can do it is by digging up the streets, shutting off water and laying down new lines."

Vitale said work has been proceeding in a square-shaped pattern from Observer Highway south to Fifth st. from Marshall st. east to River st.

The contractors are now laying cross sections and water mains along Bloomfield st., causing some residents to get "brown and dingy water," or no water for periods of time.

Vitale said the brownness and lack of service should clear up "within a week." He was also hopeful that work on Bloomfield st. could be completed before a cold spell so the only work remaining would extend from Washington st. through River rd. from Observer Highway north.

## Upsets Hoboken Bluecoat Sick Rule

BY PETER HALLAM

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has no right to ask police and firemen for a doctor's certificate if they're only out sick one day, the state Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC) ruled yesterday.

In deciding on a grievance proceeding initiated by the Hoboken Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, PERC found the city in violation of its current contract for issuing an executive order Feb. 7, directing all public safety personnel to produce a doctor's certificate if they stayed home for a day.

PERC's ruling upholds a 24-hour sick day clause now in effect in the current police and fire contracts. However PERC denied a police request to have the city pay policemen back \$10 for every doctor's certificate they submitted.

Labor negotiator Francis X. Hayes said the city probably won't appeal the decision and will revoke the order. However, Hayes contended that the language used by the arbitrator in

reaching his decision proves that Cappiello's contention that sick leave was being "excessively abused" was justified.

The report quotes a survey of the Hoboken department done by the state Police Administrative Services Bureau which showed that for the years 1971-74 and for eight months in '75, police officers in Hoboken averaged 12.3 sick days a year.

Hayes called the average "shocking" in light of similar surveys done by the state Public Personnel Association over the same time span showing that police in other communities and municipal employees average five to six sick days a year.

"As long as this abuse isn't checked," Hayes said, "taxpayers will continue to be cheated out of a day's work for a day's pay."

Hayes said the city will now try to negotiate certain language changes into next year's police contract "eliminating opportunities and temptations to abuse sick leave."

## Water line contractor may go unpaid if streets bumpy

BY PETER HALLAM

The contractor who is repairing and replacing approximately one-third of the Hoboken's old water lines may not get his next payment from the city on time because some members of the council are dissatisfied with the way the company is fixing the streets after making the line repairs.

Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francione told the council yesterday that he would not vote for the next payment to the company, Spiniello Construction of Newark, unless there was a vast improvement in the street work.

"The streets are very bumpy and in some spots almost dangerous," said Francione. "I'm using my old car today because I won't take my new one out on the streets because of the conditions."

Council President Martin J. Brennan said that the contractor has explained that he cannot make immediate street repairs after finishing the water line work because the ground must be given a chance to settle.

"It would be a waste of time and money to make the final street repairs immediately after finishing the waterline work," Brennan continued. "The ground would only sink and ruin the asphalt anyway."

However, according to Francione this is exactly what is happening at some locations where the water line repairs or replacements were completed months ago.

Francione voted to approve a \$195,333 payment to the company but added that he would vote against the next one and urge the council to follow his lead if there isn't an improvement in the repair of the streets.

## Hoboken may limit speakers

BY PETER HALLAM

Members of the Hoboken City Council are again considering the imposition of a five-minute limitation — or less — on all speakers addressing the council at its meetings after yesterday's two-and-a-half hour marathon session covered only 18 resolutions.

Council President Martin J. Brennan said today that the council meetings are becoming "bogged down" with questions and comment from some members of the public that frequently have little to do with the business at hand.

"The public has the right to address the council on any of the business it is considering at a meeting," said Brennan. "However, it has the responsibility to be properly prepared also. It is not the council's responsibility to explain every minute detail concerning any piece of business."

"In recent weeks the council has had to explain the background of some resolutions and business as well as listen to comment on

them. A citizen has the right to question the city clerk about these items before the meetings to familiarize himself with what they are all about."

Brennan said that for the council to explain every piece of business takes time — time that other citizens could use, including the council.

Most of yesterday's meeting was devoted to questions and comments from Charles DeFazio, Jr., an attorney and former legal counsel for the county, and Thomas Vezzetti, the owner of the Madison Hotel at 14th and Washington streets.

"The agendas for the council meetings are usually ready for the public the Thursday or Friday before the council meeting," continued Brennan. "That gives interested citizens four or five days in which to familiarize themselves with what is coming up and they should do so. It is not the council's responsibility to brief citizens on what any given resolution covers."

Brennan said that he has asked the law department to give the council a ruling on when it is obligated to allow a citizen to speak and for how long.

"It is my opinion and the opinion of other council members that some citizens are taking advantage of the council's rules allowing them to comment on city business," he asserted. "Too often they are not prepared to speak on the matter they have asked to and the council must explain the whole thing to them first."

According to Brennan, there is a question about whether allowing citizens to comment is a privilege or a right.

"If it is a right then we are stuck with it and the possibility of six-and-seven-hour council meetings," he said. "If it is a privilege, then the council can take it away or at least control the situation a little better."

## Thorn Sticks Hoboken Trash Plan

While the Hoboken city council is outraged at the fee asked by a private concern to collect the city's garbage, Bayonne is studying a Columbia University report which says private refuse collection is cheaper and more efficient.

LeFera Contracting Corp. has submitted a bid of \$720,000 a year or \$2.2 million for three years to have its contract with Hoboken renewed.

Council president Martin Brennan said Monday that the council is unanimously against awarding a new contract to LeFera, and if the contract specifications can not be amended to attract lower bidders, the council may form its own sanitation department.

Bayonne, on the other hand, after experiencing a recent "sickout" of city sanitation men, is giving strong consideration to the Columbia study.

Conducted by the university's Center for Graduate Studies over a 16-month period, the study reached the following conclusions: municipal garbage collection takes twice as long and serves fewer dwellings per shift, there is a higher rate of absenteeism among municipal crews than among private ones and it costs 69 per cent more to have municipal collectors provide curbside collections.

Residential collections in Bayonne are now done three times a week. The city wants to reduce the collections to twice a week and commissioned a survey last summer to find how to reduce the number of collection days.

"A review will be made during the coming months prior to final adoption of the 1976 budget," said Bayonne Mayor Dennis P. Collins referring to the Columbia recommendations.

It would take Hoboken about a year to establish its own sanitation force. In the mean-

time, it would take the best one-year private contract it could find.

Brennan said it would be easy for the city to hire the 15 or 20 so employees for a city sanitation department, but it would be much harder to order and receive garbage trucks and work out a dumping permit with the state.

LaFera's contract obligates them to collect garbage in the

city a month or two after the contract expires, but beyond that the city must either sign a new contract or do the job on its own.

Brennan said the council is hopeful that by amending the contract to reduce a \$500,000 performance bond to \$200,000 and changing a seven-day collection schedule to alternate days, a reasonable bid can be attracted.

## Garbage Pact Sought in Hoboken

the municipality can negotiate for a better price.

At the council's last meeting in November, the collection agency now servicing the city, LeFera Contracting Co., Newark, submitted the sole bid on one and three-year contracts, doubling the price the city paid for a one-year contract and \$2.2 million for a three-year contract. Last Wednesday the council voted the bids and adopted new specifications in the hope of attracting better bids.

Spoke to the lawyers," Brennan said yesterday. "I thought the city was helpless. I thought our only options were to give in to exorbitant bidders or form a bid has names of several companies outside Hudson County, which other councilmen have said seem to be interested in negotiating a contract."

New Jersey bidding statutes compel every municipality to bid for all services which cost more than \$2,500. However, after a second bidding, if the bids are still considered too high and beyond a municipality's ability to pay,

## 'Classic example' Mayors told of Hoboken's success

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — The mayor of Hoboken said today his city is a "classic example" of the impact of successful neighborhood preservation in helping turn a city around.

"Neighborhood preservation has given our city a shot in the arm," said Steve Cappiello at a discussion "Neighborhoods: Patching the Cracks in the City's Foundation" at the National League of Cities Conference here.

"Neighborhood preservation has given our residents new hope, reinforced their identity with Hoboken, and most important — a great sense of pride. It is the key to turning America's cities around."

"We have focused our attention on our

neighborhoods and their human resources. We strongly feel that a city cannot move ahead unless it first pays attention to human beings and their needs."

Cappiello said the "prime concern" in Hoboken has been fashioning a neighborhood preservation program "that represents a smooth-working mix of human resources and bricks-and-mortar."

"Of course, we have been blessed with strong-willed, determined residents," he said. "Those persons who stayed in the inner city, despite the pitfalls, and fought back."

"Their time is now. I am referring to those persons who believe in a strong work ethic, who care for their homes, their neighborhoods and their city."

Cappiello said there is now a long list of persons looking to buy in Hoboken.

Among the accomplishments he cited in Hoboken are:

—Project Rehab, a \$25 million, gut-rehabilitation private development, providing modern housing for 1,000 families.

—A Home Improvement Loan Program allowing \$2.3 million in loans at 3 per cent for 330 property owners.

—A new concept focusing on tenement rehabilitation allowing conventional rehabilitation mortgages for owners of multi-family units, while reducing the interest rate from the conventional 11 per cent to 6 per cent through use of public monies.

Prior to this program tenement owners were unable to obtain any conventional financing for repairs.

—A \$5 million factory-to-housing conversion at the Keuffel and Esser plant, providing 173 units of moderate income housing, believed to be the first project of its kind in America.

## Postpone case against city on hiring practices

A hearing on a suit filed against Hoboken and some of its appointed and elected officials, charging them with failing to comply with Civil Service regulations concerning the hiring of eligible persons, has been postponed without date.

The case was to have started yesterday in Hudson County Superior Court. The postponement was mutually agreed to by the city, represented by Mrs. Julia Hanrahan, and the state Attorney General's office which initiated the suit with Civil Service.

Named in the suit are Mayor Steve Cappiello, all of the city council except Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, Business Administrator Herman Bier, Revenue and Finance Director Frank Barletta and City Clerk Anthony J. Amoroso.

They and the city are accused of keeping Ann Lyons, an unclassified temporary employee, on the violations bureau payroll when there was an existing list of qualified persons willing to accept appointment to her job.

In response to the suit, the city has dropped Mrs. Lyons from the city payroll. However, her position has not been filled and will probably be left vacant.

Mrs. Hanrahan said that the city expects to settle the suit out of court. However, she declined to disclose any of the particulars pertaining to the city's position on the matter.

Both Civil Service and the attorney general want the city ordered to repay to the city treasury all of the money paid to Mrs. Lyons since 1972, close to \$20,000. If the court issues such an order, the repayment will fall to the city officials named in the suit to make the actual reimbursement.

## \$800,000 Aid Cut May Face Hoboken Cappiello Predicts

BY ELIZABETH PARKS

Returning from the League of Cities Convention in Miami Beach yesterday, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello expressed deep apprehension that Congress's growing dissatisfaction with its federal revenue-sharing program may cost Hoboken sizable federal funds and precipitate another crisis for local taxpayers.

"From what I saw and heard at the convention and from what some congressmen have said to date, I'm deeply afraid that we may lose the revenue-sharing program, and the \$800,000 a year we've been using to flesh out our municipal budget," Cappiello said.

The dominant theme of the convention and the anticipated fear of most of the public officials who attended it, Cappiello said, was that the federal government will revoke its three-year program, stranding cities without the financial resources to deal with the day-to-day operations of government.

Cappiello said that if Congress fails to reenact the revenue sharing program again next year, Hoboken will have no way of recouping the money other than raising the tax rate another 8%.

"We spend the money now to pay for essential services, police, firemen, sanitation, etc.," the mayor said.

"We've been trying to keep these costs as low as possible. We've already discussed cutting services critically if other fiscal threats become realities and now we have this problem."

Cappiello said he intends to ask the North Hudson Council of Mayors, Jersey City Mayor Paul Jordan and Rep. Dominick Daniels to meet with him as soon as possible "to explore ways to preserve this program."

According to Cappiello, the revenue sharing program is under attack from "powerful congressmen, important interest groups and federal executives who claim the revenue sharing program won't fit into the calendar mandated by congress's new budget control act."

## City clears playground, knocks hole in building

After a delay of several weeks, the Hoboken Public Works Department has begun to dismantle a small park at 117 Madison St., which is partially on private property, and put a hole in the wall of an adjoining building in the process.

The delay, according to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, was apparently caused by a breakdown in communications between the city's Community Development Agency (CDA) and the public works department.

Mayor Steve Cappiello had instructed former CDA Director Michael Coleman to take care of the matter after the owner of the property, Andrew J. Amato, had complained to the city that its lease had expired and he wanted to use the property himself.

"Coleman never said anything to me about having the playground equipment taken out," said Vitale. "I first learned that Mr. Amato had promised the work would be done when he complained to me that it was taking too long to get the equipment out."

"I didn't know that it was supposed to be removed."

According to Coleman, at the time he was told to handle the matter by Cappiello, the equipment was worth saving — it cost close to \$30,000 to set up the park some five years ago.

But Vitale discredits that, too.

"The wood blocks can be saved but most of the metal pipes and other parts of the equipment are useless," he said. "Most of the metal work had to be cut off with a torch. Replacing it at today's cost of metal would be very expensive."

Vitale said he would hold on to wood portions of the playground equipment in case one of the other city agencies wants to try to do something with them. But he has limited storage space and if nothing is planned within several months he'll get rid of them.

Yesterday, while working on the cleaning of the lot, a large city payloader was accidentally backed into the building at 115 Madison St., also owned by Amato, and knocked a large hole in the wall.

## Day Care Funds Released

Hoboken's First Spanish Baptist Church day care center will get its overdue \$7,500 in state funds, the director of the city's Community Development Agency said yesterday. The money will be released in order to safeguard an \$81,000 federal grant for the center, director Fred Bado said.

But Bado said it will still be necessary for the CDA and the Citizens Advisory Committee, a watchdog group, to keep track of progress at the center, which is located at 11th and Bloomfield sts.

Bado said he will ask Rev. Jose Gonzales and the center's board of trustees to meet with both agencies in order to develop a close of CAC. Bado two weeks ago decided to withhold the \$7,500 check, the third of four payments of a \$23,300 CDA grant, until Gonzales submitted

progress reports on the center to the two agencies.

CAC, however, was under the impression that two checks for \$8300 had already been given to Gonzales and that further monies should be withheld until the committee knew how the original monies had been spent.

The money had actually gone to the Bureau of Day Care Centers of the state Department of Institutions and Agencies to be forwarded to Washington.

The federal government will triple the \$8300 and send it back to Gonzales as part of a total \$110,000 grant to convert the basement of the church into a day care center for 45 children.

Bado said yesterday that CDA will communicate to the state that the city knows "it has to live up to its agreement to continue receiving federal funds."



# Hoboken Is Riding The Road To Revival

By MICHAEL STERNE

**H**OBOKEN, the blue-collar city of 45,000 that has been earning a hard living from a shrinking number of factory jobs, is scrubbing the grime from beneath its nails, knotting a tie around its neck and trying to lift itself up to white-collar affluence.

That effort, which depends on turing businesses from Wall Street and elsewhere to a major new office and hotel building, is part of a civic uplift program.

The program includes the rebuilding of derelict factories and tenements into new housing; a brownstone revival that is attracting middle-class New Yorkers across the Hudson to settle among a predominantly poor population; development of a mini-convention center and recreation facilities on unused piers; creation of a shopping, entertainment and transportation hub at the Erie-Lackawanna's copper-clad, circa-1906 terminal and environmental improvements that are wringing dirt from the air and greening stoops all about town with tubs of flowers.

Much of this program may remain what is now—planners' pipe dreams—but enough has been accomplished so far to encourage investors such as Helen Manogue, a transplanted mathematician and wife of a Stevens Institute mathematics professor, to say:

"Hoboken is an exciting place with a real future. We are growing over here that when people get involved in all city's problems, they realize good things happen."

Though the prices of Hoboken's houses are rising, they are much cheaper than houses in Manhattan, where they would cost a minimum of \$200,000 and go as high as \$500,000. Prices are expected to rise even more, and that is reflected in the city's new housing program.

Officials of the Hoboken Board of Education will meet today with representatives of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) in the hope of resolving charges that the school district is failing to provide adequate bilingual education for non-English speaking students and is discriminating by failing to hire enough black teachers.

At the same time a recently-formed group called Puerto Ricans for Affirmative Action is hoping that the HEW will launch a full-scale investigation into the deficiencies of the school district, especially as they pertain to the Spanish-speaking students.

Abraham Lao, a spokesman for the group, said a letter has been sent to HEW's Region II office in New York, the scene of today's meeting, requesting the investigation.

"Unquestionably, the Hoboken school officials are going to present figures and rebuttals to the questions that have been raised by HEW's action," said Lao. "However, we wish to have the investigation go past that point.

"A hearing before HEW is not enough. If nothing is done along the lines of a thorough investigation by HEW it will be sharing in the complicity that denies the community the right to an equal and quality education.

"Therefore, we have proposed to HEW that it undertake a thorough investigation calling upon community leaders of the Hispanic community, parents and the children in our schools to supply it with the facts and realities that we face in the Hoboken educational system. We ask that HEW go beyond the facts and justifications the Hoboken school officials will supply."

Lao said that school enrollment figures and percentages give a fairly clear picture of what is happening in the school system to Puerto Rican children.

"The school population is basically 30 to 40 per cent Puerto Rican from kindergarten to the ninth grade," he explained. "But from the 10th to 12th grade it drops sharply to approximately 25 per cent."

"This means that some 30 per cent of the Puerto Rican children drop out of school or are pushed out before completing their first 10 years of schooling."

Lao added that there are only seven Hoboken police, win 12/3/75 J. J. dispute over sick pay

Hoboken police have won their dispute with Mayor Steve Cappelletto over sick pay. An arbitrator ruled yesterday that the city must live up to terms of the contract which require police provide a note from a doctor when out more than three days. The city had insisted that the men provide a doctors note after one day.

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then of its successor, the Community Development Agency, Hoboken has created 1,200 modern apartments in what once were decaying tenements. The agency now is engaged in a major project—the conversion of the old Keuffel & Esser precision-instruments factory into a 172-unit apartment building.

In addition, the agency developed an imaginative interest-subsidy program that encouraged 368 homeowners to upgrade their houses. With loans of up to \$10,000 at an effective interest rate of 3 percent, the program helped to hold many middle-class families and also brought in others from elsewhere.

These programs are continuing under his former deputy, Fred Bado, while Mr. Coleman turns his attention to job creation—an assignment, he says, that is "difficult, challenging, but full of possibilities."

The need for new employment opportunities is urgent. The number of jobs in the city has shrunk to 15,000, only half of which are held by Hoboken residents. As a result, joblessness here may be worse than in any other part of New Jersey. Hudson County, of which it is a part, had an unemployment rate of 17 percent in November and Hoboken's rate is estimated by the Mayor to be several points higher.

In addition, the city has an staggeringly high welfare load, with 3,273 cases counted in December—more than 11,000 people, roughly 25 percent of the population. Unlike New York, however, Hoboken's costs are principally borne by the state and county governments rather than by its own budget.

Reviewing the causes of Hoboken's industrial decline, Mr. Coleman said the city was suffering the penalties of age. Its 1.3-square miles were almost completely developed by the second World War, leaving no room for growth, and manufacturers who wanted to expand into large, horizontal plants had to move out to suburbs. And the city's shallow riverfront strip could not accommodate the container revolution, which made Hoboken's congested piers obsolete.

Hoboken still has some big employers, like the Bethlehem Steel ship-repair yards and General Foods, whose Maxwell House Coffee plant dominates the riverfront with its huge sign, easily readable across the river. But the smaller employers have been moving out, spurred in part by high real-estate taxes.

However, the desire of some Wall Street companies to escape New York's taxes on bond and stock sales has highlighted one of Hoboken's great advantages for office employment—its location just across the river from Manhattan and its efficient transportation to New York by the PATH tube to lower Manhattan or by bus through the Lincoln Tunnel to the Port Authority Terminal at 41st Street and Eighth Avenue.

What Hoboken has lacked has been good, modern office space, but this need will be met by the Ramada Inn Office Tower, an unusual project being developed by Bernard Kenney, an architect and builder, and several associates. Together, they are putting \$3 million of their own money into the \$12 million project.

The 17-floor building, for which foundations already have been laid, will have 64,000 square feet of office space; a conference center; banquet facilities; an executive luncheon club; a health club with saunas, exercise rooms and a swimming pool; 198 hotel rooms, and access by a bridge at the seventh-story level to tennis courts atop an adjoining garage that already has been erected by the Hoboken Parking Authority.

Six companies, five of them from New York City, have signed letters of intent to take space in the building, and once these are converted into firm lease arrangements by the end of this month, Mr. Kenney and his associates will be able to get the \$9 million mortgage commitment they need to proceed with the building.

Work is expected to start in February and the first tenants should be able to move in by April 1977. Rents will be comparable to those in Manhattan for similar space (\$7.50 a square foot) but with certain amenities—parking for every renter of 3,000 square feet or more, free parking in the garage, a free hotel room in the Ramada Inn section and an hour of free tennis each week.

Other tenants also will be able to swim on their lunch break simply by going up the stairs to the elevator," Mr. Kenney said.

The apparent success of this project has encouraged Mayor Cappelletto to open negotiations with the state's Finance Agency for a commission to put office space in the lower floors of the 25-story apartment structures that are to be built just north of the Ramada Inn. These two buildings are to be part of a larger building complex called Marine View Plaza.

The first two buildings in the complex were completed last May and have been rented slowly. The one- and two-bedroom apartments, some with balconies overlooking the Hudson, have rents of \$430 a month.

But there is no slackness in demand for Hoboken's older housing, particularly its brick and brownstone-fronted townhouses. Ron Hoxey, who has owned and remodeled three of these houses since 1970, says values have more than doubled in the last five years, and the more desirable houses now command prices of \$50,000 and \$60,000.

"The word has gotten around," he said, "and now people are recognizing Hoboken's amenities and advantages. We are so close to New York, and yet we are small enough and separate enough to give people a real sense of belonging to something they can identify with."

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Above, Pat Tuohy in the living room of her brownstone on Garden Street. Left, a community sign at a construction site. Right, Ken and Susan Schept.

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The apparent success of this project has encouraged Mayor Cappelletto to open negotiations with the state's Finance Agency for a commission to put office space in the lower floors of the 25-story apartment structures that are to be built just north of the Ramada Inn. These two buildings are to be part of a larger building complex called Marine View Plaza.

The first two buildings in the complex were completed last May and have been rented slowly. The one- and two-bedroom apartments, some with balconies overlooking the Hudson, have rents of \$430 a month.

But there is no slackness in demand for Hoboken's older housing, particularly its brick and brownstone-fronted townhouses. Ron Hoxey, who has owned and remodeled three of these houses since 1970, says values have more than doubled in the last five years, and the more desirable houses now command prices of \$50,000 and \$60,000.

"The word has gotten around," he said, "and now people are recognizing Hoboken's amenities and advantages. We are so close to New York, and yet we are small enough and separate enough to give people a real sense of belonging to something they can identify with."

The move from Manhattan has been a happy one for Pat and Tom Tuohy, who bought a four-story brownstone for \$50,000 on Garden Street last February. Mr.

banqueting facilities; an executive luncheon club; a health club with saunas, exercise rooms and a swimming pool; 198 hotel rooms, and access by a bridge at the seventh-story level to tennis courts atop an adjoining garage that already has been erected by the Hoboken Parking Authority.

Six companies, five of them from New York City, have signed letters of intent to take space in the building, and once these are converted into firm lease arrangements by the end of this month, Mr. Kenney and his associates will be able to get the \$9 million mortgage commitment they need to proceed with the building.

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## Vitale and Council Berated by Leahy

A Hoboken city councilman yesterday blasted his colleagues for allowing themselves to be "ramrodded" into approving a \$75,000 "last minute" emergency resolution for a temporary pumping station.

Hotly berating both his council and Public Works Director Raphael Vitale for his "laxity" in submitting an itemized list of expenses incurred in setting up the temporary station at 11th and Hudson St., Councilman at-Large Francis Leahy abstained from voting on the resolution "because no one on the city council has had time to scrutinize the bills or the resolution, or to go over them thoroughly."

The members all voted against Leahy and for the measure although Council President Martin Brennan conceded that "we all agree with him."

He added: "Vitale was lax in not having this down sooner and we're not happy accepting bills we have not had time to scrutinize."

However, Brennan said the council had to approve the resolution immediately because further work has to be done on the station "to prove to the state department of environmental protection that Hoboken is doing everything possible to comply with its administrative director."

As soon as the resolution was approved, the city accepted a \$17,800 bid from Raymond Wright of North Bergen to install a more elaborate temporary pump at the station, the scene of an explosion in September.

## Public rights

Hoboken's city council president is wrong in questioning whether citizens have a "right" to comment at public meetings, but he is right when he insists citizens should familiarize themselves with the topics they wish to discuss before they show up at a meeting.

The idea that citizens do not have a right—but are only granted a privilege—to address public meetings is out of step with modern concepts of democracy.

But the right also carries with it a responsibility. A citizen has the responsibility to do his homework before attending a public meeting.

Not only would the meetings be speeded up, to the relief of other citizens and the public officials attending, but the speakers would be better prepared to voice a worthwhile opinion.

## High handed

A federal bureaucrat says the Hoboken Board of Education must spend more for bilingual education, and he does not care where the board gets the money. "It's up to them," he says.

One wonders what this gentleman would do if the government ordered him to spend more in his little bureaucratic realm and arrogantly told him to find the money himself.

The bureaucrat also explains he is only enforcing the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which provides that every child must be given "a quality education." Yet, almost in the same breath, he tells the board to hire more minority teachers.

The board maintains it hires the applicants most qualified, those most fitted to give a quality education. Has the board passed over minority applicants who were equally qualified as those appointed? This is always possible, but the bureaucrat admits he has no evidence of it, nor has anyone submitted evidence to support the implication.

Why not have more thorough investigations before issuing arbitrary commands?

## Hoboken To Vote On Ed Board

By ELIZABETH PARKS

If Hoboken citizens want to have an elected rather than an appointed board of education they will have to reaffirm the elective system at the polls in February.

Describing the present system of electing board members which the city adopted three years ago as "economically inefficient," the board voted seven to one last night to leave it to voters in the next board of education elections to decide if they want to keep the system or reclassify Hoboken back to an appointed school district.

Only member Donald Singleton, an independent with no political affiliations, opposed the resolution, denouncing it as a "cheap, shoddy political excuse to go back to an appointed board."

Singleton rejected as "petty" the board's contention, phrased by president Otto Hottendorf, that it is "too expensive and economically ineffective" to continue the present hard fought for elected system.

Hottendorf said it cost \$18,000 to run last year's elections in which 14 candidates competed for three board seats. He argued that the low voter turnout, reflecting only 30 percent of the city's registered voters, proved that voters were "apathetic."

"... a real sense of belonging ..."



## Eye Better Lunch Program for Hoboken Kids

The Hoboken Board of Education in response to parents complaints that the school system's lunch program is "poorly and detrimentally managed" will invite Food Services Director John Palmieri to its next public meeting to discuss changing the program in the interests of efficiency.

Board member James Farina said Wednesday that the Board has been aware that the program "is bogged down with organization problems" since October when it was extended from three schools to schools in the entire city.

"We've been trying to work out a more efficient system with Palmieri and school principals since the beginning," Farina said, "but there are problems with space, equipment and coordination that we don't have the resources to overcome."

Farina said he hoped the newly formed Hoboken Parents Council will attend the Tuesday night meeting.

The Council met with school superintendent Thomas McFeely last Tuesday to complain about the school lunch program depriving "our children of needed class time."

In the current administration of the program children are dismissed 15 to 30 minutes early in the morning so they can eat lunch in school. The lost time puts their school day under four hours while children in other school districts get more than five hours of teaching a day.

Farina said that since 60 per cent of the approximately 7,000 kids in the city participate in the lunch program, there are "tremendous problems" with scheduling the meals and finding rooms large enough to serve them in.

Currently Farina said, some kids are acting off pingpong tables, off folding tables set up in gyms, in vacant classrooms, "anywhere we can find the space."

"People have to remember that this is a new program mandated by law and we have to implement it with the limited money and help our budget permits. We're open to all suggestions to make it work later," he said.

## Hoboken to Open Bids Today On Revised Garbage Specs

Hoboken City Council today should find out if any garbage contractor wants the job of collecting the city's garbage at a price the city can afford.

For the second time in as many months, bids will be returned on the city's amended garbage specifications. The last time bids, were received the sole bidder, LaFera Collection Agency, Newark, wanted to charge \$720,000 a year or \$2.2 million for three years to continue to collect garbage.

LaFera now handles the job for \$380,000 a year, but their contract expires this month.

If a more acceptable bid does not come in, the city council will either offer to negotiate a contract with any interested companies, or it will set up a public sanitation department.

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri has suggested that the city establish its own sanitation force at a projected \$500,000 a year saving.

However, some councilmen are said to be reluctant because of the time and expected difficulties involved.

Council president Martin Brennan has said that it could take as long as a year for Hoboken to buy and receive delivery on garbage trucks and work out manpower, supply and storage arrangements.

Since the city's Law Department has advised the council that they can negotiate a contract if bids have twice been advertised, received and rejected, Brennan has proposed that the council speak to LaFera and "any other company that's interested" and try to hire a private firm "at a reasonable price."

In other business, the council is expected to rescind a June 18 resolution awarding a street repaving contract to the Warren Brothers Corp. The city's public works director has advised the council that Warren Brothers is on the state's suspension list and is ineligible for a municipal contract.

## Chief thinks traffic light is legal

Even though Hoboken Municipal Court Judge Rudolph R. Nadeo has dismissed a summons issued to a driver who ignored the traffic light at Fourth and Hudson Streets because the state says it hasn't officially approved it, Police Chief George W. Crimmins will not issue any directives to his men to ignore further violations at the site.

Crimmins said today that he thinks the light is legal and he has asked county officials to look into the matter.

"It is a legal question," explained Crimmins. "The light was legal, having been approved by county ordinances, long before the state took over jurisdiction for traffic control devices."

"Before the state took over, the light was a legal light. But because the state has now assumed the jurisdiction for it, does it make the legal action taken years ago by the county illegal?"

"I'm no lawyer but in my opinion the work done at Fourth and Hudson Street constitutes a replacement, not the installation of a new light. Since it is a replacement light for a traffic light that was duly approved by the county years ago, it should still be legal and enforceable."

Crimmins said that in all probability most of the municipal and county-operated traffic lights in the state aren't on record with the state Department of Transportation as having been approved by that department.

"The only ones that have been approved are the ones that the state has worked on since assuming jurisdiction for all traffic control devices," he said.

The chief added that the letter from Commissioner Alan Sagner, head of the DOT, did not rule on the prior legality of the light, only on the fact that the state had not approved a resolution or ordinance for it from the county board of freeholders.

It was on the basis of the letter from Sagner and his chief engineer that Judge Nadeo dismissed the traffic ticket issued to William Slattery of Lincoln.

Crimmins added that should the county say that the light is still legal he would not order the re-issuing of a ticket for Slattery. He said that would amount to double jeopardy.

## Hoboken Garbage Bids Termed 'Reasonable'

Hoboken may not have to form its own sanitation department after all.

After a discouraging first bidding, the city council on second try last night received what it called "fairly reasonable bids" on garbage contracts for the next one, three, and five years.

The lowest bid was nearly \$200,000 less than the sole bid the council received last month from its present contractor, LaFera Contracting Co. Inc. of Newark.

Council President Martin Brennan said the bids were "a starting point from which to reach a contract in the city's best interest."

Brennan said the council will consult with Public Works Director Raphael Vitale and City Attorney Lawrence Florio to determine if the lowest bid should be accepted or if the city should negotiate for a better price.

Although Brennan called the bids "much better than before," he declined to say if they were good enough to bypass negotiations and be accepted at the council's next meeting Jan. 7.

The Ash Removal Co. of Irvington bid \$540,000 on a one-year contract, \$1.6 million on the three-year contract; and \$2.7 million on a five-year contract.

Their bid remained the same for garbage pickups on a three-day or six-day basis.

LaFera, which last month bid \$720,000 for a one-year contract and \$2.2 million for three years, yesterday bid \$559,000 for one year; \$1.65 million for three years; and \$2.95 million for five years, for five-day pickups.

For a three-day pickup LaFera bid \$495,000, \$1.4 million, and \$2.6 million. Allstate Co. of Kearny bid \$580,000 for one year; \$1.7 million for three; and \$3.15 million for five years for three-day pickups.

The city's garbage contract expired Dec. 15.

## Hoboken may wait 2 years for state traffic light funds

BY PETER HALLAM

Hoboken may have to wait as long as two years before it sees any of the \$28,600 it has applied for from the state Department of Transportation (DOT) under the TOPICS Program and by then the amount may not be enough to do the work the city plans.

A spokesman for the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA), which prepared the application for the modernization and replacement of 12 traffic lights, said today that the agency has been notified by the state that it only recently hired an engineering firm to do a "make-up" on the city's proposed project, which was submitted last May.

TOPICS stands for "Traffic Operations Program to Increase Capacity and Safety."

In July 1973, a Newark engineering firm, Edward and Kelsey, Inc., completed a survey on Hoboken's traffic problems.

The survey was commissioned in May, 1972 by the state Department of Transportation and Hoboken in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

It made recommendations for area-wide traffic improvements and isolated problem locations to improve capacity and safety. Also included was a five-year plan for implementing the improvements between 1972 and 1977. In some areas, the recommendations were deemed before they were ever set down on paper.

A large section of the survey dealt with conditions along Washington Street and recommended that many of the lights between Observer Highway and 14th Street be removed — and those left be modernized.

According to Mayor Steve Cappiello, doing what was recommended was not that difficult, but the ramifications of it would create even more problems.

"Naturally, we would be seeking state or federal funds," explained the mayor.

"But when you finance a project with federal or state funds you have to play by their rules. In this particular case, the replacement and removal of the Washington Street traffic lights would also entail the removal of all angle parking between Eighth and 14th streets."

"I don't know exactly how many parking spaces that would eliminate but there is no doubt that it would further compound the parking, or lack of it, in the northern section of the city."

"Angle parking is frowned by the state and federal transportation agencies. However, they can't force the city to change it. But should we commit ourselves to any

traffic programs in the area between Eighth and 14th streets involving state and federal funds we won't get them unless we go along with their thinking on angle parking."

The mayor said that what the city has done is to leave the Washington Street portion of the survey alone and apply for funds which will be used in other areas. This will cover the improvement and modernization for 11 sites and the installation of one new traffic light system.

The modernization and improvements are proposed for the traffic lights at Hudson Place and River Street, 14th Street and Park Avenue, 14th Street and Willow Avenue, Observer Highway at Paterson Plankroad and Monroe Street, Paterson Plank Road and Jackson Street, Observer Highway and Washington Street, Observer Highway and Willow Avenue, 15th Street and Willow, 16th and Willow, the flasher lights at Fourth and Willow, and at Hudson Street and Hudson Place, intersection improvement at Observer Highway and Newark Street and a new light at Newark and Hudson streets.

Hoboken has a total of 33 traffic lights. The report states that 14 be retained — most of those the city is seeking funds for are in that group — and 19 eliminated. Among those that it is suggested to be eliminated are the Washington Street lights at Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Ninth, 10th, 12th and 13th streets; 14th and Bloomfield streets, most of the lights along Willow Avenue, and the light at Fourth and Hudson streets.

The county is in the process of spending \$13,000 on a new lighting system for that latter intersection. The new lights have been installed with only some traffic control signs and street striping remaining to complete the installation.

According to the CDA spokesman, the TOPICS survey did not take into consideration the John J. Grogan Plaza project or the three parking garages of the Hoboken Parking Authority. He said that a recheck of traffic flow today would probably show that the light was needed.

## Generous Hoboken

Hoboken's Board of Education may have to dig into its funds to finance the free lunches it makes available to all school children because the federal reimbursement is geared to families of low income.

The board should not be taken to task for this. Providing simple lunches free for children whose parents could perhaps afford to pay is not the same as squandering taxpayer money on unjustified salaries, excessive overtime payments or many another questionable expense.

Many of the children who get this lunch through the generosity of the board would not be getting it if the board held to the rule book and made them pay for it, which means they might not be eating so well.

And serving all children who apply for the lunch, without requiring some to pay, is good for the morale of the children from the poorer families because they are not singled out for special treatment.

## 'Lampost Reunion' fete

The cast of "Lampost Reunion," the Broadway play purporting to be based on Frank Sinatra's life in Hoboken, will be honored at a reception tomorrow night in Hoboken's Clam Broth House.

Performers in other current Broadway theatricals will also be guests, along with Joe Garafolo, the producer, and the production staff of "Lampost Reunion."

In announcing the event, Mayor Steve Cappiello said it was arranged to reciprocate for "Hoboken Night" when 300 Hoboken residents attended the play as guests of the management in October.

Steamed clams and Italian white wine will be the main gastronomic attraction at the reception. The restaurant and the wine people are picking up the tab. The theatrical folk will be picked up by cars after the Broadway shows let out, with the intention of getting them to the restaurant by 11 p.m.

A Clam Broth House public relations aide said "anybody" is welcome to "come and see the cast and say 'hello.'"

## Mull Garbage Recycle Plant

Most Hoboken residents don't know it, but a firm called Hoboken Resources Recovery Inc., is in a hurry to build a good-sized garbage recycling plant at 16th and Madison sts. with a capacity to handle 800 tons of garbage.

The firm already has a permit from city Building Inspector James Caulfield to go ahead and is waiting for permits from the state Department of Environmental Protection, but the Hoboken Environmental Committee is yelling "slow down."

"They've already laid piles and started pouring the concrete," says committee member Helen Manogue and "no one in the city has any idea how that operation will affect air quality, odors or sanitation."

"Plants like that are notorious for breaking down frequently and what happens to Hoboken when 80 truckloads of garbage are carried into the city a day and there's no way to dispose of it."

The environmental committee first found out about the project Wednesday night when Dr. Ralph Berrone and Nicholas Campagna, two representatives of Envirotech Inc., which owns 80 per cent of Hoboken Resources, met with the committee to assure it that the plant wouldn't be a danger to Hoboken.

Mrs. Manogue says they may be right, but the project has to be studied to determine benefits and costs and a study should have been done before, not after work started.

"Why this secrecy? How could they have gone this far, invested money in piles and concrete when the state DEP hasn't even said OK yet and no official in the city has been formally notified?"

"What assurances do taxpayers have that they won't wake up some day and find 800 tons of garbage lying in the north end of town?"

Mrs. Manogue said the committee will do a study of the plant and travel to Maryland to see a similar plant recently built there and if it finds reasons to oppose the plant, will ask DEP to deny the permit.

"Certainly in this day and age," she says, "a citizen has every right to speak out on issues that affect our daily lives. The time of secrecy and decisions by fiat are over."

## Forecast Stormy Hoboken Board Meeting

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Tomorrow's Hoboken Board of Education meeting is expected to be an angry one, reminiscent of the bitter and furious encounters that occurred between teachers and board members during the recent September-October teachers strike.

Teachers say they intend to pack the meeting to protest the board's refusal to sign the contract hammered out with great difficulty during the course of the 27-day strike.

Board president Otto Hottendorf said that teachers are "distorting" the money settlement "to their good" and vowed the board will not give that increase "even if we lose a grievance now pending before the state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC)."

Hottendorf said the Board will appeal the PERC decision "to the courts" if it doesn't go in the board's favor.

The disagreement about the money is confusing and some board members say they don't agree with the contentions of Hottendorf and Board Attorney Robert Taylor that the teachers don't deserve what they're asking.

Board member Michael "Spice" Costello says he believes only \$400 is in dispute, not \$800, and that the board agreed to give that \$400 to the teachers when Taylor and five board members initiated a tentative contract agreement early in the morning of Oct. 9.

The agreement came at 3 a.m. following an eight hour bargaining session. Hottendorf said yesterday "We were tired, not thinking clearly. The agreement was vaguely worded and we thought they meant one thing while they had something else in mind."

Hottendorf said to give the teachers the bonus will cost the board \$320,000, "double what we planned to spend."

Teachers say they just want a two per cent increment, worth about \$400 on the average to each teacher, plus an additional \$400 bonus to be spread over the course of the 76-77 school year. Their total price tag is \$180,000 arguing the board had already appropriated the \$180,000 for the increment in its 75-76 budget.

Increments are automatic increases not subject to negotiations.

Teachers attribute the board's decision to refuse to abide by the settlement negotiated to what they say is Taylor's "obsessive" desire to punish teachers for the lengthy strike.

Some individual teachers talk of deserting the classrooms again: "if the board doesn't stop trying to push us around and taking back what we went through hell to get."

## The Queen's Visit

If everything goes according to the reports, Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain will be in Hoboken next July as part of our nation's Bicentennial observance. At least the monarch will be aboard the royal yacht which is expected to moor at the Stevens Tech dock.

She will be in this area particularly to review those sailing ships that are to participate in a Bicentennial regatta. So far the news of the impending royal visit has not exactly set off a tizzy in the Mile-Square City.

Most people appear to feel that it will be "nice" to have the queen here, that's it; no doubt there are also some who are not happy about it, whose allegiance is not exactly toward the monarch. Whatever the sentiment the visit is still an honor.

Whether Queen Elizabeth will see more of Hoboken than the green serpentine hill at Stevens and the piers and high-risers to the south is not yet known. It wouldn't hurt a bit for the queen to "get around" Hudson County a little.

Let us all, on the queen's visit, remember that she is a reigning monarch and treat her and her party accordingly. We should welcome her, if not exactly with open arms than with open hearts. Make her brief stay one to remember, one of which we can all be proud.

## Hanging the 'Vacancy' Sign

It may not be sporting to kick a city when it's down, but the drive of Hoboken and Jersey City to pirate some New York brokerage houses still makes a lot of sense. That the two Hudson communities have had a reasonable amount of success so far has merely whetted their appetites for more.

New York City's plight is to a large measure of its own making, and skyrocketing taxes it has placed on stock transfers have naturally made the brokers uneasy about their future in Gotham. Mayor Paul T. Jordan and Mayor Steve Cappiello had no reticence about beating the drums for their respective cities, citing the tax advantages of moving to this side of the river.

Actually, their drive to attract New York businesses is long overdue. Hudson County has many attractions to offer industrially and businesswise over the neighboring metropolis. Unfortunately, the county has preoccupied itself with political hassling and a general handdog approach

which has not enhanced its image.

The name of the game these days is survival, and the Jersey City and Hoboken mayors deserve plaudits for taking the fight to New York. There was no hesitancy on the part of mayors from the other side of the river bringing pressures to bear whenever they could for their own self-interest, as witness the disparity between New York and New Jersey treatment by the Port Authority.

Another example which comes quickly to mind is the now defunct Hudson County Market Commission, which was knifed by pressure from New York for its own Hunts Point market.

Jersey City and Hoboken have both suffered severely in recent years from their own industrial exodus, as many of their principal taxpayers sought greener pastures both in other communities and other states. That they're trying to make some capital out of New York City's fiscal woes is the way the game is played.



HOW IT WAS — Dressed in a costume of the Revolutionary War era, Haydie Dunn shows three students at the Wallace School, Hoboken, some of the utensils used by American colonists. With her, from left, are Theresa Jackson, Ann L. Middelmann and Millicent Bartolucci. It was part of a visit to the school by members of the Erskine Militia for a bicentennial program.



See any redcoats?

No, these aren't Hoboken "Minutemen." They're members of the "Erskine Militia," a group that visits schools to lecture on the American Revolution in preparation for next year's bicentennial celebration. Demonstrating the proper use of the musket are Earl J. Becker, 14, and Robert E. Burrows, 16, on behalf of "civilian" Nelson Charara, a student at the Wallace School, 11th Street and Willow Avenue, where firing techniques were observed by his classmates. (Another picture on Page 32.)



Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, center, unveils the city's official bicentennial calendar financed by representatives of local private industry. Flanking the mayor, from left, are Fred Hillier, Maxwell House controller; and J. B. Johnson, Public Service Electric & Gas Co. office manager.



# Proclaim May 16-23 Hoboken Bicent Week

By AUDREY HAINFELD

Hoboken's Mayor Steve Cappelio has proclaimed the week of May 16-23 as Bicentennial Week in the city with a parade slated to kick off the festivities which will culminate with a Colonial Costume Ball on May 22 at Stevens Center.

The ball is jointly sponsored

by the Hoboken Bicentennial Committee and the Stevens Institute of Technology Bicentennial Committee, according to Vincent Wassmann, bicentennial committee chairman, who announced plans at Thursday's meeting in the Public Library. Mrs. Frances Cirelli, Mrs. Helen Manogue and Professor Edward Foster of the Stevens committee will be in charge of arrangements for the ball. Mrs. Susan Spinelli has been named ticket chairman and Ignatz Spinelli will be in charge of decorations, aided by a committee from the college.

Tickets for the ball will be available some time after the first of the year on a first come, first served basis. There will be entertainment, and the committee decided on a turkey dinner as an early American dish.

Matthew Grimley and Norma Hoefel will head the parade committee along with Jack O'Brien who is in charge of getting bands for the big march throughout the Mile Square city on May 16. Grimley said he is planning the parade route to cover many historical sites.

So enthused was Grimley over the proposed programs at Thursday night's meeting that he wrote a check to purchase the first two tickets for the ball.

Wassmann also announced that Ed Duroy is busy with

plans for celebration of the reenactment of the first baseball game, which was held in Hoboken's Elysian Fields, as part of the bicentennial celebration. Date will be announced later.

Historian John J. Heaney reported his history of Hoboken is almost completed and will be available in early spring. The title project, for which he is chairman, is also going well. So popular was the initial Castle Stevens tile that he had to place a reorder, and they are again available. The Gatehouse tile is almost sold out and the third tile in the series, the original Stevens College of Engineering, will soon be available.

Operation Sail on July 4 will be a big part of the community's bicentennial commemoration, Wassmann said. "On that day we plan to have

River Walk open to everyone so that they can see the boats come up the Hudson." He also stated he has been in touch with the Army Defense Department and plans a cannon salute off Castle Point as the sailboats approach.

As a religious observance of the bicentennial everyone will be asked to walk to church on July 4 in a united demonstration of the religious faith that made America great. Clergy will also be asked to have early services to enable Operation Sail participants to start at 10 a.m.

Along the river there will be a real fiesta, according to Wassmann, with various ethnic food stands and exhibits appropriate to the occasion.

"I don't know if we'll get to see Prince Philip, Wassmann joked, "but we hope he'll get to see us. And if Queen Elizabeth gets here a week later, Hoboken will be ready to give her a real welcome."

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# Many Hoboken Layoffs Near?

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken city workers may face the unpleasant reality of "massive job layoffs in the near future," Mayor Steve Cappelio said.

Also, city residents may have to do with reduced services in areas ranging from health and recreation to police and fire protection to meet the expenses projected on next year's budget.

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Cappelio and members of the city council said that they won't have a full understanding of what has to be done until early January when all the background material is available.

Gloomy Picture "Our revenue picture is gloomy and our projected expenditures are heavy," Cappelio said. "I'm not optimistic. It appears there have to be extensive layoffs."

Cappelio has been anxiously waiting for Congress to approve reenactment of the federal revenue sharing program. The city's \$400,000-a-year share is used to support a variety of programs including police and fire operations.

Congress has been considering ending the revenue sharing program even though hundreds of local and state officials from all parts of the country, including Cappelio, Jersey City Mayor Paul Jordan, etc. have warned that to do so would "devastate" urban communities.

To increase revenues, Hoboken also intends to raise its water and sewage rates by at least 25 cents. "We're all completely committed to holding the tax rate," Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri said, "but before we lay people off, we want to explore every other alternative, including rate increases."

Meanwhile in Jersey City, Mayor Paul Jordan has finally managed to balance the city's 1975 budget but a \$14 million gap in the projected 1976 budget still exists.

The city's police and firemen in recent contract negotiations have expressed adamant opposition to proposals that they accept "no raise" contracts to stave off impending layoffs.

Police and firemen have already deferred more than \$1.5 million in 1975 over-time payments to 1976 in an effort to help balance this year's budget.

And Jordan has raised the possibility that he may continue into next year the unwanted two per cent payroll tax. He has asked the heads of 1,100 businesses in the city to meet with him Wednesday to discuss the tax.

For the first time since the special one-year tax was imposed, Jordan has declined to renew his pledge that the levy would only be for one year.

# Not enough

In Jersey City four years ago, 19 teachers were jailed from 10 to 30 days for failing to obey a back-to-work court order during a teacher strike. Each teacher served his full sentence.

In Newark in 1970 and again in 1971, more than 200 teachers were ordered jailed for from 10 days to 9 months after ignoring court orders during strikes. Some of the jail sentences were served on weekends and after school.

In Elizabeth last fall, four teacher union leaders were jailed for periods of three days after a similar order. They were in and out of jail to participate in negotiations, but they were nonetheless jailed.

In Hoboken last month, 240 teachers who ignored a back-to-work court order during a 25 day strike were fined \$100 each and were sentenced to 30 days in jail. The jail sentences were suspended. The teachers have a year to pay the \$100 fines.

The six Hoboken teacher union leaders now have been sentenced to 20 days in jail, \$100 fines and a year's probation after the jail sentence. However, the judge gave them the option to perform community service instead of going to jail.

His intentions may be good, but that community service gimmick is certainly no deterrent to any union leader who in the future may decide to ignore a court order. In fact, the community service lends an unwelcome aura of respectability to lawbreaking.

It is not enough to decry the bad example and lack of respect for law demonstrated by those who break the law. It is necessary to insure respect for the law by prompt punishment for those who flout it.

Elsewhere a municipal worker who strikes loses two days pay for each day he strikes. That is certainly a deterrent. That offers no easy way out for breaking the law.

And that is the way it should be.

# Hole is repaired on Court Street, but more feared

The Hoboken Public Works Department has completed the repair of a large hole on Court Street, between First and Second streets, but director Raphael P. Vitale is still concerned that it might be just the first of many that will develop in the future.

"It wasn't actually a hole but a cave-in," said the director, "and the conditions that caused it prevail throughout most of that block both along Court Street and along Washington Street."

"When most of those buildings were first built large storage areas were first constructed under them. They extend out into Washington Street and to the rear of the buildings into Court Street."

"I doubt if any of the stores still use them but the storage areas are still there. Large empty rooms topped off by a street, just waiting to cave in."

According to Vitale there are signs which indicate other cave-ins might occur along Court Street in the future.

"It is fairly easy to see where the asphalt is starting to sink both along the actual street lines and to the west side of the street between the street line and the buildings," the director said.

"In some spots, mostly on private property, the asphalt has sunk several inches, indicating that the support is giving way. How dangerous it is can't be determined but I suggest caution be used just to be on the safe side."

Vitale said he wasn't sure just where the city's responsibility started.

"If the street caves in I guess it is the city's responsibility to fix it," he continued. "But if the cause of the cave-in or possible cave-in is known and on private property can we force the building owner to do the preventive work?"

Vitale said he would take the matter up with the law department and Mayor Steve Cappelio.

# Auditor says Hoboken is losing revenue on fuel tax

Hoboken is losing revenue by failing to file regular reimbursement requests with the state for the refund of motor fuel taxes.

This is pointed out in the audit of the city's books for the year 1974 prepared by its auditor, Vincent J. Indelicato.

Only minor shortcomings of this nature were found in the way Hoboken managed its financial affairs, according to the report submitted to Mayor Steve Cappelio and the city council.

Also noted was the fact that Revenue and Finance Director Frank J. Bartletta's surety bond was below the amount required by the state. Bartletta is bonded for \$100,000 but it should be \$112,000.

Indelicato said that the city was not

complying with a 1933 ordinance which required all water consumers to place a deposit with the city for their water meters.

According to the report, the deposits are being ignored in most cases. However, not many new meters are distributed by the city each year. Indelicato recommended that either the city abide by the ordinance or amend it to eliminate the charge.

The audit was several months late. John Erbeck, city comptroller, said that the state approved of the delay due to the fact that Indelicato had difficulty in finding and hiring qualified personnel needed to do the field work — the on-the-spot review of the funds taken in and spent by the city during the year.

# Ambulance volunteers warn of delay

Hoboken's Volunteer Ambulance Corps today warned citizens not to call the corps when they need an ambulance—it may delay the response.

"Many people have started calling the corps direct," a spokesman said, "and that's flouting with no response, since there are times when there is no one in headquarters."

"All calls should be placed directly to the Hoboken Police Department at 659-2500 if the quickest response is desired."

The spokesman explained that during the day, because most corps members work, there isn't always a full staff on duty to answer the telephones at the headquarters. The ambulance is always manned but the phones aren't.

"The ambulance may be out on a call or

returning from one when the call comes in," he continued. "We are in contact with the police department by two-way radio so they can reach the corps anytime or anywhere."

Williams Matthews, corps president, said that the corps telephone should be used only for regular information or business, not for emergency pickups.

"If someone wants to arrange for a hospital pickup or for us to pick someone up and bring them to the hospital, they should call the corps at 792-6616 at least 24 hours in advance," he said.

# Substandard?

The state has ordered the traffic lights at all intersections upgraded by installing up to five times as many lights as are there now—and all this by the end of 1977.

Since no other official seems concerned about this campaign which would cost millions of dollars, it is well that Hoboken's Councilman Ranieri has asked the Legislature to take it easy.

He is qualified to challenge what was done at the Hoboken intersection which is so far the only one in Hudson County brought into line with the state's "dream" requirements. He lives a block away, attends the church on the corner, and graduated from the adjacent church school.

There has always been a crossing guard there when school children are coming and going, and there still is, even with the six separate traffic lights that have now replaced the traffic light which had been adequate all these years.

And at Mass times, there has always been—and still is—a traffic policeman. As for the state's argument that there is an apartment house on the corner: traffic was heavier in the days before the apartment house, when the area was a bustling commercial waterfront district.

No doubt many traffic lights are substandard, but if there are many as substandard as this corner, the traffic light replacement program deserves a long, hard look... by someone who is not in the traffic department.

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# Hoboken Rejects Bid On Garbage Removal

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A \$720,000 one-year bid for collecting garbage in Hoboken was rejected by the city council yesterday and specifications for new bids to be received Dec. 17 were adopted.

As fourth ward councilman Louis Francione complained that the rejected bid submitted by Le Fare Contracting Co. of Newark was "excessively high" and would "choke taxpayers" if it was accepted, second ward councilman Walter Cramer urged the council to direct that advertising for the bids be expanded to papers in counties other than Hudson.

Cramer said even though such expanded advertising had failed in the past to attract more bidders, it should still be tried again.

In other business, the council also told City Clerk Anthony Amoroso to write Revenue and Finance Director Frank Bartletta "directing" him to publish a list of delinquent taxpayers.

Early last summer the council approved a resolution authorizing the publication of such a list, but Bartletta has delayed doing it because he said he

"hasn't the money to pay for the advertising of the list and I haven't been directed to publish the list."

Bartletta said after the meeting he will do what the council directs, but money is still a problem. "It's 50 cents a line to advertise in newspapers," he said, "and I'd estimate the bill around \$800. I can't publish unless the council passes another resolution allocating the money."

Cramer said the knowledge that their names will be made public "will do a great deal to encourage people to pay back taxes. It'll also lift some of the burden now resting on shoulders of taxpayers who pay their own bills and then get stuck paying more to make up for someone who's delinquent."

The council also passed a resolution opposing recent fare increases on bus and railroad lines and requesting the state department of transportation to rescind the increases.

Councilman Francione, who introduced the resolution, said the state would be better off taxing cigarettes another five cents and giving "oppressed" commuters "a break."

# Hoboken cops using radar at night to catch speeders

At the request of Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti, Hoboken police have started using their new radar system at night in an effort to discourage speeding.

Chief George W. Crimmins said today that a request from the councilman for the posting of signs alerting motorists to the 25-mile-an-hour speed limit has been sent to Mayor Steve Cappelio, the city's public safety director.

"The radar unit has already gone out one night," said Crimmins, "but the results are not immediately available. The officer in charge is off today."

Crimmins said that even if the results of the first night don't show anything, he will have the night surveillance continued for an undisclosed period.

"It's random or selective enforcement," he continued. "One might really isn't enough to draw any conclusions from, at least one based on a reasonable sampling."

According to the chief, day use of the radar unit did not produce any large number of speeders.

"It is pretty difficult to speed in a city like Hoboken during the day under the existing traffic conditions," he asserted. "There are too many cars obeying the speed limit on any given street at any given time."

"When you have a car in front of you going at the speed limit or slower there isn't any way you could break the law. That's the situation that prevails during the day. However, the situation at night could be

different — less traffic increases the opportunity for speeding."

Malfetti asked for the crackdown on speeders following two major accidents in which one or more of the vehicles involved apparently exceeded the speed limit, based on the damage to the cars.

"Smashups like that just don't cause that much damage at 25 miles an hour unless they are head-on, which wasn't the case in either accident," said the councilman. "Both accidents occurred when there was light traffic so I think the chief's approach to the problem is the right one — use the radar at night."

# Invite Sinatra to greet Queen Elizabeth when she visits Hoboken

Mayor Steve Cappelio today publicly invited singer Frank Sinatra to serve as Hoboken's official goodwill ambassador and greet Queen Elizabeth II next summer during her visit for the bicentennial.

The Queen is expected to visit Hoboken on July 7 as part of "Operation Sail." The Queen will fly into Newark from Washington, D.C. and then motor to Hoboken where she will board the yacht, "Britannia" and inspect other yachts in the harbor, according to a spokesman for the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA).

A controversy has arisen over the fact that Sinatra, perhaps Hoboken's most famous former resident, was ignored in the recent bicentennial calendar put out by the city.

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regular lunch hour, thus ruining what parents say "is supposed to be a program that frees us from the noon break so we can make extra money for our families by working part-time jobs."

Lewis reported that McFeely expressed sympathy with the parents, conceding there are "problems" but he asked for time to work out "loose ends" such as what he said were safety factors involved in "shifting around large bodies of children."

McFeely agreed to let lunch program director John Palmeri meet regularly with the council to "answer questions and explore alternative solutions."

The council also objected to what members said is the "excessive and arbitrary dismissal" of children at 1 p.m. instead of 2:45 when the school day ends.

Lewis said early dismissals happened twice in the same week two weeks ago

and both times large numbers of children went home to empty houses and unsupervised activities while parents assumed they were safe in school.

Parents also asked McFeely to urge the board of education to hire more teachers so some 360 students, left without home room teachers a few months ago when 12 teachers were dismissed after the federal program paying their salaries was ended, could be taken care of.

The students are now crowded into 36 classes spread throughout the system, resulting in what parents say is "disruption and havoc."

Although the council received no "satisfactory answers or immediate results," Lewis said they will pursue their objectives further Thursday in a meeting with Hudson County School Superintendent William Wenzel.

# Hoboken Pledges Improved Bilinguality

Hoboken Board of Education has promised the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare that it will submit a plan by Jan. 15 outlining what Hoboken plans to do to improve its educational provisions for bilingual students.

Although HEW recently chastized the board for failing to provide adequate bilingual education for non-English-speaking students and threatened to reduce federal funds unless the deficiency was corrected, board member Michael Costello said yesterday's meeting was amicable and HEW seemed satisfied that "We do intend to do all we can to improve the situation."

Costello said that school Superintendent Thomas McFeely, who also attended yesterday's meeting, will do a survey of Hoboken's school system to see if the bilingual situation is as bad as HEW thinks.

Costello said the board is prepared to invest whatever money is necessary to give non-English speaking students "the education they need."

Costello also said the board will implement a more aggressive recruitment campaign to attract colored teachers. HEW had accused the board of discriminating by failing to hire enough black teachers.

"There's no discrimination," Costello said. "We just don't get the applications. The law says we must make an effort to attract applicants and that's what we'll do."

# Hoboken has Bicentennial calendar

When Hoboken residents glance at a calendar to find a date next year, they'll also probably discover something about their city's colorful history they might not have known before.

A 1976 Bicentennial calendar was published today by the city's Community Development Agency with the aid of contributions from local businesses and institutions. It will be distributed free to residents and businesses of the city.

Each month the calendar carries a picture of some event which points up the city's diversity. It shows residents crabbing along the Hudson River; a traditional religious festival; a peaceful tree-lined street; local vendors with their wares and youngsters playing stick hockey.

Also included are gems of information about Hoboken's past. The calendar points

out that the city was the site of the first baseball game; millionaire John Jacob Astor often visited the city; Col. John Stevens built the first locomotive to run on tracks and President Woodrow Wilson sailed from a Hoboken pier in 1918 to attend the Paris Peace Conference.

Mayor Steve Cappelio felt the calendar was especially relevant. "We have a rich heritage not known to contemporary generations," he said. "This calendar reflects our past, one that is unique on the American scene."

Local contributors to the calendar project include the First Jersey National Bank, the Maxwell House Division of General Foods Corp., Public Service Electric and Gas Co., St. Mary Hospital and Stevens Institute of Technology.

# Emergency voice boxes ready soon

Nine of 10 voice alarm boxes purchased by Hoboken for police and fire emergencies should be installed and operating by Wednesday, a spokesman for the city's Traffic and Signal Division said today.

And the installation is hoped to cut down on the number of false alarms the fire department has been getting or result in the arrest of those calling them in.

Thomas Vecchione, in charge of the installation work for the city, said the call boxes are similar to those used in New York City but have some additional features which will make it easier to catch persons calling in false alarms and reduce maintenance costs.

"New York had a lot of trouble with theirs because they didn't eliminate or cut down false alarms as had been expected," he said. "And many of the boxes became useless because they weren't enclosed and water got into them, shorting them out."

"This is an improved model which has several safeguards that improve the ability to eliminate or catch people calling in false alarms. But I won't say what the improvements are because that might help someone get around them."

The call boxes have two buttons on the front. The top one establishes contact with the fire department, the bottom one with the police department. The lower button is also to be used to call for an ambulance.

Vecchione said maintenance advantage of the call boxes the city purchased over those bought by New York was that it was enclosed and that prevented water from getting inside.

The 10 boxes cost the city \$10,000 but the money came from the Safe and Clean Streets Program with the state picking up half of the overall cost.

Vecchione said the 10th box will be used to instruct local school children and senior citizens on how to use them. As soon as a tour of all the schools and senior citizen projects and clubs has been made it too will be installed and put into service with the other call boxes.