# Money crunch threatens some Hoboken facilities

Administrators of Hoboken's free industrial school and public library are worried they may have to shut down those facilities this winter if the city can't find money to repair the heating system in the jointly-shared building.

And the overseers of the city's "Day Care 100" program find themselves in the same boat, but, in their case, the state may hasten the procedure by denying them a license to continue operating.

City Business Administrator Herman Bier warned Hoboken lawmakers at last night's city council caucus that the boilers at 500 Park Ave., which house the library and vocational school, are "shot."

Bier estimated it would cost about \$5,000 to fix the building's heating system on a "temporary and between \$30,000 and basis.' \$40,000 to make what he called "permanent repairs."

#### Hoboken asks more aid funds for new school

There could be another new elementary school in Hoboken's future.

That's one of the items the Hoboken Board of Education will be looking for in its application to the federal government for funds under the Public Works Act, a spokesman for the school board said today.

"The board has designated the engineering firm of Mayo, Lynch and Associates to prepare the application which will include funds for a new school and the rehabilitation of existing schools," the spokesman said.

"We estimate the new school will cost in the area of \$6 million and the rehabilitation work will be another \$4 million or so. That will bring our application to around the \$10 million mark."

According to the spokesman, the figures are only estimates at this time and could be higher or lower by the time the application has been completed.

"The application is being prepared for the school board, but will be submitted in the city's name," he continued. "The funds will be granted to Hoboken, if the application is approved, and the city will receive

Added Bier: "We don't have the money and wintertime is coming Without proper heat, the library (and industrial school, which takes up three floors) will not function.'

Council President Martin J. Brennan told Bier to "sit down with (John) Erbeck (city comptroller) tomorrow" and figure out how to get the necessary funds. Brennan said the city has nothing budgeted this year to make repairs and, until November, no monies can be transferred within the budget.

One avenue of funding suggested by Brennan could be the newlyenacted federal Public Works bill guaranteeing New Jersey hundreds of thousands of dollars for a variety of

improvement projects. The federal government is slated to hold "seminars" for local government officials next month, said Brennan, at which time the city will look into the possibility of acquiring funds for the heating work.

But more extensive renovation work required at the city's Jefferson Street Recreation Center, where the year-round day care program is run, could well be competing with the library and industrial school for a higher priority in getting a piece of that federal Public Works pie.

In fact, both projects could lose out to an even greater priority -reconstruction of the city's 11th Street sewage pumping station which mysteriously exploded nearly one year ago. The council is expected tomorrow to authorize Mayor Steve Cappiello to negotiate that funding for the city.

Meanwhile, Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francone says the boiler at the Jefferson center is "going," but Fred Bado, head of the city Community Development Association (CDA) - through which agency state funds are allotted to operate the day care program - admits he's still not sure where the

money to repair the heating and hot water system will come from.

Repair estimates range from \$200,000 to \$400,000, but staying within the bounds of the lower figure, said Bado, CDA planners think they could accomplish the following:

· Removal and replacement of roof and supports. · Repairs to outside walls and

waterproofing of exterior. · Removal and replacement of

corroded windows and doors. · Raising of boiler room to cor-

rect flooding conditions there and repairs to boilers.

· Installation of new electrical wiring, plumbing fixtures in north wing and resurfacing of gym floor. Bado said CDA planners are in the process of soliciting proposals from various architectural firms to

## Unscheduled rubbish will

#### get summons

Starting Monday, Hoboken will be issuing summonses to residents who put out household rubbish for collection by the city without first scheduling an appointment for the pick-up, Public Works Director Raphael P Vitale said today.

"Beginning Monday morning, my sanitation inspectors will start making the rounds of the city, looking for rubbish and household items that have been put out for pick-up," said the director. "If a load hasn't been scheduled, a summons will be issued

to the property owner." Vitale said that too many persons were putting out too much rubbish without first making arrangements to have it taken away.

"Our collection program was designed to work by appointment," he continued. "In the past, we'd make a pick-up anyway, even if the property owner hadn't made an appointment rather than leave it there. But in recent months the amount of rubbish has been getting heavier while my manpower and the number of trucks have remained the same.

"This has resulted in some rubbish being left on the street overnight. There just wasn't enough time or trucks to make the pick-up. By the next day the stuff is usually scattered around the neighborhood, especially if it's an area with a lot of kids in it.' Vitale said if a property owner

has a load of rubbish or unwanted household items for spick-up, he should first call the Public Works dispatcher at 792-3000. The dispatcher will give the property owner a time. and date for the pick-up.

"The items may be put out for collection the night before," he added, "but after 9 p.m. if that's m ore convenient for the owner. However, we'd prefer to hve it kept inside or inside their gate until as close to the schedule pick-up time as possible. But since most people work during the day, we don't expect anyone to lose a day's pay and stay home to put out the rubbish

Vitale said that all pick-ups would be scheduled for between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. during the normal work week. No pick-ups would be scheduled for Saturdays or Sundays.

The director added that he is also rearranging his street sweepers because of the recent retirement of several veterans. The director said that he currently has 15 regularly city employes on street sweeping and five from the summer programs.

"I'm trying to get the best coverage with the men we have," he explained. "So most will end up in area where we have the largest amount of litter on the streets." Vitale said that he has scheduled

# Hoboken set to open minischool

A new minischool geared to over teachers' salaries are its accomplishments such as background, according to st. and Park av., the ind the old for Hoboken's Hispanic students, an expanded some of the old problems fac- the minischool, which officials school officials, and the shift in minischool will embody a 'new wblic schools in the coming bilingual program, hot lunches ing an administration responsi- feel is perhaps the best ap- the ethnic balance has been a classroom concept" where

planned for 1976-77. And City Hall vs. Board of million budget.

State completes

Hoboken survey

State staffers have completed a survey of Hoboken

Andrea Miller, researcher for the Department of

municipal officials that will be used as part of a report

later this year on how city executives can best work

with the state-funded neighborhood preservation

Community Affairs, has been conducting the survey for

the County and Municipal Government Study Commis-

She spoke yesterday to several of the department heads in Hoboken who had not been interviewed by com-

mission staffers several months ago. She asked them

bout their awareness of the preservation program and

although no analysis will be made until the interviewing

The state provides \$200,000 for the preservation

program, in Hoboken designed for rehabilitating hous-ing in the central part of the city. The state also funds

and is studying programs in 11 other cities, including

Jersey City. Ms. Miller said interviewers completed their talks

with Jersey City officials several weeks ago. State officials will use the report on the cooperation

of municipal officials with the program to make

specific improvements in the program later this year,

Ms. Miller said. It will also be part of a final analysis of

2 miles of streets \$/27/2

Almost two miles of Hoboken's to Ninth and from Observer Highway

"Specifications for the job are be- to Fifth, and Newark Street 150 feet

Third; Bloomfield Street from Fourth

street will be resurfaced this fall, to Newark Street; Washington Street,

Public Works Director Raphael P. from Newark to First, and Second to

ing prepared now and should be sent south; Park Avenue, from Ninth to

to the city council in time for the Sept. 10th; Adams Street, from Sixth to

15 meeting," the director said. "Barr- Seventh; Newark Street, from

ing any unexpected difficulties or Hudson to Bloofield and Grand to Jef-

delays the bids should be in the city's ferson; First Street, from Jackson

the whole preservation effort, she said.

to be resurfaced

They seemed familiar with the program, she said,

how their departments are cooperating with it.

is completed in the other cities to be surveyed.

sion, also known as the Musto Commission.

programs.

Education disputes over budget Not surprisingly, the ad- Some 49 per cent of will be keyed to the philosophy culture, according to school cuts, occasional accusations of ministration scoffs at Hoboken's public school pupils of Hispanic youngsters." mismanagement, and a hassle criticism, pointing instead to are now of Hispanic Rising at the corner of Fifth McFeely.

mark some of the innovations ble for 10 schools, 7,000 stu- proach to meeting the needs of major factor behind the open- youngsters will work in an atdents, 410 teachers, and a \$12 students in a city whose ethnic ing in December of the mosphere familiar to children makeup is gradually changing. minischool, where "teachers growing up in a Spanish

superintendent Thomas E.

# Hoboken wants to buy a 2-square-block area

The Hoboken Housing Authority and-two-family homes, it was learned expects to begin negotiating with all today. Joseph Caliguire, executive direc-

of the property owners in a twosquare-block downtown area tor of the authority, said that it now sometime next month for the has appraisals on all of the land and purchase of their properties and the buildings in the two-block area and, if redevelopment of the section into one- accepted by the authority commis-

### Cappiello says Bier can stay, asks job details

the job as business administrator even though no official withdrawl of the letter of dismissal is being made. The mayor also said he wants a meeting with city officials in a few weeks to set up an accountability system detailing duties of all municipal administrators, including

Cappiello agreed to keep Bier on after the meeting of the city council Monday

> 'The council wishes," the mayor said, "that we all sit down and work together in a spirit of cooperation, so the city can have all its direction pointed one way - the interest of the city.

The 20-day period for the council to override the mayor's letter of intent to dismiss Bier ended yesterday. Cappiello said yesterday he would take no action officially withdrawing the letter. "There is no need to," he

said Asked if allowing the letter of dismissal to stand even though Bier will stay on the job would give him the

authority to remove Bier at any time, Cappiello said he didn't know. The mayor denied that politics influenced either the initial decision to fire Bier or his change of mind. "There is no consideration for anyone," he said. "I made that very clear to the councilmen - they don't owe me anything but accountability to their own constituents." The mayor, apparently referring to reports that by keeping Bier he is gaining election endorsements, said "anybody can run for any office." Cappiello said he didn't want any city workers, including Bier, engaging in political activities during the working day. "Under no circum-stances will there be any politics in City Hall between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. when people should be working.

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school," said Brennan, "by making

the temporary repairs. In the mean-

time, the city will investigate other

avenues of outside funding to see if we

can get what is needed to do the com-

One source of the funds might be

the Public Works Act, which was

recently funded by Congress and will

being millions of dollars into the state

for governmental improvement.

rehabilitation projects and jobs.

plete job."

Streets. "The appraisals will be used to help the authority establish the purchase prices with the property owners," he continued. "If we are unable to reach an agreement then the authority will enter into condemna-Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello tion proceedings." said Herman Bier would remain on According to Caliguire, all of the property in the two-block area is owned by 18 persons or families. However, two owners may be ex-

cluded from the negotiations and be allowed to keep their properties. Caliguire said that one is the owner of 118 Adams St., a five-story tenement house which has been ap-

proved for extensive renovation work. The other is a garage and auto repair shop at 116 Adams St. "If the owner of 118 Adams St.

sioners at next month's meeting,

negotiations will begin with the

cond Streets, from Adams to Jef-

ferson Streets, and Newark to First

Streets, from Grand to Adams

The two blocks are First to Se-

owners to purchase them.

performs the renovation work as planned, we will probably exclude the property," he said. "The other is only a 25-foot wide lot which is small for our purposes. The building is also in very good condition and could be worked in for the overall plan for the

redevelopment of the area." The housing authority will be meeting on Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. It has

revised its meeting schedule, Caliguire added, with the regular scheduled sessions to be held on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Previously, the authority met on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. Caliguire said that the new meeting day and later time were

more convenient for the commissioners and citizens who might want to attend the meetings.

and control the funds.

The spokeman didn't know which one of the city's existing grammar schools would be closed and replaced with the new one should the effort to obtain federal funding be successful. "We have several that are in pretty bad shape,"he said. "The deter-

mining factor will be rehabilitation costs against the cost of building a new school."

prepare plans and specifications for the work and it is hoped, he added, that one firm can be selected by September

However, even if the money can be found for the job, Bado estimates the work would take six months and, during that time, the children in the day care program, which operates in two floors of the building's south wing, would have to be relocated to another sutable site - which CDA has been unable to find, he added.

a one-block section of Madison Street for a cleanup in response to a petition sent to Mayor Steve Cappiello by Andrew and Florence Amato. The director said the block is on the list for cleanups but he didn't know exactly when it would be done. "Before the end of the summer." he stated.

hands in October and the contract Street to Marshall Drive; Second awarded before the end of the Street, from Willow Ave. to Clinton; month."

Vitale said today.

Third Street, from Willow to Clinton; Sixth Street, from Willow to Clinton Vitale said he hoped to have the and Madison to Monroe; Seventh and job started before the end of October Eighth, from Hudson Street to Park and be completed in November before Avenue; Ninth Street, from Garden the very cold weather sets in. Street to Park Avenue; 10th Street, However, if work can't be started from Willow to Clinton, and 12th then he expects the successful bidder Street, from Washington to Bloomto hold his price until the spring. The streets to be resurfaced are: field.

Garden Street, from First to Fourth The funds for the job will come Streets; Clinton Street, from First to from the state. Fourth; Hudson Street, from Eighth

#### Wire restringing almost done

The Public Service Electric and "When asked if he had received Gas Co. has just about completed any notification from the company restringing high-tension wires along a now that it was almost finished with section of Third Street in Hoboken as the work, Marzocca said he had not, ordered by the city's electrical in- but that wasn't as important as getspector because the lines were too ting the work done.

three to four feet away from Fireman Paul Marzocca said he balconies running the entire length of would inspect the work today or the Third Street side of the building tomorrow to make sure the lines were and could be easily reached by a a reasonable distance away from the youngster or an adult with a curtain Third Street side of the project. The rod or some other extension. This area where the lines were restrung is forced the building owner to place on Third between Adams and Jefheavy wire mash over the balcony ferson Streets. openings, and prohibited him from Work began on the job last week

completing the paint job on the after Marzocca gave the company 10 building days to do it or face legal action by Marzocca said it appeared that the city for failing to comply with its electrical codes. The work started,

the lines were now within code limitabut Marzocca was never notified by tions, but he hasn't made his official inspection yet to measure them. the company that it was going to do it.

#### Library boiler may be repaired \$/25/16

Approximately \$5,000 has been funding to put into the library. found in Hoboken's 1976 budget which Brennan and the rest of the councould be used to make temporary cil were advised by Business Adrepairs to the boiler in the city library ministrator Herman Bier last week at Fifth Street and Park Avenue and that at least \$5,000 in temporary keep it and the city's adjoining in- repairs would be needed to keep the dustrial school open this coming library and school open this winter. winter

However, the boiler should be City Council President Martin J. replaced and that would cost between Brennan said today that he has been \$30,000 and \$40,000, Bier estimated. advised by Comptroller John Erbeck "I think we can avert shutting that the city has that much available down the library and industrial

# Hoboken streets mystify tractor-trailer drivers 8/27/16

I couldn't turn around.

room to get out.'

shape

"Hoboken's got mostly narrow

one-way streets and you can't turn a

40-toot trailer around on them. So I

get stuck, the people behind me get

stuck and there's a lot of horn blowing

and yelling until I can get enough

Public Works Director Raphael

Vitale said he thought that the

"I know we have some missing,"

city's signs were in "pretty good

Hoboken is quickly becoming the was looking for and got stuck because bane of tractor-trailer drivers because as they enter the city, many of the streets are not posted with street; name signs or have signs on buildings rather than on posts at the corners.

"If a driver isn't familiar with the city from past experiences, he's going to have a problem," one driver said. "The first time I came here I couldn't find where I was going and ended up going the wrong way on a one-way street. Somebody had turned the oneway arrow the wrong way."

said the director, "but I didn't know that it was causing any problems, or Another driver said that he does what anyone else does when looking that there were that many. This is the first complaint I've received about for an address in a strange city - he asks a cop or gas station attendant missing signs in some time.'

Hoboken seeks audit extension

Hoboken will ask the state for adthe city council at Wednesday's morning meeting and then sent to the state itional time to complete the city's Division of Local Government Seralready overdue annual audit for last vices

A resolution requesting the exten-According to Anthony J. sion of time for Vincent J. Indelicato, Amoruso, city clerk and acting the city's registered municipal acmayor, Indelicato suffered a heart atcountant, is expected to be passed by tack recently which interrupted work

on the audit for several months. The council will be notified that a contract between the city and InfoComp Corp., a data processing company, for the handling of the city's 1976 tax bills has been approved by the law department.

The contract is for \$2,090 and was awarded without competitive bidding. Last year, the city put the contract out for bid.

Cooperation 8/25/76 8.8

The Hoboken Board of Education wants to tear down the Connors School and replace it with a new building to be constructed with federal money under the public services act.

Whatever the merits of the suggestion, it calls for joint action between the Board of Education and city officials.

Just a glance at the record shows that the Board of Education and city officials have not worked together too well in the past.

There seems to be a constant stream of criticism from City Hall concerning school board affairs. Twice in recent years the school board and city officials have been unable to agree on the city's school budget and they had to go all the way to the superintendent of schools to work out a settlement of their differences.

If indeed it is a good idea to tear down the old school and build a new one. it is an even better idea for the school

board and city officials to work together

Get together now or regret together

on the project.

later.

#### May computerize parking tickets 8/27/76 Sixty to 70 per cent of the 60 to 70 per cent who don't pay get Hoboken had a computerized

Hoboken never pay them on time and often go several years before settling up with the city, according to figures compiled by the city's violations bureau.

And for that reason, the bureau is again looking into the possibility of having its ticket operation computerized, said Mrs. Marion Roland, head violation clerk.

"Between 30 and 40 per cent of the motorists who get traffic of parking tickets pay their fines on time," she said. "The rest we have to go after by sending out second notices and if they aren't answered, revoking their licenses with the Department of Motor Vehicles in Trenton.

"Every notice or revocation is done by hand and that takes time. The result is that a good percentage of the

motorists who get parking tickets in away with it. By the time we get to them they can no longer be located." abandoned it when the city found that Mrs. Roland said the low percenit was solving some problems but tage of payers wasn't unusual in high creating new ones. density traffic municipalities where summonses were still being proces-

sed by hand - if there were any such municipalities that still handled their tickets by hand. "I don't think there are too many left," she continued. "Most, at least in this area, have gone to a computer

operation and it has meant a greater improvement in the collection percentages. Some of the local communities in Hudson County have boosted their collection rates from 30 to 50 per cent up to between 70 and 80 per cent because of the computerization.

'In most cases these are parking tickets - and that's money in the bank for the municipality.

"It did speed up the system in the processing of tickets, but it ended up causing more work for the bureau; she said. "The main problem was that people who had paid their tickets kept getting notices that they hadn't paid. They'd bring the notices into the bureau and then we'd have to go through all our records to find the

record of their payment.' However, Mrs. Roland didn't blame the computer firm for the problem. She said the computerization of traffic ticket systems was relatively new at that time and some "bugs" in the process were a matter of course.

"Over the years they have refined such systems and have them down pretty pat now," she added.

Mrs. Roland said she has discussed the matter with Business Administrator Herman Bier and both he and she will be checking with computer companies to see what they have to offer in the way of a system for Hoboken.

# Hoboken tops list {}. for public work aid

Hoboken has been assured of a 'number one priority" by state and federal officials when it applies for funds under the Public Works Act. Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

'That assures the city of every consideration on our applications which will add up to millions and millions of dollars," said the mayor. 'And its going to enhance our chances of getting what we ask for."

How much will Hoboken be seeking? The mayor said a final figure hasn't been reached, but it could be more than \$20 million.

"Our two main projects will be the restoration and rehabilitation of the City Hall building, and a consolidated city garage," said Cappiello. "Then the board of education has indicated that it is interested in and some new school construction. cave-ins and makes' the problems The application would be filed by the

city. The mayor disclosed that the

demolition and replacement with a new facility "Of all the schools, the Connors

School is in the worst shape." said the mayor. "It is doubtful that it would be worth rehabilitation since the cost might equal or exceed the cost of taking it down and building a new building. It's that bad.'

Cappiello said that Hoboken will also be seeking additional federal aid under the Federal Pollution Control Act of 1972, primarily for the replacement of sewer lines, many of which date back to the Civil War.

'We still have sewer lines made of wood and others that are made from brick," he said. "Neither is acceptable under today's standards. "In very few cases can they be repaired because of their age. In fact, tampering with them in the attempt funds for rehabilitating its schools to repair them often causes further worse. They must be replaced."

Cappiello said that the city's various applications would be safety head due 9.9.

reports that the city's Public Safety Department will be separated from the mayor's office with its own director

that," said the mayor. "I can's say that it won't happen sometime in the future, but not at this time. In fact, it has to come whether we like it or not.

jority of the Public Safety Department's area of responsibility, is the most important service the city supplies its residents. And the demands by the public for more and better service are bound to increase.

"So it is only a matter of time before those demands require the attention of a full-time administrator or director if they are to be handled properly."

The mayor said that the only advantage of having the public safety department under the direction of another city agency was the saving of one director's salary, and the salary of a clerk or two.

When asked if the creation of a separate public safety department wasn't part of the deal worked out with several councilman to save the job of Business Administrator Herman Bier, the mayor replied: "There was no deal. "I relented to the wishes of the council for the sake of unity and the city," he continued. "The council feels that we will accomplish more working together, and I tend to agree. That was the extent of the so-called deal."

Mayor denies separate 8/23/76

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello today denied

"There is no plan at this time to do anything like

"Police and fire protection, which make up the ma-

ticket system several years ago but

close to the new Clock Towers hous-The lines were approximately ing project.

Thomas G. Connors School, or prepared by the city's Community Number 9 School as it is sometimes Development Agency (CDA). The called, is a prime candidate for work on them is already under way.

and usually gets good directions. Vitale said he would have one of "But if the street you're looking his foremen check the situation and for isn't marked, you still have a make up a list of signs that were missheadache, especially in Hoboken," he ing of damaged and need to be said. "I recently went past the block I replaced.

## Move to plug Hoboken sewer seepage # \*/27/75

#### By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

After weeks of delay, a Hoboken public works crew yesterday attempted to close off a sewer line that has been discharging raw sewage into the Hudson River.

City workers and state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) officials supervising the job said they were hopeful the flow would be completely

"If we get a generally good reac-

One of the problems already

known is that some municipalities in

the county get their water from a

private firm - the Hackensack Water

Co. - while others deal with

municipal authorities like Jersey

county to buy existing water supply

systems under contract with the in-

dividual municipalities or individual

home owners and industries who use

its services," Fusilli said. "In doing

so, a rate structure could be es-

rate system as it would apply to

residential properties and a use basis

properties. With the development of a

county-wide water system it would ul-

timately be practical to consolidate

the operation of the water and

governments for it. However, nothing was being done along those lines at

protection, water, sewerage systems

and garbage are probably the most

important and costly items most

municipalities have to contend with each year," continued the freeholder." And in Hudson County's

case, you can include unemployment.

'There are some startling con-

Where will the money come from? Fusilli said the county would be looking to the state and federal

"Along with police and fire

"The result would be a uniform

'The plan would call for the

tion throughout the county then we'll

the way," continued Fusilli.

City, Hoboken and Bayonne.

tablished and a use basis.

sewerage systems."

this time.

halted by today. Late yesterday, a cap placed on the line had reduced the flow "by 75 per cent," according to DEP inspector Richard J. DeNito, but sewage continued to spill into the river through a leak in the sewer pipe

itself City officials believe that once the line is plugged, the sewage will back up and help identify the origin of the pollution.

'I'm expecting some phone calls regarding a flooding," a smiling Public Works Director Raphael Vitale said, And DEP officials said they were standing by to pinpoint whomever is dumping the sewage into the line.

To Be Capped The line, which protrudes into the river at the Bethlehem Steel shipyard between

docks 5 and 6, was to be capped two weeks ago but high tides caused by Hurricane Belle prevented access to the line. The line is visible only at low tide. Despite numerous dye tests, city officials have either been able to determine the origin of the sewage nor trace the line, which does not show on any city map.

Fourth Ward, who ran unsuccessfully

from the right people I will definitely

be a candidate," said Amato. "I tried

to line myself up with the mayor and

his supporters but they change their

positions almost every day. I can't do

Amato said he will be actively

Raphael P. Vitale is preparing for

against Cappiello in 1973.

that

exterminator.

get rid of them.

According to director Vitale, dye tests have only established that the discharge does not originate in the shipyard or the city's sewage treatment plant.

The only clue the city has is a chemical analysis of the pollutant. The flow has been identified as "partly gasoline, oil, and various chemicals," which would point to an industrial user, Vitale said.

DEP officials yesterday took samples of the flow for more chemical analysis

rule out possible legal action against the party responsible for the dumping of the sewage. "As far as the DEP knows, this is an unpermitted discharge," DEP inspector DeNito said.

and for a bacteria count. A DEP official vesterday refused to

### County explores water authority 9.9. Maxwell House coffee plant in

#### **By Peter Hallam**

Hoboken, one of the largest water Preliminary discussions have users in the county. They also reacted begun between Hudson County offavorably, he said. ficials and representatives of industry exploring the possibility of creating a county-wide water authority for the go on to the next step - figuring out purpose of giving some financial relief to hard pressed municipalities how it can be done and the problems such as Hoboken and Jersey City, it that we can expect to encounter along was learned today from Freeholder

Vincent J. Fusilli. "At this time, we are involved in the very preliminary stages of discussion." said the freeholder. "In fact, the one certainty we know is that the county, under its new administrative code, has the power to create such an authority. Whether or not it would be feasible remains to be decided.

"I am currently exploring to find the degree of interest such a proposal would generate with business leaders and governmental officials both on the county and local levels."

Fusilli said that he has spoken fleetingly with Mayors Paul T. Jordan of Jersey City and Steve Cappiello of Hoboken and both expressed interest in the idea. On the business side, he system as it applies to commercial has met with representatives of the

Hoboken gets caught with pumps down The state Department of En-

vironmental Protection (DEP) has

## Talks to resume with bluecoats

Contract talks between Hoboken and its police and firemen will resume within the next week to 10 days and hopefully conclude before the end of September, Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, the city's negotiator, said today.

Ranieri, who had withdrawn from all city council activity sonce July for health reasons, said he will resume his duties Monday and has asked that officials of the police and fire unions be notified of this and to prepare for meetings at the earlierst possible time. "The mayor's office is now reaching out for them,"

he said. "I would like to meet next week, if possible, the week after at the latest, We were very close to a settlement at the last negotiating session and I still think that we can wrap this up with another meeting of two."

The city has reached an agreement with the Fire Fighters Association but must still negotiate with the Fire Officers Association, the Municipal Employes Association, and the Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA).

Capt. William Bergin, president of the Fire Ufficers, said his union's main objection to the city's offer was the \$2,000 ceiling it wants to impose on longevity payments. Depending on the number of years of service, fire fighters get up to 10 per cent additional pay each year under the longevity syustem.

The Fire Fighters accepted the \$2,000 mázimum limitation because no frieman gets \$2,000 of more in longevity payments. But all of the deputy chiefs, all members of the fire officers association, make more than \$20,000 a year and are now getting longevity payments in excess of \$2,000.



needs to go to council

Insurance 8/27/76

A swarm of hornets that was pestering residents of Fourth and the flying insects once and for all. Jackson Streets, Hoboken, last week 'We hired a local exterminator won its first gattle with a city-hired with a good reputation and he knew

seems to matter."

what to do," said the director. "But day that the hornets are back in the people in this area don-t usually have same tree in front of 421 Jackson St. they're more apt to show up in rural in spite of the efforts of an exterminator hired by the city last week to

areas. So our na, although he knew what he was supposed to do, didn't have much experience with this kind However, Public Works Director

of insect.

"I checked some rural areas in round two of the fitht. The director Bergen County to see if we can find

week should have settled the problem. For some reason, it didn't work and

they're back." The hornets were nesting in a hollowed-out section of a large tree

approximately 10 feet off the ground. The exterminator treated the hole with a mixture of kerosene, gasoline and insect poison. A reporter checked the hole and was thousands of dead hornets inside. Several others were seen still flying around the tree.

Two or three were children.

for a successful campaign, he wouldn't run on his own.

"I tried that in 1973 and got badly beaten," he continued. "But I learned something. Nobody, even the mayor, can stand all by himself. If you want people to support your candidacy you have to go out and seek it. They aren't going to come to you. Well, I'm

looking.

One of the opponents Mayor Steve dependent citizens groups and administration. But shortly after the the mayor was only trying to get me first of the year he started meeting on his side in case there was an open political feud," Amato said. Amato said if he couldn't line up the support he felt would be needed

Cappiello of Hoboken may have to organizations between now and the fairly regularly with Cappiello and face in his bid for re-election next end of the year in an attempt to get the criticism subsided. Amato said that he was con-

year is Andrew J. Amato of the their support for the election. "I'm not a politician," he concerned with conditions in the Fourth tinued. "I'm a businessman. I just Ward and that his meetings with Cap-"If I can get the right support can't operate the same way the piello were for the purpose of telling mayor does. It seems that everything him about the ward's problems. He the city does is calculated politically. added that the meetings "did some Everything carries some kind of good" because the problems did get

political weight and that's all that the city's attention. "But now that there seems to be

Until several months ago, Amato political peace between the mayor setting up meetings with various in- had been a critic of the mayor and his and opposition forces, it appears that

- Amato may run for mayor station

Hornets win first Hoboken round 9.9 said he has hired an "expert" in the someone with experience in handling the area want the tree taken down, but he has refused. "Not just to get field and will bring him in to get rid of hornets. By rights what was done last rid of the hornets," Vitale said. "they'll only swarm somewhere else

and we'll have lost a good tree for nothing.

The director said he has hired the Hudson Exterminating Co. of Englewood to do the work.

According to residents, several others persons have been bitten by the hornets since last week, after the exterminator tried to get rid of them.

Vitale said that some residents of



The Hoboken architectural firm of Mayo, Lynch & Associates, has been awarded a five-year, \$27,000 contract to prepare a 10-year "master plan" for the city's Board of Educa-Under the agreement, approved unanimously by the board at last night's meeting, the firm collects \$15,000 the first year for putting together a proposal for repairs to local schools over the next five years. The company will get \$3,000 annually over the next four years for continuing to update the priority schedule, as outlined by Robert Taylor, board counsel. It is hoped that the board can apply and qualify for certain federal and state school aid programs to implement the recommendations put forward by Mayor Lynch.

custodians. The pact calls for an ad- receiving was terminated.

In other business, the board (\$400) to compensate them for duties ratified a two-year pact with the performed under the Governor's Hoboken School Employes Asso- Career Program. The additional ciation, representing some 65 school federal and state aid they had been

ditional \$80,000 to be paid out in the The board accepted the resigna-1976-77 school year and \$56,000 more tion of Joseph D. Totaro as Hoboken Farina, board vice president and

athletic committee chairman, told

dinator" is apparently putting added

Farina said he recommended that

burdens on Totaro's time.

ordered Hoboken to station a man around the clock at the temporary sewage pumping station on 11th Street or face fines of up to \$3,000 a day, according to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale.

"You might say that the city accidentally got caught with its pumps down." said the director. "An inspector from the state just happened to pass the temporary station and found that all three pumps were not working - and there wasn't anyone there to fix them."

Vitale said that the city attempted to contact Raymond Wright, the owner of the pumps, who has been leasing them to the city since the beginning of the year, but could not reach him to make repairs.

The pumps were installed by the city after the DEP ordered a temporary facility to take the place of the regular pumping station, which was destroyed by an explosion last September. Hoboken has commitments from state and federal agencies for funds with which to reconstruct the station, but has yet to receive any money

According to Vitale, at first the city did have men stationed at the site, but they were there just to keep people away from the excavation and make sure no one tampered with the pumps. Since then, the city has enclosed the area with a chain link fence, eliminating the need for the guards.

"Now we've been ordered to have someone there all the time in case of another breakdown," he continued. "Either the city will pay one of its own men to keep them (the pumps) running or the owner will have to assign someone to watch them. In either case, the city will have to pay."

Without the pumps, sewage accumulates in large underground vaults at the site until it hits a safety discharge valve and goes directly into the Hudson River. The pumps prevent the untreated sewage from reaching that level, sending it through the sewer lines to the city's treatment plant.

On his own 8/21/76 9.9.

ing for a 100 per cent increase in water

rates, Vincent Petrignani is doing

through. With the rate zooming, he could

not afford to water his garden. But he

decided that life without plants and

a well that plunges somewhere between

65-to-70 feet and brings plenty of water to

the surface for his garden. Unfortunate-

ly, it is ground water and he cannot drink

deep enough to have an artesian well

But, for another \$5,000, he can go

something about it.

flowers was not bearable.

While everyone in Hoboken is brac-

First he thought the whole thing

So, for an investment of \$300, he has

tradictions. Millions are coming into the county for job programs. At the same time we are being mandated by state and federal agencies to make costly water and sewerage systems improvements that will surely increase the operating costs of industry and force them to leave - taking jobs

with them. "An example of this is the millions Jersey City will have to spend to update its water system without any promises of state or federal assistance - and the added cost it will result in for residential and commercial users in Jersey City

and Hoboken. Fusilli said that a county-wide water authority could result in a standardized and cheaper water rate and help keep industries and businesses in

the county. "In the next few weeks I plan to meet with Mayor Jordan, business leaders and the mayors of all Hudson County municipalities to get their feelings and reaction to the proposal," said Fusilli.

and Bayonne. A good deal for Hoboken, right?

Hoboken figures it from a different point of view. Its county park is only 2.6 acres. Jersey City's is 273 acres, Bayonne's 97 acres.

Hoboken's 2.6 acres must serve a population approximately the same size as that of North Bergen, which has 167 county park acres. Hoboken thinks it deserves compensatory treatment beyond what the county is giving.

Since the trouble is the paucity of park land in Hoboken, why does not the city look hard for a practicable site, or sites, for more county park acreage, and then ask the county to buy it, rather than just putting the money into tiny **Columbus Park?** 

Hoboken hates to give up potential tax revenue, but more park space would make the city more attractive. That ought to help bring in tax revenue, too.

## Gaspar says schools 8/30/74 need repair before city

The president of the Hoboken be," said Mrs. Gaspar, "but from Board of Education wants Hoboken to statements made by city officials I reconsider its priorities in applying got the feeling that they were more for funds under the federal Public concerned with such projects as the Works Act so that repair and rehabili- rehabilitation of City Hall and the tation of the schools get first money. consolidated public works garage.' According to Mrs. Gaspar, the schools are in dire need of extensive

Mrs. Mary Gaspar said today she has written to Mayor Steve Cappiello repairs, and if not made their apasking that the schools be placed at pearance and condition could affect

the educational development of the children. Mrs. Gaspar said that with the exception of the High School and the Wallace School, all of the city's schools needed extensive work. However, she took exception to the proposal that the Connors School be torn down and a new school built.

#### Weekend bike path?

Hoboken's City Council has not yet been able to make up its mind whether it wants a bicycle path on the newly restored River Road.

Councilman Francone proposes as an alternative that the road be closed to traffic on weekends for use only by bicyclists. This proposal should be explored.

As the councilman says, the new road is pretty much a speedway. It is also used, illegally, for drag racing. How part of the road could be set aside for bicycling without endangering the cyclists is something of a puzzle.

River Road was intended primarily for truck traffic. Can the local industries do without it on Saturdays and Sundays? That point should be determined before

Specifications for Hoboken's 1976 insurance needs will be presented to

the city council for its approval at Wednesday's meeting - more than a month later than originally planned. As a result, companies interested

in submitting a proposition to the city will have less than a month to study Hoboken's insurance needs. The bids will be due at the council's Oct. 6 meeting. According to experts in the field, 30 days are not sufficient to study the city's requirements and gives companies already holding city policies a decided edge in the preparation of the proposals.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, who originated the plan to give prospective bidders at least two months for preparation, said he agreed, but at least the specifications this year are "very exacting" and should allow most companies to compile their bids within 30-days if they really worked at it.

It was learned that if not for Ranieri's 11th-hour efforts yesterday, the specifications might not have reached the council until Sept. 15 or later.

The councilman said he was informed that the agenda for next week's meeting did not mention the insurance specifications. He inquired to find out why. "I thought Walter Hartye (the

city's insurance specialist) and I had worked everything out before I went on vacation," said the councilman. "But it appears the law department had a number of technical questions and recommended changes be made and the specifications were send back to Hartve.

"However, the changes have now been made and went back to the law department yesterday afternoon. I was assured by Mrs. (Julia) Hanrahan that she would go over them and have them down to the city clerk for inclusion in the agenda no later than today."

The council, if it approves the specifications and authorizes the city clerk to advertise them, will award the contract in November. The coverage will go into effect next Jan.

#### Tax wipeout 8/24/16 8.9.

How would you like to wipe out your financial obligations, past, present and future, by changing your name?

Consider the latest development in the case of the former Holland America

piers in Hoboken. Three years ago, the River Towing Company bought the piers from the city for \$71,000. A year later, a new corporation with the fascinating name of Mervyn's Midnight Waterfront Beauty, Inc. bought the piers from River Towing for exactly \$71,000.

River Towing has continued to use

has been referring the tax collector to Mervyn's, which has paid no taxes except a token \$20,000 and now owes \$250,000 plus 12 per cent interest and penalties.

fing itself up to go to court and try to collect rents Mervyn's has been receiving. But, guess what!

Mervyn's Midnight Waterfront Beauty has now changed its name to M.M.W.B. Inc., and Mervyn's claims that consequently it no longer owes anything to the city.

It worked last time. Why not again?

Street sweeping problem solved 9.9.

A Hoboken property owner who hasn't had the street swept in front of road."

his factory with any great regularity can now count on getting a clean sweep at least once a week. The area in front of the Windsor

Wax Co. at 611 Newark Street was about it. swept by hand yesterday afternoon and will be included in the route of the city's mechanical sweeper every Friday afternoon, according to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale. "It was a matter of geography

and a lack of communication," said the director. "While the plant has a over 1977-78, estimated Taylor. If the state Division of Local The Jersey Journal that Totaro's job Finance sanctions an application Taylor claims the trustees will save as "early learning program coorabout \$226,000 in interest payments by shortening the "maturity schedule" on \$2.4 million in bonds the board is selling to pay for the new Wallace School

Volunteers

sought by

aged center

The SMILE Senior Citizen Center

in Hoboken is looking for volunteers

Barbo, director-coordinator of the

expansion are senior citizen transpor-

tation, the Friendly Visitor service,

recreation, education, referral ser-

Some of the services planned for

One program that has already

wishes to participate in any or all of

the programs should contact Louis

today.

the board "post" the job of assistant baseball coach, along with varsity coach, so that Hoboken can field, for the first time, a team of underclas-Salary "adjustments" totaling smen. The board, however, has yet to \$3,100 were granted by the board to Betsy Langley (\$1,000), Joseph Colaneri (\$1,000), Lawrence create the position of assistant Sciancelepore (\$700) and John Sivo

baseball coach. The head baseball coach slot carries an annual stipend of \$1,470 that's tacked on to the coach's faculty salary. During his 12-year-tenure as head coach, Totaro failed to bring Hoboken a championship in the Hudson County Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Eleven new teachers placed on the board payroll were: Emelyn Garrick, Lucille Pacchioni, John Bussanich, Doris Sienkewicz and Peter Hetzel, all elementary school; Angela Rivera, Carmelyn Totaro-Suljic, Sheila Rubin and Darlene Kulezynski, all special education; Otto Alcon, music; and Muriel Haber Garcia. Junior High, English as a second to help in the expansion of its language. Most of those are programs for the elderly, Vincent J.-'replacements," according to Thomas F. McFeely, superintendent city's senior citizen programs, said of schools.

The board hired 12 more instructors under the federally-funded Title I program. They are: Louise Cutillo, Bruce Radigan, Sandra Sansevere, Mary M. Schmidt, Ann Hovanayetz, Jean Bollhardt, Edward Stinson, Evalee Batistich, Mona Lisa, Elizabeth Policastro, Haidee Flores

and Carmine Ronga. John Sepp, a "psychometrician" who evaluates foreign students admitted to the school system to determine in which grade level they should be placed, was transferred from the Title I program to the board payroll with the expiration of federal funding for his project.

During the meeting's public portion, Farina and Trustee Leo McLaughlin defended the board's "loaning" of the Wallace School courtyard to Mike's Athletic Club for use by a privately-funded league. Dr. Robert King took exception to the school board being linked to the club in published reports as a co-sponsor of

Michael Turner, head of the club, the activity replied: "I felt that since the board spent \$1,000 to put backboards and paint the yard for basketball games, they (the trustees) should be credited for that.

Taglieri, director of the SMILE center, at 60 Sixth St. They may also call the center at 963-7997. Persons wishing to volunteer some of their time to increase the services also should contact Taglieri.

ter. Observer Highway is a county County officials concede that it is

a county street - on paper - but the regularly scheduled basis like the rest municipality has the responsibility of Hoboken's streets. However, the for cleaning and police patrols. Vitale county has been sweeping the area. disagrees, but isn't going to argue

The director said that he saw the "Windsor Wax pays its taxes in Hoboken, so sweeping the street in front is the least the city can do," he said. "We could argue it out with the of the dust and litter may be coming county but that wouldn't get things from work the company is doing on an According to company officials Vitale said the firm reconstructed the

county sweeper passing by only a week or so ago. He added that much old frame building on its property.

cleaned up." and employes, it may be at least five building in brick and a good part of

foremen and found that the area has been cleaned up from time to time. But it may very well be five years since it was swept by the city on a

each morning to senior citizens who live alone to see if they are safe and if they have any particular needs. In The city is belatedly huffing and puforder to participate, a senior must enroll in the program and is then placed on the daily telephone list. Barbo said any senior citizen who

#### vices and counselling, he said. the piers for its business operations, but been intensified is the telephone reassurance program. It consists of placing a number of daily telephone calls



# 9 Hudson municipalities gain // U.S. OK of grant for projects

Now that the federal government has accepted Hudson County's plan for spending \$923,000 in aid on courthouse restoration, housing improvements and other projects, the programs could begin in October.

Sen. Harrison A. Williams' office announced the approval of the Community Development block grant. Lawrence Campagna, county planning director, said the county will administer the funds and reimburse the nine municipalities included in the application were Jersey City, Union City and Bayonne, which administer independent Community Development programs.

The county had to revise the application from what was originally proposed at public hearings in each municipality and at the Hudson County Administration Building last and \$50,000 in Hoboken. The subsidies

spring to conform to the recommen- take the form of reducing the interest dations of the Department of Housing rate on loans from private banks to qualified homeowners. and Urban Development.

The county reduced spending for A study on how to separate storm restoration of the old courthouse on and sewage drains in Harrison and Newark Avenue and for road im-East Newark will receive \$7,000. provements, and increased appropria-Other allocations of the grant are tions for aid to rehabilitate housing. \$13,000 for tree planting in The final, approved plan lists Weehawken on Park Avenue; \$50,000 \$100,000 for fixing the courthouse; for a neighborhood center in \$100,000 for improvements to West Secaucus; \$7,000 for a refurbishing of Hudson Park in Kearny and Harrison; a community center in East Newark; \$141,000 for drainage improvement at \$20,000 for county planning and \$25,000 Frank's Creek, Kearny; \$23,000 for for county administering of the parks improvements in Weehawken program. and \$15,000 for fire communications equipment in that township.

Road improvement projects remaining in the program total The block grant also provides \$50,000 for subsidizing home im-\$37,000 for North Bergen and \$41,000 for Hamilton Street, Harrison. Gutprovements in North Bergen, \$46,000 tenberg would receive \$25,000 for for such subsidies in West New York public housing improvements.

## Hoboken bureau asks bike safety program

matter of time before one of Hoboken's youthful and daring bicycle riders is killed or seriously injured by a motorist, the city's Retail Bureau said today that it will request city officials to institute a bicycle education and safety program.

William Roth, a member of the bureau's executive board and spokesman, said that many of the city's youngsters are failing to observe even the basic "rules of the road."

"Most of them don't know that there are rules and regulations they are supposed to observe just like someone driving a car," said Roth. "The problem is that by not knowing they commit many errors that put their own safety in jeopardy." According to Roth, the Retail

Bureau would like to co-sponsor the safety program with the city. Besides giving the youngsters

instructions on the safe operation of their bikes, the bureau would like to provide them with safety flags," he continued. "The bureau and city would give the flags to children who

Asserting that it will only be a could not afford them. Youngsters who can would pay what it cost to buy them.

"The flags are mounted on long, whip-like poles which are attached to the bikes. Both the pole and the flag have a neon finish which makes them easily visible at night as well as by

dav Roth added that with the city on the verge of opening a bike path along River Road the bicycle safety program will get worse without some kind of instructional program. But the bike path might be the ideal location to start the training program. "It is likely that the bike path," once operating, will be drawing many

youngsters away from the local neighborhoods for bike riding," he said. "that means more bike traffic around the city. "But having all those youngsters

in one general area at the same time might prove to be the ideal circumstances and location for a bike safety program," he said.

Roth said the bureau will make the recommendation for the program to Mayor Steve Cappiello and the city council

#### School repair aid pledged by Cappiello

#### By Peter Hallam

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello today vowed to work hand in hand with the city's board of education in order to get federal Public Works Act funds for school repairs but fell short of giving the board a top priority. Mrs. Mary Gaspar, school board president, had written to the mayor last week asking that the city give the board first crack at getting the money because of the generally poor condi-

#### tion of the schools.

"I have received Mrs. Gaspar's letter, but I don't think anyone knows enough about what we can or can't get through the public works act to make any commitments at this time," said

the mayor. "I would prefer to sit with the school board and city council and go over both our needs, and then work out a plan for applying for the funds." But in all other respects I agree with Mrs. Gaspar. The condition of the schools is very important to the education of our children and to ig-

nore the problem would short-change the city and the board of education. 'If state and federal funds can't be obtained for the repairs then the money will have to come from the city. So there is ample incentive for the city to do everything it can to get money for the school work."

The mayor said that he leaned towards applications that featured a combination of city and school projects, and allowing them to stand on their own merit.

Lay in water gg for Sunday, 9/3/76 Hoboken told

Hoboken residents, plagued by discolored water for the last few weeks during repairs to a number of city water lines, today were advised to put aside some bottled water for Sunday when the problem might get a lot worse.

Deputy Public Works Director Carmen Cutillo said today that Jersey City will be shutting down its water supply for a 24-hour period beginning at 12:01 a.m. Sunday.

'Alternate means are being taken by Jersey City to acquire water from sources other than the Boonton Reser voir, but it is expected that there will be some discoloration of the water,' said Cutillo. "Our water is already discolored because of the work being done in Hoboken, installing and repairing water lines. "So if Jersey City expects the water to be discolored, the problem for Hoboken could be even worse than for Jersey City's other water customers."

#### Hoboken gets ultimatum on pumping station

The contractor who supplied Hoboken with three heavy-duty pumps for a temporary pumping sta-tion at 11th and Hudson streets is threatening to remove the pumps and let the city look elsewhere for the equipment.

Raymond Wright, the North Bergen contractor who has the contract to provide pumps to the city, said today that it was city neglect that caused the damage to the equipment and forced its removal for repairs. The city was cited last week by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for not having the pumps operating at the station.

According to Wright, his contract with the city does not call for him to maintain the pumps. He said that this was the city's responsibility. However, he has been stuck with the repairs and may have to replace one of the pumps with a new one at his own expense

Wright said that he does not own the pumps but leases them from a firm in Montclair. He, in turn, rents them to the city.

"When the pumps first went in I suggested that the city enclose them with a chain link fence," he said. "This was never done. The city did

**Continued from Page 1** enclose the hole leading down to the vault where the old pumps were located, but my pumps were not included in the fetching project.

"The pumps are located on the island on 11th Street and are easily ac-

#### cessible to anyone.

Wright said that most of the damage to the pumps has been caused by kids throwing junk down into the vault where it is sucked up by the pumps and usually jams them. "If the city had a watchman on

duty, one who really watched, this en tire problem might have been avoided in the first place," he continued. "The pumps were damaged by junk that had been sucked up, not by vandalism. Wright said that the DEP wants

all three pumps running but he took exception to the order. "Each pump is rated at 30

horsepower, or a total of 90 horse power," he said. "That's almost twice as much power as the original pump, which was rated at only 50 horsepower.

## Which rates priority?

In seeking federal funds, should a city give priority to rehabilitating its city hall and consolidating its scattered garages, or to repairing its schools?

In Hoboken, the schools are in such bad shape there appears to be only one answer. City hall is in bad shape, too, but not as bad as the schools.

No one can deny that several small garages are inefficient and should be combined in one building, but at least they function.

The school board president says she has reason to believe the city hall and central garage are given top priority on the city's application for federal funds. Common sense would dictate that the school houses be put at the top of the list.

### Hoboken is the victor 11/12 in battle with hornets

Hoboken appears to have come problem would reoccur unless a tree out on top in its continuing battle with surgeon was brought in to make a swarm of hornets that had taken up repairs to the tree. residence in a willow tree in front of

421 Jackson St. A crew from the city Public Works Department, directed by a biologist and horticulturist supplied by the Community Development Agency (CDA), yesterday removed one of the tree limbs and filled in the hole the hornets were nesting in with city under one of the beautification concrete. The hole was first treated to help preserve the tree. The area was programs. then wrapped in plastic until the ce-

ment dries. The hornets first appeared two weeks ago, prompting residents to complain to the city after several persons were stung. The city responded by sending an exterminator who treated the nest with a mixture of chemicals and gasoline, which provided temporary relief.

A few days later the hornets were back and the city called in a second exterminator. He also treated the tree but advised the city that the

Hoboken insurance needs get OK

He said the hornets were nesting in a large hole about 10 feet off the ground which extended several feet, down into the tree. Unless the tree was treated and the hole sealed, the hornets would eventually return. According to a public works spokesman, the biologist is assisting CDA with the planting of trees in the



#### Celebrating a centennial

Harry Bernard, who lived in Hoboken until two years ago when he entered the East Orange Veterans Administration Hospital's nursing home care unit, has celebrated his 100th birthday. A native of Worcester, Mass., Bernard has traveled from coast to coast and through Canada and Cuba. A musician and inventor, Bernard, a bachelor, settled in Hoboken permanently following World War II.

We don't mind that too much, said a company spokesman. "It makes more work for us but at least there isn't damage and we don't have to replace the lines.'

Hoboken has

continuation

on the lines last summer.

of water woes

The company working on

Numerous residents have been

Hoboken's water mains this summer

isn't having any more luck with van-

dalism than the company that worked

left without water for varying periods

of time because vandals have been

cutting the hoses the company has

been using to hook up buildings to

their temporary above-ground mains.

Ameron Corp., more than 50 building

connections were cut a few weekends

ago, along with several four-inch

hoses which take water to the tem-

resemble garden hose but are of a

much heavier gauge of plastic, rein-

company has also had a fire in one of

its work trailers used as an office.

Several juveniles were apprehended

serious as the cutting or puncturing of

the lines, is the shutting off of the

house connections by youngsters. The

valves are at curbside and can be shut

down using a pair of pliers or a

on the company's complaint.

wrench.

president.

forced with nylon webbing inside.

The building connection lines

Besides having the lines cut, the

Another problem, but not as

porary mains from fire hydrants.

According to one workman for the

A number of complaints have been received about low water pressure and the company is looking into them. However, it isn't sure it is responsible since some of the complaints have come from buildings which are still hooked up to the city water lines and not the temporary

Cutillo suggested residents judge their water needs and then put a supply aside for Sunday use.

According to Cutillo, the Jersey City shutdown is necessitated by repairs at the Boonton Reservoir.

by William H. Baldwin, its honor of two distinguished ear- student-faculty lounge and an

dation, with headquarters in William Peirce, Class of 1897, and A major portion of the

Troy, Michigan, supports con- were completed shortly after renovation work has been comstruction and major renovation World War II. Linked in a U- pleted. Parts of the complex projects; purchase of major, shaped configuration, the three were used for the 1976 Summer movable, capital equipment; buildings housed the Institute's Session and will continue in use and real estate acquisition. Its Department of Chemistry and during the upcoming academic

education, health care and own new five-story Education make it possible to phase out

The 53-year-old Kresge Foun- Kidde, Class of 1897, and

grants are awarded to well- Chemical Engineering until year.

established institutions September, 1974. At that time,

the arts, and care of the young and River sts.

or old. Stevens previously

operating in the areas of high the Department moved into its

ly Stevens graduates - Walter art and technology studio.

Specifications for Hoboken's in- Robert A. Ranieri, some last minute surance needs in 1976 have been ap- changes that were delaying them proved by the city council, with bids were made and the material included to be submitted at the council's Oct. 6 in the agenda of business. In other business, the council meeting

originally scheduled for inclusion in enter into an agreement for the conthe business covered at yesterday's tinuation of the Communisty Developcouncil meeting. However, at the in- ment Program and to seek \$3,420,000 sistance of Councilman-at-large in federal funding.

The council approved a resolution asking the state Division of Local Government Services for additional time in which to complete the city's audit for 1975. Vincent J. Indelicato, The specifications were not authorized Mayor Steve Cappiello to the city's registered municipal accountant, sustained a heart attack earlier in the year and was unable to complete his work.

Stevens to get building grant

project is \$2.4 million. In ex- that the Kresge award is to be A \$150,000 grant toward The grant applies toward The completely air-conditioned building renovation has been renovation of the Morton- complex will contain 21 class- pressing his gratitude to the treated as a challenge grant, awarded to Stevens Institute of Peirce-Kidde complex. The rooms, a lecture hall, two Kresge Foundation, President President Rogers expressed Technology, at Castle Point in oldest building, named for seminar rooms, faculty offices Rogers of Stevens stated, "We the hope that the gift would in-Hoboken, New Jersey, by the Henry Morton, the Institute's for the Departments of expect this generous grant will spire others to assist the In-Kresge Foundation. Announce- first President, was dedicated Humanities and Management give impetus to our on-going stitute in reaching the ultimate ment of the award was made in 1905. The others, named in Science, five laboratories, a fund raising efforts for the goal.

HD Hoboken water woe due 9/3 76 Hoboken and Jersey City residents can expect discolored water when they turn on their faucets on Sunday.

The discoloration is expected to occur when Jersey City, which supplies Hoboken with water, closes off the Boonton Reservoir for 24 hours on Sunday due to the construction of a new water treatment plant.

The discolored water will be safe for drinking, according to a Hoboken Water Department spokesman.

# Hospital bonds sold

Hoboken's St. Mary Hospital has sold out its entire \$6.5 million bond issue three days after the notes went on sale. Some \$450,000 in bonds were bought by area residents, according to Charles Wade, associated director of the hospital.

The bond offering was the second in a twopart capital financing program that began with a \$7 million bond sale in March 1975.

Money from the sales goes to the hospital's building extension program and will help finance a new critical care area, enlarged radiology and mental health departments, and new obstetrical and gynecological units in the

330-bed private hospital, officials there said. The latest bond issue went on sale Monday and was entirely subscribed by Wednesday, according to Wade. The notes offer an interest rate of 9.5 per cent and will mature in seven years. Bonds were available in denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 and multiples of these amounts.

The 1975 bond issue brought in more than. \$500,000 from local buyers, according to Sr. Grace Frances Stauber, hospital executive director.

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

# Hoboken PBA plans job action against city

#### **By Peter Hallam**

The Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) will institute a job action against the city if a satisfactory contract offer isn't made at Tuesday night's negotiating this year. session with Councilman-at-large

faced with the problem of preparing for its 1977 contract negotiations without successfully concluding the

Robert A. Ranieri and Mayor Sieve membership that eight months is ade- vote on the city's latest proposal. Cappiello, Patrolman James quate time for the city to reach an

Behrens. "The PBA is now being course the job action would take if a contract settlement isn't reached. The PBA will meet Tuesday night at 8 with the mayor and Councilman 1976 talks - provided of course that Ranieri. A special PBA meeting has we don't accept a multi-year package been called for 4:30 p.m. the following day in the city council chambers for

"It is the general feeling of the the purpose of allowing members to

#### 410 new books at Hoboken library

A total of 410 new books were purchased by the Hoboken Public Library last month, Lucille Cunningham, director, said today. Many of the volumes are now available to library members.  $M = \frac{9}{2}/\frac{7}{2}$ Some of the new books are:  $M = \frac{9}{2}/\frac{7}{2}$ 

The 103rd Ballot: Democrats and the Disaster in Madison Square Garden, by Robert K. Murray; Diplomacy For A Crowded World: An American Foreign Policy, by George W. Ball; The Segmented Society: An Introduction To The Meaning Of America, by Robert H. Wiebe; The City At The End Of The Rainbow: San Francisco And Its Grand Hotels, by David Siefkin; Why Not The Best? Why One Man Is Optimistic About America's Third Century, by Jimmy Carter; Touch Not The Cat: A Novel, by Mary Stewart; Saraband For Two Sisters: A Novel, by Philippa Carr; Ordinary People: A Novel, by Judith Guest; Going For Broke: How I Built An Empire From Scatch And Lost 20 Million Dollars, by John Stone; On Watch: A Memoir, by Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.; Selected Poems, by Robert Lowell: I Never Wanted To Be Vice-President

Burke, by John B. Sheerin; Miss Herbert (The Suburban Wife), by Christina Stead; The Family Arsenal: A Novel, by Paul Theroux; The Immortals: A Novel, by Nancy Freedman; A New Life Of Anton Chekhov, by Ronald Hingley; The Best Years, 1945-1950, by Joseph C. Goulden; Mussolini's Roman Empire, by Denis Mack Smith; Alger Hiss: The True Story, by John Chabot Smith; Aiken: Senate Diary-Jan. 1972-Jan. 1975, by George D. Aiken; The Brothers Reuther: The Story of the UAW, A Memoir, by Victor G. Reuther; Liberty Tavern: A Novel, by Thomas Fleming; The Dresden Finch: A Novel, by Jessica Sterling; Bound for the Promised Land: A Novel, by Michael Marius; Words and Women: New Language in New Times, by Casey Miller and Kate Swift; A Voice From The Chorus: A Writer's Diary, by Abram Tertz; The Scrabble Book: Winning Strategies for the World's Most Popular Word Game, by Derryn Hinch; The Pleasures of Jazz, by Leonard Feather; Arabesque, by Theresa De Kerpely; A Book of Faith: An Anthology of the Wold's Great Literature Dealing with the Concept of Faith, by Elizabeth Goudge; Street Games, by Alan Milberg; The

#### Hoboken PBA sets #9 date for job action 1/2/12

The job action threatened by the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association if a contract settlement can't be reached with the city Tuedsay night will start the morning of Sept. 10, it was learned today.

PBA President James Behrens confirmed the report by saying that was when the PBA planned to begin its job action. However, Behrens would not comment on what the PBA members will be doing.

"Whatever doors are closed will be opened, and whatever doors are open will be closed," he answered when asked what form the job action will take. "You figure it out."

According to one PBA source, the job action won't involve any slowdown or domonstrations by PBA members. Instead, there will be "a job speed up." He said that, if anything, the city will have better law enforcement and that it would not include the harassment

related services, conservation, and Research Center at Fifth the Navy Building, an old but been serving as the Institute's received from a Kresge grant Renovation will convert this principal class-room facility. in 1965, when the Institute was former chemistry and This measure will result in an awarded \$25,000 toward the chemical engineering complex annual saving to the Institute construction costs of its into the principal classroom of approximately \$25,000 in Samuel C. Williams Library. facility for the entire Institute. operating costs alone.

The renovated complex will



#### Hoboken council decides conduct rules needed

As a result of a screaming match consider making a rule requiring not the council's duty to do their leg citizens to be fully prepared when work for them. they address the council

Second Ward Councilman Walter S. Cramer said today that he would recommend to the entire council at the next caucus meeting that it amend its rules. Cramer was spurred by an outburst yesterday between Francone and former Hoboken Magistrate Charles DeFazio Jr.

#### Maxwell plant cuts back until sales catch up

Approximately one-third of the total work force at the Maxwell House Coffee plant in Hoboken has been temporarily laid off, a spokesman for General Food Corp., the parent company, said today. The spokesman said that the

layoffs, over a period of more than a month, were forced by a temporary reduction in plant production prompted by two situations.

"The first is a normal maintenance shutdown of the facility in some departments," he said. "The other is a need to balance our inven-

tory. "As coffee prices rose in the past few months, consumers bought ahead; now they are drawing from their pantry shelves. This has resulted in some backups in the distribution pipeline.

The spokesman added that the company doesn't anticipate any longterm cutbacks in operations.

The work force at the plant, when in full production, is between 1,200 and 1,300. The spokesman, who couldn't provide figures, acknowledged that from 400 to 450 people have been laid off.

According to plant employes, the pipeline backup is being caused by tons and tons of coffee that aren't being sold. Within a period of 60-to-90 days coffee prices have gone up 60-to-90 cents a pound, depending on the brand. National brands such as Maxwell House are selling from between \$1.90 to \$2.10 a pound in supermarkets and 10-to-20 cents more in corner grocery stores.

Some housewives heeding prior warnings of increased prices bought

"I have no objection to any between Councilman Louis Francone citizens speaking on one item or all of and a former municipal court the business being considered by the magistrate at yesterday's Hoboken council, provided they know of what City Council meeting, the council will they speak," said Cramer. "But it is

> "It is unfair to any other citizen who may want to address the council when one or two individuals

monopolize the entire meeting." The incident between DeFazio

and Francone developed slowly. DeFazio had signed the council's list to speak on about two-thirds of the business to be covered.

During his statement on claims to be paid for the Community Development Agency (CDA), DeFazio apparently made a remark that Francone objected to and the heated ex-change followed. Council President Martin J. Bren-

nan pounded his gavel several times for order, didn't get it, and motioned to a policeman standing by to remove DeFazio from the council chambers. Patrolman James Behrens, and William Van Wie, Mayor Steve Cappiello's confidential aide, moved to DeFazio's side. Meanwhile, Brennan warned DeFazio that if he didn't calm down, he would be removed, by force if necessary. DeFazio then complied. "Every piece of business considered by the council at its meetings is readily available for public scrutiny in the city clerk's office prior to the

meetings," said Craner. "If a citizen has a question about any of that business it is his or her right to examine all of the paperwork concerning it in the city clerk's office. But it is not his or her right to demand that the council explain the details so that the individual may then make

comments.

State board OK for Hoboken school awaited

**TRENTON** - The State Education Board today was regarded as certain to approve a \$2.4 million application by Hoboken under the new qualified bond program for perma-nent financing of the Wallace School.

## 4 Hoboken firemen win promotion suit

The suit was instituted by

priority because the court ruling ap-

four," the judge commented after his

ruling, which directs the State Civil

Service Commission to make cer-

tification within seven days. It will be

city could settle the matter by ap-

pointing all five plaintiffs as cap-

restraint barring the city from per-

mitting the list to expire. pending a

decision-held vesterday that the city

was obligated to fill four vacancies

occurring after it entered into a labor

contract with the Uniformed Fire

Fighters Association. Local 1072. Jan. 1, 1975.

Fire Chief James Houn concerning

four vacancies created by retire-

The city, represented by Francis X. Hayes, its labor counsel, claimed

the promotions were not negotiable

The judge decided that under a

section of the firefighters' contract

there is a provision that the city

should fill vacancies created by

"retirements, deaths, firings or

voluntary quitting." from an existing

filled increasing the number of fire

order more promotions than four

because a provision that the city

should maintain 35 fire captains is not

in the firefighters' contract. It is in a

separate contract between the un-

formed fire officers and the city, he

counsel, also sought an order that the

city pay counsel fees, but the court

Peter Rosen, the firemen's

He said four vacancies should be

Geronimo indicated he could not

He heard testimony by Acting

The judge-who had continued the

tains.

ments.

under the contract.

Civil Service list.

observed.

captains from 29 to 33)

denied that application.

"I have no right to name which

(Some informed sources say the

plies to appointing four plaintiffs.

Hoboken Mayor and Public Safety Firemen Alan Brause, Charles Ever-Director Steve Cappiello will huddle sole, Eugene Fallia-who finished in shortly with members of the city one-two-three order on a Civil Service council public safety committee to list certifying them eligible for review a ruling by Superior Court promotion July 18, 1973-joined by Judge John J. Geronimo compelling Firemen Patrick O'Brien and Ernest the city to promote four of five Prudente, fifth and sixth on that list. Hoboken firemen to captains' jobs Firemen John Lewis, who placed within a week. fourth, but did not sign papers joining Cappiello said last night there'd in the suit, has apparently lost some

be no decision on whether the city would file an appeal of the court action until after he and the councilmen studied the judge's order and the

transcript of the hearing. The judge, in making his decision that the city is obligated under a labor contract to fill four vacancies, said he wants "no fooling around by the City of Hoboken" in following his order, up to Cappiello to name four captains. effective today. The five are on a Civil Service list

originally due to expire July 25, but they brought suit two days earlier.

#### Cilento wants 88 new school to 9/1/16 honor teacher

Hoboken's new mini-school, which will open in January, is still without a formal name. But one wellknown local resident is hoping that the school board will name it after the late Ida E. Houseman.

Anthony J. Cilento, Hudson County Republican chairman and a member of the county Board of Taxa-tion, said today that he has written to Mrs. Mary Gaspar. board president, asking that Miss Houseman's name be considered.

Miss Houseman was born and raised in Hoboken and taught in the city's schools for many years. She died several years ago. She was active in lobbying for better conditions for teachers and also championed several causes on the city's local political scene.

"Many of the benefits teachers throughout the state enjoy were won by Miss Houseman," said Cilento. "She was a very dedicated woman, loyal to her profession and her city. And she was a fighter for what she believed in.

"Naming the new mini-school after her is the very least Hoboken and the board of education can do to keep the memory of this lovely woman alive."

Cilento said that he has talked

## Hoboken finally to rebuild sewage pumping station

sion

After almost a year. Hoboken finally has the grant agreement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which will allow it to reconstruct the sewage pumping station at 11th and Hudson streets. But the city isn't in any hurry to sign it just vet.

Mayor Steve Cappiello received the grant contract in the mail vesterday. Once signed, it will free federal money - \$434.589 - for the project. The city will have to pay the rest of the overall cost. estimated at more than \$600.000.

## Ranieri pushing slum clearance

A Hoboken councilman wants the city to commit a minimum of \$3 million to a city-wide slum clearance program to start next June.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today he will be pushing for commitments from various city agencies for that amount, especially the Community Development Agency.

"I want the city to earmark \$1 million from its 1977-78 Community Development Agency (CDA) budget, \$1 million from the 1977-78 federal revenue sharing, and another million from the Public Works Act for nothing but slum clearance," he said.

'If Hoboken is to rebuild it must have something to rebuild on," he continued. "There is a lot of land in this city that is occupied by slum dwellings that must come down.

"Anyone can sell a desirable to lot to a prospective builder. But lots occupied with slum tenement houses that have to be taken down before a builder can think about constructing something new are a lot more difsicult to get rid of.

"We can't wait for the private owners to get rid of them. They aren't going to go through the expense of demolishing the buildings-buildings that bring an undesirable element into the city, flooding our welfare rolls and increasing our crime rate.

Ranieri said that some of the property is city-owed but most is privately owned. Most are vacant, but many are inhabited, some by squatters.

The councilman's slum clearance program also would include a relocation program for people living in buildings marked for demolition. However, relocation funds aren't included in the \$3 million

"Funds for relocation are available elsewhere," he said.

Is \$3 million enough to clear out all of Hoboken's slum area? Ranieri said it probably wasn't, but it would be a very good start.

The first step towards reaching Ranieri's goal will have to come about through further drastic changes in the goals and programs of the CDA with almost all of its emphasis placed on housing and housing related pro-

"Before we sign it I want to make over \$40,000." he continued. "During sure that the city can take off the top our preliminary talks with EPA ofthe money we have spent to meet en- ficials the city was told that it could vironmental requirements while we get most, if not all, of this money were waiting for the grant to come back. through." said the mayor.

"I want to make sure that the Cappiello estimated that the city grand contract covers this in writing has spent more than \$40,000 at the before signing it. pumping station. which was

The contract and all connected destroyed last September by an explopaperwork has been sent to the. engineering firm of Mayo. Lynch and Between overtime paid to city Associates for review. The company

employes, fencing and renting pumps to do the work of the destroyed pump- is to oversee the reconstruction for ing station. Hoboken has spent well the city.

#### Prepare your topic apple

Hoboken's City Council contemplates requiring residents to inform themselves in advance on the topics they speak about at council meetings.

In these times when government power over citizens is mushrooming, one hesitates to approve any move to further limit the taxpayer's right to know what is being done with public money.

However, in the present instance in Hoboken, common sense seems to be on the side of the council. While they are willing to explain and justify the need for the approval or denial of the measures that come before them, they believe the questioners should at least acquaint themselves with the project before the meeting instead of laying down a barrage of questions which show they obviously do not know what they are talking about.

Clerks and officials at City Hall have the duty of informing those who question matters on the agenda. If these bureaucrats give them the brushoff, they can then rightly demand the information from the council at a meeting.

It is logical, it makes sense . . . and the proposed ordinance is probably unconstitutional because it could be used to shut off free speech. But, if it could be enforced, it might silence many public officials as well as members of the general public.

coffee in quantity, using store or dis-count coupons. They are now sitting back and waiting for the law of supply and demand to catch up, forcing a reduction in prices. Others have switched to tea or stopped drinking coffee.

The board action today would permit the State Local Finance Board to give its bond authorization tomorrow - the first for school purposes under the act using withheld state aid to cover the debt service on the bonds.

> The school was authorized under a 1970 Hoboken ordinance but was built under temporary financing which would be terminated under the qualified bond sale.

The act is intended to lower the interest rates for school districts and municipalities in the bond market. Jersey City recently became the first to act under the law with more than \$7 million in general obligation bonds.

with many residents about designating the school in her honor and many share his sentiment. According to a board spokesman, no decision has been made on a name for the school. He said that several were being considered, including Miss Houseman's.

# Judge orders firemen in Hoboken promoted

Cappiello however, will have his choice of

which of the five firemen who filed the suit,

will become the captains. However one of the

men, a veteran, has to be given priority under

Geronimo ruled that the contract filed with

the firemen's union called for 33 captains and

there are only 29 presently. The attorney for

the five firemen, Peter Rosen of Randolph,

said the men still contend the proper number of

Cappiello said yesterday that he was not

sure what his next step would be. His reasons

for refusing to appoint new captains was that

he wanted to bring the ratio of superiors to fire

meeting with the City Council's public safety

committee to determine their next action.

The mayor said he would meet in a special

According to Cappiello, the committee is

considering several choices including the total

reorganization of the fire department. He said

they may want to institutute the rank of lieute-

nant which has been a controversial issue in

The five plantiffs in the suit, qualified for

captain in the following order Alan J. Brause

first, Charles Ebersole second, Eugene Failla

third, Patrick O'Brien fifth and sixth Ernest

Prudente. Another fireman John Lewis,

finished ahead of O'Brien and Prudente but

they will get priority in the selection because

Cappiello however, does not have to make

the captains in that order, according to Civil

Service rules. Lewis can only be made captain

after the other five have been made one.

other Hudson County municipalities.

Lewis failed to join the suit.

Civil Service rules.

captains should be 35.

fighters into line.

By MICHAEL CROWLEY Superior Court Judge John J. Geronimo ruled in favor of five Hoboken firemen yesterday and ordered Mayor Steve Cappiello to appoint four new captains within seven days.

# Hudson getting \$23.3 million more school aid

TRENTON - Hudson County school districts will receive \$23,331,347 more in state school operating expense aid than last year, under the "thorough and efficient" act being put to use in the classrooms with the reopening tomorrow of schools

The State Education Department counted Hudson current expense aid at \$66,806,934, compared to \$43,475,587 in the 1975-76 school year.

This figure does not include an additional \$3,811,905 allocated Hudson in building aid for debt service or capital construction.

The "thorough and efficient" act became law July 1 and is funded by the 2 to 2.5 per cent gross income tax which began last Wednesday.

The income tax will generate \$370 million in the first year of the new school law through next June 30 as with the "thorough and efficient free part of the \$860 million allocated the public school system" language inserted in the state constitution in the state to local districts for various purlast century.

The Legislature finally agreed on Approximately \$100 million will be added to the school act starting July 1, 1978, when the state aid the gross income tax as part of a school aid and property tax reliefreform program reflected in 19 percentage is increased for the last separate bills. The Assembly passed time from 38 to 40 per cent. The boost it July 7, the Senate July 8 and Gov. this year is from approximately 33 to Brendan T. Byrne signed it into law 38 per cent the same night. The next day the

The new aid law, upheld by the Supreme Court lifted the May 13 in-State Supreme Court last Jan. 30, junction which closed the schools July emerged from a suit filed on behalf of because the aid act was not funded Kenneth Robinson, then a third grade by June 30. pupil in Jersey City. Judge Theodore Here are the current expense Botter, Hudson County Superior

Court, ruled in January four years ago that excessive reliance on local property taxes for school aid was un-\$1.517.608 constitutional and discriminated against poorer urban districts at the \$100,861. expense of wealthier suburban dis-

tricts.

Guttenberg \$224,903 and Botter directed the Legislature to \$117,984 - Harrison \$519,707 and \$310,678. devise a new aid formula to comply Hoboken \$7,579,190 and \$5,759,360.

Jersey City \$37,357,090 and \$25,418,540.

last year's assistance following:

- Kearny \$1,354,951 and \$929,330. - North Bergen \$1,896,669 and \$1.253,899

- Secaucus \$611,708 and \$404,089. - Union City \$7,401,496 and \$4,856,645. Weehawken \$1,003,579 and

\$337,244. - West New York \$5,491,437 and \$2,354,657.

- Hudson County Vocational \$555,726 and \$114,692.

The new building aid will be disallocations for hudson districts with tributed in Hudson this way: Bayonne \$25,757; Guttenberg \$9,518; Harrison Bayonne \$2,606,104 and \$20,661; Hoboken \$438,420; Jersey City \$2,399,606; Union City 345,090; -East Newark \$204,374 and Weehawken \$31,756; West New York \$541,087.

These districts qualify because the aid is related to property valuations and they are all below the \$86,000 per pupil state rate. Wealthier districts exceeding the \$86,000 level do not qualify for the building aid.

jects, and the elimination of many of its social programs.

Ranieri said this was exactly what he had in mind. The councilman said he will be concentrating much of his efforts on getting the CDA to revise its plans for the third year of the program.

#### Partial repayment duege Hoboken on pump site

Hoboken will be able to get back Agency (EPA) for some reimbursesome, but not all, of the money it has ment of expenses.

spent on maintaining a temporary "The city could be entitled to as pumping station at 11th and Hudson much as \$30,000," said Lynch. "Up to that amount has been built into the fee Streets since last September when an explosion destroyed the permanent schedule. But the city will have to facility.

Joseph Lynch, head of the engineering firm of Mayo, Lynch and Associates, the company overseeing the reconstruction of the pumping station, said today that provisions have been made in the agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection

prove its expenses. I doubt that there will be any problems doing that." Mayor Steve Cappiello estimates that the operation has cost the city

more than \$40,000. Hoboken is in line for a \$490,000 grant from the EPA to finance the rebuilding of the station. Its total cost

will be around \$600,000.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the city should not have any further problems with the three temporary pumps at the station. Raymond Wright, the contractor who has been renting the pumps to the city, said today that he has gotten three new pumps from another company which will provide 24-hour repair service on the equipment.

4 municipalities 9/9/76 to get state funds JJ

State Community Affairs Commissioner Patricia Sheehan won't bring demolition services, new police radios and walkie-talkies, tow trucks or computers with her when she visits four Hudson municipalities today.

She will, however, bring the money to pay for those things.

She and Barry Skokowski, her deputy, will be personally giving checks to Jersey City, Union City, Hoboken and West New York covering half of their "discretionary" funds under the Safe and Clean Street Act.

Jersey City will use its \$12,500 check for modernized police communications, including 23 walkie-talkies.

Hoboken will spend its \$20,000 check for a tow truck and an emergency van.

West New York will use its \$9,300 for a police computer.

The four municipalities will receive checks for the identical amount covering the other half of the discretionary funding after they enter contracts for the services or equipment.

#### Amato against accepting pier settlement proposa

Andrew J. Amato, the man who started the controversy over the old Holland-America Piers in Hoboken, said today that he will demand that the city council accept "no deals that

sessment and at reduced rates.



**TRENTON** — The Hoboken Board of Education today awaited authority from the State Local Finance Board to proceed with its \$2.4 million bond sale, the first in the state under the School Qualified Bond Act. Hoboken's application was presented yesterday to the board, which took it under advisement, leaving doubt whether the board could hold the sale at noon today in its office, 1115 Clinton St.

The board is required to shift from temporary to permanent financing of the new Wallace School since the five-year temporary financing expires this month.

The State Board of Education had authorized the Hoboken Board to issue the bonds Wednesday.

If the bond sale cannot be completed today, Taylor said it may have to be readvertised, which could take approximately 10 days.

Hoboken PBA leader predicts job action By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY Assn. representatives, but the likelihood that the bluecoats will vote down the of- sole labor negotiator, yesterday said the weeks ago. Firemen are awaiting the out-

Contract talks between Hoboken city officials and policemen are going down to the wire today, with the men scheduled to either accept the city's latest offer or begin a job action.

city officials and Policemen's Benevolent in the three-year pact.

fer is "good," according to PBA President James Behrens. While neither side would reveal the

figures involved in the contract offer, a key factor in a possible "no" vote on the Policemen were to receive a contract pact would appear to be the city's unproposal last night at a meeting between willingness to offer first-year wage hikes

Councilman Robert Ranieri, the city's tract the firefighters voted to accept six city's latest offer is "fair and just" and within the city's "ability to pay," but does not include a first-year raise. "I've said it all along during the (labor)

negoliations, that there is no money "for a first-year wage hike," Ranieri said. But PBA President Behrens indicated yesterday that his men would reject an offer that does not include a first-year raise. The rank and file is scheduled to

meet this afternoon to vote on the city's proposal. If the offer is rejected, approved by the firemen. policemen say they will enter into a job

come of the negotiations with policemen before they sign the contract, which they accepted by a narrow 30-24 margin. The firefighters' contract calls for no

increases this year, a 8.79 per cent hike next year, and a 7.79 raise in 1978. The PBA reportedly has asked for a three-year contract that would increase their salaries more than 20 per cent. Behrens yesterday said his men would not accept a proposal similar to the one

The parity clause in the firefighters

would see the city get less than what it is entitled to from the pier owners." The city council is considering a proposal from the owners for the payment of back taxes for 1973, 1974, and 1975 over a three-year period

#### However, the company's proposal calls for payments on a reduced as-

"I am sending a letter to City Council President Martin J. Brennan demanding that the city either foreclose on the property or get every penny that is due in taxes," said Amato. "The city has gonethrough the trouble of taking this matter to



## Sweepers not up to par 1/1/2

street-sweeping machines because they aren't doing the job the city expected them to do.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today that he plans to contact the manufacturer and go over several complaints the city has about the operation of the sweeper trucks.

"For light litter they're great,"

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

policemen disappeared yesterday after-

noon when cops agreed to a city contract

offer that will raise their salaries by

The three-year pact was hammered out

at an afternoon meeting between city of-

ficials and representatives from the local

Policemen's Benevolent Association less

than 24 hours after policemen said the

contract negotiations were going

"nowhere" and predicted a job-action

designed to pressure the city into making

a proposal police "could live with."

\$3,000 after three years.

Hoboken is becoming slightly dis- said Vitale. "They really do a good illusioned with its two new \$40,000 job. But when the litter is heavy and department had to clean the west side includes large items like bottles, beer of Washington Street by hand because cans and heavy newspapers, they just the truck normally assigned to the don't seem to pickup as well as the old task was temporarily out of commisones we had.

'I don't know if it is the hose. Exceptionally heavy litter was machines. Maybe we're not operating strewn along the curb from 14th them properly. But either way, Street to 11th Street. something has to be done to improve the performance."

Yesterday, the public works \$40,000 each, with half of the purchase money coming from the state's Safe and Clean Streets program. Unlike the sweeper trucks the city has had in the past, which used large brushes to sion because of a broken vacuum clean the streets, the new trucks have two small side brushes which sweep the rubbish and litter into a vacuum

cleaner. It sucks the rubbish up into Vitale said that the repairs were the truck.

made in time to resume using the Vitale said that another problem truck shortly after 9 a.m. But the city was having was with the Washington Street's cleaning hour -a.m. to 9-had passed and too many brushes. He said that they wear out and must be replaced every two to cars were parked to try to use the three weeks. On the old trucks the truck again during the day. brushes lasted two to three months. The new sweepers cost the city

#### Hoboken police accept new 3-year contract 7/9/76

Hoboken police who had been now has three-year labor contracts with its police and firemen. prepared to turn down a new pay offer by the city did an about-face yesterday and approved a wage package in a new contract - after some lastminute improvements were made. Patrolman James Behrens, presi-

dent of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, said the new offer was approved "by a stand-up vote."

Councilman Robert Ranieri, who was the city's negotiator, hailed the agreement as "a first for New Jersey." He said he knew of no other community of Hoboken's size which

Police patrol

will increase

labor peace for three years but it allows the administration to plan orderly for its finances in the years ahead," he said. He felt it also

"It not only provides our city with

demonstrates to industry and taxpayers that the city has a stable government. The city originally had offered police no pay increase for 1976, but

four additional paid holidays which the city valued at \$400. An increase in pay of 8.795 per cent was offered for 1977 and a 7.699 per cent boost in 1978. The change was worked in the 1976 benefit. Now the extra holidays also will include pension benefits and will mean an equivalent of approximately \$850 for a patrolman. There

vears Behrens said it is the first time the membership ever had approved a three-year contract. He said it was also the first time that a new contract was being signed in the same year

were no changes for the other two

that an old contract expired. Now that the money issue is settled, he said, the PBA and the city will meet to work out some other smaller details of the three-year pact. The last-minute changes in the

city's proposal yesterday were made by Mayor Steve Cappiello and Ranieri who met with the PBA negotiating team. Ranieri had been the city's negotiator in contract talks. Hoboken firemen accepted the original package presented to police.

Say prob hits chief of welfare

#### By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

Hudson County prosecutors are investigating Hoboken Welfare Director Jerry Forman in connection with a possible role in an alleged kickback scheme in the city's welfare bureau, according to a source close to the investiga-

The investigation against Forman is part of a nearly year-long probe of the welfare bureau conducted by local, county and state authorities

A spokesman for the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office would neither deny nor confirm reports that Forman is a specific target of the investigation, saying only that the welfare director's "constitutional rights" must be protected before the results of the investigation of the welfare department are made public.

Assistant Prosecutor William Petrina, chief of the county's special prosecution section, said his department was waiting for a report from the state accounting office which has been auditing records of the welfare bureau. "Once we have the (accounting) report, we'll decide whether we'll go to a grand jury." Petrina said.

#### Forman Not Available

Part of the investigation reportedly centers on whether Forman knew of or was involved with a group of local businessmen who have been consistently exchanging cash for food or rent vouchers and keeping a percentage of the transaction.

Earlier news reports quoted a source close to the investigation as saying that such transactions cost the city "thousands of dollars a month" and that the scheme seemed to be well established and "may have been going on for vears.

Investigators are reportedly trying to determine whether any money from the transactions kept by businessmen was funneled back to anyone at the city's welfare bureau.

#### Ranieri program assailed as 'poor people clearance'

A multi-million dollar slum asserted Duroy. "What he means is clearance program proposed for poor people clearance - mostly Hoboken is getting a cold reception minority groups."

from some representatives of the The councilman denied the accity's Hispanic community. cusation, saying his plan actually Frank Duroy, an unsuccessful would "uplift the poor we have and candidate for mayor in 1973, said to- prevent more from being drawn to the day the clearance program proposed city.'

"As a member of the Hispanic by Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri is more of a "poor people community, which by no means can clearance" than slum clearance. be considered a minority in Hoboken, 'Mr. Ranieri isn't fooling anyone Mr. Duroy should know that this

Hoboken, cops reach labor accord

representatives worked out the agree-**Details Not Disclosed** Details of the vote were not disclosed. but PBA president James Behrens said

there was "little opposition" to the con-"We have reached a mutual ground of understanding, while at the same time not forgetting the taxpayer," Behrens job action yesterday if the rank-and-file

The pact was called "history-making". by Councilman Robert Ranieri, the city's January of this year, a patrolman's base

Policemen voted to accept yesterday's sole labor negotiator, who said that "so year contract with policemen elsewhere in the county or in the state. "We have written labor history in Hoboken," Ranieri added.

The ratification of the contract averts a job action policemen had said they would initiate unless they received a "favorable" contract offer. Cops were scheduled to receive instructions on the turned down the city offer.

Under the new contract, retroactive to

salary will increase from the preser The threat of a job-action by Hoboken offer minutes after PBA and city far as I know, there has not been a three- \$11,950 to \$14,910 after three years, according to PBA president Behrens. The contract calls for increases in holi-

day pay, or \$845 in cash for 13 holidays, a net increase of \$395 over last year, Ranieri said. He also stipulates a 8.79 increase in base pay next year, and a 7.69 hike in 1978, based on the previous year's base salary. Cops will also receive a \$100 clothing allowance.

The city will also pay its pension contribution on the holiday package, Ranieri said.

The package will cost the city some \$400,000 over the three-year period, Ranieri said.

#### Back-taxes plan for pier 9/9/76 may cut into Hoboken's take

ment

tract.

said

A proposal for the payment of proposal. taxes owed to Hoboken by the owners of the old Holland America Line piers for 1973, 1974, 1975 and this year may see the city not getting all that it is due, if it is accepted.

That claim was made today by Andrew J. Amato, an unsuccessful said candidate for mayor in 1973. He imcharged that the company's proposal would "cheat the city out of approximately \$30,000 that was owed in taxes"

if the city agrees to the company's

Amato's analysis was immediately confirmed by Councilman Robert Ranieri who pointed out, however, that Hoboken was not being cheated out of the \$30,000 but was reaching a compromise on back taxes. "It's the logicial, business-like thing to do," he

Amato said his figures show the company now owning the piers owes Hoboken almost \$180,000 for 1973, 1974 and 1975, not including interest and other penalties. "But the proposal publicized last week would allow the company to pay off only \$150,000 for those three years," Amato noted. He said the firm, M.M.W.M.B., Inc., is actually proposing a reduction in its assessment to \$40,000 an acre in-stead of \$60,000. The company has ap-

#### Owner gets more time to correct violations 9/1/16

repairs at 214 Park Ave. after failing to correct even one of more than 40 violations during the first 30-day

ing squad. Michael Curcio, housing squad supervisor, said that Michael Spano, the property owner, now has until

A Hoboken property owner has Sept. 18 to make repairs in two apart-been given additional time to make ments.

According to Curcio, Spano should have been given 60 days in which to do the work when the inspecperiod he was given by the city's hous-

tion was originally made. However, he was ordered to do the job in 30 days and is entitled to an additional 30. "There were a number of oc-

cupied apartments at that time and we wanted him to take immediate action on the repairs," continued Curcio. "Since then, everyone has moved out except two families living on the second floor.

"Violations do exist in the two apartments and he now has to make corrections. If not amde a summons will be issued. Curcio said he could not force Spano to make repairs in any of the other apartments because they were unoccupied. But new tenants won't be able to move in until the repairs are made

in Hoboken gleht Police patrols in Hoboken's parks will be beefed up to thwart vandalism and prevent large crowds of youngsters from making them their

gathering points, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today. The mayor, Hoboken's public safety director, said he discussed the problem with Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale after learning that a memorial to the late Sgt. William Fesken, killed in Vietnam, along with other Vietnam veterans was vandalized over the weekend. The

#### and Hudson streets. solved by swearing in all Stevens' campus police as special Hoboken police officers," said the mayor.

"This action was prompted by the fact that a number of Stevens students are being housed in apartments in the Grogan Plaza project at Fourth and Hudson Streets. Since the students use the park to get back and forth to the campus, as well as a spot to relax, the campus police will be keeping an eye on it.

the apartment house. Stevens employs 16 security

policemen in its campus force. They are given the powers of special police every year by the city.

other two parks - Church Square and Elysian - will belong to the city's police. The mayor said that added patrols will be made but he would have to discuss the matter further with Chief George W. Crimmins to see how often checks can be made without interfering with their other duties.

memorial is in Stevens Park at Fifth "Part of the problem should be

'They will have full police powers.'

The college rents three floors in

The task of patroling the city's

Prices OK'd on Hoboken properties

The Hoboken Housing Authority has approved prices on 18 pieces of property that it will purchase to clear the way for an urban development program in the downtown section of the city.

The authority yesterday approved prices which were arrived at after they were submitted by two separate appraisers and studied by a review appraiser. The various properties are located in a two block area from First to Second Streets, from Adams to Jefferson Street and from First to Newark Streets, from Grand to Adams Streets.

Joseph Caligure, executive director, said it has not yet been determined what new type housing will be built. It could be two family homes or multiple family apartments, he said. Orlando Addeo was chosen as vice chairman of the authority last night,

proximately 10 acres of land, some underwater. Buildings are assessed at \$25,000 but the owners are seeking a reduction to \$15,000 in their proposal. A check of city tax records supported Amato's claim. The company owes a total of \$181,611 from 1973 through 1975 and another \$68,135 for the current year. This makes a grand total of \$249,746 which is subject to a 12 per cent interest charge plus the cost of imposing tax liens.

"If the city agrees to this proposal it will be the same thing as agreeing to a reduction in the assessed value of the property," said Amato. He said the city spent a year or two in court fighting the company's appeals of taxes and has won. "Now it wants to give its victory away."

Ranieri explained, however, that the city has only two choices: Take the property back and receive no taxes, or "give the city some logical tax income.

"We have no potential for that property. There just aren't any buyers. It's a compromise proposal simply because we can't to any better. I think the responsible thing to do is to accept the agreement." He emphasized that late charges will be added to the compromise figure.

Amato said it was his impression that the company's proposal had been presented to the city council with the understanding that it would settle up all of the back taxes and some councilmen were leaning towards acceptance because of it.

Law Director ·Lawrence Florio said the city would get every cent it was entitled to under any agreement it accepts, including the one now being considered. He said that the proposal was very clear and, to his knowledge, the council knew exactly what it said and what it meant.

The proposal, made by the company's attorney to Herbert Fine, Hoboken's special tax lawyer, calls for the company to pay the city the back taxes over a three -year period with eight payments made each year. At the same time, taxes for the current year and following years would be kept up to date.

# Hoboken's K of C will de sell its Hudson St. site

After years of deliberation, the property involves a triple lot, 712, 714 Hoboken Knights of Columbus Council and 716 Hudson St. Included in that has moved to sell its building at 716 parcel is the club's shrine to Our Lady Hudson St., it was learned today. of Fatima 'The shrine will be dismantled

A "For Sale" sign went up on the building this week. Carbone Associates, a Hoboken realty firm, is our own new facility," he said. "The handling the sale.

council, it will be renting new facilities in the city as of Oct. 1. However, the location was not disclosed because the lease agreement has not been formally concluded.

The spokesman said the council is looking for property on which to build a new club and will use the space it is renting temporarily.

statue itself will be enclosed and According to a spokesman for the placed in the front window." The spokesman said letters will be sent out to all of the persons who donated funds for the construction of a new chapel advising them of the council's decision to sell the building, which temporarily suspends plans for the chapel. He said their donations will be returned if requested. He ad-

ded that when land for a new club was

and placed in storage until we have

#### Hoboken reveals plan for mass rail center 9/9/16

With the state Department of sport rail passengers from the station Transportation (DOT) due to an- to the complex. Mayor Steve Cappiello said

nounce its proposal for rail service to the Meadowlands Sports Complex tofederal financing is expected shortly day, Hoboken officials have revealed to finance the 69-year-old terminal. He said the bus depot adjacent to the a \$35 million plan that would convert the historic Erie Lackawanna Terrail station would be part of the overall plan, which could make it the minal in that city into a mass transportation center. largest all-purpose mass transportation terminal in the state. The state The rail link, which originates in Hoboken and goes through four counties and into New York State, is one of five proposals submitted by the \$300,000. Hackensack Meadowlands Develop-

ment Commission (HMDC) to the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, which built and operates the sports complex. It is among the proposals being considered by DOT. The terminal that serves 70,000 New York-bound commuters would be converted into a major rail and bus center. The rail line passes within 700

purchased the terminal from the bankrupt railroad last April for Cappiello said it would be only a 13-minute ride from Hoboken to the Sports Complex and would considerably reduce auto use to the race track and stadium.

"With a renovated transportation center we could handle unlimited numbers of passengers any time of the day or night," said Sally Aaronson, senior planner for the feet of the Sports Complex and a stacity's Community Development Agency. A preliminary draft of the tion would be constructed at East Rutherford. A shuttle bus would tran- city's study put the cost at \$35 million

#### Anderson to be named to Housing Authority 1/1/10

Anderson, will be nominated by Mayor Steve Cappiello to fill the unexpired term of the late Leo Smith as a member of the city's Housing Authority. The mayor said today that he will place Anderson's name in nomination and present it to the city council shortly for its consideration. Smith, one of the leaders of Hoboken's black community and the

of education member until this year when he concluded a three-year appointed term. Anderson did run for election to the school board in March but without organization support and

term expires next May.

Anderson, also well known in the

city's black community was a board

failed to get elected. Active in local civic affairs, Anderson operates his own light

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#### Frank Fortunato to be sworn as Asst. Hoboken clerk

Frank Fortunato will be sworn in previously employed by a firm today as Hoboken's new assistant city manufacturing windows and doors as clerk, replacing Frank Lally who sales and office manager. He is retired after 40 years in the city's of- currently principal clerk. Born and raised in Hoboken, For-

fice. A Navy veteran of World War tunato is a bachelor. The man he II, Fortunato served aboard the air- replaces, Lally, retired Sept. 1. Lally craft carrier Saratoga in the Pacific. was also president of the Hoboken

The mayor said he has also given Vitale the go-ahead to have the memorial to Sgt. Fesken repaired.



NEW DUTIES - Frank Fortunato, center, is sworn in as new assistant city clerk for Hoboken by Anthony Amoruso, city clerk, right, as Mayor Steve Cappiello holds Bible. Fortunato replaces Frank Lally, who retired Sept. 1 after 40 years in the clerk's office. 9.9.9/10/76

#### THE JERSEY JOURNAL, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1976 11 NHC Hoboken getting \$20,000 today to buy 2 vehicles

State Community Affairs Com- plained Cappiello. "This would inmissioner Patricia Sheehan was to clude equipment for making highway visit Hoboken today and turn over or street repairs to the vehicles. some \$20,000 in Safe and Clean Street street barricades, additional rope, program funds to Mayor Steve Cap- tools and a unit to refill oxygen packs piello. It is the first of two equal pay- at fires."

ments the city will get. "The unit will be dispatched to Cappiello said Hoboken had the scenes of emergencies and be sought \$36,000 from the state for the ready to assist police and fire units as purchase of an emerbency van and a needed. Several recent incidents have city tow truck and was awarded shown that the city needs such a vehicle - the St. Mary Hospital fire and \$40,000.

The second \$20,000 payment will the Madison Hotel fire.' Cappiello said that in both fires, be turned over to the city after it has contracted for the two trucks and they the fire department nearly ran out of oxygen for its firefighters. are delivered.

"The tow truck will be used by "The van will be used by the public safety garage to carry equip- the public safety garage in situations ment needed in police and firefighting where the private firm we normally operations not normally carried in use for towing is not immediately squad cars or on the fire engines," ex- available," the mayor continued.

when he talks about slum clearance."

group is forced to live in some of the worst tenement housing in the city," said Ranieri. "and there is not going to be any hope of improving their living conditions without building new dwelling units.

"New dwelling units need land to be built on — but there won't be enough land without some form of slum clearance program." Duroy said the city could not

minimize welfare roles by eliminating slums. Welfare recipients would move elsewhere in the county and it was the county that paid most of the welfare. He added that the houses torn down in the program would give Hoboken the appearance of being "bombed out" while creating empty lots with no revenue for the

city. "This will add to the burden of our already hard-pressed taxpayers," he said.

"The councilman may fail to realize that one of the reasons Hoboken has been getting so much

federal money for these programs is because of its poor, the same people the councilman wants to drive from the city."

"If Mr. Ranieri wants to improve the city he should strive to become an advocate for social service and jobtraining programs. Or perhaps use the \$3 million he wants for slum clearance and establish a community credit union which would give out home purchase loans to qualified and stable low income families at low interest rates. This would give people a stake in the community.

The councilman said his proposed slum clearance program actually would help people, not hurt them, and he offered to discuss his proposal at length with Duroy either in public or privately.

Ranieri said he will ask Stevens Institute of Technology to undertake a housing survey and determine exactly, the city's housing picture as part of the Center for Municipal Services and Studies.

#### 8.8 9/11/76 Challenge The company that sold Hoboken two

new street sweeping machines for \$40,000 each is facing a challenge.

Hoboken says the machines do not clean the streets as well as expected. They work like vacuum cleaners, and large items - beer cans, bottles and the like - just do not fit into the cleaner opening.

The city is ready to call the company in to see what can be done. The challenge is to solve the problem so the equipment will be more in demand. The alternative is an unhappy customer who will not hesitate to spread the word to other communities.

president of an electrical workers union in Jersey City, died on Aug. 3, trucking company.

#### A former member of the Hoboken reportedly from a heart attack. He Board of Education, Clayton was in the last year of a five-year term as housing commissioner. The



## Hoboken Volunteers deliver two babies within 24 hours

ing a little haggard these days there's pened within 24 hours of each other. a good reason for it. Make that two reasons - both new baby girls who to Minerva Pazarro, 24, of 400 arrived sooner than their mothers ex- Marshall Drive at 6 a.m. Sunday pected

"Believe it or not, births aren't Timothy McNamara, Patrick O'Boyle that usual a thing for us, or any cor- and Frank Walters arrived to find ps," said a spokesman. "We get them that nature was already taking its and we're prepared for them, but course and there wasn't time for a most of the time we get the mothers quick trip to St. Mary Hospital. to the hospital with time to spare."

The delivery was made in the apartment and then mother and According to the spokesman, the corps has delivered only 10 babies daughter were taken to the hospital.

If the members of the Hoboken since beginning its service in 1971 - Both are doing well, the spokesman -Volunteer Ambulance Corps are look- and numbers nine and 10 both hap- said. It was the second delivery for O'Boyle Shortly before 6 a.m. Monday The first new born was delivered

morning the squad got another call for a maternity pickup. This one was for Mrs. Rosa Cuocci, 23, of 822 morning. Volunteers Jose Lima, Washington St. And when Volunteers Michael Geerlof and David Costello arrived it was just in time.

Mrs. Cuocci and her new daughter were also taken to St. Mary Hospital after the birth and they, too, are reported doing well, the spokesman said.

May.

Washington, D.C., law firm of Krivit

# Hoboken terminal plan hits major obstacle

#### By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

A multi-million dollar plan to convert the Erie Lackawanna Terminal in Hoboken into a major mass transportation and commercial center has run into a snag that could delay the start of the project-the terminal apparently is not connected to any sewage treatment facility and discharges its sewage directly into the Hudson River.

The discovery could mean bad news to Hoboken, which is hoping the conversion of the turn-of-the-century terminal into a modern mass transit center will be a major economic boon to the city

"It could definitely delay the project because one of the things required before its approval by federal agencies is an environmental statement," on the project's environmental impact, Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday.

The mayor said Public Works Department officials told him last Friday of the terminal's lack of proper sewerage facilities. Cappiello said the discovery could mean the need for ad-

ditional, large sums of money over and above the \$10 million city planners say the project will cost.

According to Kenneth Pai, director of the Hoboken Planning and Redevelopment Agency, the final study of the proposed project is scheduled to be submitted to the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) by Oct. 1 for approval. That approval "could be delayed considerably now," Cappiello said

Neither EDA or Environmental Proection Agency (EPA) officials could be reached yesterday for comment.

While Cappiello voiced concern over the possible delay of the project, which is to be funded with federal monies, the

of sewerage facilities since the terminal is state-owned. The state paid bankrupt Erie Lackawanna slightly more than \$300,000 for the terminal last April.

"Under no circumstances will the city pay even one cent" Cappiello said, adding that "this thing might have to be settled in Trenton.

City officials think the terminal, which now serves some 70,000 New York-bound commuters daily could become a major link in providing mass transit service to the Meadowlands Sports Complex.

## Hoboken aides battle for U.S. aid priority 18 1/1/16

Officials of Hoboken's municipal priority in the city's application for projects or the rehabilitation of the schools?

The school beard, according to schools. Mrs. Mary Gaspar, board president, needs several million - at least three - to repair most of its schools and feels it should have top priority. On the other hand, Mayor Steve

Cappiello, his council and directors have been leaning towards several city projects, like the central garage and the rehabilitation of City Hall, which have been on the city's drawing board for several years but made little actual progress because of a shor-

tage of funds.

The school board is at a slight disadvantage in the discussions because it is the city that must submit the formal applications to Washington.

More than \$440 million in federal government and board of education Public Works Act funds are expected will be going at it hammer and tongs to come into New Jersey. They can be today to see what will be given top used to build or rehabilitate, creating jobs in the building trades, and the federal Public Works Act funds - city projects are not limited to city buildings. They may also be used for the building and restoration of

According to Mrs. Gasper, the school work must be done soon or the buildings will further deteroriate and reach a point where it would not be financially feasible to repair them and new, replacement schools would be required. Either way, she said, the school facilities must be updated whether Public Works funds are used or not.

The school board president added that if the Public Works funds weren't used for the work the board would be forced to take other routes of financing which would undoubtedly

cost it and the city tax dollars. Mayor Cappiello said he was aware of the board's predicament and was not taking it lightly.

# Water bill increase & galache gripes flood Hoboken

Hoboken has started to receive a isn't much that can be done about it. steady stream of complaints from The rate stays." local water users indicating that the Vitale added that the meter impact of the new higher water rates department has been swamped with calls from property owners who want has finally starting hitting home. Public Works Director Raphael their meters checked because they P. Vitale said he wasn't disturbed by don't believe their bills should be that the complaints - the water rate has high more than doubled - but he was "In most cases, it isn't the shocked that so many water users meter," he continued. "Most of them were unaware of why they had gone are accurate. It's the new rate." Last year, Hoboken property up.

#### Water Authority sought in Hoboken

An ordinance creating a Hoboken industries, said the ordinance is being Duroy and Clayton Anderson to the Municipal Water Authority to oversee the city's water operations will be introduced for its first reading at Wednesday night's council meeting, Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today.

Ranieri, who originated the idea council for him. of a three-man water authority comprised of representatives from the city's three largest water consuming

### Same old script? g.g. gliopu

The pier owners who never paid taxes and now owe more than \$250,000 are offering to pay up in three years if Hoboken will cut their taxes by a third.

They say they do not have any money to speak of just now, but they promise to get up \$1,837 toward the back taxes right away and pledge six more \$1,837 payments by next June 1.

The city's lawyer says the proposed written agreement is such that the city could seize the piers if the owner reneges on the arrangement or fails to keep up current taxes, starting with the quarterly payment due Nov. 1.

While the City Council likes the proposed deal, many a citizen may well wonder about it.

When the city sold the piers four years ago, it was supposed to have the right to recapture them if the owner failed to pay his taxes or failed to disintroduced by First Ward Councilman city's Housing Authority. Duroy is a Anthony H. Romano. hold-over commissioner. His last The councilman-at-large is going 'term ended last May 3. His new term on a three-week vacation to Italy towill expire may 3, 1981. Anderson will day and Roman has agreed to be filling the unexpired term of the late Leo Smith, which expires next engineer the measure through the

"The idea is for industry to apply The council also will consider a its business practices to Hoboken's number of contracts to be awarded by water operations and end up with a the city's Community Development savings in the cost of the water Agency. operations," said Ranieri. "If they can reduce the city's water cost - we Une of the contracts calls for a buy from Jersey City - they reduce \$15,000 fee to be paid to the their own costs as well."

and Krivit for peofessional services Ranieri said that the commission for a one-year period. will meet one day a week and attack such problems as a recovery Another is for a \$14,270 contract program, water conservation, and the with the Everitt School of Dance for a general overall operation of the dance program at the Multi-Service departmentin administration, meter-Center, Second and Grand streets. ing and repair.

The CDA is also seeking approval "It will be up to the mayor, city of a contract gith Beckstoffer Hunter council and the directors to imple-Associates for architectural and planment their recommendations," he adning work in connection with the historic restoration of City Hall. The contract is not to exceed \$39,000.

In other business, the council will The meeting will start at 7 p.m. act on the appointments of Edwin

ded.

#### Hoboken police pact agreement negr, //

Contrary to reports, Hoboken and contract and now that they are out of its Policemen's Benevolent Associa- the way, the city doesn't anticipate tion (PBA) do not have a contract for any problems reaching an agreement 1976 but meetings between the on the rest."

policemen and Mayor Steve Cappiello are continuing to offer the hope of get- noon with PBA representatives to start talks on the "incidentals" to be All that has been resolved is the

Senior project studied by Hoboken church 9/13/16

A Hoboken church is in- mentioned," Caliguire continued. "but that was by no means definite." vestigating the possibility of building its own senior citizen project on land The authority is buying up two square blocks from private property that the city's Housing Authority is currently negotiating to buy in the owners for urban redevelopment and southwest section of the city, it was learned today. According to Joseph Caliguire,

the executive director of the housing group, the authority has received some preliminary feelers on the project from the Mount Olive Baptist Church.

"It was an inquiry about the possibility of building a project on the land," said Caliguire, "nothing more. be given, according to Caliguire. No formal proposal has been made to He said that multi-family dwellings, like a senior citizens project, the authority but we understand that the church has hired a consultant to would not have any city abatements and would pay full taxes. However, look into the feasibility.

the owners would be eligible for Sec-Caliguire said that before the tion 8 subsidies from the federal govchurch could actually buy the property, once the authority had title, ernment it would have to form a separate cor-The subsidies guarantee that the poration to handle the business and owners make enough money to meet paperwork. The corporation would their financial commitments and then have to apply for the funds it

needed, either to private sources or state and federal agencies. "A senior citizen project was of profit.

maintain the buildings. For an owner making a profit on the property, they also guarantee the proper percentage

Gross negligence cited 88 in Hoboken water loss

The state Water Policy and Supp-ly Council is accusing Hoboken of- "To a degree that was the case until a year ago. 'Since, the city has replaced or ficials of "gross negligence" for berepaired half of the water lines in the ing unable to account for 50 per cent southern third of the city, is currently of the water it uses daily and wants a report within 30 days on what the city working on additional repairs and replacements, and has a program for is doing about it, it was learned today. the rest of the city - if the council However, city officials are not ever gives us the money to do it." dismayed by the accusations and Vitale said that the work done last claim the state is "a little late" with summer and this summer reduced the them. 50 per cent loss to between 35 and 40 Public Works Director Raphael per cent P. Vitale confirmed today that the "It may actually be more than city had received a resolution from that but we haven't been able to get the council, a division of the state accurate figures because of various Department of Environmental summer activities involving the un-Protection (DEP), citing it for the metered use of water," he said. "But wasted water and ordering the report we should be able to get a more acby the end of this month. However, curate reading now that schools are Vitale said that the council's action open and the summer programs, like was prompted by conditions that the sprinklers, are all shut down." haven't existed for over a year. Vitale said that the city would "From the tone of the council's comply and supply the council with a written explanation on where the

renewal. They are from Newark to First Streets, Grand to Adams Streets, and First to Second Streets, Adams to Jefferson Streets. Once the two blocks have been acquired the authority will encourage their redevelopment into new housing areas. The new buildings will be one and two family homes or multi-family dwellings. No tax abatements would

mantle and remove the wrecked superstructures.

Later it was explained that the city did not have an air-tight agreement, so it never did get the piers back.

Of course, this could not happen

again . . . or could it?

#### Cleaner Hoboken aim of street-sweeping plan

'We started doubling up and reas-

Hoboken Diepetch

A group of Hoboken liquor store

and tavern owners have been warned

by Mayor Steve Cappiello to keep

their customers in line or the city will

hold them responsible under the

with a number of liquor store and

tavern owners in his office recently in

response to complaints from resi-

dents and property owners on the con-

icated drinkers off the street along

with those who insist in buying bottles

and drinking them outside the

premises," said the mayor. "This

was a problem in the past but we

thought we had it pretty much under

control. However, it seems to be get-

taverns and liquor stores that the city

The mayor declined to name the

'We want the heavy and intox-

duct of their customers.

ting serious again.

The mayor said today that he met

Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws.

9/20/76

bar owners

warned

Beginning Monday, Hoboken is "But as time progressed and resi-reorganizing its street-sweeping dents and industry became more conprogram in the hope of keeping city cerned with the number of people on streets cleaner, Public Works Direc- the city payroll, the number of street tor Raphael P. Vitale said today. sweepers slowly decreased. The "We have 24 men who hand-sweep routes didn't.

the streets with brooms," said Vitale. "As of Monday each will have his own signing men from one area to take individual area of responsibility and it part of another. It got confusing both will be up to each of them to keep his for us and the men. So all of the city's area as clean as possible - or explain sweeping needs were re-evaluated

Vitale said that the entire city has set up. One of the things that made it set up. One of the things that made it adbeen broken down into 17 routes - confusing was that we often had adsome of which have two men assigned ditional help through some of the to them because they are either work programs, but as the programs larger than others or usually dirtier ended we would lose them. Vitale said that five of the current than most.

"At one time, the city had 50 men 24 sweepers are on federal work sweeping the streets, and each had his programs and the rest are regular own route," the director continued. city employes.

#### PACO to hold mini-convention in Hoboken 9/11/7L

A mini convention will be held tomorrow from noon to 5 p.m., at Hoboken High School by the Puerto Rican Association for Community Organization (PACO).

Delegates will be chosen to represent the group at the Seventh Annual Convention of the Puerto Rican Congress of New Jersey, set for Oct. 23 and 24 at the Holiday Inn, Cherry Hill

According to Perfecto Oyola, ex-ecutive director of PACO, the local group will also prepare resolutions to be presented at the Cherry Hill convention

PACO's mini convention is one of three scheduled in northern New Jersey in preparation for the Cherry Hill slate meeting. The others are in Newark and Passaic.

According to Alfonso A. Roman, executive director of the Puerto Rican Congress, the mini-conventions are being held to allow for broader community participation by Puerto Ricans in planning next year's programs at the Congress and to identify specific problems in the different

covered by the contract. financial aspects of the contract," said the mayor. "They are probably the most important aspects of the would not comment on the talks.

PBA President James Behrens

Turnover rate in Hoboker's schools is 5% A student turnover rate of 5 per cent a month in Hoboken's public schools hampers teaching and educational testing, according to Superintendent of Schools Thomas

McFeeley. McFeeley said a study last school year revealed that, in the average month, one of 20 students moves from a school zone and one of 20 moves into the neighborhood of the school.

He stressed that the yearly rate is much less than the 50 per cent turnover that would be obtained by multiplying the monthly rate. Many of the students return to their first school by the end of the year; others leave Hoboken for a warmer climate during the height of winter but return in the spring; he said.

The shifting student population makes it difficult to gauge what a class has learned over the year, since many of those who take a standardized test in a subject area in September will not be there to take the test again in the spring, the superintendent said.

McFeeley spoke of the high turnover rate after a teacher at last night's meeting of the Hoboken Board of Education urged that all elementary schools in the system use the same series of reading test. She said some students, because of moves by their families, may enroll in three or four elementary schools in the city during the same school year.

McFeeley said the reading series in all the schools are very similar. Last night the school board

received bids from three firms on items of cooking and serving equipment needed to set up a hot lunch program in all the city schools. The food service committee will examine the bids.

The hot lunch program will be started as soon as possible, board officials said, but the school feeding program will start on Oct. 1 with cold lunches

"One of the reasons we have been late," said Otto Hottendorf, chairman of the food service committee," in developing this program was because of the uncertainty of state financing.' He said the board is now assured of at least 75 per cent financing from the state of the costs of setting up the program.

had complaints about. "I want to give them the opportunity to cooperate," he said. "If they don't, who they are will be known soon enough."

Cappiello said that the city will make frequent checks on the establishments to make sure they comply with all ABC regulations. If they

letter I assume that it believes that the city isn't doing anything and is blissfully standing by while half of the water it buys from Jersey City goes unaccounted for," the director said.

#### Hoboken seeks delay on order 9/1/16

Hoboken Law Director Lawrence Florio will seek additional time Monday for the city to comply with the two-week-old-court order instructing the city to promote four firemen to captain.

According to Mayor Steve Cappiello, the city needs clarification of several matters before it can make the appointments, provided it doesn't decide to appeal.

"We want to clear up the situa-tion with Fireman John Lewis before taking any action," said Cappiello. "We aren't sure he's included or not included in the suit and we want to protect his rights."

Cappiello said Florio would go before Superior Court Judge John J. Geronimo and ask for the additional time

Lewis is fourth on the list of six firemen eligible for promotion. The other five filed suit against the city for not making the promotions to fill vacancies in the grade of captain in accordance with the union contract that requires such vacancies to be filled within 30 days.

The judge ordered four of the five plaintiffs promoted. They are Alan Brause, Charles Ebersole, Eugene Failla, Patrick O'Brien and Ernest Prudente

Cappiello said he is leaning towards complying with the court's order - making the appointments but it will hinge on the Fire Fighters Association giving up the clause in its contract requiring the city to make appointments within 30 days.

"If they aren't willing to give that, the city will file an appeal," he added

An appeal then seems certain for Fire Fighters President Michael Barvaro said today that the union won't give up the clause.

water was going and what the city was doing to correct the situation. Vitale wasn't upset by the council's resolution, but he was slightly

annoyed. "I don't mind the criticism, but there never seems to be anything constructive in it," said the director. "By constructive, I mean an offer to help us get the money we need to do the job. Because of the city's poor financial condition we have to depend on either the state or the federal govern-

ment to give us the money.

"The first phase of the water line repair program that was done last summer was something that had been in the works for something like eight years, maybe even longer. That's how long our application for federal funds had been on file - and kicked around by Washington.

"We finally got the money last year but the cost of doing the job had increased so much that the size of the target area had to be decreased."

Vitale said that the city will undertake the repair of the rest of the system on its own, using city personnel and equipment. But the city council, which agreed to the concept last year, still hasn't approved the money for hiring the people needed or buying the equipment

Hoboken to use 9/24/76 rented bus

Hoboken's crosstown bus will be out of service Monday and Tuesday while repairs are made to the engine, **Business Administrator Herman Bier** said today.

However, there will not be any break in service. The director said that the city will rent a bus for the two days and continue to make runs on the route at the appointed times. The bus is in its second year of operation.

"With all the publicity about the rate increase we got from Jersey City and our intention of passing it along to local users, I'm really surprised that so many people didn't know why they were getting higher bills," said the director. "and even after we explained it to them they still insist that there must be something wrong with their meter.

learned today.

said today

children.

sand cubic feet of water and subject to a minimum charge of \$20 a year if their annual water use came to less than \$20 in charges. This year the rate has gone up to \$10.50 per thousand cubic feet with a

owners were paying \$4.50 per thou-

minimum charge of \$44 a year. The city's sewerage rates have also gone up since last year - almost

"Some have even threatened to double - and are the cause for adsue the city. But I'm afraid that there ditional complaints.

Cappiello considering plan to hire part-time policemen

Mayor Steve Cappiello of need when you need them without Hoboken is considering a proposal to having to resort to all kinds of overaugment the city's regular police time. force with part-time officers, it was

Cappiello explained that Hoboken, like most cities, estimated its police manpower needs on According to the mayor, who is also the city's public safety director, averages. The problems come up when the need for manpower at any New Haven, Conn., is experimenting with part-time policemen and so far given time excees the anticipated the experiment has been a success. average.

"I intend to contact New Haven When this happens, we must either call men in on overtime or put officials and find out what they did and how they did it." said the mayor. Out less men than we really need," he "I'm especially interested in the in- continued. "One is costly, the other is itial reaction they received from their possibly dangerous both to the regular policemen and how they policemen who are on duty and the worked out any objections." . citizens."

"The advantage of having part-The mayor said that New Haven time policemen are many," he con- is paying its part-time policemen tinued. "The biggest perhaps is hav- \$3.50 an hour. They are given the ing the exact number of men you will regular police training course.

Two Hoboken schools part of national study

Two Hoboken elementary schools country because they are a represenhave been selected to participate in a tative sample of the nation's schools, nationwide study to determine the ef- he said. The study is sponsored by the fectiveness of additional educational U.S. Office of Education and is being services offered under the federally- conducted by the System Developfunded Title I program, School ment Corp., of California. Superintendent Thomas F. McFeely

The effectiveness of the additional Title I services will be determined by achievement tests in reading and mathematics and a test in practical achievement. Other data will also be compiled.

vey, which will be the largest and Patrick Capone, principal of the tion ever undertaken. Its major pur-Leinkauf School and Frank Chiocco, pose, he said, will be to learn which principal of the Connors School, said kind of compensatory education is tests will be given in the fall and sprmost effective in improving the ing for the three successive years of reading and mathematics skills of the project. A staff orientation meeting will be held next Monday and

tests will be administered between The Hoboken schools were chosen

McFeely said he was pleased that

the Leinkauf and Connors Schools had

been chosen to take part in the sur-

most thorough study of basic educa-



## Mayors praise fire merger proposal

If a plan to consolidate municipal fire services in Hudson County is successful, it will be the key to the merger of other services, Jersey City Mayor Paul T. Jordan predicts.

"The response was very "Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello positive," he declared after and I are definitely for it," Jordan presenting the plan he claims will stated after presiding at a mayors' save the taxpayers \$8.2 million an- advisory committee session. The

dicated consolidation of garbage collection services could be next.

Cappiello lays out rules ong fiscal control

"Live within your means" will be the watchword for Hoboken's department directors as they start preparing their 1977 municipal budgets.

Mayor Steve Cappiello made that clear at a special meeting with the directors yesterday morning to brief them on new state laws on the preparation of the budget and requirements for sticking to it during the year.

According to the mayor, he's going to make the same speech to the city council in a few days.

'We all have to be a lot more careful in estimating what we are going to need for the year," said the mayor. "New state laws prohibit us from exceeding what we budgeted for by more than five per cent, plus an additional three per cent to cover emergencies.

"As for the council, well it means that it will have to exercise more care in trimming items from any department, and not trim just for the sake of trimming and meeting some financial goal. So I'm counting on a great deal of mutual cooperation between the directors and the councilmen between now and the final adoption of the budget next year."

In the meantime, the mayor has instructed the directors to start preparing their anticipated budgets immediately for next year and to work as closely with their respective council committees as possible.

Cappiello fails to get backing for tow plang

Hoboken struggles with plant

Hoboken officials are crossing their fingers that they can make it through the rest of the year without any further breakdowns at the city's sewage treatment plant.

Two of the city's three settling tanks at the plant were out of operation over the weekend because large chains used to drag sludge through the various treatment stages wore out and had to be repaired.

According to Director Raphael P. Vitale of the Public Works Department, 80 per cent of the chains have to be replaced but the city doesn't have the money in this year's budget to buy new ones.

"The last time we bought all new chains they were selling for between \$18,000 and \$20,000 a set," he said. "Now the price is somewhere around \$50,000 a set. They have gone up that much in a few years.

Vitale said he plans to budget for all new chains in his preliminary budget for 1977. However, if there is another breakdown before the end of the year he will have to ask the council for emergency funds to immediately replace those that are broken.

"They're in bad shape but we're going to do the best we can with what we have for as long as we can," he continued. "We still have one settling tank that isn't working because it lacks chains, but we can get by without it."

Vitale explained that the tanks are in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the constant use. along with the exposure to the chemicals used to treat the sewage, takes its toll.

nually to other mayors or their other officials, while enthusiastic take a stand until they report back to their governing bodies, he explained. "The mayors, to a man, or their representatives, reacted very

positively." Jordan observed. "They are mature thinkers," he

stated. "I don't see an impasse developing."

Jordan and County Executive Edward F. Clark Jr. said the next step is getting other local officials and citizens sufficiently informed about the plan, which, they say, will not only save \$8.2 million, but increase fire fighting protection. Freeholder Anne H. O'Malley,

vicechairman of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders, called the plan outlined by Nicholas C. Fargo, director of the new county department of fire and disaster control, "very humane because nobody loses his position." She referred to a portion of the plan to reduce the number of firefighters (including superiors) from 1,616 to 1,172 through normal attrition during the first several years of consolidation.

All freeholders are in accord that it is "a marvelous plan" and represents "a savings to the taxpayers." she reported.

The plan to consolidate municipal fire departments into one county division of fire services, if adopted, will result in a better product at a better cost, Jordan predicted.

During a press conference, Jordan, Clark and Fargo answered a

series of questions about firefighters and their unions' reactions by saying existing labor contracts would be honored and eventually all pay scales would be equalized according to the highest labor agreement in the county with fire personnel.

Firemen's jobs would be stabilized they noted, at a time when many cities are cutting many off the payroll due to economic conditions They said that under the fire services director there would be a chief of fire service, but municipal fire

chiefs would be placed in charge of various bureaus under the consolidation. Ultimately, after retirement, they would be replaced by deputy chiefs.

Fargo, praised by Clark as a career man from Jersey City's fire department, said we must "forget boundaries" in seeking to improve over-all fire protection in which a county fire division would place more men and equipment (four engines and two ladder trucks with a minimum of 26 men and two chief officers) at the scene of a fire than most municipalities are presently capable of providing. He also said response time would be reduced to less than three minutes with a firehouse covering a threequarter mile radius. He said there is presently a five-minute average

#### State OKs Hoboken school bonds firm TRENTON - The State Local Hoboken Board of Education under on bonds from state aid withheld from

Finance Board yesterday approved the school qualified bond act which the ocmmunity. Approval came just one day he \$2.4 million application by the obligates the state to pay debt service

creased as a result of a tax increase.

that he is contacting officials of the

bank and will ask them to reword

their letter so that their customers

know exactly why their mortgage

been small we had to work very hard

to obtain them," said the mayor.

'Therefore I don't think it is fair to

"While the tax decreases have

payments have gone up.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today

before the five-year deadline expires today for Hoboken's temporary financing of its new Wallace School. The bonds, sold last Friday, will complete financing.

Hoboken became the first district in the state to take advantage of the act intended to lower the interest rates and save money for local taxpayers. The rate Friday was 6.2 per

cent. The State Education Board approved the application last Wednesday and Hoboken officials presented the proposal last Thursday to the local finance board which requested additional financial information which prompted its approval yesterday.



four bicycles will be auctioned off by Hoboken at 2 p.m. on Oct. 27 in the city council chambers, it was announced today.

The cars, all towed in as a bandoned vehicles, may be inspected in the meantime at Hoboken Auto Body, 616 Jackson St., between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The ownership of seven of the cars was traced by the city. Three are from Hudson County with one a Hoboken resident. He is Anibal Torres, listed as living at 118 Jefferson St. From Jersey City are Charles D. Borusiewicz, listed as living at 494 Pavonia Ave., and Herbert Bailey, listed as living at 71 Wayne St.

Persons interested in seeing the bicycles may do so during the same hours at police headquarters in City Hall.

To be sold are two 14-inch, fivespeed racers, on 20-inch, fivespeed, and one 22-inch, 10-speed racer.

#### Hudson may get rail link to sportsplex

Hudson County may yet have a rail link to the new Meadowlands Sports Complex, according to Mayor

Steve Cappiello of Hoboken. The mayor said today he spoke with Gov. Brendan Byrne at the Democratic dinner in Harrison Wednesday night and was assured that the idea of using the Erie Lackawana terminal in Hoboken as a rail link to the complex "was not dead."

Cappiello was very disappointed when the State Department of Transportation announced Tuesday that its rail link plan for getting sports fans to the complex did not include any stops in Hudson County or Hoboken.

According to Cappiello, the governor said the state decided on the plan it announced because it could be implemented with relative ease and would provide service to areas where almost none existed.

The Giants open their home football season on Oct. 10 against the Dallas Cowboys. Hudson County and New York City fans will have to rely on bus service to the stadium or use Hoboken has deadline ghathe on dump site

Hoboken has until Oct. 18 to a close down a dumping site at 16th and grand streets or be fined up to \$1,000 a day by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), it was learned today.

The "cease and desist" notice was received by the city last week, according to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale.

"We've been ordered to shut down the dumping site because the city doesn't have any permits for the operation from the state," he said. 'We are now to apply for them and hopefully will have the state's approval before the Oct. 18 deadline."

Vitale said the city would have applied for the state permits long ago but it didn't think it needed them.

"What we are doing isn't a true dumping or landfill operation," he asserted. "It is a staging area where trash picked up during the day is laid over until it can be loaced into containers and taken to the dump. Usually this is all done in one day except for weekends.

"If property owners isn't paid up as of Dec. 31, 1976, they won't get the the mail today, according to Mayor rebate," said the mayor. "Possibly this could help the city with its tax Steve Cappiello.

begin receiving the forms today. good in recent years.' Capiello said the city started

mailing out the forms to the owners of relatively simple to fill out but should one, two, three- and four-family any persons experience problems, homes yesterday. The entire mailing they can contact the assessor's office should be finished by Friday. The for assistance.

largely county committeemen and of the building resides in it. women, will begin distributing tax rebate forms to North Bergen more than four apartments must pick up their tax rebate forms ers today.

the city to have it blamed for increases in mortgage payments that maybe justified but are resulting from other causes." The mayor said that in all probability the increases were required to bring escrow accounts up to date. He explained that very often

Cappiello says that bank

gives officials bad rap 1/2

**By Peter Hallam** 

Hoboken has been able to reduce

A number of property owners

its tax rate for the last three years but

the mortgage customers of one local

have received letters from the bank

explaining that their monthly

mortgage payments have been in-

bank are being told otherwise.

mortgage payments include several additional things besides principal on the loan, interest due and tax payments.

"Increases in some of these, like insurance, could offset the tax reduction so the total bill for the month might be higher," he continued. "But if that is the case it should be explained."

Cappiello said that to his knowledge, only one bank hadsentout such notices.

Hoboken rebate

Hoboken property owners should start getting the tax rebate forms in

North Bergen owners also should collections, which haven't been too

The mayor said the forms are

A corps of volunteer workers. forms are being sent only if the owner "The owners of dwellings with

It doesn't appear that Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale is going to get any support from Mayor Steve Cappiello in his efforts to have towing, in conjunction with the street cleaning program resumed in the city.

"The dirctor hasn't talked to me about it yet, but I think everyone will recall that the reason we did away with the towing program two years ago was because it wans't getting the job done," said the mayor.

"As more and more new cars appeared on the streets it was taking longer and longer to tow them in. That's because they all have antitheft systems which lock the front wheels and transmission. In order to tow one in, the car has to be jacked up, a special dolly put under the

wheels and then towed - and that all takes time.

Cappiello said that just before the city discountinued the program, most of the cars that were getting towed were older vehicles. The newer cars were getting only tickets for \$2 while the person with the older car got the ticket plus the cost of having to reclaim his or her car from the towing company.

"That wasn't fair," he asserted "And these were usually the people who could afford it the least.

The mayor said he didn't believe there were any more cars blocking the sweeper's path now than when the city had the towing program.

"I don't see where instituting the towing program again is going to make it any better or the streets any cleaner," said the mayor. "The only way it could be improved is if the contractor provided enough men and equipment to remove all of the carsand that would be too costly to the city and the people who get towed in.

The mayor said he might consider having the fine increased but at the moment he felt that \$10 was an adequate deterrent.

Brownstone restoration woes noted

The buying and restoration of brownstone houses is one of the latest hobbies of the "in-crowd," but there are dangers involved, according to Mrs. Audrey Borg, Hoboken's consumer affairs local assistance officer. 'Buying a brownstone almost in-

sures that there is going to be some extensive restoration work involved," said Mrs. Borg. "And it is in getting involved in that work that the new brownstone owner should exercise extreme caution

"We have been hit with a barrage of complaints from the owners of brownstones concerning new exterior facings, replacement windows and storm windows, to name a few. The best advice is to start with a wellestablished, reputable firm which has enough pride in its workmanship to give the prospective buyer the names and addresses of past customers.

"Then check those customers yourself. If possible, try to see the work that was done and determine whether or not it would satisfy you.' Mrs. Borg said it was doubtful if

any firm would give the name of a dissatisfied customer as a reference, but well-established companies generally make a greater effort to keep their customers happy then those out to make a quick killing with shoddy workmanship. So, in checking with past customers, it is advisable to ask if they had any problems and how the company responded to them.

"But if there are complaints after a job has been agreed to and the company doesn't give satisfaction, a brownstone owner can always call my office for assistance," Mrs. Borg noted

Mrs. Borg is available at City Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. She may be reached by telephone at 792-3000 or a complaint can be mailed to her.

# Sewage plant operating after repairs shutdown

"Each tank has three sets of Hoboken's sewage treatment plant is back to about 90 per cent of chains," he explained. "We took one full capacity following the completion of the chains from the one tank that of repairs on two of its three settling was operating and used it to repair tanks, Public Works Director the chains in the other two tanks. So instead of three sets, or nine chains in Raphael P. Vitale said today.

The city was forced to shut down operation, we have eight." Haack noted that parts to repair the plant over the weekend when Haack noted that parts to repair large chains, used to drag sludge the chain that was taken apart have through the treatment tanks, broke in been ordered. He feels, however, that the city should get new chains for the two tanks

Ray Haack, acting plant plant. superintendent, said that the repairs "If there are any further were made by taking apart some of breakdowns, we are going to have a response time. Twenty of 56 firehouses throughout the county would be

closed. The North Hudson Council of Mayors was a prime mover in earlier studying of consolidation of fire servin that area, where fire comices panies in Union City and West New York, for example, are located close to fire units just across Kennedy Boulevard in North Bergen. Fargo said that, if the proposal is

adopted, an appraisal would be made of the dollar value of all fire equipment in order to make financial adjustments.

Additional savings would result from bulk purchasing and standardization of specifications for equipment and replacement parts, Fargo predicted.

His 100-page report, titled "A Plan for the Implementation of a Hudson Couty Metropolitan Fire Department," estimates the total 1976 budget for paid fire departments as \$34,365,815. The projected budget of the consolidated department would be \$26,192,929.

Does Fargo have any idea how a consolidated fire department would work?

"During Operation Sail we had a dry run, all functioning as one department," he replied. "That showed we can do it!"

He said the proposed plan has been reviewed and approved by the Insurance Services Office, the fire defenses evaluating body responsible for engineering surveys of major firefighting organizations throughout the nation.

The new department would be equipped to better train firemen, according to the report, including a plan to certify them as medical technicians so they could be prepared "to undertake emergency medical aid which might mean the difference between life and death" when they often first arrive at the scene of a dis-

The report also states that the establishment of a central dispatching and communications center would replace individual systems and end the need for intra-county mutual aid requests for multi-alarm fires.

The addition of a marine division to fight fires on Hudson County's 52miles of waterfront might materialize under the consolidation since pending federal legislation would provide

almost all the necessary funds. County officials said that under present federal laws various local building codes are expected to be standardized by next Jan. 1. They relate to fire prevention standards, of

Secaucus, which has a volunteer fire department, has not asked to be included in the plan.

Jordan, who believes Jersey City could implement the plan within 90

days if the public gets the information and gives its support, said within the next two months a report on a plan for consolidation of garbage collection services is expected.

Fargo said "a viable arson investigation squad" could result from

themselves," he continued. "They are North Bergen Township Assessor available from the assessors at City Paul Sadlon said the forms will be delivered door-to-door. He met last Hall.'

Hoboken property owners stand night with the volunteer teams to exto get back an average of \$223, plain how the forms must be comprovided they complete their forms pleted. The volunteers, in turn, will and get them back to the city asseshelp homeowners seeking assistance. sors not later than Nov. 1. The rebate People with questions may also take to owners is also contingent upon betheir forms to the assessors office at ing fully paid up in their taxes. the township hall.

#### Hoboken welfare office to stay at present site %

Despite objections from the staff poverty agency, moving its of Hoboken's welfare department neighborhood center into the Multiover poor conditions in their office at Service Center at Second and Grand 360 First St., the department will be streets by Oct. 15, the \$725 a month staying where it is, city officials said rent its pays for space at 360 First St. will have to be picked up by Vitale's today.

department. Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, whose duties also include 'For that kind of money, I expect Mr. Millstein to make some correcoverseeing the welfare department, tions and put the place in shape," said that the best he could do would be to call for a meeting with the onwer of Vitale noted. "Just about everything the property, Alex Millstein, and see the welfare staff has said about the what he is willing to do in the way of place is true, Maybe overstated in some instances and understated in repairs. others, but true. "All things considered, I have to 'The city will do some of the agree with the mayor that the present work, especially after he puts things location, poor conditions and all, is in order. We'll do whatever maintenthe best the city can do at this time,' ance comes up after that." he said. "However, I also agree with Vitale said that if the owner the welfare employes that the condirefuses to make repairs, he would tions are not the best. With HOPES Inc., the city's anti- have to re-evaluate the situation.

## Broken boiler may be the cause of Hoboken rec center closing

A large portion of Hoboken's impression that the city would be getrecreation program may have to be ting funds from federal and state suspended during the winter months sources for the purpose of because the boiler that broke last rehabilitating the entire center. He winter still hasn't been fixed and the added that he is again notifying the building has no heat. council of the problem

Public Works Director Raphael "As far as I know, the Com-P. Vitale said today that he needs an munity Development Agency (CDA) emergency appropriation of approx- is still looking for the money." said imately \$20,000 from the city council the director. "One of the projects if the work is to be done in time to planned under the Public Works Act is make sure the fall and winter ac- the recreation center's tivities are not suspended. rehabilitation.

"I was forced to close the center According to Vitale, if the city is towards the end of last winter forced to close the center at 117 Jefbecause the boiler went," said Vitale. ferson St. it will not affect the Day "At that time I notified the council of Care 100 pre-school program which the situation and the fact that funds also operates out of the same would be needed. The council never building

The director said that Day Care appropriated the money and the work wasn't done.' had its own heating system and did However, Vitale said the council not rely on the center's main boiler

wasn't at fault since it was under the for warmth.

their cars. Bus trips have been scheduled from Jersey City, Bayonne and the PATH bus station in New York City.

The director said he didn't think the state was right in classifying the operation as dumping or landfill but he wasn't going to argue the point. Instead, the city will apply for the needed permits.

The men had filed suit against the

agreed and ordered the promotions

peal the decision and will make the

promotions. This will require sending

a copy of the court order to Civil Ser-

vice since the list the men were on ex-

tion. Within 14 days of receiving the

Civil Service certification the ap-

probably will make make a promotion

from among several captains who are

eligible for deputy chief. Capt.

Richard Tremitiedi heads the list of

eligibles and is currently serving as

an acting deputy chief. Tremitiedi is

the department's training officer.

Cappiello also added that he

pointments will be made.

Cappiello said the city will not ap-

## Cappiello proposes new table of fire organization

Hoboken will be instituting a new Lewis and Ernest Prudente. rank for its fire fighters under a city claiming that it had violated the proposed new table of organization contract with the fire union because it Mayor Steve Cappiello has submitted had not promoted them to captain to the law department for preparation within 30 days of vacancies. The judge into ordinance form, it was learned today made

If approved by the city council, the city's fire fighters will have to become lieutenants before they can become captains. Currently, firemen jump from fire fighter to captain. We are trying to balance off the

pay schedules so that the fire depart- pired in July, and asking for certificament is comparable to the police department," said the mayor. "A policeman goes from patrolman to sergeant, then to lieutenant, and then to captain. A fireman goes to captain then deputy chief, losing a pay grade along the way.

"A fire captain gets the same pay as a police lieutenant so a man promoted from private to captain ac-

tually goes up two pay grades." The mayor added that he hadn't decided how many fire lieutenants the table of organization would call for but it would be based on the same ratios used in Jersey City.

Cappiello added that he would not hold up the ordinance in respose from the plea from the Hoboken Fire Officers Association for negotiations on the proposed reductions in manpower requirements. However, he said he was willing to talk with union officials.

"The city has to do what it can afford," Cappiello asserted. "Because we are contractually committed to maintaining the number of men specified in the table of organization but financially unable to, the city is left open to more suits along the lines of the one that is forcing us to appoint six new fire captains.

"I am willing to sit down with the fire officers and discuss the matter and listen to their suggestions, but I won't hold back the ordinance. If they have some suggestions that have merit the ordinance can always be amended to include that suggestion."

Last Friday the city was ordered by a Hudson County Superior Court judge to promote to captain Firemen Parade to open season

for Hoboken grid team A parade along a section of Washington Street at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow will precede the opening of the 1976 football season by Hoboken

High School. James Farina, athletic chairman of the Board of Education, said the high school band, color guard, majorettes and twirlers, together with members of the high school booster club, will be in the march. The parade will move along the main street, from Fifth to 11th Streets and then turn west to Kennedy Stadium for the game with St. Joseph's High School,



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## Seek aid for handicapped who are not elderly

Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken has been asked to establish I an office to assist the city's handicapped, especially those who are not. senior citizens, with any special problems they may have, it was learned today.

The request was made by Andrew Amato, an unsuccessful candidate for mayor in 1973, who sent a letter to the mayor two weeks ago. According to Amato, the needs of the disabled non-senior citizens are are not seniors. being ignored by the city, not

deliberately, but nontheless ignored. things that weren't covered by Social He said disabled senior citizens get Security.

"Disabled seniors can get special attention that makes life easier for them and those same ser- someone to do their shopping for vices should be supplied to those who them," he continued. "If they have to go to the doctor's they can get tran-

"I have suggested to the mayor sportation. But these services aren't that a special office to assist the dis- available to younger persons who are abled be established either by itself or also disabled."

as part of the programs now being The mayor responded by saying operated to assist senior citizens," that such services were provided un-Amato said. "as yet, the mayor has der programs through which federal or state funds were obtained solely not responded to my letter." Cappiello said he has received for senior citizen activities. Making Amato's letter but he didn't know if them available to non-seniors, even there was too much the city could do. though disserving and disabled, might

"The handicapped are entitled to jeopardize the programs for many services already," said the everyone. mayor, "once they have been cer- Cappi Social Security Administration.

Cappiello added that if the city tified as handicapped. I believe the had any large delegation of handicapcertification must come from the ped persons they haven't made known any complaints or requests for special Amato said he was referring to services to the city.

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## City comes clean with new system

The reorganization of Hoboken's laborers assigned to sweeping streets morning and again this morning and I appears to be paying off in a cleaner think it looks cleaner. There were a city, Public Works Director Raphael few spots that were questionable but P. Vitale said today.

that's to be expected. I've seen people "This is only the third day under come out 10 minutes after the the new districts," said the director, sweeper has cleaned a block and "but in my opinion there has already dump rubbish in the gutter. So we still have a long way to go before we can been a big improvement.

"I toured the city yesterday really start considering Hoboken a clean city."

Also attributing in the general improvement was the return of the The city has been divided into 17 city's two street sweeping machines.

"We have one new machine workdistricts and one or two sweepers ing and our old backup machine." have been assigned to each, said the director. "Our other new depending on its size and the amount of litter that usually has to be picked machine is still at the dealers being up. The city has 24 sweepers assigned repaired. We were supposed to have it Last Thursday but it wasn't finished.

#### Hoboken to cut uniformed job slots

to the districts.

More than 130 job openings in the City figures show that the police chiefs, 29 captains and 97 firemen, for Hoboken police and fire departments department has a total of 141 on its ac- a total of 133 men. But the ordinance are going to be eliminated, Mayor tive rolls - one chief, three captains, calls for one chief, six deputy chiefs, Steve Cappiello, the city's public 15 lieutenants, 22 sergeants and 100 35 captains and 153 firemen, a total of safety director, said today.

Cappiello said he has instructed table of organization - a city ordithe law department to draw up new nance - legally provides for 214 men tables of organization for the two - one chief, eight captains, 17 lieudepartments in line with their current tenants, 23 sergeants and 166 patrolmanpower. No existing personnel men.

would be affected by the changes with In the fire department, current the possible exception of men hoping figures show one chief, five deputy to be promoted to vacancies in higher

grades. The police department will lose approximately 74 positions in all ranks and the fire department about

## Missing in Hoboken 99 10/1/72 It may not be one of the greatest

hardships of life, but inadequate street signs can certainly be a major annoyance.

Missing or illegible parking signs have washed out more than one street from the benefits of the street sweeping program. Many parking tickets have been thrown out for the same reason after the motorist went to the trouble of protesting them.

Jersey City is fortunate in getting a \$220,000 federal grant to replace almost 10,000 needed signs and posts. The same kind of help is needed (and how!) in Hoboken. Many of Hoboken's street name signs are not on posts as in other civilized areas but on the walls of corner buildings, usually at the second story, above the autoist's eye level. No wonder out-of-towners complain of getting lost! Since there is that kind of federal money around, Hoboken ought to try to

get a piece of it too.

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patrolmen. However, the current 196 men.

It was the combination of the legally authorized but unfilled vacancies in the fire department coupled with a clause in the firemen's contract with the city that calls for promotions to be made within 30 days of vacancy that saw the city end up in court, the subject of a suit filed by several fire fighters seeking to be promoted to captain.

The city and the fire fighters are to be back in court Friday for further

discussion on the suit and the court order. Hoboken has been ordered to promote four of the men who particpated in the suit.

Cappiello said he hopes to have the ordinance ready in time for discussion with the city council before its Oct. 6 meeting.

If the reductions in the table of organization go through, it could result in a sizeable savings for city taxpayers because the city will not be

able to appropriate salaries for more men than those authorized by the ordinance.

Last year the police budget provided for department of 155 men but the total manpower for the year stayed around the 141 figure. The fire department was budgeted for 144 men but it stayed around the 133 mark all year. This should leave the city with considerable surpluses in police and fire salaries for next year's budget.

#### Hoboken OKs hiring lobbyist

By a 5-to-3 vote, Hoboken's City League of Cities staff member in Council has approved a \$15,000 con- Washington.

tract with a Washington, D.C., law "We are wasting this money," firm that will lobby for more federal said Leahy, "when we could be doing here with it to rebuild the

Maxwell House Coffee Co., in increase over July. The statewide Hoboken, said employes laid off during the past few months are slowly cent.

but surely being called back to work. See Editorial: JOBS FOR HUDSON MEN On Page 22.

Recall of Maxwell workers

About 400 employes - close to one-· The Celotex Corp., one of third of the work force - had been Edgewater's few remaining plants, laid off. with about 10 per cent of its employes

from Hudson, is firing 125 workers 14.1 per cent unemployment rate was with the closing of its plant tomorrow. up from 13.3 per cent in July and 13.1 •A spokesman for the General per cent in June. Hudson's August Foods Corp., the parent company of jobless was placed at 38,600, a 2,500

jobless rate was placed at 11.3 per

The Edgewater firm is ending production of gypsum wallcovering because of "overproduction" of the material in the metropolitan area, a plant spokesman said yesterday. About 30 employes will continue to operate an asphalt coating production facility and some warehousing.

About 60 per cent of the employes live in Essex County, brought to the Edgewater plant with the closing of The state reported that Hudson's

another Celotex operation in Newark 19 years ago. The balance come from Bergen County and New York City. The firm still maintains plants in Linden and Perth Amboy where some Edgewater employes will be transferred. Celotex is the second Edgewater plant within a month to

announce a phaseout. Lever Brothers begins dismissing the first of 400 employes tomorrow with the transfer of its margarine and vegetable oil operations to the Midwest.

About 350 employes at that firm's waterfront research center will ramain in Edgewater, Approximately 14 per cent of the plant's workers live in Hudson County and the balance from nearby Bergen. The General Foods spokesman did not have exact figures about the number of laid-off employes being recalled, but said more and more are returning to work each week at Maxwell House, Despite the recall, however, rumors persist that the giant plant soon may be closed due to greatly increased operating costs resulting primarily from a recent 75 per cent boost in the cost of water the firm buys from Hoboken. Maxwell House is the city's largest individual user of water which is used in various coffee manufacturing processes. 'Those reports and rumors are absolutely untrue," said the spokesman. "There won't be any permanent closing of the facility." Recently the plant did close for several weeks but the company said this was for routine maintenance of equipment and to deplete some of its extensive coffee inventory. It has been reported that this plant - along with several other plants around the country - had over-produced in anticipation of a strike. However, the strike never materialized and the company was caught with a large inventory and reduced customer demand,

## Julia Hanrahan dies, M was Hoboken legal aide Mrs. Julia Hanrahan, Hoboken admitted to the hospital's intensive

first assistant city attorney and wife of care unit with a heart attack last Superior Court Judge Joseph P. Han- week. rahan died today at St. Mary Hospi-

However, it was reported that she Mrs. Hanrahan, who had recently had shown enough improvement to be put into the progressive care unit and been elected to her 13th term as presitaken off the critical list, although she dent of the Board of Trustees of the was still regarded as "very sick." Hoboken Industrial School, had been

#### PATH and TNJ are ordered to clean up Hoboken terminal

Transport of New Jersey and the parent lack of any regularly Port Authority have been ordered by scheduled clean-up effort. But it Hoboken Public Works officials to doesn't end there. Besides the litter, clean up the bus and train terminal there is evidence of human waste and area at the PATH train station or face urine, which produces a foul smell, as summonses for unsanitary conditions, well.

Vitale said that both Transport of it was learned today. According to Public Works Direc- New Jersey and PATH have been contor Raphael P. Vitale, the city has tacted and have agreed to the cleanreceived a number of complaints Vitale added that the city had about conditions at the terminal from residents and several more from gone after PATH several times in the Councilman-at-large Francis X. past because it was using an uncovered container to store litter Leahy "Most of its stems from lit- which was scattered by the wind tering," said Vitale, "and the ap- around the terminal area.

The recall of some of the workers

laid off recently at the giant Maxwell

House Coffee Co. plant in Hoboken to-

day somewhat tempered the impact,

of the latest report on Hudson un-

employment released by the State

Here were the developments:

nent rose in August to 14.1 per cent,

the highest rate in the state.

•The state reported unemploy-

Department of Labor and Industry.

Leahy criticized the proposal because the city spends \$18,000 a year for the consulting services of Michael Coleman and \$20,000 for a National Opposing the resolution last night city." were Councilmen Francis Leahy, At

#### Hoboken J.J landlords ask help

An appeal has gone out to Hoboken city officials on behalf of the city's private apartment owners, who are finding it increasingly difficult to compete for tenants with owners of properties which have tax abatements and rent subsidies.

Andrew J. Amato, an unsuccessful candidate for mayor in 1973, said today that he has sent a letter to Mayor Steve Cappiello asking that the city and it's Community development Agency (CDA) look into the possibility of getting some form of help for these property owners. "Through tax abatements and rent

subsidies, the average owner of a multi-family bulding has been placed at a decided disadvantage in the tenants market," asserted Amato. "I'm not referring to slumlords who don't deserve help, but to the average property homeowner who must rely on rent income to keep his building in good condition."

Amato said that because of tax abatements and rent subsidies from the federal government, the owners of buildings which have them can charge rents below the market level for their apartments

"For the sake of an example, stated Amato, "say a property owner has a four-apartment building and must receive approximately \$300 a month rent from his tenants to make ends meet," Amato continued. "Each apartment contains five rooms. On the other hand, a similar apartment is rent-subsidzed or tax-abated property could be rented for considerably less.

"Because of the tax abatement the owners pay less in taxes and can charge less in rents while still making his profit. In properties where the rents are subsidized, the owner gets his full rent or going market rate with the government making up the difference between what the tenant can afford and the going rate.

"There is nothing wrong with this. The abatements and subsidies have helped restore many of the best buildings in the city. But there has been a cost involved and it is possibly driving out of the city good property owners we can't afford to lose.

"Tax abatements and rent subsidies serve a purpose. But if one of their end results is the creation of more substandard properties because the owners can't compete with property owners who have them, then something is wrong and steps should be taken to correct the situtation."

Amato said that he has ex-

Commerce while the National League of Cities staffer works mainly with the Departments of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Council President Martin Brennan defended the contract. He said the city needs federal funds. Krivit

should help obtain more employment funds for Hoboken by cutting red tape, Brennan said.

Dr. Robert King and Charles N. DeFazio spoke against the contract. In other business last night, the

council approved the following: • A resolution authorizing a CDA contract with Everitt School of Dance. The council ordered that this year the dance classes must stop charging a fee

• A \$39,000 contract with Beckstoffer Hunter Associates for architectural and planning work on restoration of the city hall. Councilman Walter Cramer, who has maintained that the city needs a new municipal building, voted against the contract.

 A resolution announcing a closed meeting on public safety per-sonnel tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the mayor's office.

• Appointments of Edwin Duroy and Clayton Anderson to the city housing authority. Francone voted against Duroy, saying he wanted a project resident on the authority.

· Payments of the city's water bill to Jersey City, despite objections of Francone.

· Claims for the water department that previously had been the subject of controversy. Brennan said city Law Director Lawrence Florio and Public Works Director Raphael Vitale met and agreed that the expenses were covered by a contract the council had approved and did not re-quire new public bidding.

### Hoboken rule

#### bans dogs in all projects /0/1/1 Residents of Hoboken's Housing

Authority projects have seven days to get rid of their dogs or face eviction, Joseph Caliguire, executive director, said today.

"There aren't going to be any se-cond chances," said Caliguire. "Pets are specifically prohibited by their leases. Having a pet, especially a dog, is a violation and grounds for eviction.

"The authority has received a number of complaints from tenants about other tenants keeping pets. It is not a new problem, but one we are not going to ignore. In the past, if warnings were ignored and the tenants did not get rid of the animals they were

evicted. They will be evicted now." Caliguire said that starting next

Retail Bureau may assist 9/29/16 street cleanup

The Hoboken Retail Bureau and the city's Public Works Department are working out a plan which may eliminate and maybe all of the unsightly mess that can usually be found on Washington Street every Monday morning

The plan calls for one or two men who would vacuum both the east and west sidewalks of Washington Street, from Observer Highway to 14th Street, every Sunday afternoon. The Retail Bureau will pay the salary of the men and the city will supply the large commercial vacuum sweepers.

William Roth, a member of the bureau's executive committee, said that he has discussed the proposition with Charles Heitner, bureau president, and they are relatively sure that it will be accepted at the meeting this week by the other members.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said the city has two operational vacuum sweepers that can be used. 'He has suggested that Public Works employes be used for the job since they can be held accountable to city and retail bureau if the job is not done properly. Roth said that the bureau will pay

the cost of the sweeping operation for the first month out of its treasury.

#### Dog attacks on children spur action in Hoboken

A concentrated effort will be produced any results. made by Hoboken to round up stray dogs in the vicinity of the Hoboken Housing Authority's projects following several dog attacks on young children, it was learned today. Public Works Director Raphael

P. Vitale, who made the announcement, also said that he has removed Albert Chichizola as dog warden and replaced him with Vincent Liquori, a driver for the public works department

repeated calls to the city and to hous-

ing authority officials haven't

anti-rabies shots because officials failed to act quickly enough after she had been bitten by one of the dogs. "Everything went wrong," he said. "The dog was caught and destroyed before it could be tested for

daughter faces a painful series of 21

rabies. The head could have been sent useless. Residents of the projects along

for testing but it was held too long after the animal was killed and was He added that several other children have been bitten but he didn't Jackson and Harrison streets say they know the outcome of those incidents. have been having problems with stray Director Vitale said he wasn't dogs for more than a month and that

aware that any complaints had been made about the dogs but he was checking to find out and - if they had been made - why no action was

The director added that he was removing Chichizola as dog warden because of complaints that he wasn't available on weekends. He said that Chichizola also appeared to be dissatisfied with the job because the city

hadn't agreed to certain demands he had made concerning his salary. Chichizola, who is employed under the federal Concentrated Employ-ment Training Act (CETA), became dog warden this past spring when

several city residents filed charges against the former warden, Ray Ortiz, for failing to give the animals humane treatment.

## Hoboken welfare funds may run out in a month Unless the Hoboken City Council that amount," he said. "We had been

comes up with \$75,000, the city's forewarned by the state that the welfare department will run out of funds for its clients by the end of the month, it was learned today.

Welfare Director Jerry Forman has submitted an emergency appropriation for the amount for the council's consideration at next week's meeting. Preliminary reaction from the council has been mixed, it is reported.

According to Forman, the problem actually originated last year when the city council cut \$50,000 from had asked for a \$75,000 emergency apthe proposed welfare budget for 1976. 'A total of \$300,000 was requested

welfare costs would be running higher this year, but the council still cut the \$50,000. However, Forman added, even if the council hadn't made the cut he probably would have still been required to ask for more money.

He said that emergency unemployment benefits would be running out shortly and therefore additional people were expected to be filing for welfare assistance by the propriation rather than for \$50,000. The council will meet Wednesday

# Hoboken given employe demands

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A list of five demands have been has 15 years on the job, and four day presented to Mayor Steve Cappiello weekends when a holiday falls on a by the Hoboken Municipal Employes Thursday or Tuesday.

Association covering pay and benefit increases for this year and next, it resist accepting the last demand since was learned today. The mayor said that the city

would not take any action on the list until after Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri has returned from a three week vacation. The councilman is due back sometime this

The demands include an \$850 pay increase retroactive to Jan. 1 of this year; a cost of living increase for all certified employes next year; one half day's pay for every sick leave day accumulated by retiring employes up to a maximum of hospitalization costs after an employe pay.

City officials are expected to agreeing to it would add thousands of dollars in cost to police and fire

payrolls in the form of added holidays for the public safety personnel. The city has been giving non-

uniformed employes four day weekends when an official legal holiday fell on a Thursday or Tuesday for some time, but not officially. City officers have been open on the in-between Fridays and Mondays but were staffed by skeleton crews. Most

employes had the four days off. By keeping the city offices open officials avoided having to pay police \$12,000; city payment of all and firemen the extra day holiday



NEW PASTOR - The Rev. Toth Julius, left, outgoing pastor of St. Francis Church, Hoboken, and Vincent Barbo, welcoming committee chairman, greet the parish's new pastor, the Rev. Bertin Vesey. Parishioners welcomed their new pastor at a reception this weekend in the parish hall.

## Hoboken Public Library

More than 400 new books<br/>were purchased by the<br/>Hoboken Public Library<br/>last month, Lucille Cun-<br/>ningham, director, said to-<br/>day. Many of the new<br/>volumes have been<br/>delivered and are<br/>available to the public.Go. Mothers Hang In Forever-by<br/>William Sorovan: Lying. Despoir,<br/>Jerosen and the Good Life by Lessor,<br/>Sorovan: My America, Your<br/>Merica by Laurence Weilk withings on the Good Life by Lessor,<br/>Some of the new books<br/>are:Some of the new books<br/>are:Go. Mothers Hang In Forever-by<br/>Neils Gerson; My America, Your<br/>Merica by Laurence Weilk withings on the Good Life by Lessor,<br/>Sorowich with the solution.<br/>The Sorowich with the solution of the solution.<br/>The Sore of the new books<br/>are:Some of the new books<br/>are:Mortine: Weiliam Sorowich by Betty<br/>Friedan: The Dommable Ouestion:<br/>One Hundred and Twenty Years of<br/>Anoto-Irish Conflict by George<br/>Dangertield.Some of the public.<br/>Seorch for Laerity by Karning-<br/>provel-by Leonard Songers; The<br/>Weense by Caroliv Forche: The<br/>Morens Soros Come andMore the Hamiet Warning-<br/>pride of the Peacock - a novel-<br/>by Geodiffey Bocca; Sons Come andMore the work of the Deacock - a novel-<br/>by Geodiffey Bocca; Sons Come and

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#### Hoboken pushes water line repair

Mayor Steve Cappiello and members of the Hoboken City Council today were explaining several avenues to follow in their fight to have Jersey City speedily replace a faulty regulator which governs Hoboken's water supply system. The water problem was the topic of a special

caucus last night during which some officials felt the three months it will take to replace the faulty meter is too long unless Jersey City offers Hoboken some kind of financial consideration.

If no money agreement can be worked out, Hoboken will have to look for some other "remedy," a city spokesman said. Although no decision was announced last night, there had been some speculation previously that the city might resort to some type of court action, if necessary.

Hoboken officials are concerned that the city is paying for water it never receives. They pointed out that after the water passes through the Jersey City meter it then reaches the faulty regulator which is supposed to control the pressure.

Because it is not working properly, water pressure in the city has been fluctuating and there have been several leaks in the Hoboken mains which officials feel is caused by the regulator. Jersey City has promised to replace it but figures it will take three months for the job.

## 6 fire captains not only promotions

According to the mayor, the Six Hoboken fire fighters who are promotions are being made to avoid going to be promoted to fire captain further possible legal action against will have some company the day they the city similar to the case initiated are sworn in - a new deputy chief and two new police lieutenants. Charles Ebersole, Eugene Failla, Mayor Steve cappiello, the city's

John Lewis, Patrick O'Brien and public safety director, today con-Ernest Prudente. firmed reports that the was going to make several promotions in addition to the six fire captains.

by not promoting them. The contract The amyor declined to name who stipulates that vacancies in higher will get the promotions but did say grades will be filled within 30 days of that Civil Service has been asked for the vacancy. Their contention was upcertification by the city with the inheld by the court. tention of making one new fire deputy

vice will supply the city with the names of three men eligible for deputy chief and four for lieutenant. It is reported that Capt. Richard Tremitiedi, who placed first in the recent Civil Service examination for deputy chief, has the inside track for the promotion. The captain is the department's training officer and is currently serving as an acting deputy chief.

chief and two lieutenants. Divil Ser-

The two new police lieutenants are expected to be Sgt. Paul Tewes, assigned to the Tactical Patrol Force (TPF) and Sgt. Frank Garrick, who is working nights in the detective bureau. Both are at the top of the existing Civil Service list of eligibles. The mayor declined to comment on whether the rumors were correct.

"The conditions on which the judge based his decision also exist in the rank of deputy chief and police lieutenant," said the mayor. "Any of by the six firemen - Alan Brause, the eligible men seeking promotions could institute another suti against the city and, based on the first decision, win their case. So the city is do-The firemen contended that the ing what it has to and avoiding city had violated their labor contract further legal action."

> Cappiello said that the certifications were asked for last week but the city has not yet received any word from Civil Service.

#### Law would put skids on Hoboken slumlords

Hoboken officials are preparing as the board of health, code enforce-to take a giant step towards making it ment, and fire prevention would ask difficult for slum landlords to rent out property owners to show their cerificates of occupancy during their insubstandard apartments. Mayor Steve Cappiello said today

that he has directed the Law Department to put into ordinance form, for Wednesday's council meeting, a ment measure which will require all

landlords with four or more dwelling units in the buildings to obtain a certificate of occupancy from the city before re-renting vacated apart-

The ordinance was proposed more than a year ago by Michael Curcio, head housing inspector, but no action was taken on it. According to the mayor, it was held up until he was convinced the city could fully enforce

spections Inspections for certificates of occupancy would be made by calling the housing squad and making an appoint-"It is protection for the tenants

and makes sure that they have decent living quarters before moving in,' continued the mayor. "And it is also a

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form of protection for the property owner against destructive tenants. The landlord will have an official record to show that, on a given date, the apartment was inspected and

#### Hoboken may balk at water bill the

Hoboken may start helding back some of the money it pays Jersey City each month for water unless it starts getting better cooperation from the Jersey City Water Department on repairs at Newark and Harrison Streets, which is under Jersey City jurisdiction.

According to Hoboken's public works director, Raphael P. Vitale, a serious water leak, which Jersey City is responsible for fixing, was allowed to flow all weekend - and Hoboken is going to be billed for the water that was wasted.

"I don't have a report yet on what was wrong, but water has been coming out of the ground and through the our fault manhole covers since at least last Friday," Vitale said yesterday. "That particular point is Jersey City's responsibility but is past the meter which keeps track of the water com-

water pressure into Hoboken of approximately 50 pounds per square ining into Hoboken. ch. The city has complained to Jersey "I am told that Jersey City was supposed to work on repairs at the City a number of times in recent site Friday but no one showed up," years that the regulator should be

Vitale continued. "As a result, the replaced because it is allowing the vitale continued. "As a result, the pressure to fluctuate, causing water water ran all weekend, maybe longer, but after it had passed through the to blow out when the pressure goes meter which Jersey City uses to figure out how much it is going to bill up.

Hoboken. There is no doubt that thou-made by the Hoboken Water Departsands of gallons of water were ment over the weekend found that the A crew from the Jersey City pressure was up to 75 pounds per square inch. In the past when the Water Department did show up

yesterday morning and started work-ing on the problem. regulator failed to function properly, the pressure had gone as high as 90 ing on the problem. "In view of the situation I think pounds.

"Everytime that happens we the bill for October should be adjusted have lines blow out because they are to reflect the estimated loss to the city," Vitale said. "It is not our fault old and can't take the sudden strain," that repairs weren't made, and we the director continued. "As of this morning we have three new water shouldn't have to pay for what isn't breaks in the northern section of the

According to Vitale, the problem City. Vitale said he would not make any appears to be in a regulator that is supposed to maintain a constant special recommendations to the city council when the October water bill comes in from Jersey City. But he expected that a number of councilmen would object to payment if the water loss isn't accounted for.

## Council getting insurance bids

Bids for providing Hoboken with \$75,000. The first is to cover the exall of its insurance needs for next year penses of police and firemen for atwill be presented to the city council tending state conventions for 1974, when it meets Wednesday morning. It 1975 and 1976. The second is for a new is the first time the city has gone to boiler in the recreation center and the public bidding for its insurance, with third is for emergency welfare funds. the exception of automobile coverage.

The council will study the proposals thoroughly and make a decision sometime in December as to who will get the contract, which will run from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 1977. Also scheduled for council consideration are three emergency ap-propriations for \$6,000, \$20,000 and

A resolution authorizing Hoboken to join several other Hudson communities in the suit to keep the Hudson County Police Department limited to traffic duties is expected to be approved by the council.

Council approval is also expected on a resolution awarding a contract to the Flanders Construction Co., of Morris Plains. The company is to construct one new park at the Multi-Service Center at Second and Grand streets and to extensively rehabilitate Church Square Park at Fourth and Garden streets.

The council will be formally notified that Hudson County Assignment Judge Thomas S. O'Brien has designated Chris G. Pappas as the city's acting municipal court judge. Pappas is the current acting judge, a

post he has held for more than 10 vears. THE JERSEY JOURNAL, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1976

## Cappiello's pension status in question

TRENTON - William J. Joseph, tion whether Cappiello's pension director of the State Division of Pen- membership is covered by the law sions, said today he is asking the State and police safety department since he Attorney General's Office to clarify is not actually in the department. the pension status of Mayor Steve Joseph agreed that members ap-Cappiello of Hoboken.

pointed to supervisory administrative

Joseph confirmed Cappiello is police or fire department positions paying into the Police and Fireman's can remain in the pension system but Retirement System based on his these promotions have to be within \$24,584 salary as mayor, not on his the department. But he is not actually former \$12,584 salary as police a member of the police department as sergeant last received in 1973. head of the law and public safety Joseph said Cappiello has a right department, an appointed post. Cappiello had submitted a pension as an elected official to continue the pension membership by paying the application July 1, but it is outdated employer-employe share, "He's done and a new one will be required, said that," he added. Joseph, who added Cappiello "can't 'The problem is whether it expect to retire," until the division should be paid on the elected salary, gets answers on the questions from the attorney general. Joseph did not attempt to fault Joseph continued. The attorney general's office is being asked for legal advice on three Hoboken. "It could easily have been a mistake." He said he could not comquestions, Joseph said: · At what salary and credit can pute the actual pension now since he did not know Cappiello's years in the Cappiello base his payments? · Can he receive credit as head of service. the Law and Public Safety

Hoboken's Washington Street was program, with some adjustments, can with leaves - because there were so still be a success. far from spotless yesterday morning 'Overall, Washington Street did storm - and heavier items like cardfollowing the first Sunday clean-up look cleaner Monday morning," said under a new program jointly spon-William Roth, a member of the sored by the city's Retail Bureau and Bureau's executive board. "Not as

show promise

morning.

Washington St. is cleaner, 10/12/76 but still far from spotless

However, Bureau officials were far from disappointed and believe the

Public Works Department.

board. "I think we might need a second man," said Roth. "The machine clean as we would like or had hoped won't pick up cardboard and the man for, but cleaner than usual. The im- operating it had to stop and make the portant thing is that the concept of pickups by hand, or push it into the

having someone clean the sidewalks gutter. Most of it was blown back onto on Washington Street Sunday does the sidewalk so yesterday morning we found the east side of the street to be fairly clean and the west side not so An employe of the Public Works

clean. Department, paid by the Bureau, used Roth said he would take the a large commercial street vacuum matter up with Public Works Director cleaner to sweep up the sidewalks Raphael P. Vitale this week to see if from Observer Highway to Seventh some improvements can be worked Street. Most of the area was fairly clean, but the west side of Washington

Street, from Second to Newark this is a trial program and the pur-"It should be remembered that streets was heavily littered yesterday pose of a trial program is to locate problems and then correct them,"

Roth said that the vacuum was Roth continued. "The bureau believes good for picking up some litter like that this effort can be developed into papers, candy and gum wrappers, something that works and makes cigarette butts, but had a tough time Hoboken a cleaner place."

"As I have said in the past, if we cannot commit ourselves to full enmany of them left from Saturday's forcement then the ordinance becomes nothing more than words on a piece of paper," Cappiello explained. "I believe the city will be in a position where it can give full enforcement to the ordinance so I have asked the Law Department to prepare it for immediate submission hopefully in time for a first reading at Wednesday's council meeting."

Basically, what the ordinance does is to prevent property owners from renting out vacant apartments until the city inspects them, decides that they meet the minimum standards, and issues a certificate of occupancy. If a landlord rents an apartment without obtaining a certificate of occupancy from the city he can be given a summons and can be fined, if found guilty in court.

The mayor said that enforcement of the ordinance would rest primarily with the housing squad. However, other city inspection agencies, such

found to be in good condition.'

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## Council to pay now, tax later to meet deficits in Hoboken

Hoboken taxpayers will be saddled next year with the task of making good on an extra \$101,000 in municipal expenses being undertaken by the city fathers tomorrow when they are expected to authorize that sum in emergency appropriations.

The City Council must come up with \$75,000 in welfare funds for the Public Assistance Trust Fund account to pay clients, \$20,000 for a new boiler winter. in the Jefferson Recreation Center and \$6,000 for bluecoats' convention nan, is obliged to compensate the fees dating back to 1974.

Council President Martin J. Bren- local police and firemen's unions for nan said at last night's caucus that the convention expenses on the basis of an city had "no choice" but to provide arbitrator's interpretation of the conthe required welfare money. tracts between the city and the un-Hoboken has been under the gun ions.

In other business at the caucus, from state officials to upgrade the layout of part of its west side play Brennan briefed the four other councilmen attending on an ordinance center or face having state day care funds cut off, so the city is taking proposed for introduction at steps to insure adequate heating for tomorrow's 10 a.m. meeting to amend the Jefferson Street facility this titles and salary ranges of three civilian public safety workers. And the city, according to Bren-

Brennan said that the state Civil Service Department found in the

course of an audit of the public safety department that certain employes were performing work called for under various job categories but they weren't receiving the pay to which they were entitled. The council will set up the

mechanics to rectify the problem with the introduction of the ordinance tomorrow, but no salary adjustments will take effect until January, said Brennan.

"We don't have the money budgeted to change the men's pay now," he added.

The titles and wage ranges specified in the proposed ordinance are: chief inspector and radio communications supervisor at \$8,550 to \$9,550; lead man for city equipment at \$8,600 to \$9,500; and police and fire

signal foreman at \$11,200 to \$12,200. Brennan declined to name the employes involved.

In another public safety matter, the council, at the behest of Mayor and Public Safety Director Steve Cappiello, is expected tomorrow to authorize retaining Lewis Holland as special counsel to combat an effort by Hudson County officials to restore full crime-fighting powers to county police.

Hoboken would thus be joining with Union City, North Bergen, Secaucus and East Newark in opposing the move being engineered by County CounselHarold J. Ruvoldt Jr. City officials are known to be dissatisfied with the quality of present county services and would be loath to pay more county taxes for "expanded" services.

Hoboken 10/11/76 H.D The swine flu program will be made available to all senior citizens in Hoboken over the next three months, it was announced by Vincent J. Barbo, director/coordinator of senior citizen activities. Inoculations will be administered at the Senior Citizen Center, 124 Grand st., as well as at the Health Center, 916 Garden st.

The committee for the program is comprised of director Barbo, volunteers; Patricia Mitten, coordinator; Andrew Gugliemelli, industry; Terri Ratti, publicity; and, the Public Health Nurse Service.

There is an urgent need for volunteers to assist in various phases of the program, and Barbo asks those interested in



FAR-SIGHTED - Hoboken residents celebrate the 484th anniversary of America's discovery at Columbus Park in ceremonies sponsored by the local Lions Club, headed by Charles DeFazio Jr., center. Also on hand are Dawn DeLorenzo, winner of Columbus Day essay contest; and Mayor Steve Cap-

Department? · Can he retire from the job as a police officer and still continue as an elected officer in the community on the basis of that department appointment?

Joseph explained there is a ques-

Hoboken seeks \$9.1 million funds

The ordinance, which is expected

\$9.1 million from the federal govern- tions for the funds. The mayor added that the city ment under the Public Works Act of 1976 for the continuation of its water may also submit other applications line repair and replacement program for other projects, but these three and the repair and rehabilitation of were felt to be the most important at the city's schools and high school this time In other business, an ordinance

field Accoring to ordinances that will which requires the owners of be acted on by the city council at buildings with three or more dwelling Wednesday night's meeting, \$4.3 units to obtain certificates of occupancy from the city before they can million will be sought for the water program, \$4.5 million for the school rent out unoccupied apartments will repairs, and \$341,250 for repair and be introduced. modernization of John F. Kennedy

Véterans Memorial Stadium. to cut down drastically on the renting The three ordinances authorize of slum apartments, has received the appropriation of the funds, constrong backing from the First Ward tingent upon their receipt in advance from the federal governemt under the

Bids will be received by the council for the reconstruction of a sewage pumping station at 11th and Hudson

# Reluctant Cappiello 99 slates promotions

Six Hoboken firemen, a fire cap- graded," said Cappiello. "Capt. tain and two police sergeants will be Tremitiedi is the number one man on promoted Wednesday in ceremonies the Civil Service list for promotion to at Mayor Steve Cappiello's City Hall deputy chief, and Sgts. Garrick and office. Tewes are the numbers one and two

Unlike past promotion men on the list for lieutenant." ceremonies, Wednesday's figures to The mayor freely admits that he be somewhat low-key, since the six was reluctant to make them promofiremen had to take the city to court tions, but was doing so in fairness to to get their promotions to captains' the men.

"The legal issues have been Scheduled to be upgraded to fire decided and there is no reason to captains are Alan Brause, Patrick force them to take the city to court. O'Brien, Eugene Failla, Charles However, I still feel both the police Ebersole, John Lewis and Ernest and fire departments are top heavy with ranks and these promotions don't

**Prudente** The mayor said that he is improve those conditions." romoting Fire Cpat. Richard Tremitiedi to deputy chief and police

The promotions also create some Sgts. Paul Tewes and Frank Garrick new problems for the mayorto lieutenant. vacancies

Hoboken will seek a minimum of to Washington with the city's applica- streets. The original station was destroyed last September by an explosion. The council will accept bids on the general construction work, electrical work, plumbing, pump work and pump motor and controls. The council will consider a resolution authorizing an agreement between the city's Community Development Agency (CDA) and Mayo, Lynch and Associates to revise the local master plan, zoning or-

dinances and land use regulations.



The company that installed new water lines in a portion of Hoboken last year has filed a \$154,000 suit against the city for non-payment of the balance of the money owed for the job, it was learned today.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale confirmed that a suit has been filed by the Spinellio Construction Co. of Newark. He said the matter was an "oversight" and would probably be worked out without having to actually go into court. The company claims the city owes it approximately \$154,000-plus interest.

According to Vitale, the city was delinquent in making the payment, but it was authorized several weeks ago by the city council and the check-less \$10,000 which is being held by the city until it is satisfied the work has been completed properlyhas been prepared.

"All we had to do was mail it out," continued Vitale. "But in the meantime, the city received notification of the suit. The company is seeking \$154,000 plus interest for the delay in payment

Vitale said he believes the matter

can be worked out by the city's law

department and the attorney for the

company.

SIDWALK SWEEPER Philip Orapello mans the controls of suction sweeper as part of combined effort by Hoboken Public Works Department and city Retail Bureau to lick the Monday morning litter problem along Washington St., the city's main thoroughfare. If the experimental three-month test is a success then two suction crews will go into operation. Seeing things off are Charles Haitner, president of retail bureau, left, and Raphael Vitale, public works director.

#### \$500,000 needed to fix Hoboken sewage plant

The Hoboken City Council will be vironmental Protection (DEP) made city's sewage treatment plant.

"I'm recommending that the council try to get the money through the Public Works Act.," said the take care of the majority of the work director. "But that's just my recom- that is needed, including repairing the

notified next week by Public Works a complete inspection of the plant last Director Raphael P. Vitale that he week. Vitale does not have the results needs at least \$500,000 if much-needed of the inspection but believes the city repairs are to be made on tanks at the will be ordered by the state to do a lot of repairing and replacing.

"I estimate that \$500,000 should mendation. I'm anticipating that this settling tanks," the director con-

post.

Block Associations. Public Works Act. Mayor Steve Cappiello said the ordinances commit the city to the projects and copies of them will be sent

work is going to be ordered by the tinued. "However, the exact amount state and I advise the council to do the won't be known until the report has same so we can be ahead of the been sent to us and we get prices or estimates on what the state wants game." The state Department of En- done.'

volunteering to call 653-7216. Dates, times and locations will be announced shortly.

"As has been the city's past The mayor said he has already policy, the men who top the lists for anticipated this by asking Civil Sertheir respective ranks are being up- vice to call for examinations.

#### Rent board to probe petition

Hoboken, have petitioned the city's at 7:30 in City Hall. rent leveling board for a rent reduction because of substandard conditions in the building. But records of the Housing Squad show that all of the violations were corrected as of last March.

Joseph Hottendorf, rent leveling chairman, said today that the board

Firemen

won suit,

not jobs

Six Hoboken firemen

who took the city to court

to force it to promote

them to captain and won,

may have to go back

before the bar again if they want to see their

promotions actually

made, it was learned to-

This time the subject of

the suit will not be the city

but Civil Service which

has failed to give Hoboken

a list of men eligible for

the promotions although

such a list was requested

And the reason for that,

according to a Civil Ser-

vice spokesman, is that

there is a question about

whether the list the six

firemen are on is still

valid or expired.

almost four weeks ago.

10/13/76.73

Fourteen families living in a tene- would attempt to straighten out the ment building at 533 Monroe St., matter when it meets Thursday night According to Hottendorf, the case

started in August of last year when the rent leveling board was notified by a Legal Aid attorney that tenants were applying for a reduction in rents because of the conditions.

were made and the conditions supposedly corrected by March of this

However, the rent reduction requests

#### haven't been withdrawn. The property is owned by Frank Penaranda of Englewood. The board will also consider applications for hardship rent increases

from the owners of 89-93 Washington St., 60-64 Newark St., and 91-93 Court St. 29-10/4/76

## Pupils tour county offices to mark 'County Week'

government," Hudson County Executive Edward F. Clark Jr. urged visiting grammar school students at

ceremonies

"It looks like we are going to have to take this one extra legal step if we waat to see the appointments made," said one of the six men who the court said should be made captain after ruling that the city had indeed failed to live up to the contract it had signed with the firemen.

Three weeks ago, after the court made its ruling, the city formally asked spend \$20. Civil Service to certify the six men, along with men eligible for appointment to deputy chief in the fire department and lieutenant in the police department. It has been learned that the men eligible for basis, a half-day of the students' eputy chief and nant have been notified by Civil Service that they have been certified and are to notify the city whether or not they are still interested in being promoted. The six men seeking to be promoted to fire captain have not received any notification. They are Alan Brause, Eugene Failla, Ernest Prudente, Charles Ebersole, John Lewis and Patrick O'Brien. Promotional lists are good for three years. The list the firemen were on was scheduled to expire on July 25, a Sunday. The Friday before the men went into court and initiated a dual action. The first was to obtain a court order in-, structing Civil Service to keep the list open until the legality of their case against the city was resolved. The second part of the action was to obtain an order instructing Hoboken to show cause why the promotions should not be made.

Hottendorf said that inspections

year. Housing Squad records shows that no additional complaints have been made since then, he added.

"Have an interest in for those not going to college to learn certain skills, he said.

the county administrative building during "County Government Week" dicapped.

He told 30 students of Ss. Peter and Paul Parochial School, Hoboken, that "costs go up for county government" because many phases of

it serve the people. However, he noted, "After you go into a restaurant, you finally get the tab." He added that the county is limited to the amount it can spend, just as if you have \$10 in your pocket when you go to the store, you can't

He noted that a county vocational school and community college, the latter a "college without walls" operated by a consortium of three local colleges, have been inaugurated under the county's new form of government. The vocational high school operates on a shared time

grading Pollak and Meadowview Hospitals, and a program for the han-Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli, moderator, told the group that 57 to 65

ment are mandated by the state. He said county government is the plained.

Prosecutor James T. O'Halloran, in answering students' questions, said that the prosecutor's function is to "seek justice" in his function as the county's chief law enforcement officer

## Hoboken schools get federal grant for bilingual effort

The Hoboken Board of Education has been awarded a grant of \$200,149 Hoboken in its funding application. The immediate beneficiaries of by the U.S. Office of Education for the first phase of a bilingual program to the program, the superintendent assist a large segment of students of reported, will be the 252 students who Hispanic background who speak little speak no English and another 612 whose English is limited. or no English.

Under the plan, small groups of School Supt. Thomas F. McFeely students will be taught independently said he was pleased that the federal government recognized the value and in each school in both English and the potential of the five-year program Spanish. Language arts will be taught in the dominant language of the child which his office has planned. while social studies and Hispanic "This program should benefit history will be taught in Spanish. All hundreds of children in our school

other subjects will be dealt with in system who cannot reach their full both languages potential because of the language Basically, the program is one of barrier," said the superintendent.

transition, the superintendent ex-The program, to be known as Biplained. While permitting the child to Cultural Understanding in Language retain his knowledge of Spanish and a Development (BUILD) will be greater understanding of his Hispanic carried out in six elementary schools, heritage and culture, he gradually two junior highs and St. Joseph's progresses in his knowledge of Parochial School.

McFeely thanked U.S. Sen. English. Eventually the child will be Harrison A. Williams and Rep. able to enter the regular classroom.

time to come.

several blocks away.

Public Works Director Raphael

notified by the state Department of

Environmental Protection (DEP)

that the flow from the line is coming from the Maxwell House Coffee plant

samples of the discharge and running

tests on them to determine what they

Under the program the teaching staff will be augmented by 18 student aides from the high school and 18 teacher trainees from various colleges. all will be bilingual.

The Hoboken school system was among the first in the state to recognize the need for bilingual programs and has had classes in English as a second language. It was estimated that about half of the student population is of Puerto Rican background and about 8 per cent are from other Spanish-speaking countries.

Hoboken mayor may give up?? public safety director post 1%-/11

Hoboken may soon have a fulltime public safety director looking after the operation of the police and fire departments once again, it was learned today

Mayor Steve Cappiello, who has been performing the duties of public safety director from about the time he took office three years ago, today confirmed reports that he has asked the city's Law Department to prepare the necessary ordinances re-creating the position and putting the police and

fire departments under the direction The Dispatch last week have shown that there is a need for someone to of a full-time official. "The events of last week have serve as director in a full-time made it clear to me that a full-time capacity who can be answerable to director is needed," said the mayor. the public for the city in such

"I have run the department for the situations." last three years but it was an In a series of copyrighted stories, economy move designed to save the The Dispatch stated the city police city a sizeable salary. I have not been were collecting as much as \$10,000 a a full-time director, it was impossible week from local gambling operations and funneling the money to city ofto do so as mayor. 'However, the series of unsub- ficials to look the other way. The

stantiated articles which appeared in stories also said the State Police knew

of the situation but were powerless to do anything about it. Both city and State Police officials have denied the accusations, but have admitted that there is always a certain amount of gambling that goes on in Hoboken and other communities.

The mayor said that he has not discussed appointing a public safety director with the members of the city council recently.

"As soon as the ordinance is in its final stages of preparation, I will accept applications for persons interested in the position," the mayor continued. "That's assuming the council indicates it will go along with it. But I'm fairly sure it will



Caligure was requested to again advertise for bids for rubbish com-Motorola Corp. to set up a communi- pactors after only one bid was received at yesterday's meeting. cations network so workers and offi-

cials can be contacted when needed. Joseph Caligure, executive director, said the authority will share the same radio frequency as the Hoboken Public Works Department.

The authority said it will take under further study a request from a church which is seeking to construct a senior citizens apartment. The request came from the Rev. Odell Stewart, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He is seeking a commitment from the authority to make land available on Grand Street, between Newark and First streets.

The board referred to its attorney, Samuel Davidson, a petition from maintenance workers who are seeking to organize and affiliate with the Teamsters Union. Andrew Scherer, authority chairman, welcomed Clayton

Hoboken sewer mystery takes a devious twist A mystery sewer line at the Vitale said the coffee plant is

Bethlehem Steel shipyard in Hoboken three blocks away from the shipyard.

is no longer a mystery - but it is still Dye placed in the plant's discharge

a problem and may be one for some flow should have showed up at the

"This was determined by taking other questions that it appears aren't

P. Vitale said today the city has been about three feet a second.

LOCAL TOURISTS - Ralph Terminello, left, and Joan Campbell, eighthgraders at Ss. Peter and Paul School, Hoboken, get a first-hand look at the sheriff's office from Fred Nuber, identification officer, right, and Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli, vice president of the State Freeholders Association. The tour was arranged in observance of "County Week."

#### Urban Observatory projects // selected to improve Hoboken

Innovative energy and of the city have been recommended as mechanical systems for the proposed research projects under the Urban Hoboken Transportation Center and Observatory program for next year, examination of the potential for small Dr. Peter Jurkat, director, said to-

Clark also discussed plans for up-

per cent of the costs of county govern-

oldest form of government in this state and New Jersey still elects freeholders, a word dating back to colonial days when landowners were elected. The other 49 states call their elected county officials county commissioners or executives, he ex-

County Counsel Harold J. Ruvoldt Jr. told the students that formerly the freeholders and a county supervisor

radios.

'Handie-talkies' to link// Hoboken housing aides

Anderson as a new member. He wi Leo Smith. The term runs to May 3, 1977. Edward Duroy, another member, was reappointed for a new

The authority announced that it will enter into a contract with the

can help county government. dent of the Hoboken Board of Education.

#### Hoboken sewage plant unacceptable, says state

Hoboken officials will soon receive a report from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) which finds the operation and equipment of the city's

sewage treatment plant "completely unacceptable," The Jersey Journal learned today.

The report, said to be one of the longest and most thorough ever compiled by the DEP, is still being prepared by three inspectors from the state who made a surprise visit to the treatment plant more than two weeks

Public Works Director Raphel V.

Vitale said today that he had not received a copy of the report, but has been advised by a state DEP representative that the facility is 'completely unacceptable to the state.

"I have been advised that copies of the report or a letter giving a brief digest of what it will contain are being or already have been mailed to Mayor (Steve) Cappiello and city council members," he continued.

Vitale said he "wasn't surprised." Rather, it was a matter of having his "fears confirmed."

According to the director, the manner in which the inspection was conducted and the length of time it took to make it clearly indicated that the state officials were very dissatisfied with the conditions they found.

"Upgrading the plant and putting into first class operating condition could cost as much as \$3 million,' said Vitale. "And that's just a conservative estimate made without having all of the facts available. And that figure doesn't include the cost of improving the operation to a secondary treatment facility, which we are mandated to do by federal regulations."

Vitale has sent a letter to the council advising it of work needed at the plant and recommending that an application be prepared for submission to the federal government under the Public Works Act of 1976.

school days, affording an opportunity shared in governing the county

#### without anyone having clear executive powers - as the president does in federal government. Now, Clark has such powers as county ex-

ecutive while the freeholders are the legislators, adopting the county budget and passing its laws. Ruvoldt urged the audience to "take part in government and speak

out," saying only "people who care" Sister Elizabeth Marie, teacher of the school's eighth grade, and Mrs. Mary Gaspar, president of the parish's Siena Council, accompanied the group. Mrs. Gaspar is also presi-

#### contained." said the director. "I don't - the coffee plant - and that the flow goes from A to Point B - the drain in know what was in it but the state then ran dye tests from Maxwell House the shipyard. But we don't know and the dye showed up - but not ex- what's in between or why it should actly the way it was expected or take sewage close to two hours to go should have. from one place to the other when it is only a distance of several thousand feet at most."

Vitale said the coffee plant is hooked into the city sewerage system and has been for a long time. It's discharge rate is considerably higher than the estimated 1 million gallons coming from the line in the shipyard. "This could indicate several

drain in the shipyard and a few

minutes later based on a flow rate of

minutes later the first traces of the

dye started coming out of the drain,'

the director said. "It verified one con-

going to be easily answered.

tention but now gives rise to several

"Approximately an hour and 45

"We know now where Point A is

things," he continued. "One is that there is another line in the plant somewhere that was never hooked into the city sewerage system. Another is that it is a relatively new development going back to the explo-sion at the 11th and Hudson streets pumping station a year ago last month.

"The plant connects to the city lines in the same general area as the pumping station. If this is the case then possibly the damage caused by the explosion is more extensive than we believed and affects an area larger than that in the immediate vicinity of the station."

Vitale said it has been brought to his attention that areas around the station have started to sag, including one near the plant.

"We will continue the investigation with the state to see what the situation is," he added. "I hope it is from simple explanation - one that isn't going to cost us or Maxwell House a lot of money to correct."

The discharge drain is located between docks five and six at the shipyard repair facility and according to veteran workers there, it's been there for as long as they can remember. But the fact that sewage was being discharged from the line wasn't discovered by city and state officials until last July when the waterfront area was being checked in preparation for Operation Sail.

boat manufacturing, service and marinas and the development of a site status' inventory for the industrial, commercial and redevelopment area

#### Mayors agree with appraising tire equipment

Hudson County freeholders have received the go-ahead signal from the Mayors' Advisory Council to hire an independent appraisal firm to set the value of fire engines and related equipment in the county.

The council hopes to have some figures on the appraisal by next month

In a related development, the county, which presented a plan last month by Nicholas Fargo, director of the county's fire and disaster control department, for the consolidation of municipal fire departments, requested the mayors to furnish copies of fire department labor contracts in their municipalities. County officials hope a study of such contracts will aid in figuring the amount of money involved.

These further studies relating to the consolidation proposal come on the heels of an announcement by the Hudson County Joint Council of Firefighters, composed of representatives of the county's nine paid fire departments, that it opposes the plan. It claims consolidation would reduce services

The Mayors' Advisory Council, with Jersey City Mayor Paul Jordan presiding, also agreed to furnish the county with copies of the municipalities' garbage collection contracts so a report can be prepared on how much money could be served if collection was performed on a

regional basis. The council is also exploring solid waste disposal plans

The mayors agreed on the formation of a county economic development council, which would include the county planning board and various chambers of commerce. It would seek to obtain a Title 4 federal economic development grant for the county and would explore obtaining grants for

loans to businesses. Plans for the mayors to form a

committee cooperating with the State Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Transportation in establishing a comprehensive traffic management plan were also discussed. The improvement of traffic flow in order to reduce motor vehicle emissions will be studied.

These projects were chosen by the policy board of the Stevens Center for Municipal Studies and Services and will be submitted for approval to the National League of Cities-Conference of Mayors and the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the sponsors of the Urban Observatory along with Stevens and Hoboken.

Dr. Jurkat said the Stevens Center will have a budget of \$140,000 to conduct its research. Of that amount, \$50,000 will be supplied by HUD, \$50,000 by Hoboken, and \$40,000 in professional services will come from the college.

The purpose of the Transportation Center project is to generate and collect information about unconventional, innovative mechanical systems and to determine their applicability to the Hoboken Transportation Center. It is hoped that these systems will be more economical to install and operate than conventional ones. A budget of approximately \$55,000 is planned for this project.

The objective of the small boat study is to evaluate the physical and economic feasibility of converting piers and waterfront property in urban areas, formerly used for freight and passenger service, into small boat manufacturing, repair and service facilities. A budget of approximately \$28,000 is planned for this effort.

The development of a site status inventory is necessary to provide Hoboken with an updated and easily usable reference to all the basic information required for its development and redevelopment efforts. A budget of approximately \$35,000 is planned for this project.

Observartory budget will be devoted to administration and project development.

The remainder of the total Urban

9 bluecoats now in higher ranks

promotion ceremonies yesterday held well on their promotions. The new the new deputy fire chief is Richard in the city council chambers by Mayor Steve Cappiello, the city's Patrick O'Brien, Charles Ebersole, chief in the department's history.

one new deputy fire chief following friends were on hand to wish the men Paul Tewes and Frank Garrick. And

Hoboken has six new fire cap-tains, two new police lieutenants and A large crowd of families and John Lewis. The new lieutenants are

Department and Merchants Retail very clean," he said. "About an hour Bureau may have come up with the later I did it again and noticed that solution for keeping Washington during that hour a number of people Street, the city's main thoroughfare, allowed their dogs to go on the relatively free of litter over sidewalk.

Vitale hails program

The Hoboken Public Works Works men went through and it was

Both Public Works and Retail Bureau officials were today calling sume the responsibilities that go the trial program of having the street and sidewalks cleaned Sunday afternoons a "success." "I made a thorough tour of

Washington Street yesterday morning and I honestly think it was cleaner than it has been in years," said Director Raphael P. Vitale. "It wasn't spotless, maybe 12 hours had elapsed/ curb his dog report it to the police or since it was cleaned on my tour, but it was very, very good."

weekends.

tor's sentiments.

"The public works employes really did a job" said Roth. "I haven't seen Washington Street looking so clean in years.'

public is going to have to give the city and 14th Street," Vitale related. "The a little better cooperation in the extra man and the truck crew made

future because there was still one the difference." problem-residents aren't curbing The two men assigned to sweeptheir dogs and are allowing them to ing the sidewalks are being paid by relieve themselves on the sidewalks. the Retail Bureau. The truck crew is "I checked most of Washington getting a day off during the week for Street about an hour after the Public the time it puts in on Sundays.

"If people want to keep pets that's fine, but they should also asalong with having one. The very least we should expect from a dog owner is that he curb his animal. It would be

even better if they picked up after them as they are required to do in New York City." Roth suggested that residents

who observe someone who doesn't public works.

Sunday was the second Sunday William Roth, a member of the that the clean-up program was Retail Bureau's executive board who observed. The first, two weekends has been working with Vitale on the ago, wasn't as successful. But the clean-up project, echoed the direc- program was beefed up last weekend and that appears to have made the difference, according to Vitale.

"We added a second man to cleaning the sidewalks and put a truck crew out to empty out the litter But Roth noted that the general baskets between Observer Highway

## Mystery leak cuts Hoboken pressure

While a major water leak caused the loss of water for uptown Hoboken residents, the city council had its hands full with other water-related matters.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale told council members at last hydrants," he said. night's cacus that water pressure was down from a normal level of 65 to between 45 and 50 pounds.

Vitale blamed the drop in pressure on a leak "we're still trying to trace." Later, the director told The Jersey Journal the trouble apparently developed around 4:30 p.m. and much of the water that Jersey City is affected residents and businesses contracted to supply Hoboken. north of 10th Street.

Hoboken parking produces surplus<sup>in</sup>

For the first time since it opened garages has now been rented on a its three parking garages, the monthly basis, assuring further con-Hoboken Parking Authority has taken tributions to the debt service account. in more money than it spent, leaving However, he said that even if the garthe authority with a surplus of some ages were fully rented the authority \$6,000 which wil be applied to the next still wouldn't be able to assume the payment on its \$8.5 million construc- full financial obligation. tion bond issue, Richard Eversen,

authority chairman, said today. "We are making progress," said ments on the bonds would require a Eversen. "There is still a long way to monthly rental figure of between \$30 go before the authority can assume and \$35 per parking space and we are full responsibility for payment of the now getting only \$20. That \$20 figure direction at long last."

plied to the next payment on the bonds them. which is due in March. However, by then the authority might have even more money in the account and be able to pay a bigger share of the payment.

The annual payment on the parking garage construction bonds is approximately \$650,000 a year and is made in two payments — one in March and the other in September. The majority of the money paid to date has come from the city treasury since Hoboken guaranteed the payments of the bonds. The authority, with no income of its own after expenses, was unable to make them itself leaving the city to fulfill the obligation.

Eversen added that the authority meets tonight and is expected to be told that more than half of its available parking spaces in the three

However, Vitale said the situation Cappiello advise the hiring of was not critical enough to endanger "professional" to make a "guesthe effectiveness of the city's fire- stimate" on how much water, and fighting apparatus. "The pressure therefore, how much money, Hoboken could drop to as low as 30 pounds and lost over the past three years due to we'd still be able to use the city the defective regulator.

Jersey City Officials have City officials believe that a faulty promised to replace the regulator in Jersey City water regulator at three to four months at a cost of Newark and Harrison streets which is between \$40,000 and \$50,000, acsupposed to maintain a constant cording to Cappiello. water pressure through Hoboken has First Ward Councilman Anthony been responsible for causing water

Romano said that if the city could line breaks locally, resulting in loss of document that Jersey City was definitely at fault over the three-year The council heard Mayor Steve period, then "we should make no bones about suing them because Jersey City is pumping our water back into our sewers and billing us for

water we never get." Because of the new water rates being charged Hoboken by Jersey City, the city probably will run up a deficit projected by Vitale's staff at \$1,071,236 at the end of this year.

Vitale urged the council to consider an emergency appropriation for that sum so that Hoboken could pay this year's water bill. Council President Martin J. Brennan advised the director to meet with the members of the council's sewer and water committee and prepare the needed paperwork.

Meanwhile, the director is pushing the council to give "top priority" to applying for \$500,000 in federal Public Works funds for repairs to the city's sewer treatment plant and adopting the needed ordinance

By next Thursday, said Vitale, state and federal environmentalists will "let us know how bad our plant is." Vitale said those officials "might hit us hard" (in penalties) "unless we show we're moving in the right direction

The council, however, made no commitment that such an ordinance would be placed on a future agenda. It was pointed out that several other projects, including City Hall renovations, a consolidated public workspublic safety garage and demolition of two square blocks of blighted buildings, are still being considered. A resolution calling for the adoption of plans and specifications for a new heating boiler at the city's Jefferson Recreation Center and receiving of bids on Nov. 15 may have to be scrapped by the council at tomorrow's meeting.

#### Visit historic Hoboken sites

More than 200 persons - architectural historian. Lady of Grace Church. Friends of Central Park in once the largest Roman Points of interest in- Catholic Church in New Manhattan, Prospect Park in Brooklyn and cluded the old Keuffel and Jersey, Holy Innocents Branch Brook Park in Esser factory, one of the Church, Stephen Foster's Newark - have been led first reinforced concrete house, brownstones on on a tour of Hoboken by buildings in the world and Bloomfield Street and the Robert Makla and also one of the first to be grounds of Stevens In-Theodore Conrad, converted to housing; Our stitute of Technology.

#### **Clock** Tower dedication hailed as inner-city hope By JIM BENSON

Hailed as the first inner-city factory-to- complishment," the mayor said it housing conversion for moderate income demonstrates what can be done with the abanfamilies in the country, Hoboken's 173-unit doned resources of America's inner cities. Clock Tower Apartments were officially dedicated yesterday. "This is a new, trial project that will be

watched throughout the nation," Mayor Steve Cappiello said at the ceremonies in front of the former factory building at Adams and Third sts. Also present were U.S. Sen. Harrison A. Williams and retiring 14th district congressman Dominick V. Daniels.

"Clock Tower is more than bricks and mortar," Cappiello said. "It is giving our people new hope. It is injecting new life into an old neighborhood.

Cappiello will 10/28/12

A review of all police jobs is being conducted by Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken to see which ones can be performed by civilians in preparation for a total reorganization of the department, it was learned today.

There has been much talk about assigning civilians to some police positions as a means of making sure that we can keep local people within the department," said the mayor. "Well, the time has come to actually get to work on it."

The mayor said his goal will be to obtain maximum use of civilians in existing police work and assignments.

Cappiello said the review will determine the exact duties of every job in the department. He said that in his opinion, police were performing too many jobs that were not actually law enforcement work

"We will be attempting to separate true law enforcement from related clerical details whenever possible and keep as many policemen as possible doing actual police work," he continued. "How far we will be able to go depends on the review. I want civilians to take over as many jobs as possible, putting more men back on the streets.

The mayor said that using civilians might save the city money but that was not his main concern. Rather, he wanted Hoboken people on the payroll instead of non-residents.

"Policemen and firemen are not required to be residents of the municipality in which they work, according to state law," said the mayor. "However, municipal employes are required to live in the town they work in. So if we put Hoboken people to work we accomplish several things. We provide jobs and a living wage for them, and the money they make is spent in the city and aids the overall economy.

"At the same time, we are able to relieve icemen from clerical a d desk jobs for true law

Calling the project a "dramatic ad

The federally subsidized apartments were constructed at a cost of \$5 million by converting the former Keuffel & Esser factory, a manufacturing company of drafting supplies that has moved to Morristown. The five-story, concrete-reinforced building was erected in

The building occupies a block bounded by Adams, Jefferson, Third and Fourth sts. Its apartments are fully occupied.

Volt Information Sciences Inc. of New York was the developer. Graphic Building Systems Inc., of New York was the builder. Beyer-Blinder-Belle, also of New York, was the architect.

The Hoboken Model Cities Program, now the Community Development Agency, acquired the property using "recycled" funds and federal budget grant allocations. Housing officials regarded the 188,735 square-foot factory ideal for conversion because its bulk resembled an apartment

The building's L-shape allows an outside view for all apartments and brings natural light and air to most of its space.

There are 51 parking spaces and a spacious recreation area adjacent to the building.

The apartments include 16 efficiencies at \$153 monthly; 68 one-bedroom apartments at \$171 per month; 51 two-bedroom units at \$228 monthly; and 14 four-bedroom apartments each renting at \$255 per month. An additional apartment was built for the superintendent. Volt Information Sciences entered a con-

tract with the city in 1971 and acquired the property for \$250,000 cash subject to a \$250,000 federal mortgage loan.

During the next four years, Hoboken provided Volt with funds to carry the building and meet mortgage payments, real estate taxes and security.

The housing was financed under Section 236 of the National Housing Act, which allows a subsidy reducing interest rate on the mortagage from 81/2 to 1 per cent.

Maximum annual income limits for eligible renters range from \$7,600 for studios to \$17,300 for four-bedroom units. The number of family members also affects the limits.



Former factory Clock Tower Apartments at 300 Adams st., Hoboken, was dedicated yesterday. The 173-unit federally subsidized apartment house is first city factory in nation to be converted to moderate income housing.



bond issue, but we're heading in that was set as an inducement to encourage local motorists to use the According to Eversen, the \$6,000 garages and to see for themselves the has been deposited in the authority's advantages of having an off-street debt service account and will be ap- parking space readily available to

"Not with the monthly rent we

are charging," he said. "The pay-

enforcement work. The mayor said bringing in civilians could initially add to the cost of the police department an-

The mayor said that when the review is finished it could produce several new positions for

#### Hoboken terminal redevelopment plan to be given another look 10/1/16

The proposed multi-million dollar DA) committee will get together with in federal funds under the Public project to redevelop the Erie CDA Director Fred M. Bado to re- Works Act for the project. Lackawanna Railroad terminal in evaluate the project in view of the Hoboken into a shopping mall, recrea- fact that more than half of the current going to get a second look from minal will be re-routed directly into Hoboken officials.

large Francis X. Leahy, the council's

According to Leahy, the success of the project will hinge to some extion area and transportation center is commuter train traffic into the ter- tent on commuter patronage. "I expect every community in the state is going to have some kind of Pennsylvania Station in New York

Community Development Agency (C- plication for a minimum of \$3 million

project that it will be seeking funds-Leahy. "The competition is going to be great so Hoboken can't afford to waste time and effort on a project that may have already been given the kiss of death by the state Department of Transportation.

"If the state's decision to run

trains directly into New York instead

of continuing the stop in Hoboken is

going to make the success of the pro-

ject even questionable, then we

should drop it and go for something

Brennan, who called for the special

meeting between Bado and the coun-

City Council President Martin J.

"The state is putting the squeeze

ing, is close to New York City and has

the railroad terminal close by. But

the state has opted to send trains in

from the north and west, excluding

Hoboken and Hudson County.

else that's more practical."

## Hoboken school board gears up for hot lunches

The Hoboken Board of Education has taken the first step to making variance of about \$3,000 between the available hot lunches to all its stu- price submitted by Morton Foods and dents by awarding a \$125,073 contract to Morton's Frozen Foods for the sup- bid" was rejected. ply of freezers and ovens.

Presently, only Hoboken High School serves hot meals from the school's cafeteria, but by the start of a temporary basis cold lunches at 59 the spring term, all other schools, in- cents each. The board gave out that cluding the new mini-school, will be firm's contract last night. furnished with appliances for on-site preparation and serving of food.

John Palmieri, food service director, told the audience at last night's school board meeting, that the board is "mandated" by federal guidelines to "offer" every public school child a hot lunch.

Palmieri said some of the estimated 3,000 to 4,500 youngsters expected to apply for the lunches will qualify for "free" meals, others for 'reduced-price'' dishes while others whose parents' income "exceeds guidelines" for participation will pay a higher price.

He said the state will reimburse the district at a rate of 85 cents per "free" lunch, 72 cents for each "reduced-price" meal and 20 cents per lunch for the third price category. Asked to project the cost per child

to the board, Palmieri deferred to David Siegel, a representative of Morton Foods, who estimated an "approximate cost" of 72 cents per meal, "including labor," or about 57 cents as the real food cost.

cil committee, agreed and said that Hoboken was the victim of state Palmieri said there was a politics. on Hoboken and Hudson County," asthe closest bidder. A third "partial serted Brennan. "And the considera-

tion we have received from the state Until a contractor is found to supply the food, the board will rely on Right Way Foods, Inc., to provide on for rail transportation to the new sports complex attests to that." Brennan said that it was only logical for train service to the sports complex to be offered from Hoboken because it has ample off-street park-

In other business, the board: · Received a memo from the Puerto Rican Socialist Party urging the trustees to name the mini-school after Maria Cadilla de Martinez, a Puerto Rican educator who died in 1951. But Aurelio Lugo, a Puerto Rican trustee, said the nominee "doesn't stand much of a chance." Trustee Leo McLoughlin said that "a few names have been bandied about' but that no final choice has been made. After the meeting, Mary Stack Gaspar, board president, told The Jersey Journal that the board's policy is to dedicate new schools only for "educators who have worked in

the local school system." · Collected six bids ranging from \$27,480 to a high of \$49,890 for renovating a parapet at the Connors School. No award was made.

 Accepted the resignation of Frank Scott as athletic director. Scott quit for personal reasons, according to James Farina, board vice president and athletic committee chairman.

#### Mrs. Gaspar to be inducted

Mary Gaspar, president of the will be Terry Sasso, vice president. Hoboken Board of Education, will be Margaret Wendelken, secretary; inducted for a second term Dec. 3 as Elizabeth Mongiello, corresponding

nual operations.

civilians and new duties for police officers.





NOT JUST PEANUTS - Mayor Steve Cappiello, center, buys first bags of peanuts from Neil Mosco, left, and Joseph Iervolino, co-chairmen of the annual peanut sale of the Hoboken Kiwanis Club. The drive officially gets under way tomorrow and will last two months. The proceeds will be used for the Kiwanis charity programs.

#### of untreated sewage is being discharged daily into the Hudson River. One possibility, which according to city sources was discussed fleetingly last week, is the issuance of an order by the DEP to either Maxwell House, the city or both to immediately cease and desist the flow. And the only way the plant could do that would be to close down until repairs have been made

than any discharge into the river," minutes the source said. "It would put about 1,000 people out of work P. Vitale said today men have been to their equipment or ruins some of for an indefinite period. I say indefinite because no one knows what vicinity of the coffee plant but they has to be done - or where." The haven't been able to find anything

at the dedication of an apartment building made possible with federal assistance. They and Mayor Steve Cappiello

spoke yesterday at the dedication of the Clock Towers apartments in Hoboken. The apartments are the first inner-city housing to be created, for moderate income families, from a factory."

The structure was originally built as a factory in 1906. It housed Keuffel and Esser, a manufacturer of drafting supplies now located in Morristown. It is located on the block bounded by Jefferson, Adams, Third and Fourth streets in Hoboken.

Federal subsidies and Hoboken Model Cities allocations provided funding for the \$5 million project.

Williams called the Clock Towers project a "rare bright spot" in the otherwise poor urban housing picture. He said the general deterioration of housing shows "the need for new leadership in support of a successful urban strategy.

He accused the Republican administration of "a calculated neglect of urban problems.

for a new generation. Daniels told the crowd of close to 500 that the federal government has become "the biggest slum landlord," and should make greater efforts to rehabilitate properties and get them back into private ownership. Cappiello referred to the

restarting of the large Keuffel and And it has stimulated new spirit in the Esser clock. "The clock is ticking city. Other public officials in attenagain," he said, "and will keep time

U.S. Sen. Harrison A. Williams, right, speaks to the crowd attending the

dedication of Clock Towers, Hoboken. At his side is Mayor Steve Cappiello,

left and Assembly Speaker Joseph LeFante, candidate for Congress.

dance yesterday included County 'The Clock Tower Apartments - Clerk James F. Quinn, Freeholder the first factory-to-housing conver- Vincent Fusilli, Thomas Verdom, assion for moderate income housing in sistant Department of Housing and America — is symbolic for Hoboken Urban Development regional direcand the nation. It marks a new, tor, and Hoboken Councilmen Martin

vibrant era for our city. It is singular- Brennan, Louis Francone, Walter ly reviving a declining neighborhood. Cramer and Nunzio Malfetti.

To study coffee plant sewage line

Hoboken and state Department of five and six at the shipyard, was dis-Environmental Protection (DEP) of- covered last July. However, it wasn't which was removed, and a large unficials are to confer today on what is until last week that the source, or derground vault that is at least seven to be done about a large sewer line go- what is believed to be the source, was feet high," he said. ing from the Maxwell House Coffee uncovered by the state.

According to city officials, they plant to the Bethlethem Steel shipyard from which a large amount had performed on the discharge indicated that it was coming from the

coffee plant. A dye test was also performed and was reported to confirm the chemical analysis done on the distwo hours to get from the coffee plant to the shipyard, a distance of a few thousand feet. Supervisors at the city's treatment plant say that distance should be

covered in something less than 15 Public Works Director Raphael going down into the sewer lines in the

According to Vitale, the flow could be stopped in a matter of a few were notified by the DEP that tests it days by tracing the line through exploratory excavations at the shipyard, finding a good solid section, and then

"They found some blockage,

permanently sealing it. The city did plug the line at the bulkhead but there was still a lot of seepage from large charge. However, the dye took almost cracks further back. 'The only problem with this is that we are still dealing with a lot of

unknowns," said the director. "We don't know where in the coffee plant the discharge is coming from. What happens if we seal the line and it starts to back up, forcing the plant to shut down? What if it causes damage the products?'

### Hoboken teachers strike aftermath in arbitration,

lingers. Arbitrators have been assigned

by the American Arbitrators Associa- \$80,000. tion to hear what Mary Tecktonius, head of the Hoboken Teachers Asgrievances" stemming from the strike lasting nearly one month.

The teachers union, said Mrs. Tecktonius, is seeking nearly \$200,000 in accumulated back pay and legal

The Hoboken teachers strike of pay policy" this past summer when 1975 is long past, but the memory she said, the board denied teachers a revised pay differential for July and August resulting in the loss of about

In addition, she said, the union wants to reclaim an estimated \$90,000 sociation (HTA), calls two "major she says the board "docked" some 300 teachers in "summer moneys". The union filed grievances on both

> matters in July. Meanwhile, on another legal front, the school board is preparing

costs the union claims it has coming for a Nov. 16 hearing in the Jersey since July in the aftermath of a settle- City office of the county superintenment on a new contract between the dent of schools on the board's efforts teachers and the school board. to compel the city to restore \$680,000, Mrs Tecktonius said the HTA the amount pared from the board's challenging the board's "change of budget last year.

'That would be a worse disaster sewer line, which ends between docks that would solve the mystery.



be offering free swine flue inocula- and again on Dec. 11 and 12 from 10 tions to residents starting Nov. 30, it a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center. was announced today by Patricia Mit-

streets, from 3 to 8 p.m. Additional in- to the program should contact him at

oculations will be given out on Dec. 3 the Multi-Service Center, 653-7216.

ten, the city's health officer. The shots will be available to all persons 18 or older. On Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 the shots

will be available at both the health

center, 916 Garden St., and the Multi-

Service Center, Second and Grand

According to Vincent J. Barbo, director-coordinator of senior citizens activities, volunteers are still needed to assist the city's Public Health Nurses with the shots.

Barbo said persons interested in

volunteering some of their free time

president of the Vincent J. Fusilli secretary; Antoinette Magarelli, Women's Civic Organization of treasurer and Marie Finnerty, Jane Hoboken. The installation dinner will O'Reilly and Doreen Depuzzo, take place at the Madison Manor, trustees. Freeholder Vincent Fusilli West New York. is standard bearer of the group. Taking office with Mrs. Gaspar

#### Post-graduate students to aid in Hoboken rehabilitation 1/27/74

ing in Hoboken for the next three charge of the study group. months with the city's Community neth Pai, CDA director of planning Erie Lackawanna Terminal area and and economic development, said to- a section of lower Clinton Street," Pia day

property owners and businessmen leaders who are planning to rehabilitate or remodel their properties, their visit could be very valuable.

willing to help with the design of the enhances and reflects the character work so that the finished product of the neighborhood. helps complement the neighborhood it's in - and for free.

architect or engineer can make formalplans," said Pai,

preservation program at Columbia neighborhood preservation," he aswhich is being headed by James M. serted.

Thirty post-graduate students Fritch, one of the nation's leading from Columbia University who are in- authorities on preserving the charm terested in the preservation of of older neighborhoods and cities, Pai neighborhood character will be work- said. Prof. Charles Sullivan is in

'The group will be centering its Development Program (CDA), Ken- efforts along Washington Street, the continued. "They will be interviewing And for Hoboken residents, residents, businessmen and industry

'Primarily, their study will deal with the preservation of stores, churches, commercial buildings and According to Pai, the students are residential property so that it

Pai said that the students will turn over their results to the CDA 'These won't be plans for the when completed. They will be workwork, but designs with sketches from ing directly with the CDA and its which the property owner's own neighborhood preservation program. 'They have the variety of talent needed to produce solutions to the The students are all enrolled in a many problems that face

#### Hoboken employes union election being disputed 27/76

Mrs. Helen Lodato has been tinued. "This notification was ignored elected president of the Hoboken and they continued on with a special Municipal Employes Association but but illegal election for a new one of her defeated opponents is president. protesting the election to the state McIntyre said that if the state as-

Civil Service Employes Association, sociation agrees with his thinking he t was learned today

will take steps to have the election According to Edward McIntryre, overturned and Paproth named presicity sanitation inspector, he has dent for the remainder of Lally's unasked the state association for an opi- expired term. Paproth said he supnion on whether or not the election ports McIntyre and will accept the was legal based on the local associa- post. tions by-laws. McIntyre received only one vote

McIntryre said that based on the against Mrs. Lodato and Charles by-laws, the association's vice presi- White, the other candidate. However, ent, George Paproth, should have he said that he had told most of his stepped up to fill the vacancy created supporters to stay home and not cast by the retirement of the former presi- their votes because he wouldn't acent, Frank Lally.

cept the position even if he was 'The association members and elected. He added that less than half officials were duly notified by the vice of the association's membership eligipresident that he intended to assume ble to vote showed up for the election. the post of president," McIntyre con-

#### \$40,000 public works trucks // able to make clean sweep 1/11

clean.

baskets.

Hoboken library

puts 434 books

on shelves "1/1/16

A total of 434 new books were purchased by the

The cleanup efforts

vacuum both sides of the

truck crew that empties

After a delay of several perienced and more ser- "Before the cleanup vice and repairs are re- was started, that section months, Hoboken has quired. Based on the first of Washington Street used finally gotten both of its year's operation, I don't to look like a disaster area new \$40,000 street sweepthink we're going to get on Monday mornings, he ing trucks back in operathree years out of these said. "Now, it is relatively tion at the same time, Public Works Director sweepers.'

Raphael P. Vitale said to-Meanwhile, the director reported that the new Sun- consists of two Public day cleanup on Works employes who "One part held up the Washington Street, from works,", Vitale explained. Observer Highway to sidewalk "I don't know how long it Seventh street, is working Washington Street and a was on order, but we finally got it Monday. Installaso well it will probably become a regular all of the corner litter program.



Since the middle of the summer, one or the other of the new sweepers has been broken. As a result, the city had to rely on one of its older street cleaning trucks to fill in. The director said he wasn't satisfied with the equipment and will call these facts to the attention of the city council at next week's caucus meeting.

Hoboken Public Library last month, Lucille Cunningham, director, said today. Many of the new "I don't know if the volumns have been delivered and are now council wants to do available to library members. anything about it, or if Some of the new books are: there is anything it can do, but we have more than \$80,000 invested in this equipment and it isn't per-

forming satisfactorily,' he asserted. "The trucks are approximately a year old and each one has broken down several times during that time. "We usually hope to get three to five years from equipment like this. As the equipment gets older, more breakdowns are ex-



# Police to get mid-size cars

Hoboken will be replacing all of its large, fullsize police cars with the smaller, mid-size cars after a year-long experiment with five small cars, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today. The mayor, who is also public safety director,

said that the city will be seeking bids in a few weeks on from three to 10 new mid-size cars for police duty. "The general opinion is that the smaller cars" can get the job done just as well, maybe better in some instances, than the big cars," said the mayor. "They are less costly to begin with in the initial purchase. They are cheaper to maintain, and the parts are also less expensive. They use less gas and they can get around a lot better on our small streets.' Last year, the city purchased five mid-size cars - all Chevrolets. It had been using full size Fords. While the mayor and most police officers are. in favor of the smaller cars, some cops aren't. The taller and heavier ones complain about leg room and seat comfort. But they are in the minority, said the mayor. According to Mayor Cappiello, the city will be seeking bids from any manufacturer or dealer in the mid-size cars, not just Chevrolets.

# Hoboken project dedication set

TIS. Sen. Harrison A. Williams and Mayor Steve Cappiello will dedicate Hoboken's Clock Tower Apartments-the first factoryto-housing conversion for moderate-income families in America-on Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Cappiello said Williams will deliver a "major address" on housing at the dedication.

Clock Tower is a dramatic accomplishment and a classic expple of what can be done with the unused stockpile of our nation's factory buildings," Cappiello said.

"The project is much more than bricks and mortar. It is visibly and functionally reviving an inner'city neighborhood." The \$5 million project, contains 173 apartments, now fully occupied, Capiello said.

'Maximum annual income for families ranges from \$7,600 for stuidos to \$17,300 for four-bedroom units. However, limits are dependent on the number of persons in a family.

Cappiello pointed out that factory rehabilitation costs were 30 per cent below conventional construction costs due to walls. floors, and draining systems being in place and the actual construction time was reduced.

The building, which occupies a block bounded by Adams, Jefferson, Third and Fourth sts., is L-shaped, allowing outside views for all apartments.

Clock Tower was financed under Section 236 of the National Housing Act which provides a subsidy to reduce the rate on the mortgages from 81/2 per cent to one per cent.

### Property revaluation planned in Jersey City and Hoboken

within their borders. Both cities were listed by the

planning to reassess during the next Harrison - also recorded assessment of property are being valued by the year the value of taxable property to market value ratios and of less same standard, the ratio will impose state as evaluating property for tax ments.

assessment purposes at less than 70 per cent of the price at which the property actually could be sold. Both cities are planning their reassessments voluntarily. The only Hudson ment in a municipality. community specifically ordered to He said the board also considers ratios in each community. the length of time since the previous

reassess its property has been Kearny. Latter's recorded ratio of 55.07 for assessed value versus market value was the lowest in the

county. Three. other Hudson comsame standard.

Maxwell House may up for shut due to higher costs

If the cost of water and sewage treatment continues to skyrocket, the General Foods Corp. may be forced to close down its Maxwell House Coffee plant in Hoboken.

Corporation officials did not actually come out and say this during a meeting with Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello yesterday. But according to the mayor, he got the "distinct impression that this was what they were saying - without actually saying it." The mayor said that the meeting

was requested by company officials and union representatives to apprise the city of their concern with the mounting costs of the Hoboken operation and anticipated increases in the future.

sonnel due to periodic over-"It's a matter of dollars and production and sagging suppermarket

Jersey City and Hoboken are munities - Bayonne, Guttenberg and The spokesman said if all pieces than 70, but officials in those com- no hardships on any party. With a conmunities are planning no reassess- stant budget, an increase in the ratio would mean a decrease in the tax

A spokesman for the Hudson rate, so a property owner would pay County Tax Board said the ratio is one the same amount in taxes. The county of several factors the board weighs bases the municipality's share of the before ordering a general reassess- county tax burden on an equalized assessment allowing for the different

The spokesman said market value revaluation, as well as technical fac- can go both up and down. He said tors designed to indicate whether the property values have declined municipality was evaluating various dramatically in parts of the Lafavette classes and types of property by the and Greenville sections of Jersey

City.

Both Harrison and Bayonne reevaluated property a few years ago, and the low ratios of assessed to market value in those communities reflect soaring property values in those communities.

Jersey City officials tried to arrange for a general reevaluation in time for the 1977 budget but were unable to accomplish it. They said they anticipate a directive requiring a reassessment but have not received one.

Hoboken officials said reassessment could be beneficial for their

Kearny fought the county board's, reassessment order in the courts but lost its appeals. Unless it obtains an extension it must reevaluate by next Oct. 1 in time for the 1978 fiscal year beginning the following Jan. 1.



Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello 14 U.S. mayors to be guests of the Israeli government for 10 days this month, it was learned today.

### accept election

Employe staff

Officials of the Hoboken Municipal Employes Association have resolved their differences over whether the recent special election for president was legal or if the vice president should step-up to take over the position.

George Paproth, vice president of the association, has notified Helen Lodato, who was recently elected president to fill the unexpired term of Frank Lally, that he recognizes her as the associations new leader and is withdrawing any claims he might have on the post. The notice was in writing but did not explain why Paproth had changed his mind.

Edward McIntyre, who had been a candidate for the president's position, contended that the election was illegal because the by-laws say the vice president should fill the job. But with Paproth withdrawing from consideration the questionbecomes moot.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Lodato has called a meeting of the association for Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. in the municipal court room.

Mrs. Lodato said several additions will be made to the negotiating committee and the association will work on its by-laws.

## Welfare 11/6/76 will move, not close

Hoboken's welfare office has found a new home and will not have to shut down while the city looks for new quarters, Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

The welfare office, now located at 360 First St., has been served with notice by the building's owner that it must move out by Nov. 15 because the space has been rented to someone

According to Vitale, the city has made arrangements for the welfare office to move into the offices formerly occupied by the city's Urban Rodent and Inspect Control Program on Second Street, between Washington and Bloomfield streets.

"The move will be made this week and be completed beofre Friday," said the director.

piello

tually showed up.

get-togethers.

Vitale said the rent for the office is slightly higher than what HOPES Inc. had been paying for space at 360 First St. However, it included utilities and heat, while the First Street rent did not.

"We should actually be saving a little in the long run," he added. "Except for the fact that the city wasn't paying the old rent but will be paying this one.

The announcement of the move was greeted with smiles from the welfare staff, most of whom were unhappy with the conditions in their current office but were resigned to staying where they were. Several had asked Mayor Steve Cappiello and Vitale to permit the relocation of the office to Second Street but the mayor

to Rue principal?

Mini-school post

Members of the Hoboken Board of Education will meet behind closed doors Monday night to discuss the selection of a principal for the new minischool. Joseph Buda, currently the principal of the David E. Rue School, is said to be the top contender for the job.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the board's office in the Wallace School and will be closed to the public because the selection is a personnel matter and not subject to the provisions of the state's Sunshine Law.

If Buda is picked by the board's school government committee to be the new school principal the committee will then have to pick someone to replace him at the Rue School - probably a vice principal - and a second person to replace whoever gets Buda's old job.

The committee's choice will probably be announced when the full board meets Tuesday night at its regular meeting. The matter of a principal for the mini-school is on the agenda for the meeting

In other business, the board is expected to award a contract to the Park Construction Co. of Rochelle Park for \$20,790 to repair the parapets at the Thomas G. Connors School

The school board is also considering the use of a telephone answering service for use in taking morning calls from teachers who are reporting sick for the day. The service will cost the board \$59.50 a month.

Close to \$60,000 in bills for work done on the mini-school, at 524 Park Ave., is on the board's agenda for payment. They include \$25,317 for Pisani and DeBari for general construction work, \$10,169 for Busch Bros. for electrical work, \$2,700 to Schmidt Iron Works for structural steel, \$12,510 for the Central Plumbing and Heating Co. and \$8,510 for R. G. Maupai, both for plumbing and heating work.

# Leahy, Kennedy deny

Two Hoboken political figures to- even if he doesn't think they are right day denied reports that they have or agrees with them.

> Kennedy said that he had been asked to three different meetings but didn't make even one.

go to the last session last weekend but decided not to because he didn't feel well. However, he added that he had advised those who were holding it that he was willing to hear what they had to say, but he would not commit

"Before I can decide what I'm going to do in conjunction with the overall political scene, I must first decide what I'm going to do myself -and I haven't done that yet," he said. "I haven't even decided if I want to run for re-election yet, much less on a

'That's where the difference lies. An Independent can go either way based on his individual feelings. But

#### Easy does it 11/6/76 J.J

Hoboken's City Council contemplates changes in its rules to cut down the frequently excessive speeches by residents at its meetings.

It would limit speeches from the audience to two minutes on each item, and would hold its caucuses only one hour before each meeting instead of two days before as at present.

There are times when two minutes is not enough for an intelligent critic to present his arguments, particularly when the councilmen might want to question him. If there has to be a two-minute limit, at least there should be a provision that the council could extend it, on the motion of one of its members, to allow the speaker to continue.

The quickie caucus would make it difficult for residents to find out in advance what debatable matters were coming up at a meeting. And it would make for poor government, because the councilmen would have to race through their caucus and make decisions in one hour instead of having the whole evening to talk matters over and two days to come to a decision.

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Parking panel eyes bank lot as potential money-maker

The Hoboken Parking Authority and is now used for customer parking. is negotiating with the Washington However, more often than not, Savings Bank to lease the bank's employes cars take up most of the 15 parking lot at 103 Washington St. for or so parking spaces leaving little use as a metered off-street parking room for bank patrons. "Installing parking meters in the facility, it was learned today.

This is one of the items the lot would benefit both the bank and authority will take up when it meets the authority," said the spokesman. "It would provide some additional Wednesday night at 7 in its office at revenue for the authority and keep a 119 Washington St. According to an authority steady turn over of cars in the lot so authority's attornies on pending legal

spokesman, the lot is next to the bank that there would usually be vacant action.

its." said the mayor. pany has six or seven plants around the country and Canada. On a plant by plant comparison it costs more for the finished product at the Hoboken plant then at any of the others and they (corporation officials) are greatly concerned with this fact and the fact that it appears this trend is going to continue.

The mayor said that Maxwell House representatives were primarily concerned with the recent increase in their water bill from the city, which has gone up approximately 75 per cent. The city's sewage charge also increased by approximately 75 per cent. Hoboken gets its water from Jersey City and is passing rate increases it received from Jersey City.

Hoboken 1/2/76 getting new

Installation of a new water gate

at Fifth and Washington streets in

Hoboken is expected to be completed

today eliminating flooding conditions

that had two intersections under as

much as a foot of water most of

P. Vitale said the city lost thousands

of gallons of water because of the in-

shut down a fairly large area of the

"The only other possibility was to

stallation but it was unavoidable.

Public Works Director Raphael

water gate

vesterday.

ses of coffee, prompted by several large price increases. "The last thing I want to do is add

"I think they made it fairly clear

that unless the operating costs are

somehow reduced, something has to

give," Cappiello continued. "The ob-

vious thing is a partial or complete

shutdown. They have other plants and

by increasing production among

them, the company could probably

compensate for the Hoboken facility.

customers, Maxwell House by far is

the largest user. It is also the largest

employer in the city with more than

years, rumors have persisted that the

plant might shut down. The rumors

were kindled by large layoffs of per-

1,200 workers. .

Of all Hoboken's water

During the last three or four

fuel to the fire and keep these rumors going," asserted the mayor. "Losing the plant would be a very serious blow to the city and its economy - and even the threat or rumors about it don't help. But we do have a serious situation and making believe it isn't there won't make it go away.

"The company wants a decrease in the water rate. At this time I can't give it. That has to be worked out with Jersey City.

The mayor said the company is "pushing" for an early meeting with Jersey City Mayor Paul T. Jordan and officials of the Jersey City Water Department to discuss the situation.

The mayor said he was "very excited" about the trip and was trying to think of an appropriate gift for the Israeli people from the people of Hoboken.

The trip is being sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors in conjunction with the government of Israel. Cappiello and the other 13 mayors will depart on Nov. 13 and return on Nov. 23.

Cappiello said he had not yet been informed who the other 13 mayors will be.

Vitale said that many of the com-

"We are averaging these bills,"

we can do it while they have been dis-

is not taking advantage of them. We

are not trying to make up for water

that has been lost while this work is

going on. The averaged bills are as

"I assure these users that the city

connected from the meters.

fair as we can make them."

#### Hoboken water bills show full rate increase

The first batch of water bills reflect the full 75 per cent." reflecting the full 75 per cent increase in water costs are being sent out by plaints have come in from property Hoboken-and aren't getting a warm owners living in the area of the city in reception from local property owners. According to Public Works Direc-or Raphael P. Vitale, the city has

conception pression that the bills sent out in July not a full 75 per cent.

city while the work was being done," he said. "And that would have created even bigger problems, especially if there happened to be a fire in that area at the same time the work was

spaces for bank customers to use."

transaction goes through the

authority will probably install 15 or

meeting is a review of the 1977

budget, a review of the 1976 semi-

annual audit, meter enforcement and

a closed discussion with the

30-minute meters in the lot.

The spokesman said that if the

Also on the agenda for the

being done. Vitale said the new gate is being installed between Fifth and Sixth streets, just north of the intersection of Fifth and Washingotn.

which water line repairs are being made and who have been temporarily disconnected from their water started to get a lot of inquiries and meters. complaints from property owners but most of them are based on a mishe explained. "We take their usage for the last four quarters and divide it "Many people were under the imby four and then apply the new rate. It's fairly accurate and the best way

reflected the 75 per cent increase," he said. "But if they stopped to compare them to their previous bills they would have seen that the increase was

"The July bills were prorated and reflected percentage increases. The bills we are sending out now

Amend it 11/8/76 J.J.

An ordinance which would have been helpful to Hoboken's tenants and landlords has been tabled by the City Council because it was drawn up improperly.

It would have required landlords to obtain a certificate of occupancy before renting a vacant apartment. This not only assures the tenant of getting an apartment free of violations, but it is evidence that the landlord put the apartment in shape so that if the tenant later lets it run down, the landlord need not be blamed.

Unfortunately, the ordinance was drafted to include all residences housing three or more families which would have affected many owner-occupied threefamily Hoboken homes which are wellmaintained. The housing code violators are usually out-of-town owners of buildings with four or more families. The housing squad could not enforce an ordinance so inclusive.

The ordinance should be quickly

Leahy said that he had planned to

wrong I'm against what it is doing.

been meeting with other dissidents on the possibility of fielding a ticket next

year to run against Mayor Steve Cap-Councilman-at-large Francis X.

Leahy and Patrolman Thomas Kennedy both said that they had been invited to attend meetings with Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti in Malfetti's club rooms, but neither ac-

According to Kennedy, who ran himself to anything. unsuccessfully last year for freeholder against Vincent J. Fusilli, he did not go because the meetings were promoted as anti-administration "I am an Independent, not anti-

administration," he said. "There is a difference. I don't think the administration is always wrong or right. When it's right I support it, when it's



## Malfetti summons anti-Cappiello forces to unite 1/1/15

is been in the doldrums for the past dissidents. few months, is starting to liven up again with possible opponents to Mayor Steve Cappiello and the ticket factions considered antihe will field for next May's election getting together.

It was learned today that over the weekend a number of well known the mayor and his ticket run unop-Hoboken political figures, all considered anti-administration, met in the club rooms of Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti.

According to sources close to the ouncilman, those attending the meeting included Frank Duroy, Councilman-at-large Francis X. Leahy, Mark Cerrone, Andrew J. Amato, Leonard Luizzi, Thomas Ken- which to meet and try to unite them in nedy and Nunzio Pascale, among a common cause. others. It is reported that the meeting

Councilman Malfetti confirmed that he has been meeting with various for mayor at this time. administration but he declined to

name any names. "There is no way I'm going to let posed next year," said Malfetti, That could very well happen if no one takes the bull by the horns and jority wants.' starts organizing the political forces

in the city.' Malfetti said he wasn't trying to be the leader of the antiadministration forces. He was merely offering them neutral territory on It has been rumored that Malfetti

nov. 4, 1976

Hoboken's political scene, which was the second or third among the might be a candidate himself next sions. Leahy might be one of the might be a candidate himself next sions. Leahy might be one of the vear for the top-spot-mayor. The councilmen-at-large candidates on the opposition ticket. Kennedy, a Hoboken detective, ran for freeholder last year against Vincent J. Fusilli as an independent councilman said it was a possibility the opposition ticket.

but he wasn't actively planning to run Duroy and Amato were both un- and made what was considered a very successful candidates for mayor in good showing for someone who had "If we can get a united group the 1973 election which Mayor Cap- never sought public office before. ogether and that's what the group piello was able to win on the first wants, I would consider it," he conballot even though he faced six or tinued. "But if it wants someone else seven opponents. However, both have I would support that candidate and his. remained fairly active in local affairs ticket, provided that's what the ma- and are reported to have gained considerable strength since 1973.

The group, if it does unite, could Pascale, who has been active in provide some stiff opposition to Hoboken politics for more than 30 Mayor Cappiello and his ticket. years, has been advising Amato.

Cerrone was a candidate for Fifth Councilman Leahy was one of Cappiello's running mates in the 1973 Ward Councilman in 1975 against election but hasn't been seeing eye-to- Council President Martin J. Brennan eye with the mayor for sometime and and, while his attempt was Unsucceshas openly criticized him and his ad- sful, he did get enough votes to force ministration on a number of occa- Brennan into a run-off election.

Luizzi, who was an official of Mayor Cappiello's political club, was a candidate for the board of education this past March and also showed well although not finishing high enough to be elected to the school board.

#### Hoboken soon to seek, \$18 million from U.S.

Hoboken will be seeking more than \$18 million from the federal government under the Public Works Act of 1976 for a total of six different projects, three more than were announced two weeks ago.

In addition to the \$4.5 million that is being sought for rehabilitation of the schools, \$4.3 million to complete the water line repair program and \$341,000 for rehabilitation of the John F. Kennedy Veterans Memorial Stadium, the city will also be looking for \$4.8 million for the redevelopment

State scores Hoboken

of the Erie Lackawanna railroad terminal area, \$3.9 million for the restoration of City Hall, and \$730,500 for a new central garage.

What are the city's chances of getting that money? "As good as anyone else's," said Mayor Steve Cappiello.

"Hoboken has a very good track record, so I'd say that we have a better chance at getting the money than many, many other municipalities. These are our key projects, the ones we feel must be done.

"We may not get awards for all of them, but it doesn't do any harm to submit applications for them. If you don't ask for the money you can be sure you aren't going to get any."

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Elysian Park conditions to be corrected this week

Unsatisfactory conditions in minor ones and should have been cor-

problems.

seen it would take no more than one

or two days work to correct these

nel in the park, Vitale said that there

each city park. But at the time of the

check by a reporter, the two men

were working in one of the other

park at night is a police matter, but

leaving the bottles lying around is a

using the park and the glass bottles

could be dangerous for them," he con-

matter for the crew.

Vitale said the drinking in the

"There are a lot of little children

Vitale said that he has warned the

'The next time, someone may

Hoboken dumping again

in Kearny; await permit Hoboken is again being allowed to mit carried a cash value in the con-

tract

"I don't believe it does," he con-

tinued "I am fairly sure that use of

the dump on the company's permit

was just an added benefit that we

didn't pay for But the contract will be

allowed itself to get into the position

of having its trucks turned away

notice a while back about the per-

mits," he said "I remember seeing

something about it, maybe in the new-

spapers But I don't remember

specifically where or what I did about

it However, our application has been

filed and we do have a temporary per-

mit until the DEP takes action on the

application so the problem has been

Vitale didn't know why the city

"I think the state did send out a

reviewed just to be sure"

before filing its application

about problems in the park may

just lose a day's pay or find himself

result in departmental action.

As to why there were no person-

Hoboken's Elysian Park should be rected as part of the staff's routine

corrected before the end of this week, duties," he said. "From what I have

action," the director asserted, are normally two men assigned to

"A check of the park Thursday after tinued. "The first thing the park crew

residents of the area complained to does in the morning when it comes in

The Jersey Journal showed that there is to sweep up. If they're leaving

were large holes in the asphalt by the empty wine bottles lying around, then

see-saws, a number of dead trees in they arent' doing their job as well as

for the park. Empty wine bottles also men that any further complaints

"All of the problems are relatively suspended for a week or two," as-

they should."

serted the director.

dump city rubbish at the Kearny

dump while the state Department of

Environmental Protection (DEP)

considers the city's request for a per-

manent permit, Public Works Direc-

turned away from the dump by

representatives of the state DEP

because they did not have permits for

dumping The city had been dumping

there on a state permit issued to the

LaFera Contracting Co of Newark,

the city's contract garbage collector

everyone using the dump to have their

"New state regulations require

Last week, city trucks were

tor Raphael P Vitale said today

CLOCK TOWER APARTMENTS: (clockwise, from left), TOWER CLOCK, once a timekeeper for Hoboken residents, is ticking again. U.S. Senator Harrison A. Williams, (D-NJ) and Mayor Steve Cappiello, pushed lever to start clock, once a symbol of Kueffel and Esser plant, now Clock Tower Apartments. As in past, contemporary generation of Hoboken residents will keep time by Tower Clock, and structure their daily lives. EXTERIOR OF FACTORY TO HOUSING CONVERSION demonstrates airy, outside views of all 173 apartments in complex. Building exterior was sand-blasted and repainted, making for clean look. INTERIOR view shows spacious type apartments with 12-14 ft. ceilings and reflects new lifestyle that many Hoboken residents are enjoying. PLAYGROUND demonstrates



#### Hoboken Council may revise caucus times, speaking limit 11/2/76 J.V

Hoboken's city fathers are con- Presently, the council holds its sidering limiting the public's "agenda" or caucus session on Monparticipation in the process of govern- days - two days prior to the regular ment by changing the city council's meeting - thus allowing members of the public to hear their elected of-

recommended to the council the sues due to come up that week for offollowing amendments: ficial action.

· Change the time of the council But, under the proposed arrangecaucus, which is open to the public, to ment, outlined at last night's council 9 a.m. the first Wednesday of each caucus by Council President Martin J.

by Amoruso several days earlier.

caucus in the proposed scheme placed

just one hour before the regular

meeting time, the public would be

less likely to find out about items that

matters as claims vouchers and per-

sonnel items. Any recesses called to

discuss private matters allowed un-

amended by-laws, the council

members would, according to Bren-

nan, still receive copies of the agenda

by Friday before a Wednesday

meeting and thus have time over the

In other business expected to

come up at tomorrow's 10 a.m. coun-

cil meeting, the council will be asked

to authorize spending a total of \$3,600

to send three councilmen, Anthony H.

Raphael P. Vitale, the chairman of

of the local planning board to the N.J.

League of Municipalities Convention

munity Development Agency (CDA),

will brief the council one week from

tonight at 7 in the council chambers in

a public meeting about the agency's

economic development program for

Fred Bado, director of local Com-

in Atlantic City, Nov. 16 to 19.

the city's industrial section.

secondary treatment facility.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said that while

it was not clear whether the city would

save money by building its own treat-

Maxwell House, the city's largest in-

weekend to "do their homework."

unsupported by the facts.

at the last minute.

lengthy caucus session.

and audit has been sent by the state to by Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli. William J. Jones, director of the

reported that most of the discrepan- county's department of health and cies were attributed to "poor business social services, said the \$500,000 would be over and above the expenses Cappiello confirmed he had of administering the expanded probe.

The possibility of adding some 13 fraud investigators, including three At the county administration men from Sheriff Fred Stevens' ofbuilding, a freeholder committee felt fice, to the present staff of two welfare probers, was discussed yesterday. County officials believe the work can be funded by federal and state grants.

A reporter, noting that there has been a flood of indictments charging welfare frauds since early last year, was told by Fusilli and other county officials that they represent only the visible part of the relief frauds "iceberg."

If the staff is increased to 15 investigators, both men and women, county officials estimated that various other methods and sources of probing welfare frauds could be employed.

Prosecutor James T. O'Halloran, who offered cooperation to the committee in helping train investigators, estimated that an average of \$4,500 per person is being siphoned from welfare funds in each fraud case.

authorities has turned up close to \$100,000 in questionable payments and expenditures, The Jersey Journal The disclosure came as the Hudson County Board of Freeholders announced that it was planning to crack down on welfare chislers

month and to 6 p.m. the third Wednes-

audience to two minutes each on all

resolutions listed on the agenda.

· Limit speakers from the

day of the month.

save Hudson taxpayers \$500,000 in six According to a high city source in



standard operating procedure.

City Clerk Anthony Amoruso has ficials deliberate aloud on various is-

received the report, but he declined to discuss its contents. costing taxpayers an estimated \$1 that its probe of welfare costs could

An investigation into Hoboken's Hoboken, a report on the investigation months. That was the estimate made Mayor Steve Cappiello. The sources

and accounting practices.'

innovative design whereby cone-like factory smokestack was used as focal point for courtyard playground.

Public Works Director Raphael P.

conditions were allowed to exist for so

long without anyone taking corrective

"There are some reasons for it but

never removed because the chain saw

broke and the tree couldn't be cut up.

was having the saw fixed and the

other thought the first one was getting

it fixed-and neither was having it

the area where children play and a

lack of any on-site personnel to care

indicated that the park is being used

Vitale said that he has

at night for drinking parties.

reprimanded his parks crew.

"A tree that was blown down by

the hurricane several months ago was parks.

One man thought the other

"There is no excuse why these

Vitale said today.

repaired.

none are very good ones.

like this. They bought the house togethor. It's a two-family - upper and lower. This is not unusual except that as their taxes increased, their interest in each other's mates improved. Thus, on weekends the husband upstairs is the husband downstairs and the wives vice versa. In fact, according to neighbors there's enough vice that warrants these couples to take a word of advice. Their love-trysts are the talk of the town. Besides that, everybody around knows about the projector and the off color films shown during these weekends. Deep Throat and the Second Coming of Eve are the favorite on the small screen. Many want to know how these old couples could be such fools. Well, the old cliche is, "There's no fool like an old fool."

Indicted for threat on Bier

stances appear clouded, a Hoboken man has been indicted by the Hudson County Grand Jury on charges of threatening the life of Herman Bier, that city's business administrator, and possession of a dangerous weapon, a knife.

Paul Torres, address listed as 212 Adams St., is accused of verbally threatening Bier' life and possessing the knife last July 23 in Hoboken, according to the indictment handed up to Superior Court Judge Thomas S. O'Brien.

At the time of the incident, however, Bier told police that the defendant came to his City Hall office and warned Bier that he had been given the knife and promised \$8,000 to kill Bier. He said the young man left after turn-

Hoboken sewer

Raw sewage has started backing up into buildings along Hudson Place and River Street in Hoboken following the collapse of a 15 to 20-foot section of city

sewer line. Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today he is declaring an "emergency" and will ask the mayor and city council to appropriate funds so that repairs can be made as quickly as possible. Vitale said he didn't know what caused the cave-in but it was dis-

own permit," said the director "So our agreement with LaFera was covered by a crew from useless the Public Service Vitale said the city may seek a Electric and Gas Co. reimbursement from LaFera if the that was digging in the

elysian

Elysian

Park not

**By Peter Hallam** 

Who takes care of Elysian Park in Hoboken? According to some resi-

dents, no one is bothering with the little day-to-day problems of caring for the park and as a result it has started to deteriorate

A check of the park yesterday showed that, while it is still in relatively good condition, there are signs that it is not being given the daily routine care it should get to keep it that way. The hurricane that hit the northeast seaboard several

children play.

evidence that any attempt at repairs had been made. A check of the park was made to see if any at-

tendants were there. None could be found. The doors to the small building used to store equipment for the park were locked. The check was made between 11 a.m. and noon. Although the park is not supposed to be used for walking dogs, several persons were observed

doing so — in the same open plot that a group of youngsters had just finished playing tackle foot-

The parks are the responsibility of the city's Parks Department, a division of Public Works. The head of that department, Director Raphael P. Vitale, said he was not aware of any problem at the park but would look into the situation immediately.

# Elysian Park situation # improved, says Vitale

A number of conditions at Elysian see which ones are actually dead and Park in Hoboken have been should be removed and which ones eliminated, Public Works Director are only diseased and can be saved." Residents of the area had com-Raphael P. Vitale said today.

'The park has been cleaned up, a plained to The Jersey Journal last tree blown down by the hurricane week that the park, located at 11th several months ago has been and Hudson Streets, was not being removed, and holes in the asphalt in properly cared for. They said that the the play area have been patched," the small, routine items that should be part of the daily work in the park director said were being ignored.

'The one thing that hasn't been done is the removal of the dead or dyand admitted that things were not as ing trees in the area. The reason for they should be. that is that four of my men will be undergoing some training in the care specialist hired by the city's Community Development Agency.

"While he's training them I will have him take a look at the trees to

#### Hoboken bars area sewer plan ment of severage. Hoboken lacks a

Vitale checked the situation out

Vitale said that he has put his

Hoboken has withdrawn its support for a Hudson County Regional Sewerage Authority and will prepare plans to upgrade its sewerage treatment facilities on its own.

The decision to withdraw its endorsement of the authority came at last night's special city council meeting and follows a series of meetings between Maxwell House officials and Mayor Steve Cappiello where the industry spokesmen expressed concern over the

sewage treatment under a regional program would be passed on to consumers, already hard pressed by a recent hike in sewerage rates that nearly doubled the average bill.

ment facility, the city would have direct Council President Martin Brennan said control over sewerage rates charged to at last night's meeting that while Maxits customers. well House had "not pressured" the city to withdraw its support for a dustry and top taxpayer, has reportedly regionalized sewerage treatment been unhappy with recent increases in program, it had asked the city council both water and sewerage costs. There "to reconsider" that approach.

Freeholder Edward Adamski Brennan, the public would have no called to the conference because of - real advance warning of what issues his police experience, said additional were likely to be debated, except by vehicles (cars) would be needed by inspeculating over the agenda prepared vestigators so they could handle several cases each day. However, with the time of the

He, too, emphasized that the "decent, middle-income, hard-working taxpayer" will realize the county is cracking down on welfare cheats.

"We're not talking about those who are frequently included on the agenda need a helping hand!," he added. Fusilli said, "Anyone who The pressure of time also would egitimately needs (welfare) astend to compel the councilmen to rush through their deliberations on such

sistance will know it's there!" O'Halloran said he did not think it would be necessary to put one of his assistant prosecutors on the expanded welfare fraud investigation staff.

der the Sunshine Law could also delay Freeholder Anne H. O'Malley, the scheduled meeting time and inconvenience the public who now have serving on the committee with Fusilli the leisure to sit through an often and Longo, expressed the hope that they can get on with the expanded Should the proposed system be welfare fraud investigation "before a massive amount" of relief money is made into the form of a resolution and grabbed by chiselers. be passed by the council as part of its

Longo said the investigators would detect (1) "out and out frauds" (2) make deliquent fathers pay up on child support and (3) have the sheriff's men assist in tracking down missing fathers whose families are supported by taxpayers.

As for the time allotted to In Hoboken, Cappiello said "the speakers, currently members of the report will be turned over to the city public have five minutes to speak on a council's welfare committee which given resolution, but certain council consists of Councilmen Bernard members feel that some persons Scrivani, Anthony H. Romano and abuse the privilege by using part of Nunzio Malfetti. "After they have their time allotment to speak on matseen it, they or I will be free to disters unrelated to the agenda or by cuss part or all of its contents. making allegations that they feel are

Capppiello refused to answer any questions about the report or the

things it found wrong but did say that overall "it wasn't favorable."

The report is believed to be the outcome of an investigation launched almost a year ago when several local Romano, Louis Francone and Nunzio Malfetti, Mayor Steve Cappiello, the businessmen were arrested on charges of taking food and rent city clerk, City Comptroller John Erbeck, Public Works Director vouchers from welfare clients and giving them a percentage of the face the zoning board and seven members value in cash. Vouchers are not to be redeemed for cash, only for specific items for which they are made out, such as food, rent, medical supplies and clothing

Local police began looking into the possibility that there might be a connection between the businessmen and the welfare department. Later the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office also became involved in the probe, along with the state.

It was not known if the state's report pinpointed accountability for the "poor business and accounting practices" to Welfare Director Jerry Forman or any of his staff.

Should any of the welfare staff be cited in the report, action could be taken by the city's Local Public Assistance Board. It too will be apprised of the state's findings, the mayor said.

and maintenance of trees from a park workmen on notice. "If anything like this happens again someone is going to be facing departmental charges," he asserted. "There's no excuse for not doing the

#### The hollow trunk of the tree has become a litter basket. Inside were found several empty wine bottles. During the summer months

the pathways.

A child plays on the seesaw at Elysian Park, Hoboken. The park shows

signs that it is not receiving the daily routine care it should get.

it was noticed that several of the old trees in the park were dead or had started to die. Those trees are still standing. None of the dead limbs has been trimmed or removed. Some of the trees are near or over areas in which large numbers of In another area where many children play large holes in the asphalt were noticed. They were especially large around the see-saws. There was no

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## cops mull job action By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

The Hoboken PBA, which two months ago treatened to blow the lid on gambling activities if it did not receive a contract, is again considering a job action unless its demands are met.

the nowheresville where Frank

Sinatra grew up and left as quickly as

he could - is beginning to enjoy the

Brawling, salty Hoboken, whose

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last laugh.

Hoboken

If the rank-and-file agree to a job action, a crackdown on gambling would not be part of it, according to sources close to the PBA. In a series of articles last month. The Dispatch reported that knowledge of systematic gambiing payoffs by local bookmakers to city and police officials was so widespread that the PBA used this information to pressure city hall officials during labor negotiations.

At that time, union officials decided on a plan to force the administration to give in to their contract demands by arresting local gamblers who were paying off.

City and police officials have denied knowledge of any corruption. Both the Hudson County prosecutor and the

state attorney general began an investigation following the reports published by The Dispatch.

PBA President Jamos Behrens yesterday would neither deny nor confirm reports of a possible job action, saying only "I won't know until Friday if there will be a job action." The PBA has scheduled a general membership meeting Friday afternoon to discuss the status of the negotiations, and has invited Mayor Steve Cappiello "to present his views," according to Behrens.

At issue this time is the city's refusal to retain the traditional "table of organization" clause in a new contract. The clause specifies the number of men who can be appointed to various police department ranks. Behrens said yesterday that without that

clause, the city would have the power to keep policemen from being promoted. "They (the city) want the right to appoint

and fire men as they see fit. What we (the PBA) are afraid of is political reprisals," Behrens charged.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, who has been handling negotiations for the city, denied the PBA charges yesterday, saying "the PBA is angry because it knows the city is in an absolutely airtight legal position." Ranieri added he had consulted Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) officials on the "table of organization" clause and was informed the city was under no obligation to retain the item in a new contract. "If PERC should say that the city is incorrect, then we will abide by its decision," Ranieri added. The latest labor dispute threatens the city's payment of \$845 to every policemen in benefits retroactive to January.

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restore their houses.

repayable grant. When combined with

a \$5,000 bank loan, due in seven years

at 7 per cent interest rate, the effec-

tive borrowing cost would be approx-

imately 3 per cent. More recently, as

interest rates have risen, the city has

increased the size of the grant to hold

\$20,000, with few controls other than

that the borrower had to agree to live

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Hoboken also instituted a tene

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ner city. One has been completed, two

are about to get under way and four

What Hoboken has on the drawing

There are plans, being drawn by

"We're even trying to get a ferry

Manhattan-bound passengers daily.

Ferry service was suspended in the

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urban restoration program that has placed it first in the nation in home-restoration project, a homegovernment-subsidized rehabilitaowner would receive a \$1,000 non-

It has turned an unsightly factory into a showcase apartment building; it is reviving hundreds of oncegracious brownstone houses by providing buyers with 3 per cent interest loans, and it is planning to restore a historic but long-neglected railroad and ferry terminal into an architectural masterpiece that would rival San Francisco's famous Ghirardelli Square.

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Sitting in his cluttered furniture store on Hoboken's bustling Washington Street, Robert Ranieri seemed to savor the questions about the renaissance of his often-maligned

"People here are paying \$250 a are planned — all providing modern apartments that rent for \$155 to \$170 month for apartments with a spectacular view of the George for two bedrooms. Washington Bridge and the Manhattan skyline. Over there, some folks boards is even more ambitious. are paying \$1,000 a month, and all they get to look at is Hoboken," the architectural firm that designed Ranieri said. Ghirardelli Square, for the \$10 million

He isn't the only one laughing. conversion of the Erie-Lackawanna Sally Aaronson, an urban planner railroad terminal into a network of who moved here from Pittsburgh six boutiques, farmers' markets, months ago, said, "There's a spirit in theaters, cafes and tourist attracthis town. When I first moved here tions, and people asked me where I lived, I The terminal, through which used to mumble, 'Hoboken.' Now, I thousands of suburban New Jersey

say it out loud, like I'm proud of it." commuters pass daily for the eight-The revival of Hoboken, acminute train ride under the Hudson to cording to its inspired city leaders, Manhattan, is a national historic landhas caught on to the point where it is mark with massive copper facing and becoming the chic place ter New rococo designs.

York City's upper middle class to During World War I, the adjacent docks served as a staging area for A network television camerman

thousands of soldiers being shipped converted an old church into an imaginative duplex; a magazine editor aboard, which gave the city the slogan, "Heaven, Hell or Hoboken." discovered that floors of teak and The city also has applied for a \$3 rosewood and 12-foot corniced ceilmillion grant to restore the nearly, ings were worth saving, and an advertising executive discovered that an century-old Hoboken City Hall, and \$18,000 investment in an old rowhouse has plans to build a waterfront -can turn into a property worth insur- museum and bring in the decommising two years later for more than sioned battleship, the New Jersey, as \$100,000. a tourist attraction. By word of mouth, the lure of

Hoboken spread to lower Manhattan's back in here. Don't rule us out on that one yet," said Chius while looking SoHo and Greenwich Village, and in over the deteriorating ferry slips that the last five years the tiny city once boarded thousands of located between the Lincoln and Holland tunnels has become the place to live. mid-1960s.

"Nobody's laughing at Hoboken anymore," says Mayor Steve Cappiello, a former police sergeant who has been a prime force behind Hoboken's revival.

The Metamorphosis of Hoboken began six years ago with a Model Cities program that became so active that the city as a whole was designated a pilot Model Cities proRomano sets party for elderly

The Anthony H Romano Civic Association will hold its annual free Christmas party for senior citizens on Dec. 19 in the Union Club, it was announced today by the club's standard bearer, who is First Ward councilman. According to Romano, the club this year will try to invite every senior citizen in the city to the day-long affair.

"We never had the means to accomodate all of our golden agers so we had to limit the number of people who were invited," he said. "But this year I think we have worked out a system through which. we can have just about every senior in the city attend."

Romano said the party will be held in two stages - one from noon to 4 p.m. and the second from 5 to 9 p.m. The first stage will be for senior residents of the city who do not live in senior citizen apartment buildings. The second will be those who

Those seniors who live in the apartments will be picked up by bus and returned to their buildings later that evening. Romano added that while the seniors will have their party in the Union Club's main ballroom, the membersof his association would be having their annual party downstairs in the Cellar. The event will feature gifts, a complete dinner with dessert and cordials and continuous music and entertainment.

Later, Cappiello told reporters

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who the people were. The attorney's letter did not name them.

### Emergency lane open/

mediately.

As of today, Hoboken emergency vehicles should be able to respond more quickly to situation in the approved southeast section of the city, thanks to the completion of a special emergency vehicle lane

The city finished marking out the lane yesterday. It extends from Fourth Street, south along the east side of Hudson Street, to Observer Highway. According to Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, the lane will be used by emergency vehicles in both directions even though Hudson Street is one-way southbound. "All the necessary

ordinances have been

#### Ranieri to moderate "/// Jac

Hoboken Councilman-at-Large held on the first day of the congress Robert A. Ranieri has been selected to moderate a panel on the Urban board of directors of the Center for Observatory during the annual Municipal Studies and Services - an meeting of the National League of Urban Observatory venture spon-Cities in Denver, Col., it was an- sored by Hoboken and Stevens Innounced today.

The 1976 Congress of Cities will accepted the position. start on Nov. 27 and run through Dec. panel will be Mayor William Boyer of

A letter to the councilman from Lake Charles, La.; Mayor Joseph Alan Veals, executive vice president Daddona of Allentown, Pa.; and Chris of the League of Cities, asked Ranieri Hartung, assistant city manager of to chair a workshop entitled: "Policy Garland, Texas. They will be aided by

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The mayor said he did not know

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the state Departments of Motor Vehicles and Transportation have the 124 Hudson St. emergency traffic

lane," he said. "That means that fire, police and ambulances can use the traffic lane im-Rainieri said that

Ranieri, who is a member of the

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said the mayor, "Union City and Weehawken have no choice but to join us because of the topography of the three cities. Hoboken currently treats a portion of wastes discharged by both

feasibility study planning," in which,

communities. Neither Union City Mayor William V. Musto nor Weehawken Mayor Charles Miller could be reached for comment last night.

Meanwhile, said Cappiello, Hoboken will "attempt a pilot project - an experimental sewage treatment system designed to bring our local sewage plant up to secondary treatment levels, with the aid of expertise from local industry."

Cappiello said the city hopes to carry out such a plan by acquiring \$100,000 from the city's federally funded Community Development

Agency (CDA) through amendments in its budget for fiscal 1977. CDA Director Fred Bado told a reporter his agency can petition the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for amendment approvals "at any time," but he could offer no guarantee that HUD would go

along with the request. City officials conceded that pressure by Maxwell House representatives has made imperative their change in position on refusing to participate with the authority. The reason hinges largely on this fact: In its facility plan, the authority must, as Jenny puts it, "catalogue" every Hudson County industry and the

discharges. Should environmentalists rule that the material discharged fails to meet initial treatment standards. the industry could be compelled to invest millions of dollars in "pretreatment" equipment before the wastes would be allowed to filter into the local treatment system and, in some excessive cases, the industry's wastes simply may not be accepted. Given such circumstances, city

amount of wastes and pollutants it

officials point out - coupled with huge water and sewer bills charged by Hoboken following a 70 per cent price boost by Jersey City, Hoboken's water supplier - Maxwell House, which pays the city some \$750,000 in annual real estate taxes, may move

But here's the rub: If Hoboken does try on its own for federal Public Works funds, for example, the city must get backing from the authority. according to Jenny.

"They won't get a dime unless they go along with our regional plan," asserted Jenny, "because they're under court mandate the same as the rest of us are to upgrade their sewage plants. The state (Department of Environmental Protection) won't permit them to go it alone.

Asked about the possibility of Hoboken being shut out financially if the city submits an individual applica-

tion, Cappiello had this to say: "That's Jenny's opinion. I want to wait and speak to him and get his comments.

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The city and policemen verbally agreed to a contract in early August that would raise a patrolman's base salary by \$3,000 to almost

\$15,000 after three years. Behrens yesterday predicted the rank-andfile would reject the contract unless the "table of organization" clause remains intact.

Ranieri, however, said vesterday the item would "under no circumstances" be retained. "We have given the men (police) an ironclad guarantee there will be no cutting of the payroll and no one will lose his rank without the table of organization clause, Ranieri said. Ranieri said the clause must go "because the city must have managerial control over its departments."

Alluding to uncorfirmed reports that Maxwell House, the city's largest industry and top taxpayer, was contemplating relocating outside Hoboken because of high water and sewerage rates which management officials say have pushed production costs up, Ranieri said that "future fiscal crises" should be met by a city armed with legal powers to "trim services" as necessary.

Hoboken wants naval memorial

Hoboken is oiling its guns for The ship, he said, "would be a big showdown tomorrow with the biggest tourist attraction a Governor's committee to ever to hit this side of the convince that body that this Hudson River. There are 23 city is the best place in the million potential visitors from state to permanently berth the this region." battleship USS New Jersey, In making its pitch to have now mothballed in a the ship brought here, Washington navy yard. however, Hoboken might find The Hoboken Battleship rough sailing ahead "because Memorial Wharf Committee, the Governor's committee, with Community Development which is to decide on the ul-Agency (CDA) representatives timate location, is stacked with in its tow, will bombard the representatives from shore Governor's committee with communities in the south," reason and logic to show that a Bozzone feels. Hoboken berth for the bat- Once the Governor's comtlewagon would be a tourist mittee, a nine-member body and commercial bonanza for established last March, makes the area, according to Richard a final site selection, the state Bozzone, chairman of the must apply to the Navy and Memorial Committee. Defense Department to have Representatives of the the ship released. The com-

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Only a square mile in size and densely populated with 45,000 people, Hoboken traditionally has been heavily ethnic in composition: 45 per cent Hispanic, 35 per cent Italian and the remainder made up of Irish, German and Slavic descendants. The black population is barely 2 per cent.

Once a major shipping port, the city has fallen on hard times. Its unemployment rate is 16.7 per cent more than twice the national average - and its median income is slightly more than \$7,000, far below the \$10,000 median for surrounding Hudson County.

There are 20 per cent more bluecollar workers in Hoboken than in the Metropolitan New York region, and factory closings have become a way of life in the past two decades. The large Hispanic population is a legacy of the closing of a decade ago of a huge Tootsie Roll candy factory, which had freely hired cheap labor. But Hoboken has fruit vendors in its narrow, traffic-congested streets, ethnic food stores where neighbors gather Saturday mornings to exchange gossip, and bingo parlors where old ladies go while their husbands play pinochle at the corner saloon.

According to Cappiello, it didn't take much inducement from city officials to spark a revival movement in Hoboken. When it happened, it happened quickly.

In the last five years, nearly 2,500 housing units have been rehabilitated. representing more than 15 per cent of the housing stock of the city. At that rate, nearly a third of the city's housing will have been refurbished by 1980, for a total public and private investment of nearly \$50 million.

Hoboken has gone to the federal and state wells for \$20 million in urban-restoration grants, more than any city its size. It enlarged its police force with public grants that its crime-ridden neighbor, Jersey City, didn't know existed, and it recently repaved an abandoned riverfront road at federal expense, turning it into a scenic drive.

"We're all in competition for this money. It's a case of knowing where it is and how to get it," said Ranieri, a city councilman. "Whoever hustles the most gets it.'

The linchpin of Hoboken's program has been the refashioning of the deteriorating but stylish brownstones and the old-style railroad flats. The housing has always been structurally sound and - importantly mostly owner-occupied, but years of neglect and economic instability gave the city a downtrodden and seedy atmosphere.

"Even in the old (now defunct) Model Cities program, the emphasis here always was on housing restoration rather than social action programs," recalled Edward Chius of Hoboken's Community Development Agency (CDA). "We didn't just adopt federal programs to get the money, we developed our own.'

The key program, begun in 1972,

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Councilman Robert A. Ranieri examines one of the cobblestones that will be replaced along a portion of Court Street, Hoboken, by a contractor who dis-rupted the old street while building a new bank. 11/15/71

### Cobblestone street repaired Damaged by contractor building bank

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Today at 8 p.m. the Hoboken Environment Committee will sponsor a public forum on the Hudson County Sewerage Authority. The meeting will take place in the Stevens Tech Library, second floor. Admission is free and the public is invited.

The Hudson County Sewerage Authority has the potential to affect the lives of every county business and residence. The Environment Committee thinks that the general public is entitled to know how the authority operates and what it is planning.

Hoboken recently voted to leave the authority. Why? What is the state doing to \_\_\_\_\_ construction of necessary sewage facilities? What is the federal government's role in the process?

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After a meeting between Mayor Steve Cappiello and those executives.

engineers from White Plains, said Brennan, it was decided that to keep the city's "good rapport" with the industry and to "protect our autonomy," Hoboken would proceed on its own.

Later, Cappiello told reporters that Hoboken would "begin immediately to talk about our own feasibility study planning," in which, said the mayor, "Union City and Weehawken have no choice but to join us because of the topography of the three cities.'

Hoboken currently treats a portion of wastes discharged by both

communities. Neither Union City

Mayor William V. Musto nor.

Weehawken Mayor Charles Miller

could be reached for comment last

Hoboken will "attempt a pilot project

- an experimental sewage treatment

system designed to bring our local

sewage plant up to secondary treat-

ment levels, with the aid of expertise

carry out such a plan by acquiring

\$100,000 from the city's federally

funded Community Development

Agency (CDA) through amendments

in its budget for fiscal 1977. CDA

Director Fred Bado told a reporter

his agency can petition the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) for amendment

approvals "at any time," but he could

offer no guarantee that HUD would go

sure by Maxwell House represen-

City officials conceded that pres-

along with the request.

Cappiello said the city hopes to

from local industry.

Meanwhile, said Cappiello,

Hoboken cops mull job action

#### By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

The Hoboken PBA, which two months ago treatened to blow the lid on gambling activities if it did not receive a contract, is again considering a job action unless its demands are met.

If the rank-and-file agree to a job action, a crackdown on gambling would not be part of it, according to sources close to the PBA. In a series of articles last month, The Dispatch reported that knowledge of systematic gambling payoffs by local bookmakers to city and police officials was so widespread that the PBA used this information to pressure city hall officials during labor negotiations.

At that time, union officials decided on a plan to force the administration to give in to their contract demands by arresting local gamblers who were paying off. City and police officials have denied

knowledge of any corruption. Both the Hudson County prosecutor and the

state attorney general began an investigation following the reports published by The Dispatch.

PBA President James Behrens yesterday would neither deny nor confirm reports of a possible job action, saying only "I won't know until Friday if there will be a job action." The PBA has scheduled a general membership meeting Friday afternoon to discuss the status of the negotiations, and has invited Mayor Steve Cappiello "to present his views," according to Behrens.

At issue this time is the city's refusal to retain the traditional "table of organization" clause in a new contract. The clause specifies the number of men who can be appointed to various police department ranks.

Behrens said yesterday that without that clause, the city would have the power to keep policemen from being promoted.

"They (the city) want the right to appoint and fire men as they see fit. What we (the PBA) are afraid of is political reprisals," Behrens charged.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, who has been handling negotiations for the city, denied the PBA charges yesterday, saying "the PBA is angry because it knows the city is in an absolutely airtight legal position." Ranieri added he had consulted Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) officials on the "table of organization" clause and was informed the city was under no obligation to retain the item in a new contract.

vernment-subsidized rehabilita-

It has turned an unsightly factory into a showcase apartment building; it is reviving hundreds of once-gracious brownstone houses by providing buyers with 3 per cent interest loans, and it is planning to restore a historic but long-neglected railroad and ferry terminal into an architectural masterpiece that would rival San Francisco's famous

Ghirardelli Square. And with the kind of effrontery that only the once-wretched can sum-

mon when their moment of glory is at hand, Hoboken has offered itself as a national model to America's ugly cities. Sitting in his cluttered furniture

store on Hoboken's bustling Washington Street, Robert Ranieri seemed to savor the questions about the renaissance of his often-maligned "People here are paying \$250 a

month for apartments with a spectacular view of the George Washington Bridge and the Manhattan skyline. Over there, some folks are paying \$1,000 a month, and all they get to look at is Hoboken," Ranieri said.

He isn't the only one laughing. Sally Aaronson, an urban planner who moved here from Pittsburgh six months ago, said, "There's a spirit in this town. When I first moved here tions and people asked me where I lived, I

used to mumble, 'Hoboken.' Now, I say it out loud, like I'm proud of it." The revival of Hoboken, according to its inspired city leaders, has caught on to the point where it is mark with massive copper facing and becoming the chic place for New rococo designs.

York City's upper middle class to A network television camerman converted an old church into an im- thousands of soldiers being shipped aginative duplex; a magazine editor aboard, which gave the city the sidiscovered that floors of teak and

rosewood and 12-foot corniced ceilings were worth saving, and an adver- million grant to restore the nearly. tising executive discovered that an century-old Hoboken City Hall, and \$18,000 investment in an old rowhouse has plans to build a waterfront -can turn into a property worth insur- museum and bring in the decommising two years later for more than sioned battleship, the New Jersey, as By word of mouth, the lure of

Hoboken spread to lower Manhattan's SoHo and Greenwich Village, and in the last five years the tiny city located between the Lincoln and Holland tunnels has become the place to live.

"Nobody's laughing at Hoboken anymore," says Mayor Steve Cappiello, a former police sergeant who has been a prime force behind Hoboken's revival.

\$100,000

The Metamorphosis of Hoboken began six years ago with a Model Cities program that became so active that the city as a whole was designated a pilot Model Cities project."It all happened because Hoboken was sociologically right for it," said Aaronson. "This city has people who care about their houses - Italians who you see out front sweeping their sidewalks every day. It's an im-

owner would receive a \$1,000 non-repayable grant. When combined with a \$5,000 bank loan, due in seven years at 7 per cent interest rate, the effective borrowing cost would be approximately 3 per cent. More recently, as interest rates have risen, the city has increased the size of the grant to hold the overall rate at 3 per cent.

today by the club's The maximum loan was set at standard bearer, who is \$20,000, with few controls other than that the borrower had to agree to live First Ward councilman. In five years, 434 structures -Romano, the club this year will try to invite mostly brownstones - have been rehabilitated under the HIP program, every senior citizen in the city to the day-long

providing more than 1,000 dwelling units. The private investment in the brownstone revival alone has beer nearly \$2 million.

in the house.

Hoboken also instituted a tene ment rehabilitation program for walkups of 10 units or more in the in ner city. One has been completed, two are about to get under way and four are planned - all providing modern

apartments that rent for \$155 to \$170 for two bedrooms. What Hoboken has on the drawing

boards is even more ambitious. There are plans, being drawn by the architectural firm that designed Ghirardelli Square, for the \$10 million conversion of the Erie-Lackawanna railroad terminal into a network of boutiques, farmers' markets, theaters, cafes and tourist attrac-

The terminal, through which thousands of suburban New Jersey commuters pass daily for the eightminute train ride under the Hudson to Manhattan, is a national historic land-

During World War I, the adjacent docks served as a staging area for

ogan, "Heaven, Hell or Hoboken." The city also has applied for a \$3

a tourist attraction. "We're even trying to get a ferry back in here. Don't rule us out on that one yet," said Chius while looking over the deteriorating ferry slips that once boarded thousands of Manhattan-bound passengers daily. Ferry service was suspended in the

mid-1960s. While housing officials are beginning to point to Hoboken as a case study of what can be done to make America's older cities livable again,



city who do not live in senior citizen apartment buildings. The second will be those who Those seniors who live in the apartments will be picked up by bus and returned to their buildings later that evening. Romano added that while the seniors will have their party in the Union Club's main ballroom, the membersof his association would be having their annual party downstairs in the Cellar. The event will feature gifts, a complete dinner with dessert and cordials and continuous music and entertainment.

for elderly

The Anthony H. Romano Civic Associa-

tion will hold its annual free Christmas party

for senior citizens on

Dec. 19 in the Union

Club, it was announced

According to

"We never had the

means to accomodate

all of our golden agers

so we had to limit the

number of people who

were invited," he said.

"But this year I think

we have worked out a

system through which

we can have just about

every senior in the city

Romano said the

party will be held in two

stages - one from noon

to 4 p.m. and the second

from 5 to 9 p.m. The

first stage will be for

senior residents of the

affair.

attend."

piello said today.

tions that might prevent it.

The mayor said he did not know who the people were. The attorney's letter did not name them.

#### Emergency lane open

As of today, Hoboken emergency vehicles should be able to respond more quickly to situation in the approved southeast section of the city, thanks to the completion of a special emergency vehicle The city finished mediately.' marking out the lane yesterday. It extends from Fourth Street, south along the east side of Hudson Street, to Observer Highway. According to Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, the lane will be used by emergency vehicles in both directions even though Hudson Street is one-way southbound. "All the necessary ordinances have been

#### Ranieri to moderate "/23/36

Hoboken Councilman-at-Large held on the first day of the congress. Robert A. Ranieri has been selected to moderate a panel on the Urban board of directors of the Center for Observatory during the annual Municipal Studies and Services - an meeting of the National League of Urban Observatory venture spon-Cities in Denver, Col., it was an- sored by Hoboken and Stevens Innounced today.

The 1976 Congress of Cities will accepted the position. start on Nov. 27 and run through Dec. panel will be Mayor William Boyer of

A letter to the councilman from Lake Charles, La.; Mayor Joseph Alan Veals, executive vice president Daddona of Allentown, Pa.; and Chris of the League of Cities, asked Ranieri Hartung, assistant city manager of to chair a workshop entitled: "Policy Garland, Texas. They will be aided by and Planning Support through the Urban Observatory directors Research -Using University from several major cities par-Resources." The workshop will be ticipating in the program.

passed by the city and primarily fire response time in the area, due to the state Departments the closing and demoliof Motor Vehicles and tion of the old fire head-Transportation have quarters, which was at the 124 Hudson St. emergency traffic "The nearest firelane," he said. "That house is at Observer Highway and Madsion Streets," he continued. "This should help cut some time when they

means that fire, police and ambulances can use the traffic lane im-Rainieri said that the emergency lane are needed in this was created to help cut area."

tatives has made imperative their change in position on refusing to participate with the authority. The reason hinges largely on this fact: In its facility plan, the authority must, as Jenny puts it, "catalogue" every Hudson County industry and the amount of wastes and pollutants it discharges. Should environmentalists rule that the material discharged fails

to meet initial treatment standards. the industry could be compelled to invest millions of dollars in "pretreatment" equipment before the wastes would be allowed to filter into the local treatment system and, in some excessive cases, the industry's

wastes simply may not be accepted. Given such circumstances, city officials point out - coupled with

huge water and sewer bills charged by Hoboken following a 70 per cent price boost by Jersey City, Hoboken's water supplier - Maxwell House, which pays the city some \$750,000 in annual real estate taxes, may move out

But here's the rub: If Hoboken does try on its own for federal Public Works funds, for example, the city must get backing from the authority, according to Jenny.

"They won't get a dime unless they go along with our regional plan," asserted Jenny, "because they're under court mandate the same as the rest of us are to upgrade their sewage plants. The state (Department of Environmental Protection) won't permit

Asked about the possibility of Hoboken being shut out financially if the city submits an individual applica-

tion, Cappiello had this to say: "That's Jenny's opinion. I want to wait and speak to him and get his comments

"I think we have a somewhat regional situation here since we treat parts of Union City and Weehawken," the mayor added.

Besides, he said, President-elect Jimmy Carter has spoken about a new way handling financing between the federal government and municipalities and that policy may work in Hoboken's favor in this case.

"If PERC should say that the city is incorrect, then we will abide by its decision," Ranieri added.

The latest labor dispute threatens the city's payment of \$845 to every policemen in benefits retroactive to January.

The city and policemen verbally agreed to a contract in early August that would raise a patrolman's base salary by \$3,000 to almost

\$15,000 after three years.

Behrens vesterday predicted the rank-andfile would reject the contract unless the "table of organization" clause remains intact. Ranieri, however, said yesterday the item would "under no circumstances" be retained. "We have given the men (police) an ironclad guarantee there will be no cutting of the payroll and no one will lose his rank without the table of organization clause, Ranieri said. Ranieri said the clause must go "because the city must have managerial control over its departments."

Alluding to uncorfirmed reports that Maxwell House, the city's largest industry and top taxpayer, was contemplating relocating outside Hoboken because of high water and sewerage rates which management officials say have pushed production costs up, Ranieri said that "future fiscal crises" should be met by a city armed with legal powers to "trim services" as necessary.

## Hoboken wants naval memorial

Hoboken is oiling its guns for The ship, he said, "would be a big showdown tomorrow with the biggest tourist attraction a Governor's committee to ever to hit this side of the convince that body that this Hudson River. There are 23 city is the best place in the million potential visitors from state to permanently berth the this region."

battleship USS New Jersey. In making its pitch to have now mothballed in a the ship brought here, Washington navy yard. however, Hoboken might find The Hoboken Battleship rough sailing ahead "because Memorial Wharf Committee, the Governor's committee, with Community Development which is to decide on the ul-Agency (CDA) representatives timate location, is stacked with in its tow, will bombard the representatives from shore Governor's committee with communities in the south," reason and logic to show that a Bozzone feels.

Hoboken berth for the bat- Once the Governor's comtlewagon would be a tourist mittee, a nine-member body and commercial bonanza for established last March, makes the area, according to Richard a final site selection, the state Bozzone, chairman of the must apply to the Navy and Memorial Committee. Defense Department to have Representatives of the the ship released. The comgovernor's committee, the N.J. munity chosen to get the bat-Battleship Commission, are tleship would then have to asscheduled to meet with sume transportation costs, es-Hoboken officials Friday at timated at up to \$1.2 million, as well as dredging and berthing Stevens Institute. Bozzone, a public informa- costs for the 875-foot long ship, tion officer for CDA, said the according to Bozzone. agency would like the WWII, Atlantic City, Long Branch Korea and Vietnam veteran and Jersey City have already vessel to become part of the indicated interest in having the proposed Erie-Lackawanna USS New Jersey berthed Terminal rehabilitation. within their boundaries.

migrant town, and that's important." Only a square mile in size and densely populated with 45,000 people, Hoboken traditionally has been heavily ethnic in composition: 45 per cent Hispanic, 35 per cent Italian and the remainder made up of Irish, German and Slavic descendants. The black population is barely 2 per cent.

Once a major shipping port, the city has fallen on hard times. Its unemployment rate is 16.7 per cent more than twice the national average - and its median income is slightly more than \$7,000, far below the \$10,000 median for surrounding Hudson County.

There are 20 per cent more bluecollar workers in Hoboken than in the Metropolitan New York region, and factory closings have become a way of life in the past two decades. The large Hispanic population is a legacy of the closing of a decade ago of a huge Tootsie Roll candy factory, which had freely hired cheap labor. But Hoboken has fruit vendors in its narrow, traffic-congested streets, ethnic food stores where neighbors gather Saturday mornings to exchange gossip, and bingo parlors where old ladies go while their husbands play pinochle at the corner saloon.

According to Cappiello, it didn't take much inducement from city officials to spark a revival movement in Hoboken. When it happened, it happened quickly.

In the last five years, nearly 2,500 housing units have been rehabilitated. representing more than 15 per cent of the housing stock of the city. At that rate, nearly a third of the city's housing will have been refurbished by 1980, for a total public and private investment of nearly \$50 million.

Hoboken has gone to the federal and state wells for \$20 million in urban-restoration grants, more than any city its size. It enlarged its police force with public grants that its crime-ridden neighbor, Jersey City, didn't know existed, and it recently repayed an abandoned riverfront road at federal expense, turning it into a scenic drive.

"We're all in competition for this money. It's a case of knowing where it is and how to get it," said Ranieri, a city councilman. "Whoever hustles the most gets it."

The linchpin of Hoboken's program has been the refashioning of the deteriorating but stylish brownstones and the old-style railroad flats. The housing has always been structurally sound and - importantly mostly owner-occupied, but years of neglect and economic instability gave the city a downtrodden and seedy atmosphere.

"Even in the old (now defunct) Model Cities program, the emphasis here always was on housing restoration rather than social action programs," recalled Edward Chius of Hoboken's Community Development Agency (CDA). "We didn't just adopt federal programs to get the money, we developed our own.'

The key program, begun in 1972. was the Housing Improvement Pro-

Councilman Robert A. Ranieri examines one of the cobblestones that will be replaced along a portion of Court Street, Hoboken, by a contractor who disrupted the old street while building a new bank. 11/15/76

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There is only one cobblestone city's building inspector, with getting street left in Hoboken and by today a the contractor to do what he had large section of it between First and promised when the first cave-in oc-Second Streets should be as good as cured during the bank's construction

A contractor who disrupted a 30 Court Street runs from Observer foot section of Court Street while Highway to Seventh Street, parallel to building a new bank at the corner of Hudson and Washington Streets The Second and Hudson Streets this past section in question is located just summer has started replacing the south of the intersection of Second cobblestones and should complete the and Court Streets job today

a seg mage

"I'm satisfied that what was Councilman-at-large Robert A. promised is being done," said Ranieri Ranieri, who has been pushing to have "Maybe not as quickly as it should the street put back in its orignial con-dition, credited James Caulfield, the that it is done"

> Hoboken // 30/72 Today at 8 p.m. the Hoboken Environment Committee will sponsor a public forum on the Hudson County Sewerage Authority. The meeting will take place in the Stevens Tech Library, second floor. Admission is free and the public is invited.

The Hudson County Sewerage Authority has the potential to affect the lives of every county business and residence. The Environment Committee thinks that the general public is entitled to know how the authority operates and what it is planning.

Hoboken recently voted to leave the authority. Why? What is the state doing to \_\_\_\_\_ construction of necessary sewage facilities? What is the federal government's role in the process?

Presentations will be made by a Hudson County Sewerage Authority representative, a state environmental spokesman and a Hoboken representative. There will be a public question and answer period after the presentations.

them to go it alone." Ranieri, who is a member of the stitute of Technology -- said he has Joining Ranieri on the workshop

