

## Hoboken tells firm to clean lot or face \$3,000 a day fine

Responding to irate local residents, Hoboken's health officer officially has notified a Manhattan firm to clean up its lot at 67 Harrison St. by Monday or face fines exceeding \$3,000 per day.

Patricia Mitten said the lot is used by Ponte Wastepaper Co. of Jersey City to store trucks and trash containers, and the owner can be cited for "operating a transfer station without a license and for violating the city's litter and nuisance laws."

She said operating a transfer station without a license is a state violation that carries a fine of \$3,000 per day, and the city violations call for up to \$200 per day. She vowed to inspect the site every day from Monday to make sure the lot is kept clean, and if it's not, she will issue daily summonses.

The owner of the property is listed as Desbrosses Garage Corp., 511 Canal St., Sixth Floor, Manhattan. The company is not listed in the phone book, and its officials were not available for comment.

Local residents, led by William

Burchill, whose house sits next to the lot, have complained to the Board of Health and other officials, as well as The Jersey Journal, about the conditions at the lot.

It is not fenced in, and residents say children frequently play on the trucks and trash containers, and other residents apparently throw their garbage into the containers, causing an unsanitary condition, according to Mitten.

"We end up having to pay watchmen for the kids around there," Burchill said. "They throw things from the truck into my pool."

He said that on at least four occasions, trucks backing into the lot have hit his fence.

Public Works Director Andrew Amato went to the lot with Burchill Monday night and declared that he "couldn't believe what I saw."

"Kids were up on the trucks, pushing paper around," he said. "I chased them, but they will probably be back."

"I agree with the people up there 100 percent," Amato asserted. "I

wouldn't want to live with something like that near my house either."

Miss Mitten said that "many companies" are in the practice of using empty lots as transfer stations without a license. She cited as an example a lot at 1419 Adams St. operated by Haul-Away Trucking, against which she has court action pending for allegedly using the lot as an illegal transfer station.

She said that in that case, the state attorney general's office affirmed the city's authority to enforce the state's statute on such matters.

Miss Mitten pointed out that the delay in taking action in this case — residents have been after city officials for over a year, they say — was that Jad Mihalinec, the city sanitation officer who was working on the case, resigned last week to take another position.

She said she called him yesterday to find out how extensive his work on the case was.

The owners of Ponte Wastepaper Co. were out of their office yesterday.

## Hoboken housing inspector blasts state training

Hoboken's chief housing inspector today answered recent criticism of his department by state officials by calling state inspectors "picky" and blasting them for not working directly with him to train them.

Michael Curcio said that the training program instituted by the state Bureau of Housing Inspection has not helped him because "they (state inspectors) don't go into the field and show them where they are wrong."

"Instead," Curcio continued, "we get copies of the reports audited by the state, showing where they found extra violations. We just don't have the time to go back with the list and look at every one they say we missed."

"They are also very picky," he added. "They cite people for having extension cords along a baseboard, for example, but fail to note that the extension belongs to the telephone company."

Philip Caton, director of the state

Division of Housing and Urban Development, said earlier this month that Hoboken's housing inspections are "deficient," and ordered his staff to monitor the city's reports and immediately begin a training program for Hoboken inspectors.

He was unavailable for comment on Curcio's remarks.

"There are many ways to interpret the housing code," Curcio said. "And, of course, the state is always right. But if they'd go into the field with my inspectors, we could absorb what they want."

"For example, we always interpreted the code to say that there should be two outlets in a bedroom, including the light fixture," he continued. "But the state says there should be 'sufficient' outlets, and ordered a person with two in the bedroom to add another."

Curcio held up a stack of about 40 state audit reports which his staff is required to re-check, and said, "We

just have too much work. I don't know how we can get to all of these."

When Caton made his comments on the Hoboken inspections earlier this month, Curcio did not argue the point, and expressed a willingness to work with the state. But today he lashed back.

"Our inspectors have been perfect," he asserted, "according to what they know—because they don't receive adequate training from the state. I've been saying for years that the state should give more direct training."

The training so far this month has been limited to "discussions about code interpretation," Curcio explained. A state inspector came in Friday to discuss electrical systems, and will be back this week to talk about the fire prevention code.

"That's fine," Curcio said, "but it doesn't give my inspectors any better insight into practical application of the codes."

## Hoboken cracks down on dog litter

By SUSAN KELMAN

Hoboken officials will revive a 1966 ordinance prohibiting dogs from defecating on public grounds and will hire a full-time worker to enforce the law, James Farina, director of health and welfare, said yesterday.

Enforcement of the ordinance is in response to complaints Farina has received from angry residents who say the dogs are creating a public nuisance.

Farina said yesterday that he does not know why the ordinance was never enforced.

The city estimates it will cost \$9,000 a year to hire a full-time worker to enforce the anti-dog litter law. In addition, John Gato, an aide to City Sanitarian John Greco, will be assigned to patrol the parks.

A board of health ordinance, which went into effect in January, prohibits dogs from using city parks.

"The parks are for people, not for dogs," Farina said yesterday.

The men will work day and night patrolling the parks. Warnings will be issued and eventually violators will receive summonses.

The men will also make a house to house check to find unlicensed dogs. Farina estimates there could be as many as 1,500 unlicensed dogs in Hoboken.

Violators will be forced to license their dogs or the animals will be taken away, Farina said.

The city will begin enforcing the dog ordinance by the end of the month, Farina estimated.

## Ranieri on national panel studying labor pacts of cities

Hoboken Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri is one of five officials from across the country selected by the National League of Cities to study, rate and write a text on municipal labor contracts for cities with more than 100,000 population.

Ranieri was chosen by Irving Marsters, director of the NLC's Service Program on Employer-Employee Relations, who is supervising the project. He is the only member from a city of less than 100,000 people — Hoboken's population is approximately 45,000.

Ranieri was recently appointed by his fellow councilmen to head negotiations with the city's four labor unions beginning next month.

He is also rumored to be in line for an appointment to the new Hudson County negotiating office.

"The committee is made up of experienced labor people from across the country," Ranieri said yesterday after getting the call from Marsters.

"The committee's staff will compile figures on every police and fire contract in cities over 100,000 in the country."

"We will then study them and rate them for the purpose of making recommendations on contracts," he explained. "Eventually the committee would write a text book giving the pertinent facts about municipal contracts, and showing ways to negotiate them."

Ranieri, who has been active in the NLC in recent years, said he felt "especially proud" about being chosen because he does not come from a city that would be involved in the study.

## Amato holds \$836 trash payment in dispute on loads

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato has withheld payment of an \$836 bill to Secaucus sanitation company, claiming the firm had overestimated the quantity of trash on city trucks dumping at its compactor.

Spokesmen for Allegro Sanitation denied the charge, however, and said they would ban city trucks if the bill isn't paid.

Amato informed the City Council yesterday that he withheld the payment because the company charged the city for 12 cubic yards of trash for all but one truckload taken there last month. He said that exception was when the company charged for 15 cubic yards.

Amato said his trucks are not capable of carrying 12 cubic yards, and that he would call in the company officials to dispute their claims.

However, Dominick Milano, president of Allegro, said there is a

plate attached to the body of the trucks on the passenger's side which clearly says that the vehicles have a 12-cubic-yard capacity.

When he was contacted by The Jersey Journal, a city truck happened to be there, and Milano read the wording on the plate: "Haul-Aid, serial number 512417, 12 cubic yards."

"I told Amato that I charge him for 12 cubic yards even if it isn't compacted on there," Milano said. "I can't be responsible for how the trucks are loaded. If it's 12 yards — loose or compacted — it's 12 yards."

"On the one that was 15 yards, the trash was piled three feet over the top of the truck, and the driver was told he would be charged for 15 yards — why did he agree to it?"

Joseph Brandino, Milano's son-in-law, took that point a step further.

"The drivers have to sign for the load when they drop it off," he said. "If they don't agree with the amount of yardage, why do they sign it? I wouldn't."

Amato also claimed the company didn't want to take trucks with less than 12 yards, but Milano denied that too.

"I will say this though," Milano added. "If I gotta lose money, I don't need their business. If he holds my money, I'm gonna chase his trucks when the come here."

The council awarded a contract to Allegro only last month for \$3 per yard to allow the city to dump trash there. Amato yesterday told the council that it was a "mistake." Councilman Walter Cramer asserted that Amato should have said that before the contract was awarded.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius pointed out that it is an open-end contract, and that the city is not required to take any minimum to Allegro's site. Amato answered that he had no other place to go until three recently-ordered compactors are delivered.

With those, he explained, his men can go straight to the Kearny dump under the permit issued to La Pera Contractors, which has the contract for picking up residential garbage in the city.

## Tax deadline in Hoboken now Aug. 25

Hoboken has made vacation time a little easier to handle for its taxpayers this year.

Citing a delay by Hudson County in computing the exact amount of tax rates because of a problem with railroad assessments, Mayor Steve Cappiello today informed city residents by mail that the deadline for paying taxes has been extended from Thursday to Aug. 25.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the tax bills, which are normally made up in July and sent out by Aug. 1, were delayed and should be received by residents on Tuesday.

Chius said the city would not have any cash flow problems resulting from the delay, but that it would lose an undetermined amount in interest which would have been received from deposits of the tax collections.

Many of the city's bigger taxpayers are being billed on time and will pay by next week, Chius said.

Officials lauded the many residents who, they said, came into City Hall this week ready to pay their taxes.

One particularly amusing scene occurred yesterday at the tax collectors' office when a man came in grumbling about how his wife had lost their tax bill. Observers speculated that the man, contrite after learning that his wife was not at fault, undoubtedly would be surprised "the miasma" with a bouquet and an apology last night.

## Garage bond issue argued, then OK'd in Hoboken

Hoboken is expected to have a new central garage by early next summer following approval yesterday by the City Council of a \$700,000 bond ordinance — \$500,000 for the garage construction and \$200,000 for two new fire engines.

The council's 7-to-1 vote approving the measure was preceded by a long and often heated debate in which councilmen and residents expressed dismay over the lack of a final administrative plan for the facility.

In addition, Council President Martin Brennan harshly criticized Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti for publicly knocking the proposal and then failing to show at yesterday's session.

Malfetti sent a letter to the council explaining that he had plans to visit his sister in California this week and could not attend.

Mayor Steve Cappiello's administration had lobbied heavily for passage of the ordinance, and the only dissenting vote came from First Ward Councilman Anthony Romano, who opposed Cappiello in last year's mayoral election.

Malfetti, who had voted yes on the introduction of the ordinance two weeks ago, asked his colleagues in his letter to table the measure until he could return from California. Malfetti is also anti-administration.

The criticism of the ordinance was not solely on political grounds, however. Councilman Walter Cramer blasted the administration for using "poor business practices in asking us to approve a half-million dollar project without sufficient administrative planning."

He pledged to "stay on top of this every step of the way to make sure it's carried out correctly."

Romano said the proposed garage, which is targeted for the corner of Willow Avenue and Observer Highway, will add to the already congested traffic situation in the vicinity.

He joined Charles DeFazio Sr. in recommending that it be built in the area around the Sewage Treatment Plant on 16th Street.

The bond ordinance passed yesterday calls for \$310,000 to be spent on construction of an 11,000-square-foot annex to the present Public Works garage at Willow Avenue. An additional \$390,000 was earmarked for renovations to the present facility, which is about 5,000 square feet. The other \$80,000 is intended for the purchase of neighboring property to expand the yard of the facility, which will house about 80 city vehicles.

The other \$200,000 from the bond

ordinance won't be used for about two years, which is when the fire engines are expected to be delivered.

Brennan explained that the city would use bond anticipation notes to borrow the money, and attempt to pay off the entire \$700,000 within five years. If it can't, the bonds would be issued then.

Cappiello claimed that the bond ordinance "will have no effect on any future budgets," because the city will use the payment formula used to pay off an \$800,000 debt to Todd Shipyards over the past eight years.

Those payments were completed last month. This would have lowered the tax rate next year, but instead will be kept in to pay off the garage notes he said.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the city would not borrow any money this year, because there is about \$150,000 available in the capital improvement budget.

Chius and Police Sgt. Mario Mercado, who is slated to be the head of the new garage, joined Councilman Robert Ranieri in strongly urging the passage of the measure.

Chius called it "the most important action the council would take this year."

Mercado said that the city's facilities are "nineteenth century style," and explained various ways in which he could improve the maintenance of the city's vehicles if he had proper facilities.

Ranieri said the traffic would be eased in the area soon because the trucking firm that uses Observer Highway docks would be moving its operation (though a company spokesman said only part of those would be moved). The councilman also noted that none of the criticisms of the proposal argued against the need for some kind of facility.

This was not accurate, however. Public Works Director Andrew Amato said his department should be allowed to renovate the Willow Avenue facility itself, and that the city should just repair the garage on Jackson Street instead.

Joel Freiser, a former employee of the Community Development Agency who worked on a garage proposal three years ago, called it a "most important investment for the city."

But Thomas Vezzetti, another resident, expressed doubt as to the city's ability to pay for it. He cited the Parking Authority's garages and the apartment buildings at Grogan Marine View Plaza as examples of projects the city is "stuck paying for" because of poor planning.

## Ranieri gets credit for saving aid

A tip from Hoboken Councilman Robert A. Ranieri was largely responsible for the city being eligible for \$1.4 million in state aid, according to School Board President Otto Hottendorf.

Hottendorf told the City Council yesterday that if Ranieri had not alerted him two years ago that certain rural legislators were trying to change the requirements for eligibility under a recently approved \$100 million state bond issue, Hoboken and other poor school districts would have suffered.

The bond issue was passed in June by the state Legislature and signed two weeks ago by Gov. Brendan T. Byrne. It provides assistance to poorer school districts, such as Hoboken and Jersey City, in paying part of their debt service for bonds for renovations or construction of schools.

Hottendorf is on the board of directors for the New Jersey School Boards Association, and is co-chairman of the New Jersey Educational Committee — which is made up of 28 urban school districts. These groups lobbied heavily for passage of the bill in its original form, which requires that districts show need for eligibility.

"If Ranieri hadn't tipped me about the non-urban legislators," Hottendorf told the council, "I wouldn't have been able to get the support of the New Jersey School Boards Association — that group represents more non-urban districts than urban ones, and they might have gotten the support first."

## Clock Towers tenants demand cable television

By Pat Ford

Residents of Hoboken's Clock Towers are accusing the building's management of having tunnel vision concerning television.

While they are impressed with the recently installed solar heating system installed in the building, the building's tenants association would just as soon "turn back the clock" at Clock Towers to an earlier invention — cable television.

Timothy Calligy, president of the tenants association, said residents of 70 of the buildings 173 apartments have signed a petition saying they would pay to have cable television installed in their units, and 50 of the residents demonstrated in front of the apartment house at Jefferson and Third streets last night to dramatize their plea. Supporting them were groups of senior citizens who sat by displaying signs. The demonstration lasted for an hour.

Officials of the Jefferson-Adams Corp. and Walter & Samuels Co., the two Manhattan management companies that run the building, could not be reached for comment.

Chuck Romano, president of Hoboken Cablevision, said yesterday that he has been negotiating with the management of the building for two years regarding cable television.

"They were concerned that our equipment would damage the solar panels on the roof," he explained, "and we assured them that we

wouldn't, but have insurance for any damage we cause."

"Then they wanted us to give them a \$2,500 bond—which is not allowed by the PUC (Public Utilities Commission), and we flatly refused," he said. "That's where we stand."

Meanwhile, Calligy asserted, the tenants on the Jefferson Street side of the building "can't watch TV," and many other tenants get poor reception because there is no master antenna on the roof.

Romano said he could have the cable installed in two weeks if management approved, and that it would cost a tenant \$8 per month for the cable, which feeds the signal from a large antenna elsewhere for better reception.

In addition, the company offers Home Box Office for \$8, and charges a \$15 installation fee and a \$45 deposit.

Clock Towers has made a reputation in recent years as a progressive building, being the first project to rehabilitate a factory into apartments—it used to be Keuffel and Esser factory.

Then, earlier this year, the management used a grant from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to install a pilot solar heating system to heat the hot water in the structure.

As part of that system, there are some 200 solar panels lining the roof, which Romano claims would not be affected by the cable TV.



# Hoboken housing showdown set

Both sides in Hoboken's housing dispute appear ready to make tomorrow's state assembly hearing on housing a showdown on the record of the city and its chief developer, Applied Housing Associates.

The hearing, slated for 10:30 a.m. at the Hoboken Multi-Service Center, Second and Grand streets, is designed to discuss housing problems, and the city, Applied Housing, and the Hispanic coalition that has been criticizing rehabilitation policies in Hoboken are apparently ready to lay it all out at this forum.

Hoboken's Community Development Agency director today blasted the Hispanic coalition that is looking to hold up federal aid to the city for not giving him a copy of their criticisms.

Fred Bado said the city's inability to answer the coalition's charges because it hasn't received them could block acceptance of applications for housing aid now being considered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The coalition, Latinos for a Better Hoboken, has charged the city and Applied Housing Associates, with dis-

criminating against large minority families who are displaced by rehabilitation projects.

Joseph Barry of Applied Housing denies the charges, and Bado said he denies the charges he has said in the press.

"Because St. Hilaire (Stephen, legal services attorney for the coalition) hasn't been fair enough to give us a copy, we can't reply to HUD," Bado asserted. "This makes it look like we are admitting that it's true."

"We don't think it's unfair," St. Hilaire replied. "First, they have a better relationship with HUD, and we didn't want (HUD Secretary Patricia R.) Harris to see their reply before she had a chance to digest our comments."

"In addition, we have tried at least four times to get a copy of the city's neighborhood strategy report, and have gotten the runaround."

"We'd be happy," St. Hilaire said with tongue in cheek, "to negotiate a neutral zone to trade our report for theirs."

Bado asserted that the city is not afraid of any investigation by HUD

into coalition's charges that the city has not assisted displaced minorities in finding alternate housing.

The coalition asked Mrs. Harris to withhold the city's \$1.7 million Community Development Block Grant and the proposed \$4.1 million Urban Development Block Grant now being applied for by the city until she gets a commitment from Hoboken to

provide "affirmative assistance" to low-income minority families to return to the homes from which they are displaced by neighborhood revitalization.

The state Assembly Urban Housing Commission, chaired by Assemblyman Peter Shapiro, will make a walking tour at 9:30 a.m. before tomorrow's hearing.

# Hoboken sewage pumpers fixed, but 'on borrowed time'

By Patrick Ford

Hoboken has halted the 24-hour flow of raw sewage it had been sending into the Hudson River, but officials warned yesterday that the Fifth Street sewage pumping station is working on borrowed time.

The station has been working on only one of three pumps since last October, and Public Works Director Andrew Amato told The Jersey Journal July 25 that one pump was "shaky" and could go at any time.

It did. The trouble started last Friday, when faulty universal joints in the shaft caused heavy vibrations

that caused the pump to be shut off for several hours for repairs.

On Thursday, a rock apparently got jammed in the shaft, forcing the pump to give way completely. Sewage Plant Superintendent Roy Haack, who was on vacation this week, ordered his crew to move the one working pump to one of the other two shafts in the station, a tedious job that took more than 24 hours, but was completed at 3 p.m. yesterday.

Haack explained that when the station is shut down, a bypass is set up to allow the raw sewage to flow by gravity into the river.

The General Electric Co. also was called in to repair two burned out coils in the electrical panel that powers the pump, Haack said.

"But there are no guarantees on this work," Haack warned. "The station has to be repaired soon."

The City Council, which has failed twice to receive any bids on the repair job after the station stirred a controversy in May, is holding a special meeting Monday to advertise for bids a third time.

The bids are scheduled to be received Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. by City Clerk Anthony Amoroso and Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, when asked why the city doesn't just hire a contractor — as it legally can because the job was advertised twice — said: "I don't want to talk to any contractors. I want this to be all out in the open so there's no question about our procedure."

Procedure meant little to the five men working 15 feet below the pavement at Fifth Street and River Road yesterday, however.

That's where Haack's crew labored through the night Thursday and most of yesterday to transfer the pump.

The heat was staggering, and the dark concrete walls and ceilings soaked them with the running water coming from the storm sewer drains. The smell was offensive.

"They deserve a pat on the back," Haack said as the task neared completion. "It's unbelievable that they were able to get this thing back in shape in 24 hours."

Other officials, asking not to be quoted directly, strongly criticized the administration and City Council

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# Raw sewage in Hoboken floods river

By SUSAN KELMAN

Untreated sewage from Hoboken poured into the Hudson River last night as public works employees worked around the clock repairing the Fifth Street pumping station.

The only pump at the station broke down early yesterday afternoon when a rock plugged up a sewer line, said Roy Haack, superintendent of the sewage plant.

Haack said late last night that he expected the station to be back in operation by today.

The two backup pumps have been out of service since October when the city council appropriated \$66,000 to make "emergency" repairs.

The repairs were begun in May by T & M Contractors of Hoboken, but were halted by Mayor Steve Cappiello when he found out that the city had not advertised for bids. If the repairs had been made immediately, it would have been considered an "emergency," and the city would not have had to advertise, Cappiello said.

The Public Works Committee of the city council investigated the situation in June. It found that Public Works Director Andrew Amato and Joseph Lynch of Mayo, Lynch and Associates, the consulting engineers, caused the delay in hiring the firm for the emergency.

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The office of the Hudson County Prosecutor is investigating.

Mayor Cappiello and Haack had a series of meetings yesterday at City Hall to discuss the emergency. Cappiello decided to schedule a special council meeting at noon Monday to advertise for bids to repair the backed-up pumps.

An employee of the public works department said yesterday that the city was trying to cover up the existence of the broken pump.

Amato refused yesterday to confirm that the pump was not working.

"I have no comment at this time," he said.

Haack said, however, that the state Department of Environmental Protection was notified and that his department was waiting for the state to decide if the city was violating any state laws.

Lowell Electric Co. of Franklin Lakes was the only bidder for the electrical part of the contract. The bid was for \$28,000.

No bids were received, however, for the general contract. Councilman Robert Ranieri has said that contractors were not willing to bid on the project because of adverse publicity.

# Hoboken gets grant Hispanics wanted held

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved Hoboken's request for \$1.742 million in Community Development Block Grant funds — which a Hispanic coalition had sought last week to hold up.

However, officials admitted this probably did not mean that HUD Secretary Patricia R. Harris had rejected the plea of the Latinos for a Better Hoboken, but that the grant — which was announced yesterday in Washington by Sen. Harrison Williams — already had been approved when the coalition's comments were received by HUD.

The grant is used for various home improvements, housing rehabilitation projects, park restorations, social services and neighborhood programs.

The Latinos for a Better Hoboken had asked that the CDBG and the \$4.16 million Urban Development Action Grant be withheld pending a commitment from the city to assist large low-income families displaced by rehabilitation projects to return to their neighborhoods.

Meanwhile, in Hoboken this

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morning Joseph Barry, a partner in Applied Housing Associates, a development firm, proposed that the city set aside a square block for the development of four- and five-bedroom apartments for low-income families.

Testifying at a hearing of the state Assembly Urban Housing Commission at the Multi-Service Center in Hoboken, Barry also blasted the state and its Housing Finance Agency for "freezing slums in place" and costing cities \$150 million per year in federal subsidies for construction and rent aid.

He claimed that the HFA ban on large-family apartments in rehabilitation housing has alienated tenants and forced projects to be scuttled, such as one he had proposed for 200 units on a square block between Washington, Bloomfield, and Newark streets and Observer Highway.

Barry pointed out that landlords can't evict to rehabilitate, but can evict to take their buildings off the housing market, according to state law.

"This means that you can evict to eliminate housing, but not to upgrade it — that's absurd," Barry asserted.

To develop the large-family units, Barry told the commission, he would ask for discretionary funds from HUD to develop low-rise, low-density, low-income housing to meet the needs of families excluded by HFA from rehabilitating buildings elsewhere.

He considers this a viable compromise for the Hispanic coalition.

# 80 Hoboken jobs called unneeded

By SUSAN KELMAN

Hoboken could save about one million dollars a year if about 80 unnecessary city employees were laid off, City Business Administrator Edwin Chius said.

The three largest municipal departments — public works, police and fire — account for the greatest share of wasted funds, Chius said. These three services account for 80 percent of the city budget.

"In the police department, there is an overabundance of supervisory personnel," Chius said. When high ranking officers retire, they should not be replaced until the work force is reduced by 30 or 40 men, he said.

Police Chief George W. Crimmins denied that the police department is overstaffed. "He's entitled to his opinion," Crimmins said yesterday.

A policeman, who refused to be identi-

fied, said that the police department could use another 50 men. He said the city could save money by reducing the number of high-priced administrators who work only a few hours a day.

The jobs which Chius wishes to eliminate are Civil Service positions. Since these workers cannot be fired, the city must wait for them to retire.

Chius said he expects that in 1982 years most of the extra employees will voluntarily leave their jobs.

In the fire department, about 100 employees have quit their jobs in the past four years. The city saved about one million dollars in salaries because 100 workers were not replaced, Chius said.

In the public works department, Chius said the work force could be reduced by 30 men. He claims that unsupervised workers sometimes spend half their day not working. He proposes reorganizing the work force to include supervisors on every shift. The public works department has about 80 men.

Director of Public Works Andrew Amato said yesterday that all his men are supervised. "As far as I'm concerned, all my men are doing a good job. Let Chius submit the names of the men who are not doing their jobs and I'll fire them," Amato said.

In other city departments, Chius said that two to three full-time positions could be eliminated. He admits that the city could not perform municipal services as quickly as it does now, but says it's more important for the city to save money.

"New Jersey should heed the warning of Proposition 13, which expresses voters' dissatisfaction with mounting taxes," Chius said. However, even if Chius proposals become a reality he does not expect the tax rate could be lowered.

"By that time, the money will be needed to fight inflation and to provide cost-of-living pay increases for municipal employees," he said.

# Hoboken loses, saves on taxes

Some \$2.7 million in property was removed from Hoboken's tax rolls last year, which saved the city \$278,761 in county and school taxes, according to the annual municipal audit released today.

The bulk of the assessed value of the property was from the Todd Shipyards and the old Holland American piers at Fifth and Sixth streets, officials said.

The audit, conducted by the Jersey City firm of Pistilli & Italiano for the year ending Dec. 31, 1977, showed that the city had a balance of \$330,500 in property acquired for taxes at the beginning of last year, but that the figure increased to \$3,067,300 by the end of the year.

While the property was on the tax rolls, no taxes had been paid for the past several years, according to Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

However, the city was responsible for the payment of taxes on this property to the school board and county.

Last year alone, the city came up \$278,761.13 short on tax collections, a figure Chius attributes to the property taken over last year.

This year, the city was able to reduce its reserve for uncollected taxes because the properties were

removed, which saved on the payments to the county and schools, but had little effect on the tax rate because this property, plus a change in the railroad assessment procedure, reduced the city's ratables by almost \$5 million.

Meanwhile, the auditors — as they did last year — recommended that the city seek a legal opinion on its involvement in the operations of Hoboken Cemetery in North Bergen.

The cemetery was founded in Hoboken in the 1890s, and started as a municipal property, but was later transferred to a trust and was eventually moved to North Bergen.

However, the city still collects certain funds, and pays out checks for the expenses at the cemetery, and Mayor Steve Cappiello, as a trustee, still has to sign legal titles.

The auditors believe that this involvement could be questionable, and recommended last year and this year that the question be resolved.

Cappiello said he did not know why this hadn't been done since last year, but vowed to have the city's

Law Department settle the question soon.

The auditors also recommended that:

- The ordinance requiring the Water Department to collect deposits from consumers be updated and strictly enforced;

- That payroll accounts be reconciled and analyzed on a current basis — which Chius said would be done with the new computerized payroll system;

- That the Rent Receivership Bureau update records and turn over fees to the city on a current basis;

- That all bail deposits from prior years be identified and properly disposed of — which is being done now by Court Clerk Pasquale Dell Fave;

- That all petty cash funds be closed out at the end of the year — which Chius said he would do this year;

- And that the tax collector file a statement of receipts and list of uncollectable taxes.

Italiano, who signed the audit, noted in his report that none of his recommendations reflects any serious problems.

# Cappiello asked to aid 'deteriorated' section

A Hoboken tenants' group has presented Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello with a petition signed by 178 residents of an uptown neighborhood demanding that their "deteriorated" area be immediately revitalized.

The Willow Avenue Tenants' Association told Cappiello they want to work with the city administration, and are not looking to "harass" any landlords.

"As longtime residents of the area we do not want the deterioration of this neighborhood to continue," the tenants asserted, referring to Willow Avenue between 11th and 12th streets and 12th between Clinton Street and Park Avenue.

"We do not want to be displaced in the future because our homes are found to be unsuitable for human habitation," they added. "We do not want to be displaced either because of fire in our neighborhood."

The group, led by Milagros

Quiles, president, and Jaime Ojeda, vice president, presented Cappiello with five major points:

- That 1109, 1111, 1113, 1117 and 1121 Willow Ave. be immediately inspected by the city's housing inspectors "to identify the numerous housing violations that exist;"

- That proper code enforcement be implemented to "alleviate the deplorable living conditions;"

- That the Rent Leveling Board take steps to adjust rents until the necessary repairs are effected;

- That the "physical and mental anguish endured by the tenants be alleviated to a maximum degree" by the owners of the buildings;

- That the owners be informed of and officially held accountable for the alleged violations in their buildings.

Cappiello said he would be happy to work with the tenants on the matter, and that action would be taken by the city as soon as possible.

# Cappiello, Amato tilt on 4th Ward 'politics'

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has become involved in the red-hot political battle in his city's Fourth Ward by preventing Public Works Director Andrew Amato from meeting with public works employees at Amato's political club rooms.

Amato had scheduled the meeting at his club last Thursday, he said beforehand, because it was the "most comfortable" place to meet.

He claimed the meeting was only a routine one to allow his men an opportunity to sound off on anything bothering them, and it was after work hours.

Cappiello, whose relationship with Amato is considered by insiders to be tenuous, called the director "on the carpet" and reportedly ordered that the meeting be cancelled.

Sources close to the mayor said he was upset that the meeting had been planned in Amato's club because it gave the appearance of "political organizing." Amato's wife, Florence, is running against Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francione next May.

Sources reported that Cappiello told Amato he could hold the meeting only if it was in city hall and there was a "city representative present."

The meeting wasn't held. Amato, who had talked freely of the meeting before it was to have taken place — and appeared to make it clear that it had no political importance — did not want to talk about it after his run-in with Cappiello, except to assert that it was only supposed to be a departmental meeting to let the men talk.

# Ranieri lists fiscal ills

Hoboken Councilman Robert A. Ranieri participated in a federally sponsored program conducted by the National League of Cities this spring to define 21 specific problems in local fiscal management.

The project, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is designed to allow HUD to follow up these problems with technical assistance to municipalities across the country.

Ranieri was personally commended by the NLC for his help in for-

mulating the list of priorities in fiscal management.

Among the foremost problems cited by the league were: that local governments view financial management as a technique rather than a matter of policy and management; that they lack the ability to adequately estimate future revenues (especially federal and state aid) or expenditures; and they fail to analyze the fiscal impact of most decisions, and fail to establish local fiscal policies.

potential safety threat.

Brennan replied that the council "can't be responsible for a lackadaisical attitude on the part of the police department. We're not crossing guards or auxiliary police. We just set down the rules and hope they're enforced."

But DelBoccio and Second Ward Councilman Walter Cramer said they felt that the Sunday "experiment" had flopped because pedestrians, joggers, skate-boarders and fishermen outnumbered bicyclists on the day the roadway is supposed to be closed to cars.

Claiming that it would be a mistake to take away 14 feet of roadway because of the heavy trucks that travel along there, DelBoccio said the city would end up being forced to make the street one-way.

He also suggested that youthful bikers "don't like to ride in a restricted area," but Mrs. Genese said she doesn't allow her three children to "ride in the street," like "lots of other people" and "that's why we need a bike path," she said.

Haines maintained that Maxwell House employees were displacing 30 to 50 percent of available uptown parking along or near Shore Road and that, he said, should be the city's primary consideration.

But Reilly advised the council not to "trade potential recreational facilities for 'one ward's parking problems.'"

Robert Goodman, chairman of the Hoboken Planning Board, said he "personally" favored the plans and that a board committee developing a master plan for the city would be recommending the elimination of all parking along the waterfront.

# Parking loses out to bicycle path

Hoboken's proposed \$120,000 bicycle path along the city's waterfront is definitely on the track, but an estimated 50 to 75 parking spaces will have to be scuttled to get it, city officials say.

That's the message residents got last night at City Hall at an informal city hearing for "determining parking facilities in the city's uptown-section and for elimination of parking on River Road when a bicycle path is built."

Only the latter point, however, seemed to be settled, with Martin J. Brennan, council president, declaring the end of parking along the waterfront from First to 11th streets a "foregone conclusion."

Responsibility for finding at least a "short-term" answer to the uptown parking problem was dumped in the lap of the city's Parking Authority whose representative averred the authority had no money available for off-street parking.

One high-ranking city official, though, said Maxwell House, located at 11th and Hudson streets, may provide a way out of the dilemma by offering to sell the city an irregularly shaped parcel extending south from the foot of 10th Street.

Once the city acquired the lot, which could fit possibly 50 cars, said the official, the city would turn it over

to the parking authority to develop as a parking facility.

A long-term solution, according to Joseph W. Hottendorf, authority executive, just isn't in the cards — and won't be, he says, until the authority can start setting aside its meter revenues to build up a fund for creating off-street parking.

Hottendorf claims the authority is bound by a 1970 "trust agreement with the garage bondholders" to use its meter revenues to help pay off the indebtedness on the bonds.

Meanwhile, it remains for the City Council to vote approval of a revised set of plans for the 8-foot-wide bicycle and jogging path that will be separated from two 16-foot-wide lanes of two-way vehicular traffic by a 6-foot-wide landscaped cement island.

Of the six members of the public who spoke about the plans, two — John A. Haines and Richard DelBoccio — voiced opposition. The others, Alice Genese, Maureen Singleton, Sally Aronson and George Reilly, said they favored the path.

Everybody heard a briefing on the plans by architect Robert Downey of the Wayne firm, Richard P. Browne Associates, who said the concept of the path was to link two parks — Stevens Park at Fourth Street and

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# Cappiello nixes muscular dystrophy fair

By SUSAN KELMAN

Will Boshell, who owns a restaurant in Hoboken, is stuck with 50 pounds of hot dogs, 10 pairs of sneakers and 200 soda glasses which he planned to sell at a street festival this weekend for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Boshell was told yesterday by Mayor Steve Cappiello that the city would not close a one-block area of Fifth Street for

three days for the street festival. Boshell said yesterday he will have to hold the festival in his tiny restaurant at Fifth and Washington streets.

Boshell met with the mayor yesterday for a few minutes outside his Hoboken office. Cappiello told Boshell that closing the street might cause a traffic jam and that he would not grant the permit.

He should not have waited until two

days before the festival to request the permit, Cappiello said.

But Boshell contends that an employee of the public works department told him that he should wait until a week before the festival to request the permit. Boshell requested the permit Thursday, but was told to come back yesterday to see Cappiello.

Cappiello said he denied the permit

because he felt Boshell did not represent all the merchants in the area. Boshell is a member of the Hoboken Merchants Association, but the proposed carnival would not be under the auspices of the association.

However, Cappiello told Boshell that the carnival could be held at a different time which is convenient for the city and the merchant.

If the block, which stretches from Bloomfield to Washington streets, had been closed, two merchants and several residences would be affected.

The other merchant, the manager of Fabro Shoes, said yesterday that she had hoped that Boshell would receive the permit. The manager, Madeline Falconer, said her children had helped plan the festival.

But another merchant, David Roberts, agrees with the mayor that the street should not be closed. "Let them hold it in the park," he said.

Boshell is hoping the mayor will decide to grant the permit today. But if he doesn't, he will hold the festival in his restaurant, The Round Up.

If the carnival is held in the restaurant, about 60 people could attend.

## Cop, fireman to be named safety chief

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday that he would try to appoint a police or fire department supervisor to succeed him as director of public safety. Cappiello, while mayor, has held that post since 1973.

"I'd like to appoint someone who stepped up from the ranks," Cappiello said yesterday. He said he is currently considering five applicants.

Last week, the mayor asked the law department to draw up an ordinance to reestablish the position of director of public safety. A spokesman for the department said that the ordinance would be ready for Sept. 6 city council meeting.

## Recreation spot planned in Hoboken

Plans are in the works to convert an empty lot near Hoboken City Hall into a recreational haven for downtown youth.

Preliminary proposals call for installation of a concrete skateboarding area, a basketball court, a wall for handball and a sprinkler. The lot is on Observer Highway between Garden Street and Park Avenue.

The Recreation Committee of the First Ward Block Association has been lobbying heavily for such a project, but the city had been intending to use much of the lot for parking.

However, Mayor Steve Cappiello said three weeks ago that the parking plans have been scuttled because a proposed tenement rehabilitation project across the street was vetoed by the tenants.

Suellen Newman, head of the block association's recreation committee, wrote last week to Community Development Director Fred Bado asking that the Community Development Agency use funds from the federal Neighborhood Preservation Program to convert the lot for recreational use.

She suggested installation of the basketball courts—with the addition that they be converted to skating rinks in winter—as well as the handball wall, the skateboarding area, the sprinkler and a practice football field and a tennis court.

Bado was unavailable for comment, but Robert Worden, project coordinator for CDA, confirmed that all but the football field and tennis courts are already being planned for the lot. He said there is not enough room for the other two items.

Assorted playground equipment would be installed in the lot, Worden added.

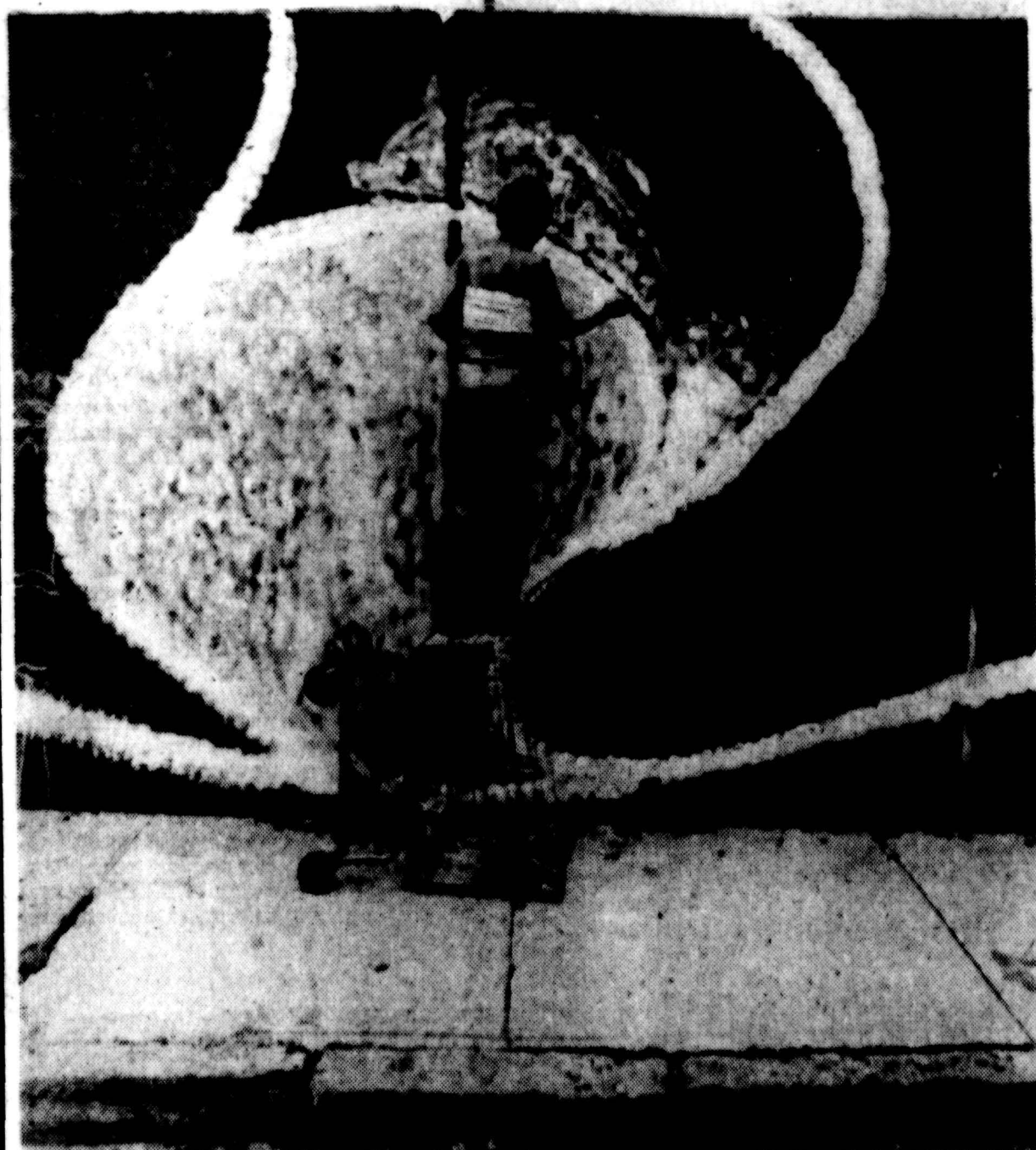
Residents of the area, particularly through the First Ward Block Association, have made frequent requests to Bado and to city Health and Welfare chief James Farina to use the lot for open space and recreation.

The nearest city park is Church Square Park, at Fifth and Garden Streets, which takes the children out of their neighborhoods when they play there.

Cappiello, Bado and Farina do not dispute the need for recreational facilities in the area, but officials said the plans were held up due to uncertainty over the parking lot proposal.

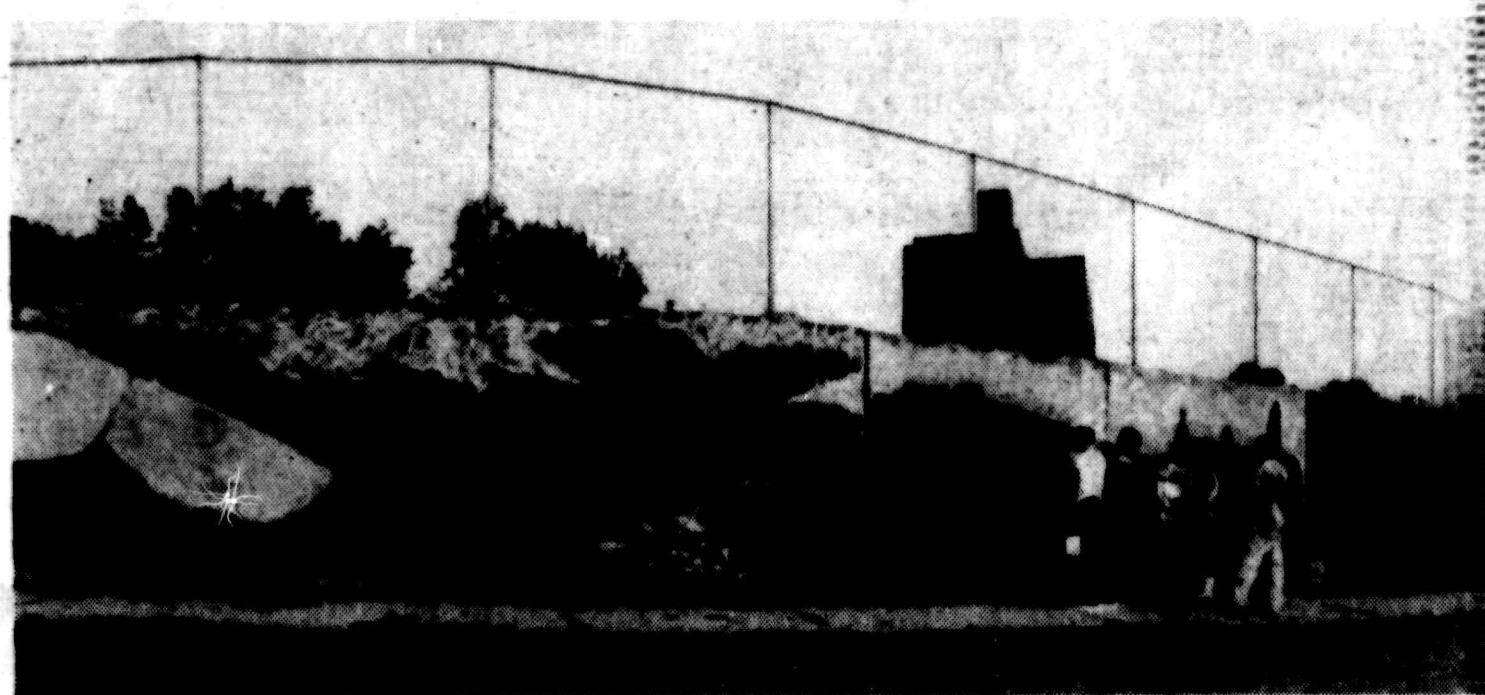
## The handwriting's on the wall

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Juana Rivera, one of six CETA workers, applies paint to an unfinished mural. The group was painting murals on a playground retaining wall on Shore Road in Hoboken.

Dispatch Photos by Jim Gray



An overall view of the work in progress.



A Kilmer family member lends a hand on a mural.



Hugh Kilmer in front of a finished mural.

# Hoboken orders hiring, spending cut

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Growing increasingly nervous over possible revenue shortages this year, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and his business administrator, Edwin Chius, have ordered all city departments to cut back on hiring and spending.

In a letter received by all city directors today, Chius ordered the department heads immediately to submit a list of any areas in their departments where cuts of \$5,000 or

more over the rest of the year may be made.

He also directed that a "cautious approach" be taken in hiring any new employees. Chius said this means that only jobs that are "absolutely necessary to providing essential services" would be allowed to be filled if the present employee leaves for any reason.

The city must make up \$405,000 in revenue which had been anticipated

from federal anti-recession funds, but which Congress has not yet approved.

Hoboken thus becomes the second Hudson municipality — joining Weehawken — in which officials admit they may be facing serious budget deficits before the end of the year.

"We don't want to press the panic button," Chius said today. "I've gone over the budget in great detail, and I know of many areas where spending can be cut to make up for the anti-

recession money.

"We know, for example, that appointments must be made to the Fire Department, because overtime there is costing us more than the seven new employees would," he explained. "But I don't know of any other places right now where new employees are essential."

"This problem is becoming very serious," Cappiello asserted. "We have to take definite steps to bring

our expenditures down. It's not only the anti-recession funds that are being cut, we're also going to lose some of our CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) jobs, too."

Chius gave one example of a job that is going to be cut, that of Youth Activities coordinator. Jerry Molloy retired from the post — which pays \$12,000 per year — on July 1, and Chius said it would not be filled this

year or next.

The letter to the directors was included with budget instructions for next year's municipal budget. However, Chius said that no instructions were given to lower budget requests.

"We'll deal with next year's requests when the time comes," he declared. "Right now, we're just concerned with getting through this year."

## Hobokeners—a good match for wrestling film

Dispatch 8/14/78

By SUSAN KELMAN

Two women wrestled yesterday in a ring on the third floor of Hoboken City Hall. About 100 Hoboken residents were paid \$1 each to watch the match which is part of a low-budget movie being filmed in Hoboken.

The third-floor armory was turned into a wrestling arena complete with bleachers, a refreshment stand and a gigantic stage which took two days to build, according to a spokesman for Willow Productions, the movie's promoter.

The audience, which received little coaching from the pro-

fessional actors, was simply told to "holler and scream," writer and lead actor Gabriel Walsh said yesterday.

"Wrestling reflects a strange violence and cruelty. People get off on it. I almost hate to have written it," Walsh said.

Most of the scenes in the movie, which is scheduled to be released in January, take place in Hoboken. The company has been filming there since July 5 at Shop-Rite, the multi-service center, Foodtown and several restaurants nearby.

"Hoboken had all the things we needed. Because of size it was easy to get from place to place," Walsh said.

The film is called "Night Flowers" because it is about the loneliness and desperation of people who wander through the night with no purpose, Walsh said.

The wrestling scene, which will resume shooting at 9 a.m. today, adds to the atmosphere of the film because of its "seedy" quality, Walsh said. Additional residents are invited to participate.

"The Hoboken crowd is better than the professionals. They're not inhibited," Walsh said as he watched the crowd rehearse.

"Night Flowers" is Walsh's second film. He wrote "Quackster Fortune Has a Cousin in the Bronx" which starred Gene Wilder.

## Maier to recommend two \$37,000 assistants

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Two \$37,000-per-year assistant superintendents will be recommended for appointment at tonight's Board of Education meeting by Hoboken Schools Superintendent George Maier.

One, Walter Fine, the high school principal, would be named assistant superintendent in charge of personnel and budgets, while Francis E. McGorty, the director of compensatory education and Title I, will be recommended for assistant superintendent in charge of instruction and special programs.

Maier has the authority to select assistant superintendents. Officials said he has been overloaded since taking over his post July 1, because he now has no assistant superintendents.

The new positions actually involve only \$2,200 more in pay for McGorty and \$2,900 more for Fine. The latter would have to switch from a 10-month to an 11-month schedule.

The appointments are expected to be harbingers of a major administrative realignment which is still being worked out, top officials said.

The bottom line of that realignment is that it will negate the extra cost involved in having two assistant superintendents — there had been only one, Maier, before Thomas F. McFeely retired as superintendent in June.

Maier is said to have already prepared a lengthy list of responsibilities for each of the proposed appointees.

For Fine, these include developing personnel policies and eventually interpreting them, maintaining well-organized files, discussing problems with the staff, coordinating teacher evaluation reports, administering pupil assignments, developing program budgeting and supervising all budget allocations dealing with educational material and equipment.

For McGorty, the responsibilities include working with the superintendent and staff on educational philosophy and curriculum, coordinating and supervising departmental activities, in-service programs, supervising the selection of textbooks and other instructional material and overseeing all state and federal programs.

There are already two assistants' jobs established, but Maier will recommend abolishing those posts as they are now set out. They call for an assistant in charge of curriculum development, research and budget coordination, and an assistant for special funding and projects.

Under the current system, the assistant got paid at a 1.7 ratio to the highest teacher salary with his qualifications. In other words, he got 70 percent more than a teacher with his experience and educational credentials.

Maier will recommend abolishing the ratio system and putting the new men on the set salary of \$37,000.

The board meeting is scheduled for 7 tonight in the administration building at 1115 Clinton St.

## Cappiello urges break with sewage authority

Dispatch 8/14/78

By JEFF BENKOE

Hoboken mayor Steve Cappiello recommended yesterday that the North Hudson municipalities planning to convert to more sophisticated sewage treatment work independently of the Hudson County Sewage Authority.

He said if the cities remain under the authority, their share of the costs will rise.

Cappiello's suggestion came at the monthly meeting of the North Hudson Council of Mayors, attended by Dan O'Hearn of the state Department of Environmental Protection. The group reviewed the plans, under consideration for three years, for the upgrading of sewage treatment.

Cappiello said the localities should move to disassociate themselves from the authority-controlled effort to go from primary sewage treatment to secondary sewage treatment. He warned that, based on recent developments, localities would have to shoulder an additional 23 percent of the cost.

Originally, 75 percent of the cost of transition

would have been shouldered by the federal government, with the state picking up 15 percent and municipalities paying for 10 percent. Cappiello said yesterday that localities would now have to pay 33 percent of the costs.

Cappiello was unable to estimate what the cost of the transition would be.

Currently, Hoboken and West New York have primary sewage treatment plants which also handle waste from other North Hudson towns. In the primary system, filters are used to sort out wastes. Under the proposed secondary treatment, liquid wastes would be treated before being released back into the Hudson River.

The federal government in the late 1960s ordered that the municipalities in the area convert to secondary and eventually tertiary treatment.

Union City Mayor William Musto said yesterday he doubts the municipalities could effectively break away from the county sewage authority. Without federal money distributed by the authority, he added, the burden would fall to local taxpayers.



# Hoboken school staff faces new duties

One-third of the Hoboken Board of Education's administrative staff faces a "reshuffling" over the next two months, according to George Maier, superintendent of schools.

Maier said he couldn't name job titles to be affected until he's presented his recommendations to the board for review, but he added that many staffers would be "reassigned to areas of greater responsibility."

One high-ranking board official who asked not to be quoted said the realignment would compel supervisory personnel presently assigned to one facility to "get into the field and see what's happening at various schools."

Top-level changes made at last night's board meeting where the appointments of Francis E. McGorty and Walter Fine as assistant

superintendents for two years. McGorty, formerly director of Title I and compensatory education, and Fine, who leaves a vacancy for high school principal, each will earn \$37,000 a year.

McGorty, whose brother, Andrew, president of the Weehawken Board of Education, was in the audience last night, will be in charge of instruction and special projects, while Fine is being assigned to handle personnel and budgets.

Although the board voted unanimously for Maier's recommendations, at least one school trustee, James Giani, a city fireman, kicked up a bit of a fuss in private session when the candidate he was pushing—Joseph Buda, a mini-school principal—met with resistance, board sources

said. Later, Giani said he felt the board could have taken "more time to study the applications" filed by 11 persons, but added that he was content with the final selections.

Besides the administrative changes upcoming, Maier will soon have his hands full with the transfer, en masse, of some 50 Rue School employees to Demarest Jr. High School where there are some 70 workers.

"We're not going to have dual staffing there," said Maier, "and since there will be 22 seventh-grade classes in the system's grade schools that will need staffing in the Rue School shuffling, we're probably going to end up with a surplus of secondary-certified personnel."

"A pool of secondary people will probably be created from which we

can draw to re-assign people around the city where they are needed," said Maier.

One option to be hashed out next Thursday at an adjourned board session will be a proposal to replace per diem substitute teachers with members of the secondary pool and thereby save money, according to one board source.

In other business last night, the board authorized repayment of a \$1.5 million loan plus \$5,625 interest to the Trust Company of New Jersey used to pay teachers' summer salaries.

Board counsel Robert W. Taylor said the board drew an advance payment on its \$8.4 million state aid package with permission from the state Education Commissioner. "The difference will be divided over the balance of the September through June payments," said Taylor.

# Outlook appears bleak for day care program

Exorbitant costs may prohibit Hoboken from rehabilitating its dilapidated Downtown Recreation Center, which would delay the opening of a new day care program and force an established, highly successful one to remain in overcrowded facilities.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he is "not optimistic about the future" of the recreation center at 177 Jefferson St., which was to have housed the Hoboken Day Care 100 program.

Day Care 100 serves 124 children in a small area of the city's Multi-Service Center. It was supposed to have moved to larger facilities at the recreation center and a new program,

Mill Square Day Care, was supposed to have taken over the facilities at the Multi-Service Center.

Yesterday, Cappiello had Building Inspector James Caulfield and Fire Capt. Raymond Falco checking out a possible uptown site for the Mile Square program. Because the city has not yet leased the facilities, however, Cappiello would not disclose the exact location.

Officials said that Day Care 100 would get extra room on the second floor of the Multi-Service Center to alleviate the space problem there.

Meanwhile, the recreation center, which was built by the federal government during the Great Depression as part of the Works Projects Ad-

ministration (WPA), is likely to be demolished and the property turned over to the city's Housing Authority, Cappiello revealed.

The Housing Authority owns land on both sides of the center, and is working on several proposals for moderate or middle-income housing on the block.

"Some oldtimers who watched them (the WPA workers) building that center are amazed at how long it's lasted," one official said yesterday.

The city has advertised three times for bids to renovate the structure, and the latest were received

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## Showing his form

Mayor Steve Cappiello gets some assistance on this downhill run from contestants in the American Girl Contest. Preliminaries are being held in Hoboken and in addition to beauty and dancing ability, contestants must demonstrate ability in skateboarding, skating, swimming or gymnastics. The national winner gets \$25,000. Helping Cappiello are Joanne McElowney of Union City, left, and Susan Leahy of Freehold.

## Council may veto Giordano for post

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello wants his close personal friend, Police Sgt. James Giordano, to succeed him as public safety director, but he acknowledged yesterday that he may have difficulty getting the City Council to approve the choice.

Cappiello has come under fire since he announced his candidacy for county freeholder because, critics claim, he would become "too powerful" having three major positions—mayor, freeholder and public safety director.

He promised last month, however, to appoint a new director before the freeholder election in November. Controversy has arisen anyway, because some administration critics who have suspected lately that Giordano would be named believe that Cappiello would still have much influence in the running of the police and fire departments.

In addition, the position would once again become a salaried one. Cappiello has not received compensation for the director's title, but a salary of \$21,500 has been budgeted

this year for the post. Giordano, if approved for the job, would receive pro-rated salary based on that figure plus extra longevity payments for his 18 years as a city employee.

The council must pass an ordinance allowing the position to be re-established as a salaried one, and then would have to give their consent by resolution to Cappiello's choice.

The mayor has pondered that choice for several months, refusing to give any indication as to who he would select—until yesterday.

"Giordano is my choice," he said. "But we could have a struggle in the council."

He charged that certain councilmen have attempted to use the proposed appointment as leverage to bargain for other things they want done. He would not say specifically what they wanted in return for approval.

The ordinance re-establishing the paid public safety director's job is expected to be introduced at the Sept. 6 City Council meeting.

## Hoboken gets new sweeper with \$42,000 state grant

Hoboken, which did not have use of any street sweeping machines for more than a year, may have four in operation by early next spring.

The state has approved Hoboken's application for \$42,000 in aid under the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods program, and included in that figure is \$42,000 for the purchase of a new three-wheel sweeper.

The city has two now, both of which were out of commission for much of last year and until early summer this year. A third one is on order,

and is expected to be delivered by late September, according to Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Chius said the fourth sweeper won't be ordered until December, because that will allow time to evaluate the performance of the new one to determine whether it is right for the city's needs.

Only the half of the city east of Willow Avenue is being serviced by the two sweepers now in operation. Commercial areas in the other half are being hand-swept by municipal

workers while residents take care of the rest.

The Safe and Clean grant also pays for the salaries of 37 policemen in the Tactical Patrol unit, 17 employees assigned to the Public Works Department and the parks, for various supplies, and for major projects such as street reconstruction and demolition.

The streets to be reconstructed with the \$50,000 provided in the grant are Madison and Jefferson Streets between 14th and 15th Streets.

## Agents seize pay records of 73 in Hoboken

Federal agents returned to Hoboken yesterday to cart away payroll records for 73 employees of the Public Works Department, the second such seizure under a subpoena in two months.

On June 13, the city had turned over payroll records for seven Public

Works employees. That subpoena called for all employees "assigned to the public works garage," and, while some officials pointed out that all 80 DPW employees are technically assigned to the garage, only data on the seven who actually work there were supplied.

The 80 employees whose records are now in the hands of the U.S. attorney's office represent the entire department except for water and sewage employees.

The records are for the period from July 1, 1976, to Dec. 31, 1977, which spans the reign of both former

Director Raphael Vitale and current head Andrew Amato.

Amato asserted yesterday that he has "nothing to worry about, I did nothing wrong."

The records were taken out yesterday by two FBI agents assigned

to the bureau's Newark office. The city had been informed earlier in the day that the agents would be coming, and almost all of the records were ready.

An extension of time was granted for getting together the cancelled checks for the employees over the period, which was a tedious job when it was only seven employees, according to the employees who did it.

The records available yesterday included payroll sheets, time sheets, overtime records and W-2 tax forms.

Local officials are baffled by the federal probe, insisting they have no idea why the U.S. attorney would be investigating the department's payroll.

## Hoboken to take back settlement for widow

The Hoboken Board of Education last night rescinded a \$30,000 compensation settlement for the sister-in-law of its attorney.

In doing so, the board made no public reference to the case, claiming that as a personnel matter it couldn't be discussed. The resolution the board passed left no doubt as to the trustees' intent.

The resolution amended the list of \$153,362.85 in claims approved at the board's meeting last week to allow only \$123,362.85, thus deleting the \$30,000.

Several board members wondered why they'd sanctioned the settlement when it was learned that the claimant, Jean Caulfield, is the sister-in-law of board counsel Robert W. Taylor, and that the validity of the dependency claim might be open to question.

Mrs. Caulfield's brother, Christopher Taraboch, died on the job Dec. 14, 1976, after falling from a lad-

der at a city school. When Thomas Vezzetti, a citizen, asked if the \$30,000 deduction from the claims list meant that the board had changed its mind about the compensation settlement, board president Otto Hottendorf replied: "The matter you're talking about is in litigation" and Richard England, a board member, said: "Extenuating circumstances proved that perhaps (we erred)..."

City Finance Director Frank Bariletti had stopped payment on the claim when he couldn't get a copy of the proposed settlement between Taylor and Mrs. Caulfield.

Taylor, meanwhile, has contended there is no conflict of interest involved in the settlement and that he had the original claim in excess of \$80,000 reduced by more than half.

In other business, the board:

• Voted to pay \$231,507.54, in ac-

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cordance with a Superior Court ruling, as the amount due Hoboken teachers for salary payments withheld by the board during eight-week periods in 1976 and 1977.

• Tabled a proposal by James Farina, board vice president and athletic chairman, not to charge non-profit groups for use of schools and referred the recommendation to the board's school facilities committee for further study.

• Approved the 36-member Rue School staff's transfer to Demarest Jr. High School pending completion of building repairs and sanctioned 37 city-wide teacher transfers, including 26 personnel being shifted out of Demarest.

Eleven of the 26 are being reassigned to the administration building as part of what George Maier, superintendent of schools, called a

"surplus of secondary level teachers," although, according to Walter Fine, assistant superintendent, only "three or four" with physical education certification will be left in "holding positions" by the time school opens.

• Placed teacher aides hired under the state compensatory education program on the same pay scale as aides employed under the Title I Elementary and Secondary Education Act because funding for both programs are being commingled, according to Francis McGorty, assistant superintendent.

• Hired Ann C. Monaco, wife of board member James Monaco, as supplemental resource teacher under Title VI and Ronald O'Grady as learning disabilities teacher consultant. Monaco abstained on the vote. No salaries were listed. The board also retained Vito Cuocci as special education teacher.

## To repair Hoboken library

The Hoboken City Council will vote Wednesday on retaining Mayo, Lynch Associates to draw up plans and specifications for repairs to the city's public library.

The plans would be for putting in a new boiler, some new windows, steam cleaning the outside of the building, and repairing a cornice.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the repairs were much

needed. He said the boiler was 30 years old, and had been out of commission a lot.

He estimated the total cost of the repairs to be \$30,000, and said the library had saved enough money in its account to pay for them.

He said he wanted the contract for the actual work awarded by the Council's Oct. 4 meeting, so that the new boiler can be installed the same month.

## Hoboken workers face quiz in probe

By Peter Hallam

The first of many city employees who worked for the Hoboken Safe and Clean Neighborhood program from July, 1976 through December, 1977, is expected to appear for questioning today at the U.S. attorney's office in Newark as part of a federal probe.

It was learned today that subpoenas have been received by as many as 18 persons who worked for or were associated with the program during the 18-month period.

Federal officials previously requested payroll information from the Public Works Department, and made three trips to Hoboken to obtain time sheets, cancelled checks and other records of more than 80 city workers. There were reports that a probe was

being made into possible income tax violations by some employees.

The Safe and Clean Neighborhood program is funded by the federal government and the money is channelled through the state to the local municipalities. Hoboken was one of the first communities in New Jersey to apply for and receive such funding.

Approximately 40 new policemen were hired by the city through the program which pays half their salaries. Hoboken also purchased various types of equipment and supplies for the Public Works Department and hired a number of new employees under the program.

According to sources, the federal probe is centered around the public works activities of the Safe and Clean Neighborhood Program.

## 3 bid on Hoboken sewer pump repairs

By SUSAN KELMAN

Hoboken City Business Administrator Edwin Chius yesterday received three bids for the contract to repair the problem-plagued Fifth Street Pumping Station, but will not award the contract immediately.

The city has advertised for bids twice before, but yesterday was the first time that bids were received.

The lowest bid was submitted by T & M Contracting Co., 107 Willow Ave. That bid, which did not include an estimate for the electrical contract, was for \$38,280.

In May, T & M Contracting Co. began repairing

the pumping station which had not worked since October. Mayor Steve Cappiello ordered the work stopped two days later when he found that the city had not advertised for bids.

Meanwhile, Sewage Treatment Plant Superintendent Roy Haack said the pumping station broke down several times during the weekend. The station's two back-up pumps have not worked since October.

It was the second time this month that the station has broken down. When the pumps are not working, the sewage is funneled directly into the Hudson River.

A spokesman for the Environmental Protection

Agency in Trenton said yesterday that the city could be fined for allowing the sewage to pour into the river.

Another bid received was from Lovell Electric Co. of Franklin Lakes. The \$78,900 bid includes \$28,000 for the electrical contract. Lovell bid on the electrical contract last month, but the bid was rejected because no bid was received on the general contract.

Joseph C. Pini of 415 Washington Street bid \$76,150 for the contract, including the electrical work.

City Business Administrator Edwin Chius yesterday requested city engineers Mayo, Lynch and Associates to study the specifications. Chius is awaiting Lynch's recommendation before deciding who will receive the contract.

## More payroll records seized

Federal agents have carried off payroll records of 12 more Hoboken employees—bringing the total to above 80—in their continuing probe into possible income tax violations by city employees.

FBI agents have made at least three trips to the city in the past two months to pick up time sheets, cancelled checks, W-2 forms, overtime lists and payroll sheets for employees of the Public Works Department from July 1, 1976 to Dec. 31, 1977.

Several individuals have also been questioned in person, and sources revealed that they were asked questions pertaining to possible tax fraud on reporting income from outside jobs, and about whether any kickbacks were paid to officials in return for extra overtime.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, admitting that he has been concerned by the probe, declared that he and the present city directors have nothing to fear from it.

The FBI and the U.S. attorney's office refuse to discuss ongoing investigations.

Sources said that a federal grand jury has been convened to conduct the probe.

The latest records taken were those of employees hired under the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program, a state-funded aid program. The employees were assigned to the Public Works Department and worked in municipal buildings and cleaning streets.

Other records have been taken for employees of the federal Compre-

hensive Employment and Training Act program who were assigned to Public Works.

One of the 12 employees whose records were just delivered to federal agents has been dead for over a year, officials said. Some officials speculated that this could mean that the federal agents are looking for a pattern of abuses, rather than for individual employee offenses.

Meanwhile, employees of the city payroll department are still culling through thousands of cancelled payroll checks to turn over those of the employees in question. The city has been given an extension until later this week to come up with the cancelled checks, because of the amount of work required to sift them out, officials said.



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Hoboken and other Hudson school districts recently settled out of court with the widow of a basketball official who died while working at a basketball game, but in that case, officials

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T. and M. had been hired in May for \$50,000, which, according to Amato, included all three pumps and all supplies. That work was stopped by Cappelletti, however, because T. and M. was hired without competitive bidding eight months after it was declared an emergency.



**Hoboken Fire Capt. Ed Scharneck teaches Tops, a 15-year-old Dalmatian, who must die next month. Tops has been a department mascot for his entire life. (See story on Page 4.)**

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Amato rented flushing equipment from General Sewer Co. of Bayonne on Thursday to clear the grit out of the Fourth and Madison sewer. That line, which is constructed of red brick, must be partially rebuilt Monday by Amato's crew, because the up-

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About 530 persons, half of them from Hoboken, are waiting to get into Clock Towers. Clock Towers, which officially opened in October 1976, was the former Keuffel and Esser plant.

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He said discussions also would be held with the city's Department of Public Works and sewer utility Franklin Lakes, which bid \$28,000 for the electrical work.

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yesterday, removing gas from sewer. Street

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The PBA says it made the awards because the city was too slow to recognize exceptional police work. The city denies that.

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He said any transfer of funds would take place after Nov. 1, since

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police van to the Animal Clinic of Jersey City, where he was put to sleep by Dr. Clarence Manzano. A procession of six cars with their headlights

Tony Kovarski and Al Labook. Using white sheets, they carefully lowered the pine casket into the grave. A neighborhood child, Damian Uva, whose father is a fireman for Engine

Taps, who was part Dalmatian and part Pointer, had been the mascot

About the only vice Taps had, the firemen said, was that he would steal ice cream from neighborhood kids.

But even if the firemen do replace Taps, it's unlikely they'll soon forget him. Scharneck said they planned to

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# Hoboken a force in his plays

By Patrick Ford

"Street kids never outgrow each other."

That line, spoken by a character in one of Louis LaRusso's plays, probably explains a lot of the success enjoyed by the Hoboken playwright.

LaRusso uses the experiences he had as a kid growing up on the streets of Hoboken. He conjures up the pain and the intense feeling shared by the children whose dreams and hopes rarely extended outside the neighborhood.

He tries to appeal to the "street kid" in all of us to create the feeling in his plays. He is a product of Hoboken's streets, and he markets that product in the biggest, most exciting showplace in the world: The Broadway stage.

His most highly acclaimed play to date has been "Lampost Reunion," about a singer who grows up in Hoboken and goes on to great fame, only to forget his past.

"Of course it's based on (Frank) Sinatra," he says. "Sinatra had a big effect on all of us who grew up just behind him."

He has another big play coming to Broadway this fall — "Knockout" — and this, too, is based on a Hoboken character.

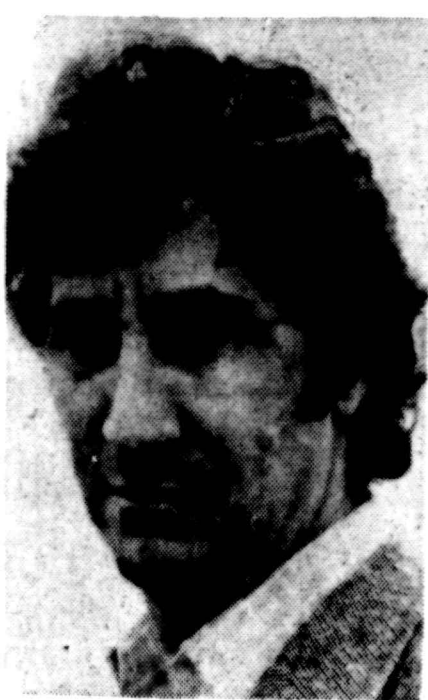
"I spent about a month talking with an old middleweight boxer named Danny Rubino," the playwright explained. "He has a lot of fascinating stories about the life of a small-time boxer."

"The lead character in 'Knockout' will be Damian Ruffo, and he will have a lot of Danny, and a lot of me in him."

LaRusso was born in Hoboken in 1935, when money ran short but neighborhood allegiance ran high.

"They are just blocks now," he says ruefully. "They were neighborhoods then. Kids lived on both sides of their doors."

After graduating from old Demarest High School, LaRusso



Louis LaRusso  
The street kid

worked his way through the American Academy of Fine Arts in Manhattan. He started out as a poet, but soon discovered that poetry puts little bread on the table, so he tried his hand at writing plays.

His first production was "Hello, Thank You and Goodbye," which played at the Lolly Theater in 1973. He followed that with "Thanksgotten," "The Poets," and "The Honeycomb." "Lampost Reunion" came next, and clearly marked LaRusso as a big-time playwright. It was nominated for the Tony and Drama Desk awards as best play.

His second Broadway venture was not so successful — "Wheelbarrow Closers" had a short run in 1976.

Last year, he spent much of his time doing screenplays in California. He rewrote the smash movie of this year, "Saturday Night Fever" for John Avildson. All together, he worked on six screenplays which should start coming out soon.

Right now, he has a play at the Quail Theater in New York, "Mamma's Little Angels," about two brothers — one an aspiring poet —

and their reaction to their mother's death — and to their sister's charge that their father is responsible.

"A lot of 'Mamma's Little Angels' is autobiographical," LaRusso asserts. "My family had difficulty dealing with my mother's passing. LaRusso still makes his home in

Hoboken, on Willow Terrace.

"All my life is here," he says. "All the ghosts of my past are here to inspire me. This city means too much to me to move out, it's too important to my work."

"And my work is more important than the plush life."

## Hoboken housing renewal proposed

By SUSAN KELMAN

An unnamed developer has proposed to rehabilitate decaying Hoboken buildings, possibly alleviating the city's shortage of adequate low-income housing, according to Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Cappiello said yesterday the proposal is still in the talking stages and that the developer, who was not named by the mayor, did not mention any specific locations or types of buildings that would be rehabilitated. A specific proposal has been asked from the developer, he said.

"What they're talking about is merely an idea," Cappiello said. "It is still in the talking stage."

The mayor said he met last week with the developer and representatives of the Hoboken Housing Authority, Community Development Agency and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Members of the Hoboken Hispanic community charged at a state assembly hearing last month that they were being deliberately excluded from housing rehabilitation projects. They said developers build one and two-bedroom units instead of larger units for low-income minority families.

"We find that the need for large family housing is universal. It's a need that goes on in any city where development is going on," Cappiello said.

Joseph Barry of Applied Housing Associates of Hoboken has proposed a similar project with the stipulation that the city provide an empty building for rehabilitation.

Barry has said that his company will not rehabilitate inhabited buildings because state relocation and eviction laws are a hardship for the developer.

## Stevens enrolls largest class

The largest freshman class ever accepted into Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, will start classes this month.

Director of admissions Robert H. Seavy said today the class will number about 475. He estimated total undergraduate enrollment at 1,410, an increase of more than 100 over last year. The freshman class will comprise more than 10 percent of the class, with 60 registered so far.

Early enrollment figures in graduate programs show an increase of 16 percent over last year's figures, he said.

The Hoboken college this year has

added two new master's degree programs — in management science and in environmental science or environmental engineering. The programs will be held in the evening, beginning Tuesday.

A DEC system-10 computer was installed this summer in Stevens' Computer Center. It is larger and faster than its predecessor, and there are 18 additional terminals. Purchase of the computer was made possible by a \$1 million anonymous donation.

The college has received increased support from governmental agencies, in the form of a \$250,000 grant from the National Science

Foundation under its Comprehensive Assistance to Undergraduate Science Education (CAUSE) program.

Stevens has also received a \$23,000 grant from NSF to design and develop audio, video, and written instructional materials in teaching concepts and techniques in engineering experimentation.

With the aid of a \$45,000 grant through the New Jersey Division of Vocational Education, Stevens will continue its evening program to train high level electronics technicians for work in research and testing laboratories.

## Big-family housing sought

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has met with federal officials and two local investors about the possibility of building low-rise, large-family housing units in his city.

No concrete proposals resulted from the meeting, but local officials expressed optimism that the discussions could lead to some kind of future development of three, four and five-bedroom apartments in Hoboken.

The city and its major developer, Applied Housing Associates, have been in conflict with the city's Hispanic community this year over the absence of large-family units in various housing rehabilitation proposals.

Applied Housing did not participate in the meeting, but officials acknowledged that it was the call for

more large-family units that spurred Cappiello to arrange the session.

In response to inquiries made by two Hispanic residents interested in becoming developers, Cappiello set up a meeting for last Tuesday with Walter Johnson, regional manager of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development in Newark.

Cappiello was accompanied by Joseph Caliguire, executive director of the city's Housing Authority, and Joseph Cicala, deputy director of the Community Development Agency.

The Housing Authority is now in the process of purchasing property on Jefferson Street around the Downtown Recreation Center for possible new low-rise construction, but there was little discussion of that project.

The two residents, whom officials would not identify, explained to

Johnson that they may be interested in developing large-family units if space could be found in the city. Cappiello vowed to assist them in locating possible sites.

Johnson then laid out several funding mechanisms available, and stressed that if any large-family units are to be subsidized, they must be low-density to avoid management problems.

The units also would have to be arranged for low-income tenants in order to receive federal rent subsidies, Johnson told the local contingent.

"It was a general fact-finding mission," said one of the parties involved. "But at least these two men were introduced to the HUD people, and maybe something can be worked out."

## Hoboken rushing to get school aid

Hoboken's Board of School Estimate will meet tonight to discuss a five-year plan for school improvements amid grumblings by some officials that Hoboken may lose as much as \$1.4 million in state aid if the plan is not completed soon.

The state has approximately \$10 million in special aid approved this summer for school improvements by districts throughout the state. Hoboken ranks third on the state's list of top-priority school districts. Newark is first on that list, Camden is second.

But in order to qualify for the aid, the districts must submit a five-year plan outlining their needs and proposals to correct the problems.

Mayo, Lynch and Associates, consulting engineers to the board, has submitted a list of those needs, but it is up to the board to formulate a final list of final findings and recommendations.

"We're taking too long with this," one board member commented yesterday. "We're going to be too late — the state will have made its allocations by the time our plan gets there. Someone has to give us a shove."

The Board of School Estimate,

made up of Mayor Steve Cappiello, Councilmen Sal Cernelli and Walter Cramer and board members Otto Hottendorf and Richard England, will attempt to do that tonight when they huddle following the board's regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the administrative offices, 1115 Clinton St.

During the meeting itself, Schools Supt. George Maier is expected to recommend the transfers of 15 teachers from the regular teaching staff to the compensatory education staff. Maier said he would also ask the board to consider hiring 15 new teachers for the regular program at a later date.

In addition, nine teachers are expected to be appointed tonight to teach in the bilingual education program with money from a recent \$186,005 federal grant. The nine teachers would provide remedial help in basic skills to Hispanic, Italian, Indian and other bilingual children whose basic skills fall below state standards.

While in the bilingual program, students are not eligible for Title I or compensatory education classes.

## Hoboken grant cut

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved a \$1.74 million grant to fund Hoboken's Community Development Agency, down from last year's grant of \$3 million.

CDA director Fred Bado said community development grants are fixed by a formula. The six-year formula calls for small yearly reductions in the first three years, and then more drastic reductions in the next three years. This will be the fourth year for Hoboken's CDA.

The formulas were revised last year, so that these drastic reductions would be eliminated, but only for cities of more than 50,000 population, he said. For cities under 50,000 such as Hoboken, there was no new formula.

Bado said CDA is working on getting grants from other sources in order to make up for the drop in the HUD grant. He said it was not the largest the agency ever received, but was the most important. CDA gets funds from other state and federal sources.

He said he thought he would manage to make up some but not all of the drop. CDA will have to make a decision by the end of October on what it can and cannot do, Bado said. This could involve cutting some programs entirely, or cutting back on some.

Bado said he will attend a conference in Rhode Island later this month on the problem of future funding for cities with populations less than 50,000.

## Taylor's board status cloudy

Are Robert W. Taylor's days numbered as attorney for the Hoboken Board of Education?

At least one board member thinks so. Robert Wendelken, who tried this spring to convince the board that it should make the attorney's position from a salary to retainer-fee basis, thinks he may have the support of a majority of the board now.

If the position were changed, Wendelken would move to replace

Taylor as part of the switch. Taylor now receives \$24,000 as a full-time attorney.

The reason for the possible change in the board's attitude is that Taylor, on Aug. 17, urged the board to approve a settlement for \$30,000 on a workmen's compensation claim filed by his own sister-in-law. The board approved it then, but rescinded its approval last Thursday after the payment was questioned by Frank J.

Bartletta, custodian of school money.

Sources familiar with the case say that the sister-in-law, Jean Caulfield, may not meet the statutory requirements for dependency necessary to collect workmen's compensation for the death on the job of her brother, Christopher Taraboch, who apparently suffered a heart attack after falling off a ladder at the Sadie Leinkauf

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In addition, questions have been raised about a possible conflict of interest on Taylor's part for making the settlement agreement with Mrs. Caulfield, who was not represented by an attorney on the claim.

Taylor denies the charge on dependency, and said last week that many board decisions are made by people whose relatives are affected.

The board is expected to hire another attorney to handle its side of the compensation claim, which is still scheduled for a hearing before the Workmen's Compensation Board Sept. 20.

Wendelken points out that Taylor's responsibilities in drawing up the board's budgets have been turned over to new Assistant Superintendent Walter Fine. The state already had ordered Hoboken to split the legal and financial administrative duties handled by Taylor in the past.

"Since the attorney is no longer expected to handle budgetary matters, I see no reason to pay a full-time salary to Mr. Taylor," Wendelken said.

Board President Otto Hottendorf refused to comment on Taylor's status except to say that he would not be handling the compensation matter any more.

Meanwhile, Bartletta has held up another check approved by the board Aug. 17, this one to Taylor himself for \$750 for expenses for an educational workshop in Washington Sept. 29 through Oct. 5.

Bartletta feels the attorney should be compensated after he incurs the expenses rather than in advance. In addition, he noted that the check was added to the list of claims in a handwritten notation after the Aug. 17 meeting. It had not been on the list presented to the board, he said.

Taylor said that this kind of expense is always paid in advance. He said it covers application fees for full-day workshops Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, and transportation and hotel allowances in addition to meal money and other expenses.

Bartletta said, nonetheless, that he would not approve the check until after the workshop.

## Act to halt Cappiello choice

A move is being made in Hoboken's City Council to block Mayor Steve Cappiello's choice for the soon-to-be-created post of public safety director and seek the appointment of Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri.

At least three councilmen are said to be angry with Cappiello for not discussing his choice, Police Sgt. James Giordano, with them before making a decision.

Cappiello needs five votes on the council to approve his appointment. He refused today to comment on the reports.

"I'll wait until the ordinance (establishing the post) is passed before discussing it any further," he said yesterday.

When asked if Giordano is still his choice, Cappiello replied, "Well, I'll keep an open mind."

Ranieri declined comment as well, despite reports that he is anxious to get the nod. He said that if it is offered, he would "consider it very carefully."

Cappiello had been considering the choice for several months before disclosing to The Jersey Journal last month that he wants Giordano. He said then that he anticipated a battle in the council because several councilmen had approached him about "making deals" in return for their support of his appointment.

Giordano, a 20-year veteran of the police department, is a close friend of

the mayor. He is said to have the support of most of his fellow policemen.

One councilman said, however, that some of his colleagues are angered over the mayor's attempt to "ram his man down our throats."

Cappiello himself has served as public safety director since he became mayor, at no additional compensation. The new director would receive \$21,500 base salary plus longevity pay for his years as a city employee.

The council already has received copies of the proposed ordinance establishing the Public Safety Department separate from the mayor's office. It is due for introduction at the Oct. 4 council meeting.

## Hoboken set to retain engineer for garage

The Hoboken City Council is expected to retain Hoboken engineer Patrick L. Caulfield to design the city's planned combined public works-public service garage at its 10 a.m. meeting tomorrow.

The council last month voted 7-to-

1 to approve a bond ordinance which included \$500,000 for the garage construction.

Caulfield will be retained for designs for an 11,000 square foot addition to the present public works garage at Willow Avenue, and for the conversion of the present 4,000 square foot facility into a light vehicle maintenance facility, according to Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Chius said Caulfield would receive 5 1/2 percent of the cost of the

contract for the new construction, and 8 percent of the contract for the alterations.

Chius said he hoped acquisition, fencing, and paving of the property could be done before winter, and then bids taken for the job during the winter. The addition will be constructed before the alteration on the present garage, he said.

A fueling station is also planned, to be located away from the building. Chius said the work will be completed

by next summer.

The council is also expected to award a contract to Automatic Data Processing Inc. to do the municipal payroll for one year, in the amount of \$21,000. ADP has been doing the city's paychecks since July. Under the new contract, it will provide all payroll services, such as pension and social security reports.

Chius said that the old manual payroll system ran out of room for deductions on the check.

## Ranieri charges water loss due to inefficiency

Hoboken is pouring almost \$1 million per year down the drain because of inefficient management of its water supply system, Councilman Robert A. Ranieri charged today.

Despite investing \$9.5 million of federal and local money in new water mains and gates over the past four years, Ranieri asserted, the city is still unable to account for almost 50 percent of the water it purchases from Jersey City.

Because of this inefficient management and accounting, the councilman declared, it would be "irresponsible" for the City Council to increase the water rates to consumers by 19 percent, as proposed in an ordinance scheduled for introduction at Wednesday's meeting.

Ranieri, chairman of the council's Water and Sewer Committee, urged in a six-page memorandum to Mayor Steve Cappiello that the Municipal Aquatic Commission established by council ordinance last September be immediately staffed with "responsible members of the city's resident, business and industrial communities in an all-out effort to stem the flow of unbilled water from Hoboken's water system — which we now purchase at a premium price, \$63 per million gallons."

Cappiello was unavailable for comment, but said last week that he felt the water-rate increase coming

up Wednesday was necessary because of a recent increase granted Jersey City by the state Public Utilities Commission.

The council is also expected to introduce an ordinance raising the sewer utility rate to consumers by 20 percent.

The administration has distributed an explanatory statement to council members pointing out that the current water rate of \$10.50 per thousand cubic feet yields about \$2.3 million in revenues. With the latest increase for Jersey City, expenses are expected to be \$2.7 million. Thus, the ordinance proposes an increase to \$12.50 per thousand.

Ranieri claims that all of this would be unnecessary if the water recovery program launched four years ago at the urging of the city's engineering consultants, Mayo-Lynch and Associates, had been handled successfully.

At that time, Hoboken was unable to account for about 40 percent of its water supply purchased from Jersey City. It was decided that this was because of losses due to old and broken water mains and gates, as well as a high number of meters not registering.

Federal funds were secured, and Hoboken is selling \$1.5 million in bonds to match the federal grants. The Spiniello Construction Co. has been paid almost \$4.5 million to repair, rebuild or replace most of the city's mains and gates.

Three years ago, the Davidson Laboratory of Stevens Institute of Technology offered to take over service line repairs, meter replacement and meter reading on a contractual basis. The city refused, and decided to upgrade these areas with its own personnel.



## Hoboken rehab plan revived

By Patrick Ford 9/14/78

A \$6-million rehabilitation project in downtown Hoboken, apparently scuttled by tenants in June, has been revived after a series of secret meetings over the past week in which the tenants reversed their decision.

In two meetings — one Monday night at a corner luncheonette across from the site of the proposed rehabilitation project — about 40 tenants voted to oust their former leaders and agreed to relocate in return for \$4,500 in relocation allowances from the state and local governments.

This would open the way for Applied Housing Associates, the developer which received approval from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to rehabilitate 160 units of tenement

housing on the block bordered by Washington, Newark and Bloomfield streets and Observer Highway to proceed with its plans.

Joseph Barry, a partner in Applied Housing, will travel to Trenton tomorrow with five tenant leaders and a representative of the city's Community Development Agency to discuss relocation benefits with James Powers, head of the state's relocation office.

The tenants also hired Arthur D'Italia of Jersey City to represent them in place of Stephen St. Hilaire of Hudson County Legal Services.

In a petition signed by 37 tenants of the buildings owned by Hoboken Realty Associates — which owns about nine homes on the block — the tenants said they were "confused" about Applied Housing's proposal

back in June, and said this confusion resulted from "the involvement of people outside the area who wanted to impose their own ideas" — an obvious reference to St. Hilaire.

The legal services attorney was attacked last week by Thomas Newman, president of the First Ward Block Association, and again yesterday by Barry, for "manipulating" the tenants when they voted unanimously in June to reject Applied Housing's offer to help with relocation funds in return for their move from their homes.

St. Hilaire said yesterday that he "never misled anyone. Any confusion there might have been was caused by Barry's arbitrary deadline for a decision." He said the tenants had a

clear understanding of the issues, in his opinion.

The tenants rejected the proposal because many of them could not meet Applied Housing's tenant selection criteria to return to the rehabilitated units, and because state Housing Finance Agency guidelines barred three, four and five-bedroom units in the project.

The project would be financed by loans from the HFA and rent subsidies from HUD.

Last month, however, several tenants approached Edward Turi, owner of Marotta's luncheonette at Newark and Bloomfield streets, and complained that they had been confused and now wanted the project to go through.

One reason for this was that the owners, including Hoboken Realty Associates, had served notice on the tenants after they refused to move that they would be evicted as of Dec. 31, when the buildings would be removed from the housing market.

A petition was drawn up signed by 37 tenants, which said the tenants disagreed with the June decision. Approximately 40 tenants have already moved from the block, and many of those are in agreement with the petition, Turi said.

On Sept. 5, Turi arranged a meeting in his luncheonette. It was decided that representatives of the CDA and Barry would be invited to address the group last Thursday, again in the corner eatery.

Barry told approximately 40 tenants that he would again try to include 15 three-bedroom apartments in the project, that he would give current residents first priority after rehabilitation, that he would help all of the tenants — including those who already have moved since the offer was first made in April — get the \$4,500 relocation allowance, that he and the CDA would help with relocation and that the units would be low-income and heavily Hispanic after rehabilitation.

Only two of the tenants at the meeting — Jose Espinosa, one of the leaders in the June decision to reject Applied Housing's offer, and Jean Rodriguez — voted against Barry's proposed project.

The tenants then selected an executive committee to handle the matter with D'Italia.

Espinosa asked to be on the committee, but because of his opposition, he was voted down — although the tenants commended him for his hard work. The committee consists of Myra Mercado, Angel Denis, William Aberer, Tony Ramirez and Raul Quintana.

They met again Monday night at Marotta's, and made plans for tomorrow's meeting with the state on relocation.

## Environmentalists pushing for park on Hoboken piers

The Hoboken Environment Committee is pushing to get a waterfront park and recreation area on the old Union Drydock piers adjacent to Stevens Institute of Technology.

The group has met with state officials about the possibility of Green Acres' funding for such a project, and it has the blessing of Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello in their efforts.

Helen Manogue, committee president, said the group also wants some recreational development on the Stevens piers from Sixth to Ninth Streets along River Road. The Union Drydock property is at Ninth Street.

"This area is not suitable for industrial development because it's too narrow and would require very expensive site preparation," she asserted.

In addition to parkland and recreational facilities, Manogue and

Cappiello both expressed an interest in getting a pool constructed in the area, an idea advanced earlier this year by Councilman Nunzio Malfetti.

Cappiello stressed, however, that a pool proposal would have to include maintenance and security plans to insure that it wouldn't deteriorate in a short time.

The push by the Environment Committee is part of a drive by the Waterfront Coalition of Hudson and Bergen Counties — which consists of 17 environmental and citizen groups — to get at least one waterfront park in every community from the George Washington Bridge to Bayonne.

The Hoboken group wants the city to purchase the waterfront property and use Green Acres funds to develop the park. Mrs. Manogue has discussed the proposal already with officials of

the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Essential to the committee's plans would be approval by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development of the city's \$4 million Urban Development Action Grant, which would prepare the area around the Fifth Street piers for a proposed \$20 million luxury high-rise condominium complex.

Besides the site preparation for the high-rise, the UDAG grant includes funds for a waterfront park adjacent to the complex.

"This would provide the groundwork for our parkland proposal for the area north of this," Mrs. Manogue explained.

HUD is expected to decide on the UDAG application sometime next month.

## Ahoy, there! Let her berth in Hoboken

Twenty-seven northern New Jersey municipalities passed resolutions this past week recommending that the U.S.S. New Jersey be berthed in Hoboken. Four endorsements were received yesterday.

The U.S.S. New Jersey, the only naval ship to serve in three wars, is in the mothball fleet at Bremerton, Washington. The New Jersey State Battleship Commission recommended in April that the ship be brought to Liberty State Park in Jersey City.

Allan R. Straten, president of the Hoboken Battleship Memorial Committee, said yesterday that the commission's decision was "premature." He said in a letter to Gov. Brendan T. Byrne that an economic feasibility and environmental impact study should be made before such a decision is finalized.

Byrne's deputy commissioner, Betty Wilson, said in a letter to Straten, that a final decision has not been made.

The committee, which was formed in April, favors Hoboken because of its easy accessibility. The proposed site is adjacent to River Street, south of the Erie Lackawanna Terminal.

The committee has written to some 300 mayors and all the state's legislators to gain political support for the move to Hoboken. The move has been endorsed by Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and the Hoboken City Council.

## Cappiello says Maxwell House underassessed

The Maxwell House coffee plant on Hoboken's waterfront, which is trying to get \$4 million cut from its \$7 million tax assessment, is actually "underassessed," Mayor Steve Cappiello asserted today.

"We think that property is worth more than the \$7,038,000 it is assessed at," Cappiello said. "We have our tax experts working on it now, and we intend to prove our claim to the county board (of taxation)."

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"We will not seek a compromise settlement," he declared. "The value of property in this city has been increasing, and we can't afford to have the assessment of our biggest taxpayer cut, or we might have many more appeals."

Maxwell House, through its parent firm, General Foods of White

Plains, N.Y., filed an appeal last Wednesday with the Hudson County Board of Taxation to have the assessment on its 19.23-acre plant lowered from \$7,038,000 to \$3 million.

If allowed, the change would cost the city \$29,136 in tax revenues. A decision on the appeal is not likely to come this year, but the city would be liable for reimbursement of whatever part of the company's 1978 taxes are paid on over assessed property.

If Maxwell House is successful, the loss of revenue would be the second major one this year for Hoboken. The city has been informed that it will not be receiving some \$488,000 in federal anti-recession funds which it has already budgeted this year.

Councilman Robert A. Ranieri, the city's chief labor negotiator, said the Maxwell House appeal could have a direct effect on negotiations with the city's four employees' unions.

## The proof

For months Hoboken has been pictured in newspapers and magazines as a city that is turning itself around.

Smart young people are moving from New York City or the suburbs to Hoboken where they buy brownstones and remodel them.

Smart young people in government are carefully writing grant and fund applications and money is flowing in from Trenton and Washington.

But Maxwell House, Hoboken's largest taxpayer, does not think its property is as valuable as Hoboken thinks it is. Maxwell House wants its assessed valuation reduced by \$4 million, which would reduce Hoboken's tax income by as much as \$429,136.

When Maxwell House goes before the County Board of Taxation, the burden of proof that its property is overassessed will be on the company, but the real pressure will be on Hoboken.

If Maxwell House convinces the county that its property is really not so valuable, what does that say about Hoboken?

## Hoboken parks are for the birds: Study

By SUSAN KELMAN

Hoboken parks are poorly administered and improperly maintained, according to a report released yesterday by the Hoboken Recreation Commission.

The five-member commission charged that the Department of Health and Welfare sponsored few programs for preschool, handicapped or female children. And brochures for available programs were distributed late, according to the report.

The report charges that the parks are inadequately staffed during evening and weekend hours and that capable recreation leaders are not assigned to the parks and playgrounds after school

"All these things that they're talking about are either in the works or being planned," said Director of Health and Welfare James Farina who received a copy of the report yesterday.

"Most of these things I'm well aware of and I agree with them. Just to do all these things I would need a magic wand," Farina said.

The commission, appointed last year by the Hoboken City Council, submitted a detailed report on public parks last November. Yesterday, commission members charged that many of the problems outlined in that report still exist.

For instance, commissioners say, sidewalks need to be repaired, playground equipment sanded and water fountains

installed. Restrooms are often locked after 4 p.m. at Elysian and Stevens parks, according to the report.

Farina said that fountains have been ordered for Church Square Park and that sidewalks are being repaired.

In particular, the study criticizes Hoboken for a lack of recreation facilities for the handicapped including a lack of ramps at the American Legion building and in the parks.

The report stresses the need for more family activities on weekends and holidays.

Farina said yesterday that he will contact commission members to discuss their recommendations.

## Hoboken teacher pact approval seen

By SUSAN KELMAN

Some 330 Hoboken teachers and the school board are expected to reach a settlement today on a one-year contract retroactive to July 1, Superintendent of Schools George Maier said yesterday.

Michael D'Onofrio, president of the Hoboken Teachers Association, said he expected the teachers to ratify the contract at a meeting scheduled for 3:30 p.m. today. D'Onofrio said the agree-

ment, which calls for slight raises and a paid prescription plan, will make "a fair contract."

The board is expected to approve the contract at a special meeting at 8 o'clock tonight.

"I predict it will be passed," Maier said yesterday. "The teachers haven't conceded that much. It's a compromise."

Sources said the teachers will receive

a raise of approximately 3 per cent above the contractual increments due them under the 11-step increment system used by the board. The other provision will allow them to get prescriptions at participating pharmacies for a nominal sum.

The teacher's union negotiates for about 330 of the school district's 485 teachers. The salaries of the remaining teachers are set by the federal and state government through federally-funded programs.

The tentative agreement was reached last Thursday during the sixth major bargaining session held between the parties. The previous contract expired June 30.

The board's negotiating was handled by labor negotiator Louis DePascale, board attorney Robert Taylor and board members Richard England, Robert Wendelken, James Monaco and Board President Otto Hottendorf.

## Rent subsidies plan OK'd for Hoboken

Hoboken has been approved by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for a new program that would allow up to \$50 million in rent subsidies over 20 years to tenants of rehabilitated brownstones and tenement houses.

The Neighborhood Strategy Area program is designed to encourage housing rehabilitation by supplying Section 8 subsidies up to \$5,000 per unit of rehabilitated buildings.

Hoboken was approved for 500 units in a central section of the city which runs from First to 14th Street between Washington Street and Willow Avenue. The western boundary of the Neighborhood Strategy Area extends to Adams Street between Fourth and Seventh streets.

The approval by HUD, announced yesterday in Washington by Sen. Harrison A. Williams, was the result of a 70-page application prepared by Joseph Cicale, deputy director of the city's Community Development Agency, and submitted June 1.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he was "very happy to hear it. We will do everything we can to help our residents with rehabilitation."

"This program is a model that will help us replicate the rehabilitation activity we had up town with the Neighborhood Rehab program seven years ago," Cicale said. "This not only allows subsidies for large-scale rehabilitation, but for individual buildings as well. Hoboken is a front runner in this program; it was developed in part in response to our experiences with Neighborhood Rehab."

Any landlord in the designated area who begins rehabilitation of his property within the next five years may apply for the subsidies. He would set a "contract rent" based on his costs for rehabilitation, and HUD would set a "fair market rent" which would be the maximum value of the apartment.

The contract rent may not exceed the fair market rent. The tenant would pay 25 percent of his income for rent, with HUD paying the difference between that and the contract rent, up to \$5,000 per year.

If all 500 units were to receive the maximum subsidy over 20 years, it would be an influx of \$50 million in subsidies for the city.

## Amato blames valves for city's water loss

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato has discovered gushing water leaks in two valves apparently maintained by Jersey City which, he claims, are responsible for half of the water for which Hoboken cannot account on its bills.

Jersey City water officials, along with Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri, said they doubt the leaks account for as much water as Amato claims.

The director lashed out at Ranieri for the councilman's blistering report released Monday which cited "inefficient water management" as the reason Hoboken can't account for 50 percent of its water. This lost water costs the city almost \$1 million per year, Ranieri charged.

"Ranieri made a wild accusation without checking the facts with me," Amato asserted. "These leaks are what cause the loss, not inefficiency in my department."

The leaks, which Amato showed to several councilmen and the press yesterday, are located under two manhole covers at the corner of Newark and Harrison streets. They are in valves above the water gates across the street from the shed where the central meter that records the amount of water purchased from Jersey City is located.

They resembled open fire

hydrants. Water actually splashed up into the street when the manhole cover was removed from above one of them. Clear water poured through a catch basin at the nearby corner.

"This is a disgrace," declared Councilman Nunzio Malfetti.

"This is the reason for 25 percent of the lost water," asserted Mark Cerone, a political ally of Amato's, valves, but wasn't certain. He promised to be at the site today with his crew.

Jersey City officials said that even if it is their line, they doubt it is responsible for the volume of water Hoboken is losing.

They pointed to an accusation by Hoboken officials in 1976 that 3 million gallons of water a day was lost in the regulators connecting the cities' lines. That charge was found to be false.

Amato said he learned of the leaking valves on Wednesday, but charged that Ranieri was informed about them four years ago.

"The leak is a serious one, Ranieri countered, 'but not the source for our loss of almost 4 million gallons of water a day. I assume it will be repaired forthwith.'"

John Krempa, Jersey City Water Division, said he believes Jersey City is responsible for maintaining the



FOR CHARITY — Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken, extreme right, purchasing from Alice Yaculo tickets to the Hudson County Mental Health Association's 16 annual cocktail party sponsored by its Hoboken Chapter, Sept. 24, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Union Club. Seating approval, from left, are Joseph Caporino, Mrs. Yaculo's co-chairman, and entertainer Phil Brits.





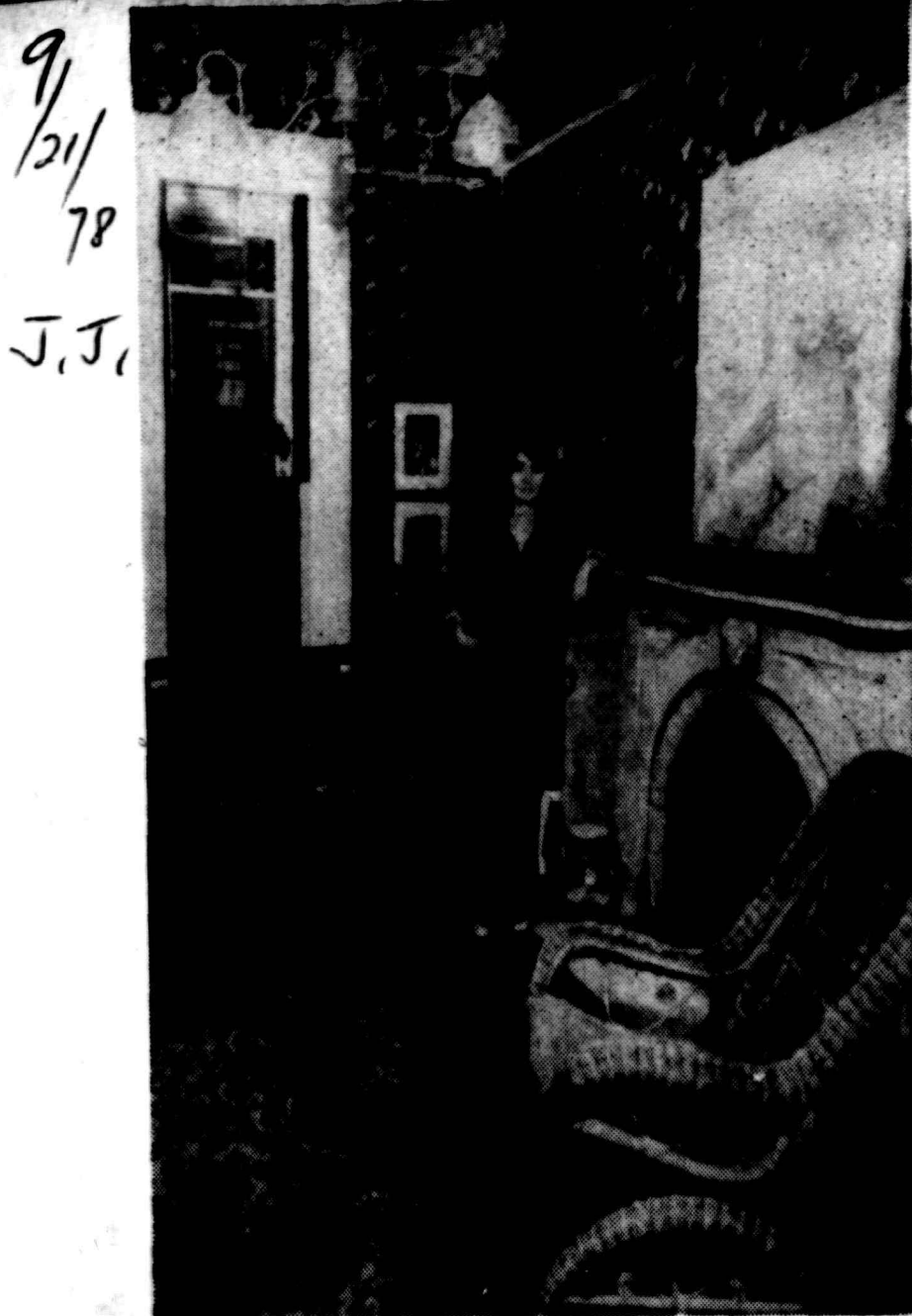
Brownstone house owned by Patricia and Timothy Tuohy has come a long way since it was occupied by a 94-year-old woman who for years never went above the ground floor. A decorator, Patricia Tuohy embarked on a restoration project. The Tuohy home is among seven that will be on view during the third annual Hoboken house tour to benefit the Hoboken Environment Committee.



Something old, something new can be found in most Hoboken brownstones, where residents strive to combine modern comfort with old-fashioned charm. In upper photo, Patricia Tuohy is shown with the converted kerosene stove in her parlor floor kitchen. In lower photo, Katherine Palladini and her diminutive canines relax in a contemporary setting which she and her husband, David, arranged for their thoroughly modernized house.



Spacious open expanse is a feature valued by David and Katherine Palladini in their modernized brownstone which will be included on this year's Hoboken house tour. Exposed brick is favored by many of the "brownstoners."



Antique materials were used wherever possible as Patricia Tuohy embarked on four floors of restoration. The home's restored stenciled ceilings are among features that visitors will see on the tour, which is slated, rain or shine, for Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

## Hoboken tour set for Sunday

By Catherine Portman Lutz

Hoboken's third annual house tour will include homes illustrating the beginning and the end of the restoration process.

Seven of Hoboken's characteristic brownstones and brickfronts will be shown during the tour, scheduled for Sunday, rain or shine, from noon to 6 p.m.

Tickets will be available on the day of the tour at Sacred Heart Academy, 713 Washington St. Refreshments will be served in mid-

tour at the home of Maureen Singleton. The event will benefit the Hoboken Environment Committee.

The house tour is the first of three fall tours which annually draw visitors to Hudson County from New York City and surrounding New Jersey communities. A number of visitors from past years have left suburbia and New York City to become "brownstoners" themselves.

The Hamilton Park Neighborhood Association of Downtown Jersey City will sponsor its second annual house tour on Oct. 1, and the near-by Van Vorst Park Association plans its fifth annual tour for Oct. 22 in its downtown Jersey City locality.

David and Katherine Palladini moved into a Hoboken brownstone as neighbors to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Stern. The Stern's home was featured on a previous house tour. The Palladini home is the only thoroughly modernized house on the 1978 tour, demonstrating the versatility of the typical urban row house. Both of the Palladinis are artists, and they designed a plan that would provide living and working space with a contemporary open feeling, but without the total expansiveness of a loft. The second floor incorporates both a living room and a studio.

Timothy and Patricia Tuohy last year purchased a four-story house which had been occupied by a 94-year-old lady who for years never ventured above the ground floor.

Tending to basics, the Tuohys installed central heating, full plumbing and wiring. Then Patricia Tuohy put her skills as a decorator to work, embarking on a dramatic restoration project.

She incorporated as much antique material as possible, including old frosted glass panels to partition off a new ground floor bathroom. The couple installed a converted kerosene stove in the parlor floor kitchen. Dominating the parlor is a spectacular gilt mirror and a stenciled ceiling panel.

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## Hoboken ups rate on water

By SUSAN KELMAN

The Hoboken City Council last night approved a 19 percent water rate hike over protests by Councilman Robert Ranieri who argued that \$1 million of water is lost every year.

Ranieri said, in a report presented yesterday to the council, the city is wasting \$1-million-a-year in unaccounted water. Hoboken cannot account for 50 percent of the water it buys from Jersey City, according to Ranieri.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday he will staff the Municipal Aquatic Commission, an agency established by the city council a year ago, in an effort to discover how 50 percent of the water is wasted, Ranieri said.

Hoboken has invested \$8.5 million in new and refurbished water mains, but in spite of the expenditure, the water loss has not been eliminated.

"If we're losing \$1 million a year, it crosses my mind that it's being stolen," Second Ward Councilman Walter Cramer said.

The city council discussed hiring a private investigator to determine where the water is going. However, no action was taken.

The council also voted 6-2 to allocate \$130,000 in Department of Transportation funds to build an 11-block bicycle path along the Hoboken waterfront.

Cramer and Councilman-at-large Thomas Kennedy voted against the path. Councilman-at-large Bernard Saravali was absent.

"I could never support this plan," Cramer said. "The parking situation in the uptown area is critical."

Councilman Martin Brennan, who voted for the bike path, said he was reluctant to approve it.

"It's not going to work. As a father, I know children. You can't confine them to an area for more than one week," Brennan said.

## Cappiello, Chius tell who gets cut and how much

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and his business administrator have decided on almost \$200,000 in spending cuts for the remainder of this year after his directors ignored his request to make cuts voluntarily.

Cappiello met earlier this week with all directors and outlined areas in which the cuts would be made. The cuts are necessary because the federal government has cut off \$485,000 in anti-recession funds which had been anticipated as revenue in this year's budget.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said he still hopes to get some anti-recession funds, but it is certain that the full amount anticipated in the budget will not be forthcoming.

Most of the money to be lopped off the budget by Cappiello and Chius is in salaries for employees who left or died during the year. The directors have been informed not to hire anyone to replace those individuals, Chius said.

Last month Chius sent a letter to all directors ordering them not to hire employees and to suggest areas in which \$5,000 or more could be cut. None replied.

The cuts to be made are:

- Approximately \$40,000 from Public Safety—\$20,000 in police salaries for men who took leaves of absence or died this year; \$4,000 for director's salary, because a new director has not yet been appointed; \$10,000 in fire salaries; \$2,000 for school crossing guards who missed days due to snow last winter; \$4,000 in assorted cuts in expenses.

- Approximately \$44,000 from the Administration Department—\$30,000 which had been appropriated for new personnel and engineering offices; \$3,000 in library salaries; \$6,000 for a youth director, who will not be hired; \$4,000 for the expenses of the Crostown Bus.

- Approximately \$5,000 from salaries in the Revenue and Finance Department.

- Approximately \$5,000 from Health and Welfare for salaries and other expenses in the Public Assistance office and Board of Health.

## Hoboken to demand refund in water loss

A confrontation is shaping up between Hoboken and Jersey City for the second time in two years over a claim by Hoboken that it is being cheated on bills for the water it purchases from Jersey City.

Tests are being made this weekend by Hoboken on two leaking valves under the pavement at Newark and Harrison streets at the Jersey City line to determine the amount of leaking water being pumped into Hoboken's sewers.

Mayor Steve Cappiello and Public Works Director Andrew Amato said yesterday they would demand a refund from Jersey City for whatever the cost of the water—and for the approximate cost of having the leaking water treated along with other sewage at the Hoboken Sewage Treatment Plant.

Amato, who had claimed Thursday that the leak was responsible for 25 percent of his city's estimated 4 million gallons per day of unaccounted water, admitted that claim was exorbitant.

He claimed, however, that preliminary tests by a city plumber yesterday show the water loss to be in the area of 72,000 gallons per day.

Jersey City Water Director John Krempa denied such a figure. He and his superintendent, Louis Albrecht, inspected the leak yesterday and estimated the water loss at about 15,000 gallons per day, which they claimed does not even show up on the meter that measures the amount of water sold to Hoboken by Jersey City.

Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri, along with engineer James Caulfield and several Hoboken water experts, agreed with the estimate, but Caulfield said it is, indeed, registered on the meter and charged to the city.

Hoboken now pays \$558 per million gallons to Jersey City (a figure that is expected to rise to \$562 next month). At that rate, 72,000 per

day would be about \$20,000 in wasted water for a year. If it is 15,000 gallons, that would be about \$2,500 per year. Amato claims the condition has existed for about four years.

The cost of replacing the faulty valves—which were installed in 1923—would be about \$1 million, according to Albrecht. And Krempa said he believes Hoboken is responsible for their replacement anyway.

Ranieri has asked the Hoboken Law Department to determine who is liable for the cost of replacing them when it is necessary.

"It wouldn't be worth it to replace them now," Krempa said. "The water loss is too insignificant to spend that much money. We'll pack the valves Monday to cut down on the leak."

He said Jersey City would do this as a "courtesy."

Amato was in a rage over Krempa's comments.

"Buyer beware—that's my advice for the mayor," Amato declared. "This is business. What else are they going to say. I don't believe it, and I want our professionals to check the amount of water we're losing."

Cappiello agreed with him, and asserted that he'll demand a refund from Jersey City later.

The neighboring cities have had frequent battles over the amount Hoboken is billed for water. Last year Hoboken claimed that the meter measuring the total amount sold to Hoboken—which is located across from the valves at Newark and Harrison streets—was inaccurate.

However, a study by the engineering firm of Buck, Setert and Jost on Jan. 31 of this year showed the meter to be reasonably accurate—within 2 percent.

Amato is expected to meet with Cappiello and Caulfield on Monday with the results of the weekend tests on the valve leaks.

## Hoboken sells \$1.45 million water bonds

Hoboken, which has been trying to learn why it loses about 50 percent of water it purchases from Jersey City, sold \$1,450,450 in utility bonds yesterday to finance recent improvements to its water system.

The Garden State National Bank was the successful bidder for the issue. It offered to purchase the 20-year bonds from the city at an interest rate of 6.25 percent. It was the lowest of five bids received from banks and investment firms.

Hoboken's bond rating was elevated last week by Moody's Investment Service from BA to BAA. City officials said they could not determine how much this saved Hoboken in interest charges.

The last bonds sold by the city—for fire engines last year—were at a 5.75 percent interest rate. City Comptroller John Erbeck pointed out, however, that there was a different money market at that time.

The bonds sold yesterday raised money for the city's share of the \$8.5 million spent over four years to improve the city's water system. Federal funds paid for the bulk of the project.

However, despite the improvements, figures for the first quarter of this year show that the city is delivering to customers only 50 percent of the water that it purchases from Jersey City. This loss could reach about \$1 million over a full year, officials estimated.

Andrew Amato, public works director, said he has ordered water department personnel to step up repairs of damaged water meters. He said 300 have been repaired since June but as many as 200 others are defective due to old age. Amato also

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admitted he overestimated the amount of water lost in a downtown leak.

If Amato fails to reduce the 50 percent loss by January, Councilman Robert A. Ranieri, chairman of the council's Water and Sewerage Committee, said he would ask the council to hire a private investigator to find out where the water is going.

## Hoboken alone turns out for pitch about jai alai

By Peter Wells

A Connecticut jai alai promoter held a press conference in Jersey City to unveil plans for a facility he wants to build in this state, but the only elected officials who showed up were from Hoboken.

And what does that mean? Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said it means that his city is still very much interested in obtaining a jai alai arena, or "fronton," despite similar interest expressed by his more populous and politically powerful neighbor to the south.

Cappiello said reports that Hoboken lost interest when Jersey City also said it wants a jai alai facility are false.

Jersey City officials, meanwhile, denied that their absence from the

press conference meant that they had already reached an agreement with a rival jai alai promoter.

Yesterday's gathering was held by Bridgeport Jai Alai, which operates a fronton in that Connecticut City. Competing frontons are Milford and Hartford, and all are looking to New Jersey.

A. Robert Zeff, president of Bridgeport Jai Alai, said his group wants to build a \$20 million facility in New Jersey. It would seat 10,000 people and accommodate 10,000 more standees.

Zeff said he has options on four sites in Jersey City and one in Camden, but is not restricting himself to those cities. Zeff said a minimum of 40 acres is needed for a fronton.

Cappiello said he has a suitable

site in Hoboken. He declined to reveal exactly where, but sources said it is near the PATH station.

Jersey City officials have voiced enthusiasm for a jai alai facility on the Hudson River waterfront, near the New Jersey Turnpike.

Paul J. Byrne, that city's economic development director, said there have been discussions with several jai alai promoters, and that the reason no city official attended yesterday's gathering was that they didn't want it to appear they favored any particular promoter.

Zeff said that if jai alai is approved in November and the legislature then establishes a governing commission, the fronto could open within 14 months.



# Hoboken's bond rating raised to BAA

Moody's Investment Service has raised Hoboken's municipal bond rating from BA to BAA in a move hailed by city officials as a signal that the city is nearing fiscal stability.

The notice of Moody's action came late Monday when the firm informed the city that the \$1.45 million in water utility bonds scheduled to go on sale next Wednesday would get the higher rating.

The Moody's rating affects the amount of interest the city is allowed to charge on its bonds, and higher ratings make the bonds easier to sell.

One official estimated yesterday that the higher rating would mean up to one-half point in the interest rate on the water utility bonds.

"I'm very pleased with the news," Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday. "This is recognition for Hoboken. It's evidence that we've maintained the fiscal stability as well as we could."

Hoboken had been rated BAA until about four years ago, when a technical problem with bonds floated to pay for the city's three parking garages caused the rating to drop to BA. Most of Hudson County's municipalities are rated BAA.

Comptroller John Erbeck said the higher rating would give the city a better name in the bond market.

An official statement announcing the bond sale next Wednesday was sent to Moody's Sept. 15 by the city's bond counsel, Sullivan, Donovan, Hanrahan and Silliere and its

auditors, Pistilli and Italiano.

In it, they announced that sealed proposals for interest rates for water utility bonds would be accepted up to 11 a.m. next Wednesday. The bonds

will carry principal payments of \$70,000 per year through 1988 and \$75,000 per year from 1989 through 1998.

The bonds, which will be dated

Oct. 1, are being sold to pay the city's share of an \$8.5 million repair program on the water mains and gates throughout Hoboken. The federal government picked up the lion's share of the cost of the repairs.

## Cuts not in our cards: Hoboken aides

By SUSAN KELMAN

Hoboken officials say they won't be able to make budget cuts requested recently by City Business Administrator Edwin Chius. Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday that he had hoped the five major city departments could make cutbacks totaling \$485,000.

The officials are expected to submit a list of areas where they can cut more than \$5,000, Chius said. The directors say, however, that they will tell Chius at next week's meeting that they are unable to make the cutbacks.

Chius said the city will not receive approximately \$485,000 in revenue because of a loss of antirecession funds.

"We are hopeful that Congress will restore some of this money prior to the end of the year, but some cutback is almost inevitable," Chius said in a letter to all directors dated Aug. 22.

But the directors surveyed yesterday said they were not ready to make cutbacks. Director of Public Works Andrew Amato, for instance, said his department has been saving the city money and that he needed his entire budget for possible emergencies.

Frank J. Bartletta, director of Revenue and Finance, said he couldn't save a penny. He added that he was not aware of the letter requesting cutbacks.

"I don't think I can make cutbacks unless someone retires," Director of Health and Welfare James Farina said yesterday.

Farina said that his department has already saved the city money by using federal funds to repair the Jefferson Street Recreation Center. The city would have had to spend \$302,000 if it accepted recent bids to repair the center, said Farina.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, who is director of the

Department of Public Safety, said he has not yet decided how he will make cutbacks in that department. He said he might use an "attrition process."

Cappiello said, however, that he expected all directors to make some cutbacks—and that might mean cutting back on municipal personnel.

"Only jobs which are absolutely necessary to provide essential services are to be filled if an employee leaves for any reason," Chius said in the letter.

The departments are presently working on next year's budget which must be submitted by Nov. 1. Cappiello said that if these cutbacks are made, the tax rate can remain stable.

"It's a matter of following up the policy and dictates of the people of the city of Hoboken," Cappiello said.

## Hoboken's "All in the family"

September has been a lucrative month for public officials in Hoboken as the wives or mothers of four of them were added to the board of education payroll.

The wives of Hoboken Councilman-at-large Thomas Kennedy, County Clerk James Quinn and school board member Robert Wendelken were hired by the board, as was the mother of James Farina, a board member and city director of Health and Welfare.

In addition, Wendelken's mother was rehired as a teacher's aide at the Leinikoff School, a post from which she had been laid off last year.

Wendelken is a teacher in Union City. Kennedy is security chief for the

Hudson County CETA Consortium. Schools Superintendent George R. Maier said he did not recommend the appointments — they were made by the board from a list of applicants he submitted.

Richard England, chairman of the board's School Government Committee, through which appointments are channeled, said he saw nothing legally or morally wrong as long as the board members in question abstain on the vote to hire their relatives.

Wendelken and James Monaco serve on the committee with England. Monaco and England both abstained on the vote on the recent contract settlement with teachers — their wives teach in the Hoboken school system,

both being hired before their husbands took office.

"I don't think there's any conflict for us," Wendelken said yesterday. "I believe it's more a conflict of interest for (Councilmen) Anthony Romano and Louis Franco, who are city officials and also work for the board."

Romano, the board's business manager, and Franco, head of maintenance, could not be reached for comment on Wendelken's remarks.

Wendelken said his wife, Margaret, applied for the position of teacher's aide in 1976, but had been

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## Officials' kin added

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passed over before in favor of "elderly women."

England agreed. "We were correcting past errors in hiring some of these people," he said.

Mrs. Wendelken and Maryann Kennedy, the councilman's wife, were chosen as teacher's aides — starting salary: \$6,800—over 38 other

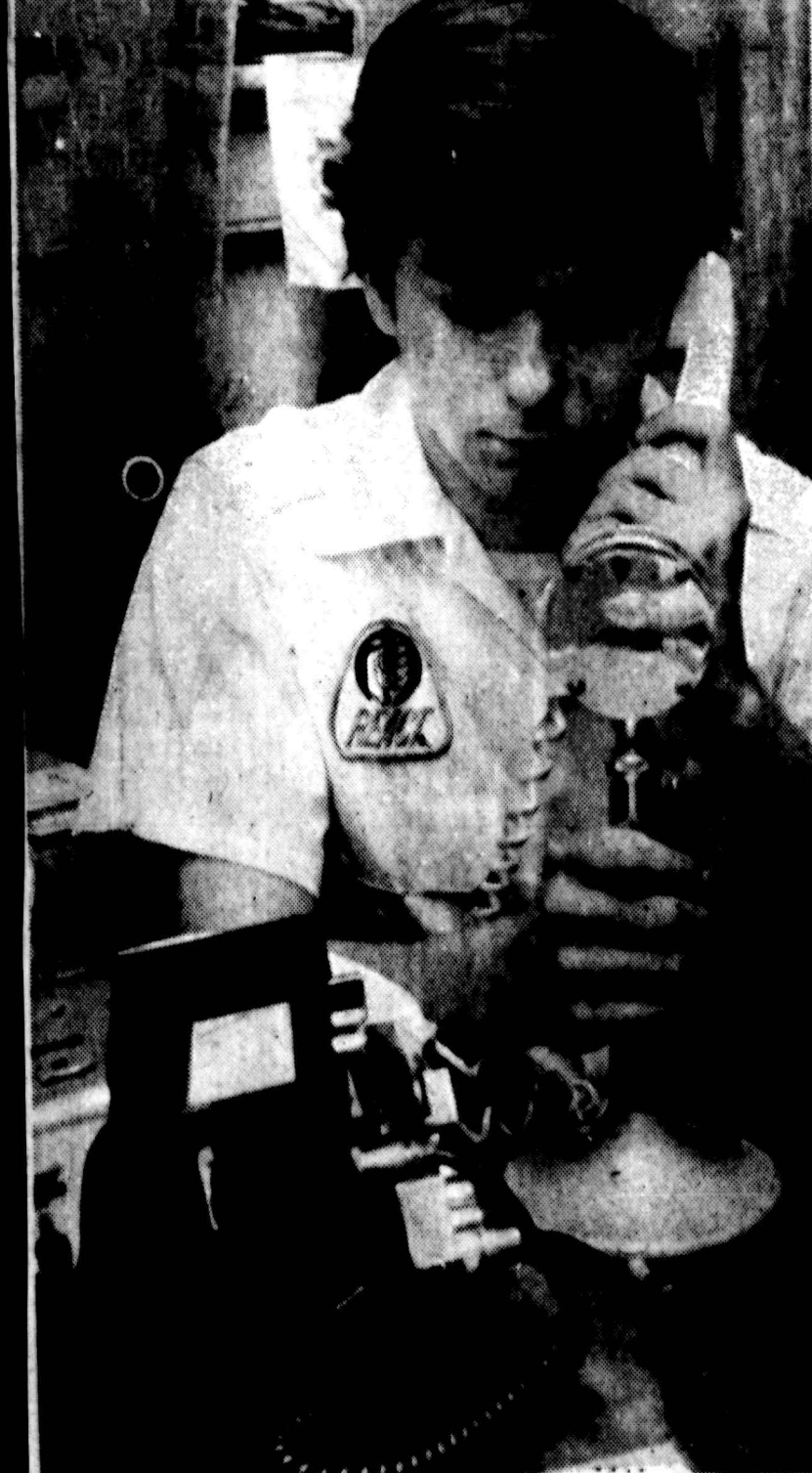
applicants, England said.

Margaret Quinn, wife of the county clerk, had been a teacher at a parochial school in Hoboken and was "certified and well-qualified" for the teacher's job she was given at Brandt School, England said.

Margaret Farina, mother of the director and board member, was the only applicant for the post of matron at the Brandt School, England said.

## No strings to REACT

—they just help people



Robert Fulton, a Hoboken public safety officer, monitors an emergency call on his citizens band radio and gets set to phone police. Fulton is the founder and president of North Hudson-Hoboken REACT.

By Pat Ford

It's 3 a.m. Your car just died, and you have no idea what the problem is. The roadway is empty, and the few cars that zip past you make an eerie echo in the cool night air.

You are alone. You feel very vulnerable.

Sound familiar? Many motorists can understand this situation because they've been there at least once.

But, for many motorists in the North Hudson-Hoboken

area, there is hope in situations such as this—the Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Team, or REACT.

Over 200,000 men and women across the country are members of a local REACT. There is one in Jersey City and, since Feb. 3, when a Hoboken public safety officer decided to start one, there is one that covers North Hudson and Hoboken.

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REACT members monitor Channel 9 on citizens' band radios around the clock, and dispatch emergency assistance to helpless motorists in distress. They also listen for accidents and emergencies and promptly alert authorities.

They work with mobile units in their cars as well, and sometimes go directly to a motorist in trouble and give what help they can.

They are paid nothing. In fact, they have to pay annual dues of \$5 to the national organization and \$7 to the local organization.

Their police is not to accept even the smallest donation from a person they help on the roadway.

Robert Fulton, the founder and president of the North Hudson unit, finds it hard to explain why his group would stay up all night and take over 300 calls for help each week for no monetary compensation.

"We just enjoy helping people," he says. "We're not looking to make money off someone in trouble. I've always liked the feeling I get when I help someone, and this is a way to get that feeling often."

Most of the 15 members in the North Hudson-Hoboken unit are Hoboken residents, with two coming from the Jersey City Heights. Fulton got his friends involved, and they brought in some of theirs.

"We're anxious to see more people get involved, because it would allow us to respond to more emergencies ourselves," he says.

Fulton is trying to arrange a first

aid course for members, so they can help out at accidents. He cites examples of REACT emergency aid in other parts of the country as examples of how much the group can help.

REACT teams helped coordinate emergency services following the crash of a railroad tank car carrying propane in Waverly, Tenn., earlier this year. REACT members helped with the flow of information to various emergency agencies, and helped at the scene of the crash, which killed 12 people.

The REACT team in Wausau, Wis., takes credit for saving many lives by joining ham radio operators in warning residents of the approach of a tornado before local weather services even issued a warning.

That tornado caused extensive damage to property, but no one was killed.

"It's a great feeling," Fulton says proudly. "There are no strings—we just help the people who need it most."

The members have to use their own radio equipment, but Fulton says they get a break on most equipment by buying through the national organization.

He has help in running the North Hudson-Hoboken unit. There are officers—just as in a police force. They are Capt. William Meier, Lieutenants Anthony Kowalski and Jose Lima and Sgt. Leonard Cattaneo.

"What a piece of work is man, how noble in reason," Shakespeare once marveled. He must have met people like those who volunteer for REACT.

## Waterfront highrise called subsidy for rich

By Patrick Ford

A proposed \$24 million highrise condominium complex on the Hoboken Waterfront represents "subsidized housing for the rich" and "a misuse of Hoboken's most valuable recreational resource for private profit," a newly-formed citizens' group charged today.

Members of Recreation on the Waterfront (ROW) plan to meet within the next few weeks with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in an attempt to block the city's \$4.17 million Urban Development Action Grant, which would lay the groundwork for the proposed condominium complex to be constructed by Applied Housing Associates of Hoboken.

This is the second public challenge to the UDAG application. Latinos For a Better Hoboken, a coalition of Hispanic groups, last month asked HUD to withhold approval of the UDAG application until the city demonstrates a program for easing the hardship on tenants displaced by housing rehabilitation projects.

HUD is expected to give an answer to the city on the UDAG proposal sometime next month.

"Any type of opposition would ultimately hurt our chances for approval of the UDAG application," said Fred Bado, director of the

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## Landlords unite in 'rights' fight

A group of Hoboken landlords is uniting to help fight for landlords' rights against banks and government agencies.

The group, which also has drawn members from Jersey City and Union City, has met twice and plans another meeting Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Holiday Inn Lounge, 616 Grand St., Hoboken.

Daniel Janssen, president of the organization, emphasized yesterday that the landlords are not organizing to fight tenants.

"That's not our purpose," he asserted. "We agree with tenants that they deserve better housing, but there's only so much we can do when the banks won't supply money and the welfare and housing agencies make things more difficult for us."

Janssen said he could not reveal all of the group's planned activities because he has not yet set up committees. He said, however, that the group will address itself to three major areas:

- Banks—Janssen claims banks in the Hudson County area practice a form of redlining in that it is extremely difficult to get mortgage money for any building with more than four families.

- Welfare—When tenants who are on welfare "beat" a landlord on rents, the landlord has no way to get his money back, Janssen asserted. He believes that welfare agencies should find a way to insure that tenants who get assistance to pay rent actually do so.

- Federal rent subsidies—Subsidies from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development are fine, he said, but aren't

distributed widely enough, "and it's impossible for individual landlords to compete with subsidized rents," he said.

One of the landlords who attended the group's second meeting on Sept. 18 said it "about time that landlords stood up for our rights. We always come across as the bad guys, but we have a lot of problems, too."

Another Hoboken landlord, who asked to remain nameless, said he hopes the group does something to relieve the pressure on landlords from the state housing inspection office.

"They go after us on such petty things, and now they are making the city inspectors harass us over things like peepholes and doorchairs," he complained.

Janssen said the group's next meeting is open to any landlords who wish to join.

## Hudson officials tell of program

By Staff Correspondent

TRENTON — Led by Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken, nine officials from four Hudson County municipalities are testifying today on the effectiveness of the \$12 million State Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program at the city hall in Paterson.

Cappiello is scheduled along with Hoboken Police Chief George V. Crimmins and Hoboken Police Captain Russell Sweeten before the Assembly Municipal Government Committee.

They will be followed by Berry Genesen, coordinator of the safe and clean program in Jersey City; Detective Joseph King of the Union City Police Department, and four West New York witnesses, Police Chief Thomas Fitzpatrick, Captain Raymond Williams, Leona Sherman, "safe and clean" administrator, and John Parr, assistant administrator.

Bayonne and North Bergen are not represented at the hearing today nor were at the first hearing last Wednesday in the committee review of the five-year program directed by the Joint Appropriations Committee.

Mayors and police officials have praised the program for helping finance beat patrolmen in neighborhoods.

Another witness today is Dr. George Kelling of the Police Foundation in Washington, who has been critical of the need and costs of maintaining vehicular police patrols.

The committee is expected to submit proposed modifications to the appropriations unit early next year. One criticism is that less funds are now spent on keeping neighborhoods clean because of the escalating salary costs of the beat patrolmen. The cities in the program put up one dollar for each dollar of state aid received.

## Cappiello bars parks on riverfront sector

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello vowed today that even if the federal government rejects the city's application for federal subsidies to aid in the construction of highrise condominiums on the waterfront, the area proposed for the luxury complex will never be used for recreation.

"Under no circumstances would the Fourth-to-Sixth-street area on the waterfront ever be given over exclusively to public parkland," Cappiello asserted. "It is too valuable a source of ratables for the city."

Cappiello's comments were in response to an announcement this week by a citizens' group, Recreation on the Waterfront (ROW), that it would seek to block the city's application to the federal Housing and Urban Development Department for a \$4.17 million Urban Development Action Grant.

The UDAG proposal, on which HUD is expected to act next month,

would provide site development for a proposed \$20 million condominium complex to be constructed by Applied Housing Associates of Hoboken.

ROW called the proposal "a misuse of Hoboken's most valuable recreational resource for private profit."

Cappiello said today, however, that there are other developers willing to use the pier area between Fourth and Sixth streets besides Applied Housing. He would not name them.

"We need the ratables from that area," he said. "Especially because of the loss of federal anti-recession aid and pending tax appeals which will affect our revenues."

The tax-judging tax appeal in that of Maxwell House, which is appealing \$4 million of its \$7 million assessment before the Hudson County Board of Taxation.

## Taylor sues for school convention expenses

Hoboken Board of Education attorney Robert W. Taylor has filed suit in state Superior Court against the custodian of school monies in an attempt to force him to turn over a \$750 check for Taylor's expenses for a convention this week in Washington.

Taylor is seeking to have city Revenue and Finance Director Frank J. Bartletta, the custodian of school monies, ordered to personally pay

him interest on the \$750 check, which was approved by the board last month.

In addition, Taylor's civil suit asks that Bartletta be ordered to "immediately cease his practice of withholding checks of the board... as he is legally obligated to do."

Bartletta last month withheld the \$750 check — made out to Taylor to pay expenses at a convention of school officials of the United States and Canada which starts Friday — because he had no itemized accounting of the expenses. He declared at the time that he would not sign the check until Taylor came back and presented a bill listing his expenses.

At the same time, Bartletta withheld a check for \$30,000 made out to Taylor's sister-in-law, Jean

Caulfield, as a settlement of a workmen's compensation claim in which she claimed to be a dependent of her brother, who died of a heart attack while working as a maintenance man in one of the schools.

The board has since hired Hoboken attorney John McAlevy to handle its end of the compensation case, which will be fought in the courts.

Taylor's action, filed in Superior Court last Thursday and scheduled for a hearing Oct. 6, was taken as an individual. Sources said he had asked the board to sue Bartletta, but was told not to do so.

Because he is being sued in his capacity as custodian of school monies, it is considered questionable that the city's Law Department can represent Bartletta. He sent a letter

to board secretary Thomas Gallo yesterday asking that the board pay an attorney to represent him.

Thus, Taylor, a full-time board attorney, may fight his court battle against an attorney hired by his employer, the school board.

Bartletta, citing the state statute (18A:19.2) which calls for him to see an itemized bill for every claim he approves, said he had sent copies of Taylor's suit to state Education Commissioner Fred G. Burke, and Hudson County Superintendent Russell Carpenner, asking them to "decide once and for all" whether convention expenses should be paid before or after the event.

Beside the interest on the \$750, Taylor is also seeking the cost of his civil action from Bartletta personally.



## State forecloses Grogan towers

The State Housing Finance Agency has started legal action to foreclose on the two 25-story residential towers in Hoboken's Grogan Marine View Plaza.

The HFA wants to become receiver of rents and to take possession of the property because it has failed to come to agreement with the owner, Integrated Resources of New York, on a method for covering \$1.8 million in back mortgage payments and for paying off the rest of the buildings' \$12 million mortgage.

If the foreclosure case — which was filed in Chancery Division of state Superior Court on Wednesday by Assistant state Attorney General

Michael Goldman — is successful, the HFA would attempt to sell the buildings to another private owner, as required by law.

The move has caused concern among Hoboken officials because the owner of the towers owes \$192,000 to the Hoboken Parking Authority for back parking debts — the authority won a judgment for that amount in superior court last March — and about \$30,000 in payments due the city in lieu of taxes dating back to the last quarter of last year.

One HFA official said he believes that those debts would be paid, but the matter has not yet been settled by the HFA board of trustees.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he wants the HFA, if it is successful, to begin immediately to take care of the many maintenance and security problems in the buildings, which has deteriorated in recent months.

The city and state have been trying since March to salvage the mortgage of the present owner. The HFA had obtained an agreement in April from the Parking Authority to hold off on collecting the \$192,000 as long as the owner remained current

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## Hoboken expects \$6 million for rehab

The state Housing Finance Agency is expected to give the go-ahead today to a \$6 million rehabilitation project for 160 units of tenement housing on a square block in downtown Hoboken.

The move is expected just five days after it was announced that the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development had approved an estimated \$2.2 million in rent subsidies in the city.

The subsidies will result in the rehabilitation of 500 Hoboken housing units over the next five years.

HUD will spend approximately the same amount on three Jersey City neighborhoods under the allocations announced by Sen. Harrison A. Williams.

Williams also announced that he has sponsored a bill to provide federal money to upgrade parks and recreational facilities in 21 New Jersey cities including Union City, Bayonne and Jersey City.

Under HUD's time table for Hoboken, the housing rehabilitation money will be used for 125 units next year, 175 units in 1980, 100 units in

1981, 75 units in 1982 and 25 units in 1983.

The Hoboken project, along with those in the Greenville, Van Vorst and Hamilton Park neighborhoods in Jersey City, are in what HUD calls Neighborhood Strategy Areas.

Representatives of tenants of the downtown block involved in the rehabilitation plan met with HFA officials Thursday in Trenton to inform them that, in a reversal of a stand taken in June, the tenants now favor the project and have agreed to move voluntarily in return for \$4,500 each in

relocation funds over the next four years.

Sources said the HFA may also reverse itself on a stand it took in June. It may give permission to the developers, Applied Housing Associates of Hoboken, to include 15 three-bedroom apartments in the project.

The HFA's unwillingness to allow any three-bedroom units in the original proposal had been cited as

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on monthly parking bills collected from tenants.

The HFA had also asked the city to reduce its in-lieu-of-tax collections from 15 percent of rents to 10 percent, but the city would not go along.

The HFA then tried to work out an arrangement with Integrated Resources in which the firm would pay a certain percentage of the back mortgage debt, and would get an extension on the rest of the mortgage.

The extension would have been financed by a \$3 million bond appropriation made by the state legislature to the HFA.

Gustav Escher, assistant executive director of the HFA, said the two sides "never came close" to reaching an agreement on the "up-front" money.

"The agency took the court" ac-

tion because the owner couldn't get the necessary capital and the clock kept going and going while no agreement was reached," he said.

"There was no hope of reaching a mutually agreeable settlement," said Raymond Howell, HFA comptroller.

The court action is another step in a long string of controversies surrounding the project. Two years of argument between local, state and federal officials preceded the start of construction in 1973.

Then, two of the four towers originally slated to be built were canceled when there was difficulty attracting tenants in 1975.

The HFA first threatened to foreclose on the mortgage in October of last year, when the \$1.8 million debt was first disclosed.

Spokesman for Integrated Resources was unavailable for comment.

## Hoboken board won't advance trip expense

The Hoboken Board of Education last night tabled a proposal that would put tighter reins on reimbursement of board members for expenses incurred attending professional meetings.

The proposal says that employees would be required to submit itemized bills detailing how they spent their money before the board would reimburse them.

Only board member James Monaco voted against delaying action on the proposal.

The proposal is certain to draw opposition from board counsel Robert W. Taylor who sued Frank Bartletta, city custodian of school monies, to collect \$750, the cost of attending a Washington, D.C., convention of the National Association of School Business Officials, plus interest, when Bartletta refused to advance the expense money.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a \$1,000 retainer fee for John McAlevy to represent the board in workman's compensation court on a claim filed by Taylor's sister-in-law on behalf of her brother, a school janitor who died on the job.

- Authorized board members and the superintendent of schools or his designee to attend a New Jersey School Board Association workshop and approved expense payments.

- Voted to permit the business manager to advertise for bids to transport 33 youngsters from Hoboken, Weehawken, Secaucus and Jersey City under a joint agreement to schools for special education in Hackensack and Paramus. Anthony Romano, the business manager, said the board now furnishes three of its own vehicles to transport the children.

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## Hoboken blasts highrise opponents

By SUSAN KELMAN

Hoboken officials yesterday called the charges of a citizen's group that is opposed to development of a condominium complex on the waterfront misleading and inaccurate.

Joseph Cicala, deputy director of the city's Community Development Agency, canceled a convention trip to prepare the city's defense against the charges.

Cicala said yesterday that the \$4.17 million Urban Development Action Grant, which would partially finance the project, is not a subsidy for the rich as the group had charged.

Cicala said that the subsidy would be used for a waterfront park and public parking spaces. He said the condominium complex would attract middle-income residents and increase Hoboken's tax base.

The proposed condominium complex includes two highrise towers, nearly 50 other apartments and parking spaces for 500 cars below the towers.

A model of the complex will be revealed Monday at the offices of the Hudson County Labor Council in Jersey City.

A marina has also been proposed for the area of the Stevens Technical Institute piers. A college official said yesterday that Stevens is interested in leasing a section of the river for the marina.

Recreation on the Waterfront, the citizen's group opposed to the condominium complex, has asked the department of Housing and Urban Development to withhold the \$4.17 million grant because the waterfront is the city's most valuable recreational resource.

City officials will meet with HUD officials next week to answer the charges. Hoboken Mayor Steven Cappiello said yesterday that he expects that the city will receive about 5,000 signatures in favor of the complex. Two hundred signatures on a petition in favor of the development have been collected by private citizens and employees of CDA.

The Hoboken Environment Committee has approved the condominium complex in return for a guarantee from Cappiello that the area north of the proposed development, from Sixth to Tenth streets, will be used for recreation.

Joseph Barry, a partner in the development firm, guaranteed the environment committee that all public areas of the complex, including the waterfront park, will always be open to the public.

In addition to the waterfront park, private investors have made informal commitments to build a restaurant and convenience stores.

## Hoboken, ed board clash

Hoboken attorneys are expected to file a brief in state Superior Court late today defending the custodian of school finances against charges filed last week by the school board attorney.

Attorney Robert W. Taylor filed a suit last week against Frank Bartletta, asking that Bartletta turn over a \$750 check for expenses at a convention this week in Washington. Bartletta is withholding the check because Taylor's request was not itemized.

City lawyers said in the brief that they will claim that Bartletta should not

rubber stamp all board decisions. The \$750 which Bartletta is withholding was approved at the last board of education meeting.

City attorneys said that Bartletta has been given the opportunity to make independent decisions by the school board in the past.

For instance, when Bartletta refused last month to pay a \$30,000 check made out to Taylor's sister-in-law, Jean Caulfield, as a settlement of a workman's compensation suit, the board went along with him. Bartletta charged

that Taylor violated conflict of interest laws by approving the out-of-court settlement.

"Such action is totally illegal and improper and contrary to his authority as custodian of money," Taylor said in the suit.

The brief on behalf of Bartletta will deny all charges.

Taylor's action, filed in Superior Court last Thursday, is scheduled for a hearing Oct. 6. Beside the interest on the \$750, Taylor is seeking the cost of his civil action from Bartletta.

## Water loss irks Cappiello

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, saying he is "tired of the lack of leadership" in the city's attempt to find almost 4 million gallons of water a day that it can't account for, called all Water Department personnel "on the carpet" today.

"I'm meeting with everyone in the Water Department at 9 a.m. and I've invited any councilmen who want to come," Cappiello said yesterday.

"They need some direction," he said. "I want to get after all the slum landlords who leave their water running, and get an idea of what it will take to get rid of the problem with water meters that don't register."

Public Works Director Andrew Amato claims his Water Department personnel have changed over 300 non-working meters this year, but that there are still over 200 in the city not

registering. A consumer gets an estimated bill if the meter does not work.

Councilman Water Cramer said Wednesday he would introduce an emergency resolution at the council's Oct. 18 meeting calling for an independent engineering firm to be hired to investigate the source of the lost water.

## Environmentalists win highrise input

The developer of a controversial proposal to build a \$24 million highrise condominium complex on the Hoboken waterfront has signed a 10-point agreement with the Hoboken Environment Committee which would allow public input into the plans for the complex.

In addition, Mayor Steve Cappiello and the city's Community Development Agency have agreed to seek only recreational uses for the waterfront north of the proposed

complex — slated for the Fifth and Sixth Street piers — rather than other highrises or industrial projects.

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Applied Housing Associates, through Joseph Barry, a partner, signed the agreement with the Environment Committee, through its

president, Helen Manogue, on Tuesday. Negotiations on the agreement have been going on since July, they said.

Barry and Mrs. Manogue both declared that the agreement answers the criticisms of the Recreation on the Waterfront citizens' group, which announced yesterday that it plans to meet with federal officials to try to block a \$4.17 million Urban Development Action Grant which the city would use to prepare the area on

which the complex is proposed. ROW had complained that not enough public input was allowed on the UDAG proposal, which, it contends, would be "subsidized housing for the rich" and "a misuse of Hoboken's most valuable recreational resource for private profit."

"ROW's fact sheet distorted the facts," Barry asserted. "This agreement clearly sets forth conditions which we agree to follow in return for the support of the Environment Com-

mittee. It also assures that we will not proceed with the project unless the Environment Committee is satisfied that it is proper."

"Many environmentalists see the word highrise, and immediately oppose it," Mrs. Manogue said. "We would prefer to have only recreational areas on the waterfront, but the city has steadfastly insisted on

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## Joint sewerage plan may save big bucks

By SUSAN KELMAN

North Hudson municipalities could cut the costs of sewage disposal by joining in a regional sewerage authority, according to a preliminary study released yesterday by an architectural firm.

A spokesman for the firm, Mayo Lynch and Associates, told the North Hudson Regional Council of Mayors that he could not estimate how much money could be saved. He said the study will be completed in the next few weeks.

The engineers were invited by Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello to attend yesterday's meeting. If a joint sewerage authority is formed, it is expected that the Hoboken pumping station could be upgraded to serve Union City, Weehawken, West New York, Guttenburg, Hoboken and eastern North Bergen.

Cappiello, who has said he favors the joint sewerage authority, said that industries might leave Hoboken if the joint sewerage authority is not formed.

Representatives of Maxwell House, the city's largest taxpayer, were at the meeting to lobby for the joint authority.

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius said industries must pay exorbitant sums to the Hudson County Sewerage Authority for waste disposal.

Secaucus and western North Bergen

are developing their own secondary sewage disposal plants. Secondary systems eliminate 85 to 90 percent of all waste compared to primary sewage treatment that cleanses about 45 percent of the waste.

Federal law requires that municipalities convert to secondary treatment plants by 1983.

"We are slowly killing our people by polluting the water and the air," West New York Mayor Anthony DeFino said.

DeFino said that the West New York waterfront should not be improved without first improving the sewage treatment facility. West New York has a primary treatment plant that would probably be closed if the Hoboken plant is upgraded.

Union City Mayor William Musto said he has favored regionalization since the beginning of his administration and that he supports the joint sewerage authority. Weehawken Mayor Charles Miller said the township will follow the lead of Union City and Hoboken.

In other action, the council approved a resolution seeking amnesty for the 300 postal workers who were fired two months ago in connection with a job action at the New Jersey Bulk and Foreign Mail Center in Jersey City. The Hudson County freeholders have also approved a similar resolution.

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## Ranieri's yes decides water rate rise

A Hoboken councilman who said last month that it is "irresponsible" for the city to raise water rates supplied the deciding vote yesterday as the City Council narrowly passed increases of 19 percent for water and 17 percent in the sewer rate.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri issued a stinging report Sept. 18 which blasted the city's Water Department for "inefficient management" of the water supply system because the city cannot account for almost 50 percent of the water it buys from Jersey City.

Yesterday, however, Ranieri cast affirmative votes as the council passed separate ordinances increasing the water and sewer rates, each by a 5-4 vote.

"My background is in business," Ranieri said after yesterday's meeting. "I am convinced that in order to pay our bills and maintain our credit rating we must have this increase. Without it, there would be a deficit."

Ranieri said he still is anxious to find the water that's unaccounted for, but is not willing to gamble the financial stability of the city on finding it.

Councilman Walter Cramer, who opposed the measure along with Councilmen Anthony Romano, Louis Francione and Nunzio Malfetti, declared that the Council is "wasting too much time" in getting to the bottom of the missing water mystery.

"Rather than passing along an unjustified water rate increase to the

people," he asserted. "I'd like the council immediately to spend the money needed to hire a professional engineering company to investigate the causes and get it straightened out."

Cramer said he would introduce an emergency resolution at the Council's Oct. 18 meeting to appropriate funds to hire a firm to investigate the water loss.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed yesterday that the city last month had to use \$1 million in general funds and \$450,000 in Water Department revenues to cover a payment on bond anticipation notes issued three years ago by the Trust Company of New Jersey.

The notes, part of the payment for \$8.5 million spent over the last four years on improving the water lines and gates in the city, came due Sept. 9, but money to cover them is not due to be raised until Oct. 19, when money comes in from a \$1.45 million bond sale last week.

The original \$1.45 million will be reimbursed within the next month by the federal government, officials said.

The payment was questioned by Romano yesterday, but city officials claimed such transfers are legal and common in situations such as this. Another example is welfare payments, which the city must put out before state funds are received.

## Hoboken told to stay relocations

The state has warned Hoboken to hold off on relocating tenants from a downtown block slated for a \$6 million rehabilitation project until the proposal receives final approval.

In a letter to Mayor Steve Cappiello last week, Joseph G. Feinberg, chief of the Bureau of Housing and

Renewal Services for the state Department of Community Affairs, while affirming his department's commitment to providing relocation aid to the tenants, pointed out that the commitment is "tied to the project's receiving a firm approval from the New Jersey Housing Finance Agency."

"It is our understanding that the approval may be imminent," Feinberg said, "but has not yet been received as of this date (Oct. 3)."

Feinberg emphasized that any tenants who move before the HFA gives its firm approval "do so without any assurance of future payments."

because, at this point, there is no basis for such relocation payments."

The rehabilitation project is proposed for the block bordered by Washington, Bloomfield and Newark streets and Observer Highway.

Applied Housing Associates plans to rehabilitate 160 units of tenement housing, and has a commitment from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for Section 8 rent subsidies for the units.

The HFA would provide the mortgage for the project. The HFA has expressed a willingness to finance the project, which would include 15 three-bedroom units as a compromise with tenants, who blocked the project in June because it did not allow for large-family units.

Feinberg's office has agreed to provide funds—along with Applied Housing and the Hoboken Community Development Agency—to give tenants displaced by the project \$4,500 in relocation benefits over four years. This includes \$500 moving expenses and \$1,000 a year for four years.

Unofficial estimates are that of the 108 families affected by the project only 44 remain in the buildings.

Feinberg also reminded Cappiello that the CDA must submit a "workable relocation assistance plan" for the tenants displaced by the project. The CDA is still working on it.



### Rising tide

It may look like a winter scene but these are soap suds that Maria Callazo is examining after they popped up at the 11th Street sewage pumping station in Hoboken. (Story on Page 2.)

## Hoboken school faces heat crisis

Some Hoboken school children may be forced temporarily into split sessions if the weather doesn't warm up—there's no heat at the Thomas G. Connors elementary school and there won't be for at least 10 days, officials estimate.

The Hoboken Board of Education will discuss the furnace problems at the old school when it meets tonight at 8 at 1115 Clinton St.

"The decision on what to do with the children if the heat isn't working and the weather stays cold will be up to the superintendent," said Board President Otto Hottendorf. "He has all the necessary information and now he's weighing his options. We'll just have to play it by ear."

The board approved the replacement of the furnace at the school last

June, but problems developed with installation of a new fuel tank. Those problems are resolved, but now workers are waiting for delivery of two oil burners from the manufacturer.

Hottendorf said that if the oil burners don't arrive in a few days, one would be rented for use in one furnace on an emergency basis.

Even that would take up to 10 days, he said.

School Superintendent George R. Maier has said he is opposed to the idea of split sessions, but admitted two weeks ago that it might be the only option if the furnaces aren't repaired in time.

If it is necessary to evacuate Connors School temporarily, the 680 students there would go into split sessions with the children at either Kieley School or the Leinikau School.

The problem at Connors compounds the board's difficulty with space this year. The David Rue School is already closed for structural rehabilitation, and the 600 students there are using the Demarest Junior High facilities for this year.

School officials are considering a plan which would permanently close the Connors, Leinikau and Kieley schools in favor of a single educational complex. This proposal, which Maier favors, would require significant state and federal funding, however.



FOR PUBLIC SERVICE — Freshholder Vincent J. Fusilli of Hoboken, past president of the New Jersey Association of Counties, left, is presented with a "little fellows" award for outstanding service for counties of New Jersey from Jack Lampina, executive director of the New Jersey Association of Counties.

## Group would hold public hearing on highrise proposal

The Hoboken branch of the United Civic League today offered to sponsor a public hearing on plans for development of the Hoboken waterfront.

Calling the proposal to build a \$24 million highrise condominium complex on the Fourth to Sixth street piers "a pretty good idea on the surface," the group wants answers to questions about the costs of the project relating to police, fire, education and other local services, according to Frank Valente and Stefan

Compete's, vice presidents of the local chapter.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he agrees with the group about the need for an "open and frank discussion" on the waterfront.

It's time we held a town meeting on this," Cappiello asserted. "We have to get the problems out into the open and deal with them."

Cappiello was not certain when the meeting could be held, but the United Civic League wants it to be within the next two weeks.

## Hoboken's rat problem under control

A comprehensive emergency rodent control program begun in Hoboken three weeks ago has successfully reduced the city's rat population, the city's exterminator said today.

More than 100 pounds of rat poison have been placed in sewers, around the Little League field at Stevens Park and at the Sewage Treatment Plant on 18th Street since Sept. 21, according to Joseph Calabrese, the exterminator who was hired that day.

In addition, corner catch basins at more than 10 intersections have been cleaned out by the Public Works Department, Director Andrew Amato said.

Officials received numerous complaints about rats last month, and it was revealed that, despite official promises last spring that a rodent

control program would be run by the city, it was no longer in operation.

"The problem was very bad last month," Calabrese said. "I baited 10 sewer lines, the Little League field and the treatment plant with about a quarter of a pound of rat poison a day, and it was all eaten."

He said the Little League field was heavily infested mainly because it is near a park where food is thrown on the ground.

"In the last week and a half, though, very little of the bait has been eaten," he added. "The problem seems to be under control."

But George Guzman, who directed the federally funded rodent control program that was terminated last year, warned that the rats haven't vanished.

"It sounds like they're going about it in the right way, but these are

rodents that seek warm temperatures. They aren't going to be as evident in the colder weather," he said.

"If they don't want to be overrun next summer, they'll keep up the baiting and trapping," Guzman asserted.

James Farina, director of health and welfare, said yesterday that Calabrese would be kept on the city payroll on a temporary basis, and that he would be there at least six months.

"I'll stay on as long as they want me," Calabrese said.

Patricia Mitten, the city's health officer, said she doesn't think it was ever a big problem.

"I think a lot of the people who reported seeing rats saw squirrels," she remarked.

## 7 Hoboken cops cited in murder case

Seven Hoboken detectives have received commendations from the Hudson County prosecutor's office for their investigative work which led to the arrests of a Hoboken patrolman and another man for the murder of Mary Ellen Azzolini.

Edward D. Rosseter, chief of the prosecutor's investigative unit, said in a letter to Hoboken Police Chief George W. Crimmins that "it was the professionalism and initiative (of the detectives) which obtained outstanding results."

The detectives cited by Rosseter

were Capt. Anthony Rinaldi, Lt. Paul Tewes, Sgt. Carmen LaBruno, and Detectives James Behrens, Rafael Cruz, Karl Fausse and Vincent Lombardi.

Crimmins, too, was high in his praise for the detectives for the arrests of Patrolman Nicholas Azzolini and florist Dennis Raso for the

shooting death Aug. 31 of Mary Ellen Azzolini, 24, and her seven-month-old fetus.

Crimmins also lauded the same detectives, along with Det. Ernest Mack, for their work in making an arrest in the rape of a Stevens Institute of Technology coed and the attempted rape of her roommate.

## Ranieri wants films 'On the Waterfront'

The Hoboken waterfront would be the ideal site for construction of a multi-million dollar "Film City" now being considered by the state Motion Picture and Television Development Commission, Councilman Robert Ranieri declared today.

Ranieri fired off a telegram to commission Chairman Sidney Kingsley last week urging that he visit Hoboken and tour the available waterfront property before the commission decides on a site for the complex.

The commission is considering the old Central Railroad Terminal in Liberty State Park in Jersey City and a 50-acre tract in the Secaucus meadows along with a site in Edgewater as possible locations for the film center.

The commission is said to be seeking a site close to Manhattan for accessibility to television and movie executive offices.

"Hoboken has more to offer than the other locations with acres of open and closed facilities on the waterfront for your use," Ranieri told Kingsley.

The councilman pointed out that the three Port Authority piers between First and Fourth streets contains large warehouses that could easily and inexpensively be converted to studios. There are also possibilities for development in the vicinity of the Erie Lackawanna Terminal at the southeast end of the city, he said.

"Also in the immediate area are three new parking structures with 1,500 spaces, a new five-story office building in the final stages of construction, two new highrise apartment buildings and a college campus," Ranieri explained in his telegram.

"Anticipated within two weeks is a UDAG (Urban Development Action Grant) approval for development of a condominium and marina complex second to none," he added.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development is expected to decide by the end of the month on the city's \$4.17 million UDAG application to pave the way for a proposed \$30 million highrise condominium complex.

# Who's seen the ex-mayor?

By RICHARD S. REMINGTON

Hudson County is paying a former Hoboken mayor \$8,000 a year to serve as a part-time labor consultant but how much time he puts in on the job is a matter of dispute between county officials and local labor leaders.

In fact, some union officials cannot remember dealing with the former mayor at all.

Former Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale was put on the county payroll Aug. 21, 1975 with the title of Labor Relations Research Analyst. The county's description of his job says he is supposed to provide the county's labor bargaining teams with information on economic trends, salaries, benefits awarded by other counties and other facts useful in negotiations.

County Personnel Director Raymond Kierce said the county has kept no record of the time DePascale has put in, but estimated the former

## De Pascale gets \$8000 as a county labor consultant. What does he do?

mayor attended 25 to 30 negotiating sessions in the past year. If Kierce is correct, and some labor union heads dispute his estimate, DePascale earned the equivalent of \$286 to \$320 per session.

Asked about his work, DePascale said he has dealt with each of the 18 unions and bargaining units which represent county workers.

However union leaders contradicted Kierce and DePascale's recollection of the amount of time dedicated to the work performed. Seven union leaders said they could not recall seeing DePascale at their negotiating sessions, and seven other union leaders were unavailable for comment on DePascale's role in their labor negotiations.

DePascale, when informed that seven of the 18

county union chiefs could not recall dealing with him, named three specific unions which he had dealt with as the county's labor consultant, and a fourth union contacted independently by The Dispatch said they remembered seeing DePascale at a negotiating session.

Three of the unions, the United Nurses Organization representing nurses employed by the county, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), and the County Welfare Supervisors bargaining agent all described his participation as minimal at best. The individual unions said they recall seeing DePascale at only one of their negotiating sessions.

The fourth union contacted by The Dispatch, the

Teamster's local representing 2,000 county employees, said they did see DePascale at a one or two negotiating sessions, but were unaware of the extent of DePascale's participation on behalf of the county.

"I don't know why he was there, he didn't do a damn thing," recalled one union leader who asked for anonymity because negotiations between the union and county are at a critical stage. "Maybe he was there to impress the (membership), but it didn't work," the union head said.

County Executive Edward Clark, when asked about the services rendered by DePascale, said he didn't know how much time DePascale spent

helping the county.

Hudson is now in the process of handing over its labor negotiating chores from a private law firm to a bargaining team composed of full-time county employees. Frank Hayes, head of the new bargaining team since early summer, said DePascale thus far has done no work for him.

Meanwhile, the state Civil Service today will conduct an audit of DePascale's job to insure that it is properly classified. The Civil Service now has no such job title as "Labor Relations Research Analyst," according to John Collins, manager of Civil Service's Newark branch office.

After the audit, Civil Service will determine if a job examination will be called for the position, Collins said. He noted that Civil Service intended to audit DePascale's job shortly after he assumed his duties three years ago, but the probe was never carried out because papers were misplaced at Civil Service.

Kierce blasted Civil Service for not conducting the audit earlier. Also, he contended that DePascale can be considered a part-time employee under Civil Service guidelines but instead

should be regarded as an outside consultant who is called in when needed.

Kierce conceded that the county takes a gamble under the arrangement since it pays DePascale a set salary without knowing in advance how much work he will contribute. If DePascale is called in only rarely, he benefits; if he is called in numerous times, then Hudson benefits, Kierce explained.

Informed that few union leaders could recall ever dealing with DePascale, Kierce said, "Their memories must be bad. I don't know where the heck they were."

Kierce added that DePascale often does not sit at bargaining sessions but instead advises the county on its negotiating positions. In addition, the former mayor has made office visits of which the union leaders would not be aware, he said.

DePascale's services are most often called for during an impasse in negotiations, Kierce maintained. "When we hit a deadlock, we'll say, okay, let's get Louis in."

When Kierce was asked if the county had kept time records on DePascale, the county personnel director said "No."



## Lack of storage space delays Hoboken project

A \$117,000 federal program for home winterization in Hoboken that was funded in July has not yet begun operations because it had no storage facilities until last week.

Some 45 Hoboken homeowners have applied for participation in the program, but none has received any aid as yet.

George Guzman, who heads the project for Hopes, Inc., the city's anti-poverty agency, said today that a 25-by-100-foot garage has been rented at 725 Jefferson St. and tools and materials are being ordered now. He could not estimate when they would be delivered or when work could begin.

He asserted, however, that, except for caulking — which requires temperatures above 45 degrees — the work to be done under the program can be handled in cold weather.

The program is funded jointly by the Community Services Agency and the federal Department of Energy. It had been handled for Hoboken before through a similar project in North Hudson. Hopes began preparing for the program last November, and funding began in July.

"We thought we had a place lined up for storage back in June," Guzman said. "The old Public Works garage on Jackson Street would have been ideal, and we had a commitment for federal funds to fix it up for our use, but at the last moment, the City Council refused to let us in, because they wanted it for something else."

Since then, he said, his office has been looking around Hoboken for a suitable location, but couldn't find one until late last month.

"If we had been able to use that garage on Jackson Street," Guzman said, "We'd have the program going already. Now we just have to wait for the materials to come in."

The homeowners also have to wait, and one of those who applied was upset about the delay. "Imagine having a winterization program that isn't going to help us before winter," exclaimed the man, who asked not to be identified. "This is crazy."

## Housing panel seen getting \$211,000 grant

The Hoboken Housing Authority has received tentative approval for a \$211,000 grant which will enable it to carry out structural improvements at Andrew Jackson Gardens.

Notice of the grant was announced last night at the authority's regular meeting. The authority, headed by Andrew Scherer, also voted to seek another 120 units of subsidized housing from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Agency.

The board accepted bids for garage compactors but turned down bids for washers and dryers for Fox Hill Gardens because of an error in the specifications.

The board announced that attorney James Bosworth will represent the authority as a labor negotiator in talks with the 32-member maintenance staff. The budget for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1979 was set at \$1.8 million.

## Hoboken gets tough on theft of city gas

Hoboken employees have been using gasoline from city-owned gas pumps for their own private automobiles, Business Administrator Edwin Chius charged today.

"Anyone caught stealing gas will not only lose his job," Chius declared, "he will be prosecuted."

Public Works Director Andrew Amato admitted that he has taken gas for his own car, but only when he is conducting city business with it.

"That's still illegal," Chius said. "If he's using his car for city business, he should buy gas in a gas station and present a voucher explaining what he's using it for. Then he'd be reimbursed."

The theft of gas was once a widespread problem in the city, according to Chius and Amato. The latter said he ordered a crackdown when he became public works director last year.

"But the games are going on again," Chius said. "I've received anonymous letters and other information that lead me to believe that gas is

being stolen by many people, from the top of the department on down."

City employees are not supposed to take their cars onto city property at all. A directive to that effect was attached to all employees' checks last spring, Chius said.

The gas pumps are just inside the gate surrounding the Public Works garage at Observer Highway and Willow Avenue. The city pays 46.1 cents per gallon for unleaded gas for city cars.

Chius said it is impossible to determine how much gas has been stolen, because it is entered into the records as having been pumped into city cars.

Amato said he ordered his general foreman last week to eliminate the thefts of gas.

"There's no question it's been going on in the last few weeks," Amato said. "We're putting a stop to it."

The director said he has assigned a Comprehensive Employment and Training Act worker to watch the pumps.



PULLANO TRIBUTE — Joseph Pullano, second from left, Hoboken superintendent of recreation, is honored at a dinner marking his 27th year of service to the city. With him at the Union Club, from left, are Raymond Falco, dinner chairman; Charles Tortorella, Little League coach and Joseph DeSomma, co-chairman.

## A history of being number 1

By SUSAN KELMAN

When Patrolman Cecil Vincent recently formed a basketball league, he screened out the best players. Vincent, like the underprivileged youths who join his street team, says he has always been in the minority.

Vincent, who was the first black patrolman in Hoboken, was named Patrolman of the Year Thursday night by the state Department of Community Affairs. Mayor Steve Cappiello nominated Vincent who represented Hoboken in the state wide competition.

When Vincent joined the police department in 1967, he felt the police department was prejudiced. Now, there are four other black patrolmen and for the most part, fellow officers have accepted, even welcomed their presence on the force.

"He's the type of guy you couldn't help but like. He didn't come in with a chip on his shoulder," said Sgt. Jimmy Peck, a 17-year veteran of the department.

Vincent is one of 45 Hoboken patrolmen who work for the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program. The program is funded on a matching basis by the state and the municipality.

Lt. Joseph Pereira said yesterday that these patrolmen work as intermediaries between the beat patrolman and the problem child.

For instance, when Vincent formed the basketball league, he asked several "misfits" to join. Street fights became less frequent as the basketball league became more popular, he said.

Vincent estimates that in his 11 years with the police department he has been in about 2,000 Hoboken homes. When there's a family feud, Vin-



Patrolman Cecil Vincent  
Named patrolman of the year

cent sits at the kitchen table and tries to understand the family's problems, according to police officials.

For instance, two Hoboken families called the police last week to settle a feud. Vincent responded and discovered that although the two families had been feuding for about 10 years they had never been introduced. He introduced the families and he says there has not been trouble since.

Vincent is a deacon at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He was a member of the fire department for two years before joining the police department.

"One of my jobs is the community's ultimate well being. The other is their present state of well being. I think they run hand in hand," Vincent said yesterday.

Cappiello, who attended the ceremonies Thursday night, thanked Vincent yesterday for "what he's done for the minority child."

## Worthless bonds found by FBI in Hoboken

The FBI has recovered, from a Hoboken office, bonds originally issued for \$71 million and then proved worthless, that it claims were fraudulently obtained from a Phoenix, Ariz., bank.

Thomas J. Emery, special agent in charge of the FBI for New Jersey, said 2,693 bonds in denominations of \$5,000, \$10,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000 were confiscated.

Emery said originally the Pinal County Development Association printed \$82.5 million of development bonds in 1964 to finance industrial site work in that Arizona county.

Emery said that since certain restrictions regarding the issuing of the bonds were never met, the bonds were rendered worthless because they were not backed by collateral or by a taxing authority.

During an ongoing securities investigation, Emery said, the FBI was alerted to the \$71 million in bonds in the office at 77 River St., Hoboken, that had been used by John De Lyra, who had been doing business as Fiduciary Finance, Inc.

De Lyra was arrested by the FBI in Red Bank last Saturday and charged with failing to appear for sentencing in New York City Sept. 7 on federal charges of fraud and conspiracy. He is now in federal custody. The bonds are now being held as evidence at the FBI's Newark office.

In 1964 the bonds were "fraudulently manipulated" from a trust account at the Haldiman Trust Co., Phoenix, Ariz. They were unlawfully used as collateral for real estate deals in California, Louisiana and Texas.

In addition, Emery said, interest coupons from these bonds were negotiated in several states during 1975, resulting in losses in excess of \$100,000.

Bonds with a nominal value of \$8 million were recovered previously by the FBI. More than half of those bonds were found during an undercover FBI operation in New Jersey in 1976 in which a Maplewood man was arrested.

## Hoboken HS gets a head

By SUSAN KELMAN

Joseph Buda, former principal of Salvatore Calabro School, was appointed principal of Hoboken High School at last night's school board meeting.

Buda pledged early yesterday "to make Hoboken High School a place children want to come to." He proposed increasing student input into administrative decisions and tightening the school's policies on truancy and absenteeism.

"I don't believe in making abrupt changes," he said. "But there are a lot of changes I'd like to make in the future."

Buda replaces Walter Fine who was recently promoted to assistant superintendent. Buda has been acting principal at Hoboken High School since Sept. 1.

A graduate of Seton Hall University, Buda was appointed vice principal of the high school in 1967. In 1972, he was appointed principal of David E. Ross School and headed the open classroom program there.

When the open classroom program moved to Salvatore Calabro School, Buda became principal of that school.

Buda said that since his appointment as acting principal, he has developed a rapport with the students. He met recently with the student council to encourage students to become more involved in school policies.

Nevertheless, Buda said he expects "greater accountability on the part of the student" including a strong knowledge of basic skills in reading, writing and arithmetic.

"The trend in education is back to the basics," he said.

In other action, the board voted to appoint Mary Gilbert head nurse. There was one other applicant for the position, board members said.

## Hoboken agency helps firms get crime insurance

Hoboken's Community Development Agency is trying to stop the exodus of small businesses from the community.

Ken Pal, director of planning and economic development, said today that the agency is offering merchants help in getting insurance coverage against break-ins through the Federal Crime Insurance Program.

"Many of the small businesses were having so much trouble getting insurance coverage that they were moving out of Hoboken," said Pal.

"We are trying to get a program under way to encourage them to stay and to bring in new businesses," he continued.

Pal said that dealing with the federal program for insurance coverage would eliminate the need for store owners to go through a private agent or insurance company.

He also said that the federal program's requirements were not so stiff as private companies' specifications. "Even some storeowners who have metal shutters on their businesses were having problems with private agents," he said.

To meet some of the federal standards the doorway must be protected and a dead-bolt lock is a must, Pal explained, but no steel bars are required.

The agency has pamphlets describing the Federal Crime Insurance Program in full. Any interested businessman may get one by contacting the agency at 64 Washington St.

## Cops to catch Hoboken truants

As part of a joint crackdown on truancy by the city and the Board of Education, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has ordered police to detain any children on the streets during school hours without an excuse.

Cappiello has instructed the police community relations office to coordinate the fight against truancy, in which children who can't account for themselves would be taken to Police Headquarters and questioned along with their parents.

"This is not a daytime curfew," the mayor said. "That would be too difficult to handle and would pose constitutional questions. I just want to know who the truants are and why they're not in school."

Cappiello said he is taking the get-tough approach in response to requests by Schools Superintendent George R. Maier for more active involvement by police in fighting truancy.

## Maier cites 'overdue' attempt to solve problem

"Maier is attacking this and other problems that have been sitting idle for too long," he said.

Maier, who took over as superintendent last July, said the truancy rate actually has been down so far this year — from 13 percent to 8.6 percent in secondary schools and 10 percent to 7.8 percent in elementary schools — but that he wants to make a "long overdue attempt to reduce the number of 'hard-core, chronic truants and juvenile delinquents," which he estimates at 2 percent of Hoboken's 7,000 schoolchildren.

Maier said he has instructed his attendance officers to work with the police, especially in the parks near Hoboken High School and Demarest Junior High.

"I'd like to see the police and the school system work together to apprehend truants and treat them immediately," he said. "We're going after them; we want to nip it in the bud, before they turn into hard-core criminals."

One step being pursued by Cappiello and Maier is seeking federal funds to set up a truancy prevention program.

They have been in contact with the Rheeden Foundation in Manhattan, a non-profit corporation funded by the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

The Rheeden program, using paid staffers and numerous

volunteers, provides one-to-one counseling, tutoring, medical check-ups and general casework services.

"We're going to make every effort to bring in extra programming to help us, like the Rheeden program," Maier said.

"It's an obligation we both have," Cappiello said. "When kids are on the street during school hours, I insist that the police know who they are. It's our responsibility to keep them from going sour."

## School overhaul proposed in Hoboken

A massive overhaul of Hoboken's school system, which could reshuffle about 6,000 students for four years and cost \$16.5 million, was proposed last night during a caucus of councilmen and education administrators, city officials said.

Under the proposal, which would be primarily funded through a \$15 million bond issue, the Sadie Leinlauf, Kealey and Wallace elementary schools would be demolished and consolidated into one new school building during a four-year period. Councilman-at-large, Robert

Rainieri said yesterday. The caucus did not determine where the new school would be constructed, Rainieri said.

The proposal also called for extensive repairs to five other city schools, according to board member Richard England. Most Hoboken schools are more than a half-century old.

Although students might have to be accommodated in other schools during construction, there would be no teacher layoffs, Rainieri quoted Hoboken Schools Superintendent George Maier as having told the caucus. Maier was asked to

## Plan outlines merger of 3 grade schools

come back with proof of this projection as well as further details, Rainieri said.

The proposal is an attempt to comply with a state Department of Education mandate to detail proposed capital improvements in a five-year plan. If the plan is approved, the state could give the city as much as \$1.5 million in an outright grant, Rainieri said.

The state also would pick up two-thirds of the cost of the bond issue, Rainieri said, adding the city would have to finance the remainder.

Rainieri stressed that the unanimous vote by five councilmen and four school trustees in favor of the proposal was not a formal resolution.

"A lot of things would still have to be worked out," he said.

## Hoboken accepts pump repairs bid

By SUSAN KELMAN

A contractor has been hired to repair Hoboken's Fifth Street Pumping Station nearly a year after the city council appropriated \$68,000 for "emergency" repairs.

The contract was awarded at Wednesday night's council meeting to L. Pini & Sons over the objections of Philip Seriale, president of T and M Contracting Co. of Hoboken. The city owes Seriale's company \$3,000 for repairs made in May.

Although it was declared in October that emergency repairs were needed on the station, T and M did not begin repair work until May 1. Mayor Steve Cappiello halted the repair work three days later when he discovered the city had not advertised for bids on the work.

Seriale said that his bid, plus a bid from Lovell Electric Co. of Franklin Lakes, equalled \$64,000—just \$2,500 above the lowest bid. Seriale said that because T & M's bid includes the \$3,000 which the city owes the company, the two bids are "identical."

In response to Seriale's charges, the city council's water and sewerage committee met in the middle of the council meeting. Robert Rainieri, chairman of the committee, questioned Seriale and

City Business Administrator Edwin Chius about the bids.

City Business Administrator Edwin Chius said, "To the best of my knowledge we did things in an open and honest way."

Rainieri, who voted to award the contract, said the water and sewerage committee will investigate Seriale's allegations.

The city has advertised for bids on the repairs three times before. The last two times—July 5 and August 22—city officials said the bids were too high. In June, the city failed to receive a bid on the general contract.

Last week, the city received three bids, including bids for \$61,750 from L. Pini & Sons which includes the electrical work, a \$38,250 from T and M which does not include the electrical work, and a bid on the electrical portion of the contract from Lovell Electric.

Chius said yesterday that T and M has not been paid because the work was done "illegally."

Director of Public Works Andrew Amato hired T and M in May. Amato has called Seriale "a close personal friend and a member of my political club."



## 6 municipalities need property revaluation

Six of the 12 Hudson County municipalities are technically in need of property revaluations, according to statistics released by the state Treasury Department.

A municipality is required to reassess all property when the ratio of taxable value to actual market value falls below 70 percent. However, the order to reassess must come from the county tax board.

According to the state figures, Jersey City, Bayonne, Guttenberg, Harrison, Hoboken and Kearny should undertake reassessments.

Two municipalities — North Bergen and Secaucus — have average taxable values in excess of market values, the figures also show.

The ratios of assessed values to market values are: Bayonne, 81; East

Newark, 82.2; Guttenberg, 65.9; Harrison, 57; Hoboken, 55; Jersey City, 62.1; Kearny, 55.5; North Bergen, 105.5; Secaucus, 108.6; Union City, 92; Weehawken, 79.9; West New York, 75.4.

The total value of all property in Hudson County is \$4.8 billion, with Jersey City leading the way at \$1.3 billion.

The total value in other municipalities is: Bayonne, \$600 million; East Newark, \$20 million; Guttenberg, \$63 million; Harrison, \$153 million; Hoboken, \$28 million; Kearny, \$615 million; North Bergen, \$648 million; Secaucus, \$440 million; Union City, \$317 million; Weehawken, \$151 million; West New York, \$254 million.

## Took city gas in blizzard, but that's all-Amato

Hoboken's Public Works Director An Amato said today that the only time he has taken gas for his own car at a city pump was during the blizzard of last January.

Amato said that he was out working for a week straight without sleep accompanying snow plows clearing streets. He said he was using the headlights of "my own \$10,000 Lincoln" to guide the snow plows through the streets.

Last week Business Administrator Edwin Chius said Amato was wrong in taking any gas from a city pump. Chius said that if Amato had to use a car for city business, he should buy gas at a gas station and submit a voucher for it to the city.

Amato declared today that since he became public works director, the illegal use of city gas has been greatly curtailed.

## Hoboken staff told parley no junket

Hoboken's city officials will be permitted to attend a conference in Atlantic City at the city's expense next month... but they have been put on notice that it is not to be a junket.

The city's business administrator, Edwin J. Chius, sent out notices to that effect today. The affair is the annual meeting of the New Jersey League of Municipalities from Nov. 14 through 16.

Chius laid down conditions:

- Each official must submit a written request to Chius on an official form by Oct. 24.
- All attending the conference "are required to attend league and allied sessions concerning their field. This conference is not to be considered a 'junket' at the city's expense."
- Everyone ("no exceptions") is required to submit detailed vouchers and receipts for expenses incurred, within 10 days after returning.
- The city won't pay for renting of hotel "suites, parlors, etc."

Chius said he has tentatively reserved rooms at the Sheraton-Seaside Hotel and Motor Inn on the boardwalk. The rates are \$42 for a single room and \$46 for a double.

Some of the seminars scheduled at the conference are:

- Planning for the 1980 census.
- Uniform construction code.
- Budget caps and tax reform.
- Compulsory arbitration program.
- Zoning.
- Municipal insurance.

Chius sent the notices to Mayor Cappiello, all councilmen, all directors, Planning Board members and Board of Adjustment members.

## Bartletta goes after board on 'expense' check issue

Hoboken's revenue and finance director Frank J. Bartletta, declared war today on Board of Education officials who want him to sign "expense" checks for money they have not yet spent.

Bartletta said today that everyone will have to turn in an itemized expense account voucher telling what they have actually spent the money on. No vouchers will be honored in advance, he said, and the officials will have to lay out the money in advance and be reimbursed later.

This applies not only to out-of-town trips but to office expenses, the director added.

When told what Bartletta had said, Robert Taylor, the school board attorney, said today:

"I have no comment. I have no remarks to make on that subject. I don't wish to."

Taylor hauled Bartletta into court 10 days ago to make him sign a check for \$750 to provide Taylor with money to go to Washington, D.C., for a school officials' conference.

Superior Court Judge John Geronimo ruled in favor of Bartletta, saying public officials have to submit detailed expense vouchers and only after they have incurred the expenses, not before.

Today Bartletta said Taylor has not as yet turned in the itemized voucher. He added that when and if he does get it, he will scrutinize it diligently.

"Every item he puts down will be investigated — if I have to send a man to Washington at my own expense," Bartletta asserted.

He said he was miffed because when Taylor delivered the court summons to him, the board attorney "threw it on my desk, saying, 'Here

it is. Do what you please with it. You've got one week to take care of it."

Bartletta said Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo, the board's secretary, routinely puts in for \$100 a month for expenses, paid to him in the form of a check made out to him personally.

Gallo told The Jersey Journal today that the money is used up for "office expenses, stamps and petty cash."

## Unnecessary

Hoboken's City Council is about to recreate the title of public safety director, which means that someone is going to be handed a city job at \$21,500 a year.

This is in a city where the officials have been pinching pennies in every department.

Up to now, Mayor Cappiello has been doubling as public safety director, taking only the mayor's pay. If he has had any difficulty in handling the duties of mayor and public safety director, no one is aware of it.

Those pushing to establish the new job argue that because Cappiello is about to become a county freeholder, he will have too much to do.

If the mayor wants to remain mayor and take on the freeholder job — and the freeholder salary — why should that mean the Hoboken taxpayers have to get up another \$21,500 for a public safety director?

After all, the routine safety duties are carried out by the police chief and the fire chief... and they will continue to do their job no matter who is public safety director.

## P.A. is willing to return piers to Hoboken

The Port Authority would be willing to terminate its lease on three Hoboken piers, on which it loses some \$770,000 per year, provided it can recover part of the \$18 million it has invested in the property, Chairman Alan Sagner said today.

Sagner denied published reports that the Port Authority has suggested that Hoboken use the property for a jai alai fronton.

"We are not boosting the piers as jai alai sites," Sagner asserted today. "We were approached by Mayor (Steve) Cappiello last May about releasing them for development purposes, including possible development of a jai alai fronton, but that was before the jai alai legislation had even been introduced to the Legislature."

"I have also talked with the mayor about the possibility of some kind of housing development by Applied Housing," Sagner added. "The Port Authority has no interest in what kind of development Hoboken plans; our sole interest is recovering as much of our investment as possible."

Meanwhile, Cappiello disclosed yesterday that he has had "meaningful talks" with a Florida jai alai expert who, the mayor says, is

willing to put up \$2 million to develop a fronton on the Port Authority piers in Hoboken.

L. Stanley (Buddy) Berenson, a jai alai executive in Florida for over 30 years, "told me in no uncertain terms that he is willing to put up \$2 million of his money to turn this concept into a reality," Cappiello said.

"A jai alai fronton in my city could be the best thing to happen in my memory," he said enthusiastically. "Imagine, \$25 million in construction and 1,000 newly created jobs."

Having lived with Hoboken's problems for many years, you can't blame me for getting excited over this possibility."

There will be a statewide referendum Nov. 7 on legalizing jai alai, a game originated in the Basque section of Spain on which betting is conducted as in horse racing.

If the referendum passes, the state would select a site for a fronton. Jersey City and Hoboken are considered to be among the leading candidates for a fronton.

Sagner stressed that the P.A. is not pushing one site over another. He said he and Cappiello spoke with a representative of the U.S. Commerce Department in May about the possibility of terminating the leasing arrangement between the city, Commerce Department and P.A., and that Cappiello brought up the jai alai proposal.

"The mayor asked that the letter — used in the published reports — be sent to confirm our discussions," Sagner said. "The matter of jai alai was only mentioned to illustrate the type of development which could help us recover our investment."

The P.A. subleases the property from the city, which rents it for \$1 per year from the Commerce Department. The P.A. lease was made in 1952 and expires in 2002.

Sagner said current costs per year total \$350,000 before maintenance, debt service and overhead, while revenues from rentals by shipping firms totals only \$157,000.

"We are not only anxious to recover our investment," he explained, "we also want to cease our annual costs, which don't even provide the money we need for payments to the city."

The payment in lieu of taxes for this year amounted to \$75,000 to

## HEW praises Hoboken Family Planning unit

Hoboken Family Planning Inc. is one of 22 such programs in the country that is "really working," a U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare study has determined.

The 22 were selected from a group of 120 family planning centers HEW studied to see how well they functioned.

It was six months ago that a HEW officer first walked into Hoboken's

Family Planning office at Second and Grand streets. After interviewing Ida Fernandez who directs the center the HEW officer talked with staff members and parents.

Several subsequent visits convinced the HEW that Hoboken's center was worthwhile.

"The parents are very involved in the program, as are our staff members," Mrs. Fernandez said.

"More and more people return to the center to get information on family planning and to have their checkups."

Mrs. Fernandez said the idea that family planning should concern only married women is wrong. The Hoboken facility also has a teen clinic and a male clinic.

"The teenagers come here for information regarding sex," she explained, "although many of them are not sexually active."

Mrs. Fernandez said that she was concerned by the poor quality of sex education the children receive and felt there was a need for a teen clinic where they could get correct information and also learn how to avoid unwanted pregnancies.

## Hoboken director nixes non-itemized vouchers

Hoboken's board of education has deluged the city's revenue and finance director with more non-itemized vouchers for out-of-town trips and office expenses, but the city's Law Department today told the director not to pay them.

Assistant Law Director Thomas W. Calligy advised the director, Frank J. Bartletta, to thoroughly investigate the claims before honoring them.

Calligy called attention to the fact that Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo, the board's secretary, has office expenses of exactly \$100 every month and there is no accounting for any unused portion.

Calligy told Bartletta to find out the exact wording of the board's resolution authorizing the payments.

He said Bartletta should find out whether the claimants submitted any "cost estimates" and to see whether they submitted any "supporting documentation" for the amounts of money they say they need to spend.

Under the law, Calligy said, "the board's resolution should say that any of the allotted money not spent should be returned to the board."

(In a letter to Bartletta asking him to co-sign the checks so that they can be cashed, Gallo simply stated that the board "adopted a resolution directing me" to make out the checks.)

In another development, board attorney Robert W. Taylor wrote to

Superior Court Judge John J. Geronimo asking him to clarify a ruling he made Oct. 6. The ruling was that Bartletta was right in refusing to give Taylor \$750 on a non-itemized voucher for a trip.

In his letter, Taylor told Geronimo that whereas he has still not furnished Bartletta with an itemization, he has since supplied one to Gallo, and that was sufficient. He said Bartletta did not have the "statutory authority" to demand an itemization before co-signing the check.

The latest vouchers sent to Bartletta by the board provide \$225 each for six board members and an employee to attend a "school boards convention in Atlantic City, Oct. 25-27."

The six are Richard England, James J. Farina, James J. Giani, Otto Hottendorf, Aurelio Lugo and James J. Monaco. The employee is Daniel Binetti, coordinator of special education.

The remaining members of the board, who have not put in for the \$225 expense money, are John Raslowski, Leo McLaughlin and Richard Wendelken.

The board also asked for \$100 for Taylor to attend the convention, and \$100 for School Superintendent George Maier, described as "petty cash for T. & E.," meaning thorough and efficient education.

Commenting on the vouchers —

all of which are sent in by the secretary's office — Calligy noted one for \$2,618 for "stamped printed envelopes," although Gallo had told a reporter last week that his \$100 monthly office expense account goes partly for "stamps."

Maier said today that it could take as long as six to eight months to use up the \$100 allotted to him in petty cash for thorough and efficient education.

Maier said the thorough and efficient education program involves

having conferences with parents and that some of the money would go to "supplying the parents with a cup of coffee during the sessions."

Minor supplies for the program would also be purchased with these funds, and the money will also be used to defray the cost of trips to the Educational Improvement Center in New Brunswick when necessary, the superintendent said.

He added that \$100 was a "flat figure that was struck upon" and that he would probably reapply for funds when it was spent.

## SPCA won't take Hoboken pets

The Jersey City Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals announced today that it will no longer accept dogs and cats from Hoboken residents who ask the society to take the animals off their hands.

The City of Hoboken has a contract with the Associated Humane Society of Newark to pick up stray dogs and cats. The Jersey City SPCA formerly had the contract but lost it.

"The people of Hoboken are so disgusted with the Humane Society that they bring their pets to me to find a home when it is necessary to find another home for them," said Barbara Sarno, head of the SPCA.

The Humane Society charges owners \$20 to pick up a cat and \$25 for a dog," declared Mrs. Sarno. "We don't charge, though we ask for a donation — anything the owner can afford to give."

The SPCA can no longer afford to do this, she explained.

Mrs. Sarno said that last Thursday a Hoboken woman asked her to find homes for a mother cat and three kittens out of a litter of six. "The

woman had found homes for three of the kittens herself," Mrs. Sarno asserted, "but she told me the Humane Society wanted \$80 to take the remaining animals."

Sam Sarno, Barbara's husband, said they had had a city contract for \$300 a month, but when they asked for a raise to \$500, Hoboken curiously broke off negotiations and shifted the contract to the Newark-based organization at \$12,000 a year.

"Hoboken may be violating the law," Sarno averred. "The law requires all municipalities to negotiate with all animal shelters in the county before picking one."

Lee Bernstein, head of the Humane Society shelter in Newark, disagreed with the Sarnos.

"We're just efficient," he said. "If the animal is a stray — dead or alive — we take care of it, under our contract with the city. But if the animal has an owner, and the owner asks us to pick it up and place it, he has to pay our fee, or as close to it as possible. There has to be a legitimate

hardship before we will accept less."

Bernstein said the SPCA was not prepared to give Hoboken "an animal control man."

"We, on the other hand, provide Hoboken with a driver and a truck," he continued. "We not only take strays, we take other animals that have had cruelties inflicted on them — and there's a lot of that in Hoboken, with the Spanish population. We have to deal with voodooism and dismembered bodies."

Bernstein said he readily believed that Hoboken residents ask the Jersey City shelter to take their animals and board them "for free."

"We can't afford to do that, and neither can the SPCA," he declared, adding that the SPCA would no longer be hard-pressed financially if it would emulate the Humane Society's practices and "charge for its services."

## Hoboken to refund \$216G

By SUSAN KILMAN

Hoboken will have to return \$216,000 to the federal Model Cities program during the next five years because the funds were used improperly or there was no documentation of expenses, according to an audit released yesterday.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday he was satisfied with the findings of the federal audit, which disallowed only two percent of the program's \$12 million operating budget. Through the Model Cities program, Hoboken has rehabilitated more than 10 percent of its housing, Cappiello said.

Hoboken was one of 160 cities in the Model Cities program which was funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from 1970 to 1976 to rehabilitate housing and commercial structures in urban areas. Most of the abuses cited occurred before 1973,

according to Fred Bado, director of the city's Community Development Agency (CDA).

The audit found that \$59,000 in pension funds should not have been paid to Model Cities employees. The pension fund provided benefits which were better than those received by city employees, a violation of the program's by-laws.

HUD has also refused to pay \$44,000 in severance and vacation pay because the Model Cities employees were allowed more vacation time and a better pension plan than other city employees.

The audit questions a number of other expenses including \$11,000 spent to renovate an office on First Street. HUD has refused to pay for the renovations because it was so expensive, Bado said.

In some cases, HUD found the city could not document payroll or other

expenses. For instance, the city did not keep time sheets for \$35,000 in salaries at a teen recreation center.

Another \$9,000 used to pay stipends to participants in the program could not be documented. The citizens failed to sign in at meetings and there was some indication the same person listed names of several citizens, Bado said.

In addition, another \$5,000 in citizen travel expenses was not supported by receipts.

The Hoboken Multi-Service Center and several health and social services program were an outgrowth of the Model Cities program, Bado said.

The city will make an initial payment of \$35,000 to HUD in December. Installments of approximately \$35,000 each will be paid for the next five years.



Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello Satisfied with audit results

## Hoboken's City Council to take step to set up separate Public Safety agency

The Hoboken City Council takes the first official step tomorrow to set up a separate Public Safety Department and re-create the position of director at a \$21,500 annual salary.

Three ordinances will be introduced tomorrow night, one removing public safety from the office of the mayor, a second establishing a separate department and a third re-creating the position of director.

The public safety duties are now held by Mayor Steve Cappiello, a longtime member of the police department. The new ordinances will be given a public hearing at 10 a.m. on Nov. 1 and, if approved, will go into effect 20 days later.

Two names have been prominently mentioned for the new director's post. One is Police Sgt. James Giordano, a former Hudson County undersheriff and close friend of the

mayor. The second is Councilman Robert A. Ranieri. Council sources said there have been some unofficial head counts over both names and no one can predict who will have sufficient support when the time comes.

The council is receiving a recommendation from Business Administration Department that L. Pini and Sons of Hoboken be granted a contract for repair work at the Fifth Street pumping station. Three proposals were received by the city.

Pini's offer was \$61,750, Leveil Electrical Co. of Franklin Lakes submitted a bid of \$74,777, while T. and M. Contracting submitted a \$37,780 bid which did not include electrical work.

Ranieri was directed by Council President Martin Brennan to consult with Joseph Lynch, consulting engineer, and the council's water and sewerage committee on the

proposals. When the plant came close to breaking down a year ago an emergency was declared but it was rescinded several months later. The city then sought bids but when the city felt they came in too high, the city asked for new proposals.

A requisition for a \$1,805.46 diesel engine for a street sweeper was temporarily tabled by the council after Andrew Amato, public works director, said he was not consulted on the purchase. Ranieri explained that the part was ordered by a Public Safety Department mechanic who was working over to that department. Ranieri said parts and equipment were still being budgeted in the public works Department, however, where the sweepers were originally assigned. Amato said he would look into the matter and report back tomorrow.



## Sewage pump repairs OK'd year late

A year after the public works director told the Hoboken City Council there was an "emergency" situation at the Fifth Street sewage pumping station, a resolution has been approved—with a full measure of suspense and confusion—authorizing repairs to begin.

The resolution, which squeaked through last night by the grace of one abstention, calls for a \$61,750 contract with L. Pini and Sons of Hoboken. Work is expected to begin this week.

To be approved, the resolution had to win six of the council's nine votes. Five of the nine councilmen voted for it and three against it, while one, Bernard Scriveri, abstained.

Since abstentions are totaled with the majority vote, the matter carried. Later, when told of the parliamentary rule, Scriveri said he would have voted "no" if he had known his ballot would be considered a "yes."

The vote would have surely gone against the resolution were it not for Edwin Chius, the business administrator, whose timely arrival from Cincinnati at the meeting lacked only a bugle call and cavalry charge.

Questions were raised about negotiating conferences held by Chius and the town's consulting engineer, Mayo Lynch and Associates, after three rounds of bidding resulted in repair costs that far exceeded the \$65,000 the council had authorized.

Chius, who recommended the Pini firm, had discussed cutting expenses with the three contractors who had bid on the job—the other two were T&M Contracting Co. of Hoboken and Lovell Electric of Franklin Lakes—and subsequently held a conference to listen to their lowered costs. The councilmen's impression was that Pini had sat in on the discussions with the other two contractors before he made his proposal.

Because of the impression, the council seemed ready to reject the

proposal. In fact, a vote had been started on the matter and Thomas Kennedy had voted "no" and Robert Ranieri, who heads the water and sewerage committee, had recommended the other councilmen do likewise when Council President Martin Brennan halted the vote to allow Ranieri's committee to caucus on the issue.

Just as the meeting resumed, Chius, who landed at LaGuardia Airport at 6:45 p.m., walked into the meeting and answered questions satisfactorily enough for five councilmen to approve the resolution.

In other action at the meeting, the council approved the hiring of Kraft & Hughes, bonding experts, and Frank T. Italiano, the municipal accountant, to determine what effect on the tax rate an estimated \$15 million school construction program would have on the city's tax rate.

Three ordinances concerning the creation of a separate department of public safety were introduced at the meeting, one separating the job from the office of the mayor, one creating the separate department and one establishing the job of director at \$21,500.

The council ratified the sale of

\$1.45 million in water system bonds to Garden State National Bank at an interest rate of 6.25 percent. The bonds are to pay for the improvements recently completed to the municipal water system.

John R. Sailer, the special water rate counsel, who has been representing the city in its fight against a water rate increase imposed by Jersey City, was paid \$8,917 at the meeting.

## Hoboken starts drive on its 9 top scofflaws

There are hundreds of scofflaws in Hoboken, but the violations bureau hasn't got the time or the manpower to pursue them, Violations Clerk Marian Roland said today.

Nine of the biggest offenders with unpaid parking tickets ranging in number from 119 to 207 have been

notified by letter that they have until Thursday to pay up. Their names were not specified.

"A scofflaw drive is a major undertaking," Mrs. Roland said. "It took one week alone to tally the figures on the top scofflaws."

The violations bureau has a daily workload to complete in addition to having the scofflaw drive. It tries to catch the major offenders periodically, but being understaffed hampers progress, the violations clerk said.

The rest of the scofflaws receive notices routinely.

## Hoboken departments told to cut budgets 10% to 25%

Edwin Chius, Hoboken's business administrator, is instructing all department directors to submit four separate budget estimates for their departments, ranging from 75 percent to 90 percent of their 1978 budgets.

Chius said he was doing this because Congress adjourned without reauthorizing legislation to grant fiscal assistance to cities with high unemployment. Hoboken had been receiving \$1.45 million in such assistance, Chius said.

The state allows the city to raise its budget 5 percent a year, but Hoboken will still be missing \$1 million to work with, he declared.

"Department directors will have to plan their budgets accordingly," Chius said. He added there was a side benefit to this budget crunch. The directors will have to take a closer look at areas in their departments that "may not be so important."

Chius said the directors normally

don't scrutinize the excess in their departments when the federal fiscal assistance is there.

Salaries requested will remain the same as last year with the exception of increments required by union contracts, Chius said. All salary requests will have to be accompanied by the employee's total earnings for the year, the time he works, the employee's duties and work location, and the vehicle to which he is assigned.

Chius said he realizes that the departments can't eliminate everything. He gave the example of the building inspection department, which he said is a one-man, one-salary job.

Larger divisions, such as the police department, should be able to cut their budgets to the 75 percent figure without anticipating too many budget problems although services might suffer somewhat, he opined.

## State wants separate Hoboken juvenile jail

Hoboken's police department will have to provide a separate detention facility for juvenile offenders.

Police Chief George W. Crimmins said today that he has received a letter from the New Jersey Department of Corrections, Juvenile Detention and Monitoring Unit, requiring all police departments to detain juvenile offenders in a facility separate from incarcerated adults.

It could not be immediately ascertained if other Hudson municipalities had received similar directives. Few, if any, police departments in the county maintain facilities for juvenile offenders. Most send youngsters who have to be detained directly to the county Youth House in Secaucus.

Crimmins said that it has never been a policy of the Hoboken Police Department to put juvenile and adult offenders together.

"If the crime of the juvenile offender is considered heinous, the offender is sent to the Secaucus Youth

House for Detention," he said. The chief said that minor offenders are normally released in the custody of their parents.

Crimmins said that the state hadn't given them a time limit for compliance or any exact specifications of what the facility should have. "Right now, we don't know if they want a separate room or a separate building," he said.

Representatives of the detention and monitoring unit will be coming in at a future date to provide the police department with more specific information, Crimmins said.

Crimmins said that he and Mayor Steve Cappelletto had asked Fred Bado, director of the Community Development Agency, to investigate the possibilities of federal funding for the facility.

Bado said that he would have to review CDA legislation and other sources to see if improvements of a detention type facility could be funded.

## Chius raps DPW 'goofing,' Amato says he checks crew

By William Taft

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius charged today that the laborers of the city's Public Works Department "goof off" most of the time and that their superiors "don't give a damn."

Chius described a recent visit to the department's garage: "I saw a private auto parked on the sidewalk in front of the garage. A department laborer who was supposed to be working on water meters was putting anti-freeze into the car—I don't know where he got it."

"This was during the man's working hours, at 2 o'clock. Watching him were the general foreman and another foreman, one sitting, the other standing. They should have been out checking men instead of hanging around the garage. The mechanic foreman is the only one who should have been in the garage at that hour."

"Then I saw a laborer come out of the garage who must have been the world's best-dressed laborer. He had on a beautiful pair of dress trousers and a clean shirt."

Continuing, Chius said the police department has complained to him

that police cars cannot fill up at the garage when they are low on gas because the attendant "who has no duties other than to pump gas" was not around.

"These people are supposed to work 35 hours a week," Chius observed. He said Public Works Director Andrew Amato has plenty of laborers to fill in for the street sweeping machines which are not being used because they are broken down, exclaiming:

"Ten men sweeping by hand with broom could clean one side of Washington Street in one hour at 8 in the morning—and most of the time there are more than 10 men available."

"But the public works men are assigned haphazardly," he continued. "The foremen don't give a damn, so how can you expect the men to?"

Amato disagreed with Chius. "It is very hard to clean streets by hand," he averred. "If I put 10 or more men on one street, what about the rest of the city? Even 15 men can not do the job that needs to be done."

As for men loafing, Amato declared: "Give me the name of a

man not doing his job and I will fire him or bring him up on charges. Give me names!"

As for the laborer who failed to man the pump, the director said: "When I heard about that, I fired the man—but I was told to put him back by Chius' office."

The man who was putting anti-freeze in his private car had obtained permission to use a tool at the garage and had bought the anti-freeze at a store, he said.

He blamed Chius for failing to get the disabled street sweeping machines back in action. "The city has been spending thousands and thousands of dollars trying to repair them," he asserted, "but it is being done in the public safety department's garage—not mine. I would have had the sweepers back in operation long ago."

Amato went on to say it is a common occurrence for him to fire a loafing employee, only to find that "they" put him back on again.

Whom did he mean by "they?" "Chius," he retorted.

"Chius should mind his own department," Amato concluded.

## Hoboken's bill for model cities may top \$1 million

The amount that Hoboken must pay Uncle Sam as reimbursement for improper expenditures by the Model Cities Program could far exceed the \$216,000 the city already has agreed to pay, it was learned today.

The final figure, according to Councilman Robert Ranieri, could be more than \$1 million.

Mayor Steve Cappelletto and the City Council have committed the city to pay an additional penalty of up to \$552,000 if audits now under way show other "disallowable" expenditures.

The agreement to reimburse the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in that amount was put in writing and signed at a special meeting Monday.

The expenditures still being audited are:

- Neighborhood Education Center, \$141,656
- Jefferson Center Program Development, \$38,140
- Camp Tamaqua, \$42,133
- Teen Post, \$8,364
- Police Community Relations, \$27,357
- Community Scholarship Fund, \$22,744
- Keuffel & Esser, \$572,306

Ranieri said that he refused to sign the agreement, because all the figures had not been substantiated by audits. "I went into that meeting all ready to sign the agreement to pay the \$216,000—not a million dollars," he said.

The councilman said he didn't see why the people of Hoboken "should be obligated to pay through taxes for the inaccuracies and grossness of past employees."

Ranieri said that the Community Development Agency should try to recoup the losses from the people who received the disallowable amounts and those who were employees of the Model Cities Program.

Ranieri said he was "disappointed" in his colleagues. "I feel that the signing of the agreement by the mayor and city council was just white-washing bad practices," he added.

The already disallowed items totaling \$216,000 comprised various shortcomings in the Model Cities' administration.

Some of these were: A pension plan that was far superior to the city's, longer vacation time than that given city workers, and a provision for severance pay.

Fred M. Bado, director of Hoboken's Community Development Agency, formerly known as the Model Cities Program, said today that the seven items being audited are not "questionable" in the sense that anything doubtful has been found in connection with them.

"This simply means that they haven't been audited," he said.

The largest item, dealing with the conversion of the Keuffel & Esser factory into a 173-unit apartment house, already has been cleared by the auditors in an oral report to him, and he expects written confirmation by the end of this week, Bado continued.

On the six other items listed by HUD under the heading "questionable," Bado said the auditors

have not raised any questions concerning them, and he therefore assumes they have not found anything amiss. He added that he "should have a written report on them this week or early next week."

HUD required the city to engage "independent" auditors to check out the seven projects, Bado said, because HUD does not have the auditing staff to do all that work.

Bado briefly described the projects, all administered by Model Cities:

The Neighborhood Education Center was an "alternative" school providing educational programs for "problem children," on Washington Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets.

The Jefferson Street recreation center provided classes and other activities.

Model Cities paid to send youngsters to what was then the city's Camp Tamaqua for Boy Scouts.

Teen Post was a recreational program "geared" to older teenagers at a location on First Street.

The Police Community Relations Bureau fostered better understanding between police and residents.

The Community Scholarship Fund enabled graduating high school seniors to enter college.

The money spent on the Keuffel & Esser project was used partly to help pay for acquiring the land from the old owners; and the rest went for "carrying charges," such as taxes, during the period before the new owners took over.

## Labor relations job tests planned

The state Civil Service has reclassified the Hudson County labor relations job held by a former Hoboken mayor and will conduct competitive testing to fill the position.

The action results from a Civil Service audit performed on Louis DePascale's Labor Relations Research Analyst job which pays \$6,000 a year, said John Collins, manager of Civil Service's Newark branch office.

The new job title will be Labor Relations Analyst, with the specific duties still to be defined, Collins said.

County Executive Edward Clark said he had not yet reviewed the Civil Service action and until that time, DePascale will continue in his job.

According to the county's description of his job, DePascale is supposed to research information useful in labor negotiations, such as wage and cost-of-living trends. In addition, DePascale is called in on labor

negotiations for advice, said Raymond Kierce, county personnel director.

Earlier this month, The Dispatch surveyed 11 of the 18 unions which negotiate with the county and leaders of seven of those unions said they could not recall dealing with the former mayor. The leaders of four other unions said they could recall dealing with DePascale only one or two times each.

County officials were unable to document the time DePascale has devoted to the job.

## Councilmen 'put on spot'

Subtract \$1.4 million in federal revenues, add pressures to keep the highest tax rate in the state stable, and the result is the somewhat uncomfortable position occupied by Hoboken Mayor Steven Cappelletto.

Cappelletto, with his department directors, is about to start drawing up the municipal budget and he's looking for all the help he can get.

Following last night's caucus meeting, Cappelletto told the councilmen they were "it," as far as he was concerned.

"I'm going to put everyone on the spot," the mayor said. He intends to send registered letters to the councilmen asking what they want in municipal services and how much of a tax increase they would approve. The 1973 rate is \$107.29 per \$1,000 valuation.

The city is going to lose \$1.46 million in federal anti-recession funds next year, most of it now being spent on municipal services. Because of the state budget "cap," the maximum the city can make up of that money in new taxes or other revenues amounts to only \$480,000, so some loss of services seems inevitable.

During last night's meeting, Councilman Robert Ranieri said he would take steps at the next regular

meeting to alleviate the city's sewerage crisis. He will suggest the name of a consulting engineer who would review the city's drainage system and determine what machinery would be best for cleaning sludge.

Because of continuous breakdowns of the city's sewage pumping stations, sludge has been accumulating in the 30-inch mains to the point that it now blocks more than two-thirds of some of the pipes. This is causing sewage to back up into cellars and basements.

The council meeting will be held on Nov. 13 instead of Nov. 15 because four councilmen will be attending the state League of Municipalities' convention in Atlantic City for three days that week.

At that meeting, the council is expected to adopt plans and specifications for the renovating of Elyan Park with bidding to follow Nov. 17. The council hopes to keep the costs below \$50,000. There will also be a public hearing on separating the Public Safety Department from the mayor's office.

## Solar power in Orange, Hoboken

Rows of shiny solar collectors will soon supply hot water for buildings in Orange and in Hoboken as part of a federal project to demonstrate the economic value of solar technology.

The senior citizen high-rise in Orange and the renovated apartment house in Hoboken are each expected to save up to \$50,000-a-year in fuel costs for heating water, which accounts for about 30 percent of the buildings' over-all energy demand.

The solar demonstration grants were provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Orange Senior Citizens Housing Authority operates the 11-story structure at Thomas Boulevard. It contains 260 units and houses more than 500 seniors.

Five rows of collectors face the sun, absorbing heat and transferring it to two 2,500 gallon tanks in

## Sun converts to heat and savings of \$50G-a-year

the basement. The 218 panels, each three by seven feet, provide about 4,300 square feet of conductive surface for direct thermal conversion.

The total installed cost is \$134,000 and officials predict the solar system should pay for itself in three to four years.

The Hoboken project, a 60-unit apartment house in the city's urban-renewal area, was chosen because it was a "gut rehab"—an old structure that had been refurbished from the inside out.

The solar heating systems will be hooked up in about two weeks by General Solar Heating Corp. of Newark.

Dr. Gerald Gelber, president of the company and the past president of the New Jersey Solar Energy Association, said solar hot water is catching on quickly because it competes cost-wise with oil and electricity.

Gelber predicts the solar industry will grow at a geometric rate over the next 10 years, as the federal government steps up funding to reach its goal of 36 million dwelling units, using solar heating by the turn of the century.

The phase-in starts with hot water, followed by space heating, cooling and eventually solar electricity by 1990, Gelber said. (—AP)

## School board lacks buying program

Hoboken's Board of Education does not have a planned program for purchasing supplies, a study of the vouchers for such purchases indicated today.

The question arose when the board asked the city's revenue and finance director to co-sign checks dated Sept. 19 made out to 24 book publishers for 24 purchases of books.

In all, there were 66 claims on the list the board submitted. They totaled \$150,952. Most were designated sim-

ply as payment for providing "supplies," or "teaching supplies," or "supplies for special education," or "supplies for individual schools."

Among these were separate orders for "teaching supplies" for three elementary schools.

One of these was for \$523 for supplies bought for the Rue School from the Learning Arts Company. A second was for \$279 for the Connors School for items bought from the MacMillan Publishing Company. A third was for

\$18 worth of supplies bought for the Connors School from Mafex Associates.

The fourth was for \$29.54 payable to Random House for supplies for the Leinikau School.

Since the elementary schools all use the same textbooks, an attempt

was made by The Jersey Journal to ascertain whether the board could benefit through bulk buying by ordering in larger quantities rather than piecemeal on a monthly basis.

Board secretary Thomas A. Gallo was "out."

Assistant Schools Superintendent Walter Fine said the reporter would have to talk to Superintendent George Maier to get the answer.

Maier sent word through his secretary that the reporter would

have to talk to Business Manager Anthony Romano.

Romano's office said in the morning that he was "in the field." He did not return to his office.

His secretary, Mrs. Ann Turcik, was asked about the multiplicity of vendors and orders.

She said that when a school runs out of a particular book or other supply item, the principal calls up, and then the board orders what he requires.

\$25,000 because of the lack of accurate time sheets. Other smaller disallowments made up the rest of the total. Bado said that there was no illegality involved in the Model Cities' program when it was in effect. "There are no missing funds," he said. "We can account for everything."



## Hoboken Little League standouts



Joe Pulano, Little League director, and Mayor Steve Cappiello had a good time at the Little League Awards Night in Hoboken High and made awards to Anthony Rullo, Michael Minervini and Jim Greene.



James Farina, Hoboken Recreation director, presents trophies to top Little Leaguers Craig Jordan, Gino Jacobelli and Sandy Goodman for their outstanding performances this summer.

## Hoboken's future tied to grant

By SUSAN KELMAN

Hoboken officials fear that middle and upper income residents will leave the city if the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) does not fund a condominium complex on the piers.

A citizen's group, Recreation on the Waterfront (ROW), is opposed to the \$24 million project which they say subsidizes the city's upper income population. HUD is expected to decide by the end of the month whether to grant a \$4.17

million Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) for the project.

"Recent studies have indicated that in order for the older urban areas to survive, they must attempt to retain their middle income families and to attract new middle and lower income families back to the cities," Fred Bado, director of the city's Community Development Agency (CDA), said yesterday.

"A city can not survive if it is solely the preserve of the poor," Bado said in an eight-page response to ROW's criticism. Robert C. Embry, Jr., as-

stant secretary of HUD, will receive a copy of that letter today, Bado said.

"Hoboken is in the midst of a vibrant middle class return to the city because of the brownstone movement. The UDAG project will have a negative effect on the middle class return to the city," Richard A. Cohen, a spokesman for ROW, said yesterday.

Applied Housing Associates of Hoboken has proposed to build two high-rise towers on the Fifth and Sixth street piers if the UDAG proposal is approved. The towers would include two three-

story parking garages, low-rise condominiums, convenience stores and a waterfront park.

Bado said in his letter that the condominium owners will increase the city's tax base and help support the downtown commercial district. Local and minority residents will be employed in construction jobs, Bado said.

Since 1967, there has not been any development on the Hoboken waterfront. Without the UDAG grant, Bado said he doubts if there would ever be private development on the waterfront.

## PATH tunnels engineering landmark

Ceremonies will be held Tuesday morning at the PATH terminal in Hoboken to mark the designation of the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad tunnels as a National Historic Civil Engineering landmark.

The ceremonies will include an historical re-enactment of the first official inspection trip through the H. and M. tunnels more than 70 years ago. The landmark status is being conferred by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

After the Hoboken ceremonies at 10 a.m., Hoboken officials and representatives of New Jersey and New York will visit the World Trade

Center terminal in Manhattan where an identical ASCE landmark plaque also will be unveiled.

The Hoboken ceremonies will get under way at 10 a.m. and an hour later the officials will board the special PATH inspection train for the trip through the tunnels from Hoboken to the World Trade Center.

The tunnel ride will permit those on board to recreate the official inspection trip made more than 70 years ago by an official party headed by William Gibbs McAdoo, president of the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad Co., which was responsible for con-

struction of the tunnels. Members of the McAdoo family will participate in Tuesday's inspection trip and ceremonies.

The H. and M. Railroad tunnels, built between 1874 and 1910, were the first tunnels in the United States constructed under a major river.

## Hoboken's jai alai site called best

Jersey City officials have been pushing their town as an ideal location for a jai alai fronton, but one developer calls a site in neighboring Hoboken the best he's ever seen.

"I have never seen a site as good as this," said veteran jai alai promoter Louis Berenson, after surveying some abandoned piers along River Street in Hoboken.

Berenson is one of a growing number of people anxious to build a fronton, should New Jersey voters approve the sport on the Election Day referendum. It needs approval because of its part-mutual wagering aspect.

Jersey City Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith said yesterday he had "no comment" on the prospect of Hoboken being granted a jai alai franchise.

Smith and his aides have been working feverishly for passage of the jai alai referendum, and they are said to be seeking to have a fronton near Caven Point in the southeast section of the city.

Berenson is connected with World Jai-Alai, Inc., which operates four frontons in Florida and one in Hartford, Conn. However, he is severing those connections and will form a new firm to seek to build in New Jersey.

Berenson's proposal is for a 10,000-seat fronton, with standing room for an additional 10,000 people. There would also be five restaurants, a disco and convention facilities in the waterfront complex.

He said he envisions 30 nights and 100 days of jai alai, with an annual attendance of about 6 million people and a betting handle of \$300 million. How much of that goes to the state and municipality depends on what kind of legislation is established governing the sport, should it be approved by the voters.

The jai alai proposal has been discussed with the Port Authority, owner of the piers, said Berenson. He said there are several alternatives for purchasing or leasing the site.

A major drawback to the Hoboken proposal is, of course, Jersey City's interest in getting its own fronton. There could not be two frontons operating so close together, Berenson conceded.

He estimated his proposed facilities would take about two years to construct, but suggested a way to begin deriving revenue from jai alai almost immediately. He said he would be willing to open a temporary facility which would show jai alai matches televised live from other states, and would offer wagering on those matches.

## Tunnels old Officially historic now

It was an "historic" day for the City of Hoboken, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today, referring to yesterday's designation of the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad tunnels as a National Historic Civil Engineering landmark.

The mayor was one of many officials and guests who participated in the re-enactment of the first official inspection trip through the tunnels 70 years ago. The tunnels, built between 1874 and 1910, are now a part of the PATH.

The ceremonies were held at the PATH Terminal at Hoboken, the first New Jersey terminal of the railroad, where service began in 1908. The official designation was made by the American Society of Civil Engineers, a professional society which identifies historic civil engineering landmarks.

The original inspection trip was made in 1905 by an official party headed by William Gibbs McAdoo, president of the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad Company, which was responsible for the construction of the tunnels.

## Public safety chief won't cost Hoboken

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that the appointment of a public safety director in Hoboken would be made from the superior ranks of the police or fire department.

The mayor said that the appointment would mean "no cost to the city," since the man to be chosen is already on the city payroll and would not be replaced in his department.

The City Council yesterday adopted an ordinance creating a department of public safety. The public safety director will receive a salary of \$21,800.

Cappiello, who has been serving as public safety director, said that a full-time director would be able to devote all of his time to dealing with public safety supervisors.

City Council President Martin Brennan said that the mayor agreed with him that "you can't do both jobs on a full-time basis."

The City Council also adopted a resolution appointing Councilman Robert Ranieri as official representative of Hoboken to the National League of Cities.

Plans and specifications for the rehabilitation and improvement of Elysian Park were adopted at the meeting. The bids will be received on Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. in the council chambers.

The next council meeting will be held Nov. 13 instead of Nov. 15 because four councilmen will be attending the state League of Municipalities convention in Atlantic City for three days that week.

## Maxwell House may cut production

The Maxwell House coffee plant in Hoboken, biggest such factory in the nation, may suffer further cuts in the size of its operation, according to Daniel Kelly, the plant manager.

Kelly said he is "concerned" that the Hoboken facility "may lose more jobs."

The cost of operating in Hoboken is higher than that of producing in Maxwell House factories in Texas and Florida, Kelly said.

He pointed out that the Hoboken plant not long ago shut down its freeze-dried Maxim production, which was transferred to Texas.

"Over recent years," the manager continued, "we have lost 200 to 300 jobs to other plants inside the company."

He said he is "concerned" that the Hoboken plant may lose more jobs by a transfer of more of its production to plants where operating costs are lower.

"The potential is there," Kelly added. "We are trying to prevent this."

Mayor Cappiello of Hoboken conferred on the subject with Kelly in the latter's office.

It was reported that Kelly told his staff "under a lot of pressure from the main office because operating expenses in Hoboken were so high."

Cappiello quoted Kelly as saying that the rates the city charges for water and sewerage are factors militating against the plant's competing successfully with other Maxwell House factories, because a large volume of water is used in the coffee-making process.

Asked what he could do about this, the mayor replied, "I can't comment."

Kelly told The Jersey Journal later that he had not pressed the mayor for anything so specific but had merely wanted to have a friendly talk with him on the subject.

He said he was not so much concerned with the sewerage rate as with the water rate, which he characterized as "extraordinarily high" and that other factors, such as transportation, wages, oil, gasoline and electricity, entered into the cost picture.

## Hoboken water loss increases in quarter

The amount of water Hoboken loses in its distribution system increased in the third quarter of the year, Councilman Robert A. Ranieri announced today.

The percentage of water purchased from Jersey City, but subsequently unaccounted for, rose to 49 percent in the period from July through September. This compares with a loss of 47 percent in the first three months of the year and 45 percent in the second quarter.

Ranieri said he realized that some water is lost through open hydrants during the hot months, but added: "I cannot believe that this accounted for a great portion of water loss."

He said that he and some of the other city councilmen have decided to wait until the end of the year before doing anything "to see to what's wrong with the city's water department."

"If there isn't a marked improvement in efficiency in the last quarter we will call in outside help," he asserted.

Public Works Director Andrew J. Amato, who has jurisdiction over the water department, could not be located for comment.

Figures made public by Ranieri, head of the council's water committee, showed the following:

• First quarter: 866 million gallons bought; 432 million billed; 434 million unaccounted for.

• Second quarter: 798 million gallons bought; 433 million billed; 365 million unaccounted for.

• Third quarter: 827 million gallons bought; 419 million billed; 408 million unaccounted for.

Meanwhile, Mayor Steve Cappiello, Ranieri and Council members met last night with John Sailor, special counsel, to discuss what avenues of legal action are open to the city in the face of a continued increase in rates charged by Jersey City for furnishing Hoboken water.

It was agreed that no move could be made until a written opinion on the latest rate increase is received from the Public Utilities Commission.

## Cappiello says conditions on highway 'intolerable'

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that conditions on Observer Highway are "intolerable" because freight concerns located there are letting trailer trucks block traffic lanes and are leaving other trucks stand idle.

The mayor has written a letter of complaint to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, which owns the property where the freight concerns are located.

The three firms which are creating the problem are Shippers Terminal, Inc., Rialway Motor Terminal and J & J Trucking, according to Ken Pal, director of planning and economic development for the Community Development Agency.

The CDA is involved in a project to rehabilitate the Southern Hoboken area which includes the entire stretch of Observer Highway.

Cappiello said that he had asked the companies "from time to time to be careful about leaving trailers idle," which is a violation of the city ordinance. The companies have not been complying, according to the mayor.

"I warned them last week," the mayor said, "that if they didn't do something about the idle trucks, I would initiate an enforcement program."

In his letter to the department of transportation, Cappiello said he would "have no alternative but to direct the Hoboken Police Department to enforce strictly traffic regulations in the area."

He also said he would introduce No Standing and other city ordinances

if the firms did not voluntarily comply.

The trailers aren't the only problem on the highway, according to the mayor. In the letter, the mayor cited that "the facilities themselves are ill-maintained, litter-thrown, and have been the scene of several fires in the past."

Cappiello said the situation has become worse and he has been receiving numerous complaints from Hoboken residents and businessmen about the conditions.

"This situation has been going on

for a long period of time — it's been years," he said. "The state should do something about rearranging the receiving processes of these firms," he concluded.

Pai said that the state, "an landlord," could take drastic measures to correct the conditions if it became necessary.

"The state can cancel their leases — they only rent the space," he said. Pai also added that this type of action wouldn't affect the city's economy because "so few people are employed there."

## eds reject \$4M Hoboken project

By SUSAN KELMAN

The federal government has rejected Hoboken's application for \$4.17 million grant to finance a controversial luxury condominium project that opponents called a subsidy for the rich and the city's effort to bring in a new era of revitalizing the waterfront.

The city, however, will be able to proceed with the Fifth and Sixth street piers project. But Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday he might prefer routing some of the space to a ship repair company to bring in immediate tax revenue.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rejected the application for the Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) because the city violated program regulations, according to Fred Bado, director of the city's Community Development Agency.

Bado, who prepared the application, said HUD officials told him the city had failed to publish public notices of hearings held on the project on May 12 and 25. A HUD spokesman, meanwhile, explained, "We think it is a good application, but something which wasn't ready to be funded."

"I'm not surprised," Mayor Cappiello said when informed of the decision. "I thought that HUD would not get involved in this controversy. If anybody thinks there is going to be a free park, they're

out of their mind. We need revenue, revenue, revenue."

"This will give us an opportunity to insure that the city does in fact listen to the people," said Nick Brown, a member of Recreation on the Waterfront, one of the more vigorous groups opposed to the project. Waterfront officials were meeting late yesterday to determine alternative uses for UDAG monies.

The city had proposed to use the funds to finance site preparation and foundation work for 20-story and 11-story condominium towers, to be built by Applied Housing Associates of Hoboken above a three-story parking garage. The \$34 million project also included low-rise apartments and a small waterfront park.

But the waterfront citizens group, charged that the grant would be a subsidy for the rich and that the waterfront should be reserved for a public park. The group's officials met last week with Asst. Secretary of HUD Robert Embry Jr. Embry said at that time that he would take the charges under advisement, but they would not seriously jeopardize the project.

Earlier this year, Latinos for a Better Hoboken, a coalition of Hispanic groups, charged that the city discriminated against minorities. The group asked that the grant be rejected until the city changed its policies. Federal officials yesterday refused to say whether they considered these charges.



## Board to give director receipts for expenses on Atlantic City trip

By William Taft

The Hoboken Board of Education has capitulated to a demand by the city's revenue and finance director, Frank J. Bartletta, by agreeing to furnish him with itemized receipts for expenses incurred in a three-day convention trip to Atlantic City last month.

Thomas A. Gallo, the board's secretary, said today he will forward these bills to Bartletta as soon as he receives them from all members and employees of the board who went on the trip.

Robert W. Taylor, the board's attorney, turned in his itemization to Gallo two weeks ago, but Gallo did not send it on to Bartletta. The secretary explained today that he was holding up Taylor's itemized claim until he receives the others.

As yet, he said, none of the others has turned in his itemized claims to him. He identified them as board

members Otto Hottendorf, president; James G. Giani and James J. Monaco; and Daniel Binetti, director of special services and Business Manager Anthony H. Romano.

Each had originally asked for \$225 in advance, but according to Gallo they apparently changed their minds, as they did not go, after Bartletta refused to honor any advances. These were Richard England, James J. Farina and Aurelio Lugo.

Bartletta announced today that he has found additional claims authorized by the board on Oct. 10 which lack proper supporting data, and he is holding them up along with the convention claims.

The board made out a \$100 check for Matthew Cannorozzi, for "services rendered — cash disbursements and receipts." Oddly, Bartletta pointed out, Cannorozzi is "one of my own employees in the Revenue and Finance Department."

Any services Cannorozzi may

render to the board are part of his regular job which he is already getting paid for by the city, Bartletta observed.

The board also wanted to pay Paul Liguori \$15 for "stamps" he bought. "I want to know why he had to

buy stamps when the board put in separately for \$2,800 worth of stamps," the director commented. He is also holding up a check for

\$143.65 made out by the board to Fearon Pittman Co. for "supplies for Daniel Binetti" — with no bill attached.

## School board may sue city

### Hoboken trustees want funds

Hoboken's board of education will meet tonight to ponder how to force the city administration to hand over \$222,000 which it asserts the city agreed to give the board but has reneged on.

Robert W. Taylor, the board's attorney, will offer advice as to the legal steps the board could or should take.

Otto Hottendorf, board president, said today that the board needs the money to pay about \$100,000 in "supplemental construction costs" to the contractor who built the mini-school known as the Calabro School on Park Avenue, and it needs the rest of the

money to repair the roof and ceiling of the school . . . which opened only last year.

Hottendorf said the press and public would be barred from tonight's meeting, explaining: "It has to do with litigation. We don't know what position we're going to take."

The simple fact of the matter, he continued, is that the city council passed a resolution to give the \$222,000 but it has not yet "transferred the account."

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri had a different version: "After the city's voters voted 'no' on a referendum to permit the board to sell \$222,000 in bonds to raise the money, the board came to us and asked us for it."

"The board's attorney, Robert W. Taylor, asked us to 'certify' a capital outlay of \$222,000" — whatever that meant.

"The board told us that we would not actually have to pay the \$222,000,

but that they merely wanted 'authorization for the funds,' and that they would be able to get the money from the state.

"Over my objection, the council then passed a resolution to 'approve the capital outlay of \$222,000', by a vote of 5-4, with two of the 'yes' votes coming from councilmen who were employees of the board.

"Inasmuch as we depended on the word of the attorney for the board of education, we have no intention of putting this \$222,000 in our (city) budget; and, besides, we don't have the money."

Ranieri suggested that the board find \$30,000 of the needed amount by using \$30,000 it had appropriated to pay a settlement of a compensation award to a relative of Taylor, as recommended by Taylor.

The money was never paid, because the city's revenue and finance director, Frank J. Bartletta, refused to countersign the check the

board had made out, on the grounds that there was a conflict of interest on the part of Taylor.

## See Hoboken, board in pact

The president of Hoboken's board of education doesn't think the board will sue the city government for a controversial \$222,000 after all.

Otto Hottendorf, the president, expressed that opinion after the board held a closed-door session on the matter with its attorney, Robert W. Taylor.

"We didn't conclude what action to take," Hottendorf said. "It might come up at our regular meeting Tuesday night. But I doubt that we will sue. I believe the city and the board will reach some solution."

Councilman Robert A. Ranieri, however, did not agree with Hottendorf that an amicable settlement between the two bodies was in sight.

The board badly needs about \$100,000 to pay a long-standing claim by a contractor for supplemental construction on the city's mini-school, known as the Calabro School. It contends that this money should come out of \$222,000 the Hoboken City Council voted to provide for the board.

The council has refused to turn over the money. Ranieri, as spokesman, insists that the board deceived the council into thinking it would not actually have to part with the \$222,000 because the board would obtain the money from the state.

Hottendorf retorted, "Mr. Ranieri is the one who created the predicament we're in. We were providing the \$222,000 ourselves by transferring that amount from our general funds to our capital outlay account — but Mr. Ranieri stepped in and said that was illegal, and stopped us. Subsequently the state commissioner of education ruled that we should not pay the money ourselves because the city had to."

To this, Ranieri retorted today: "I'm sorry if I was overprotective in preventing them from doing something illegal."

## Hoboken cop gets top post in safety dept.

By SUSAN KELMAN

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello will name Police Sgt. James W. Giordano, a political ally, to the newly created position of director of public safety, city officials disclosed yesterday.

As director of the city's largest department, Giordano will command a \$7 million budget and more than 400 employees. He will replace Cappiello, who has served as director of public safety since he took office in 1973.

The 20-year veteran of the force, who will take a leave of absence from the police department, will get \$21,500 annually, a \$2,000 salary increase.

Cappiello reportedly will appoint Giordano acting director on Nov. 22. The city council is expected to ratify the permanent appointment at its Dec. 6 meeting.

Giordano was appointed sergeant in 1974. He served as undersheriff of the Hudson County from 1972 to 1974 and as a Hoboken patrolman from 1958 to 1972.

Giordano will supervise the 150 employees of the police department and the 140 employees of the fire department. He will control the signal and traffic division, the city's crossing guards and its building and electrical inspectors.

## Hoboken to get new water billing

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$22,375 from the Capital Improvement Fund Account for the purchase of a water accountancy system is expected to be passed at Monday night's meeting of the Hoboken City Council, Councilman Robert Ranieri said today.

Ranieri said that acquiring the system is "a step in the right direction," but it would not solve the deficit in the Water Department.

The system will provide a more efficient flow of billing procedures," he said, "but it won't directly affect the four million gallons of water that are missing every day."

## Teachers to vote again on union in Hoboken

The union that has been trying to take over as bargaining agent for the Hoboken teachers will try again on Nov. 28.

The state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) has granted a petition by the Hoboken Teachers Federation to hold another representation election on that date.

The federation will try to unhorse the Hoboken Teachers Association, affiliated with the New Jersey Education Association.

The election will be held in three locations — Hoboken High School, Demarest Junior High School and Kiely School, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The teachers' current contract with the city's Board of Education expires June 30.

"We're neutral in the election," Otto Hottendorf, board president, told The Jersey Journal. "We have to furnish the union with the names and addresses of all the certified teachers, and we have to provide the sites for the polling places."

The teachers federation is affiliated with the union that represents New York City teachers.

## Hoboken sweeper back, parkers must move

Hoboken residents will again have to move their cars for alternate-side-of-the-street parking because one of the two mechanical street sweepers is back in action.

The sweeper returned to the streets Wednesday, but parking violations summonses were not issued. Warning tickets were placed on cars

in the path of the sweeper, Business Administrator Edwin Chius said today.

This practice will continue until next week, "probably Wednesday," Chius said. After that, summonses calling for \$10 fines will be issued, he said.

## Cappiello studies film studio idea for Hoboken piers

By William Taft

His dream of a jai alai palace in Hoboken shattered by the voters' turnout of jai alai in a statewide referendum Tuesday, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he is willing to consider as an alternative a film production center on the city's Port Authority piers.

"I would want to know the number of jobs it could be expected to create," Cappiello said, adding: "On the basis of the position the Port Authority has taken toward the piers up to now, I question whether they would go for it."

As to another proposed alternative — using two of the three piers as a garage for city vehicles, thereby saving the \$700,000 expense of building a new garage — the mayor said:

"If the Port Authority gave the piers to us for nothing that would be fine. But I doubt that they would agree to that a permanent arrangement. They have \$8,000,000 in construction bonds to pay off, and they would want to get something from the piers before they would give them up."

Cappiello said he was "disappointed" in the jai alai rejection, but would continue to press for some use of the piers which would bring the city

"revenue in proportion to the intrinsic value of the site."

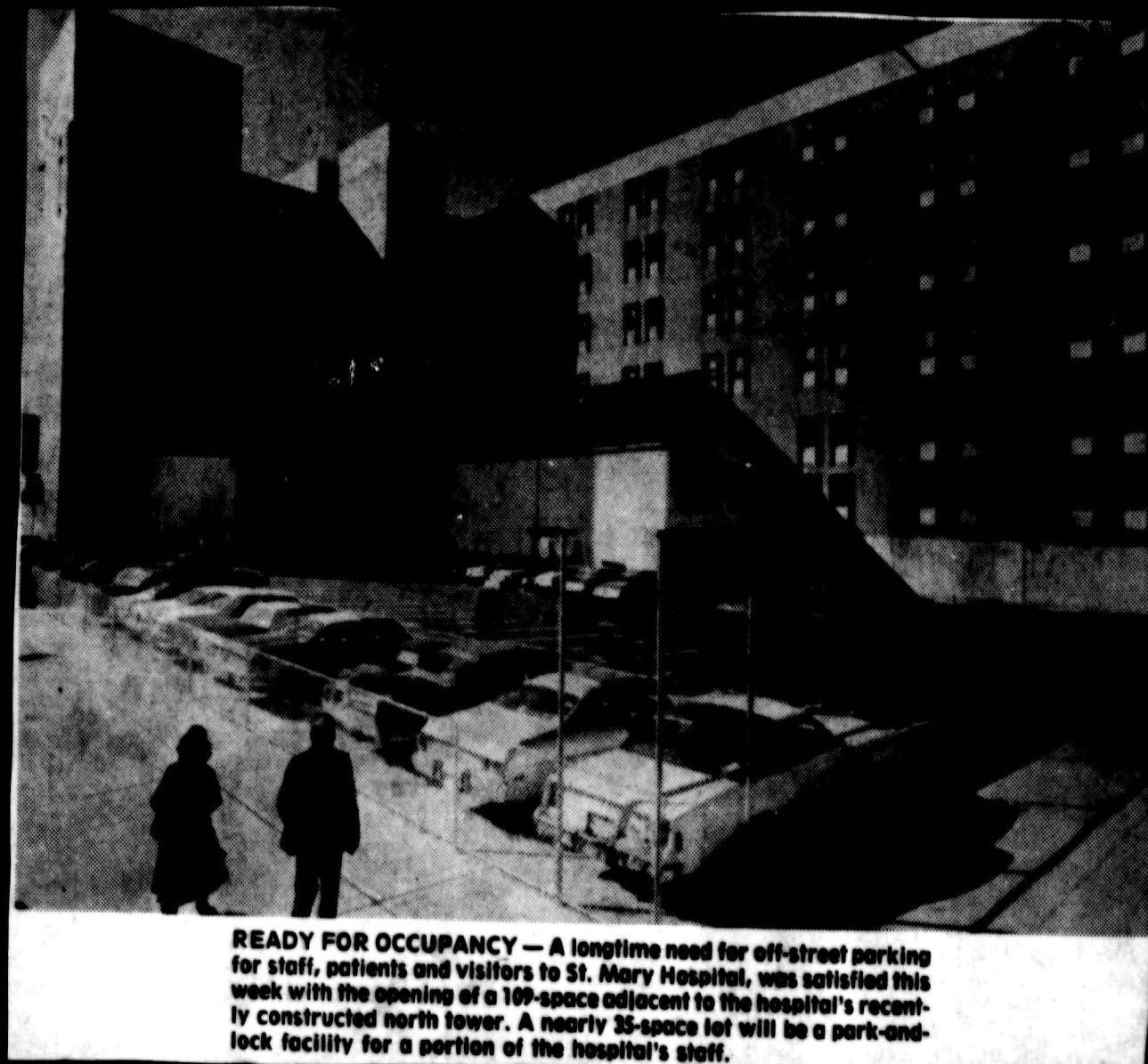
He still does not believe the piers are "going anywhere" as a shipping terminal, he said, because there is not enough land surrounding them to facilitate the containerized type of ocean freight movement now in use.

"There is not enough breakdown space — staging area — for that type of operation," he declared.

Councilman Robert A. Ranieri, who is pushing for a state-sponsored film production center on the piers, commented that the use he proposes, "ideal" for the use he proposes, because structures such as the piers, which are not partitioned off, are "just the thing" needed for film studios.

Councilman Nunzio Malfetti, who is the checker boss at the piers, today disputed Cappiello's statement that a ship which discharged cargo at Pier A last week "put only 40 men to work."

The piers are being studied by the Hudson County Planning Board as a possible site for an onshore supply base to support offshore oil drilling.



READY FOR OCCUPANCY — A longtime need for off-street parking for staff, patients and visitors to St. Mary Hospital, was satisfied this week with the opening of a 100-space adjacent to the hospital's recently constructed north tower. A nearby 35-space lot will be a park-and-lock facility for a portion of the hospital's staff.

## 'Don't forget Taiwan,' student here urges

By John Watson

The easing of tensions between the United States and Communist China has created such apprehension among Nationalist Chinese students in Hudson County that some have begun transferring their resources from Taiwan into American banks.

Paul Chen, a 25-year-old graduate student completing his final year of studies at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, said he fears "America is forgetting about Taiwan" in its efforts to create closer ties with the People's Republic of China.

He said he believes the Communist takeover of South Vietnam following the withdrawal of American support could be repeated in Taiwan. He said he probably would not return to his family if a takeover were to occur.

Some fellow Taiwanese students are convinced there is a genuine Communist threat to Taiwan, he said, and are converting their property there into cash to support them if they have to remain in this country.

Chen said he is considering turning in his student visa in the hope of receiving permanent resident status.

"If there is peace I will return to Taiwan," Chen continued. "But President Carter is making friends with Red China and maybe will give up Taiwan."

Chen said he has seven brothers and sisters living in Communist China who were left behind with his grandmother when his parents were forced to flee into Taiwan.

In Taiwan, "America" is synonymous with "peace" according to Chen, so he understands why the United States is trying to establish warmer relations with China.

"It is OK for Carter to make friends with Red China, but don't forget about Taiwan," he warned.



Paul Chen, a graduate chemistry student from Taiwan, does some last minute studying on his way to class at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.

## Angelo Scalzo, 61, was popular Hoboken figure

Angelo Scalzo, 61, a Hoboken luncheonette owner who never entered politics but knew more politicians more than a Tammy Hall leader, died Thursday at his home.

He was owner of Scalzo's Import House on Washington Street, where he was a fixture for 40 years.

Scalzo, a native of Italy, started his business career with a tiny soda and hot dog shop next to the Rivoli Theater near First and Washington streets.

During intermissions, he would carry a tray of refreshments up and down the aisle, selling them to the theatergoers.

From the small stand he branched out to a luncheonette and ice cream parlor on the western side of Washington Street.

In the mid 1940s, a group of Hoboken policemen who felt they were being treated unfairly, banded together to oppose the later Mayor Bernard N. McFeely. Scalzo's luncheonette became their unofficial headquarters.

The "rebel" patrolmen organized the movement of 1947 which succeeded in ousting the McFeely administration after more than 20 years. One of the policemen, George J. Fitzpatrick, was elected a city commissioner.

When an old established business, the Zell Import House, was about to close, over a dozen years ago, Scalzo took it over.

The delicatessen, with a large sitting room in the rear, became the scene of many club meetings, parties and political rallies.

Mayors, commissioners, assemblymen, fire and police chiefs and even reporters could be found at all hours of the day inside.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said Scalzo will be missed greatly.

"He was friends with everyone and was always willing to help out someone in trouble," he said.

Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri said the restaurant owner was "real Hoboken."

"He really loved Frank Sinatra and he once tried to get a street and a park named after the singer," the councilman said.

"I never have seen a roast beef sandwich" as good as the one Angelo turned out," said another councilman. "He never seemed to have any particular secret but the meat was always done to perfection."

How much did Hoboken political figures think of Scalzo?

He found out one afternoon two years ago when he was told to put on his best business suit, and driven to the Hudson County Administration Building. During a brief ceremony, Scalzo was sworn in as an honorary deputy sheriff. He never forgot that tribute.

Scalzo was a member of the Hoboken Knights of Columbus, Lions and Elks clubs. He had lived in the city since 1933.

A 9 a.m. mass will be offered Monday in St. Peter and Paul Church, Hoboken, followed by burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by the Fallis Funeral Home in Hoboken.



## Rock around the clock

These students of Academy of the Sacred Heart, Hoboken, settle down in their rocking chairs for a long night. They're on a 24-hour rockathon and hope to continue until 7 a.m. tonight to raise funds for the Association for Retarded Citizens. From left are Janet Bille, Martha Mazzola, Cindy Gurdand and Judy Hoyt.

## More trash pickups is goal in Hoboken

By Julia Poonoy

Hoboken is seeking to return to four-day-a-week or five-day-a-week garbage collection.

New specifications have been drawn for a forthcoming contract on which bids will be received. They provide 15 alternatives to bid on.

A resolution to adopt the specifications will be discussed at tonight's council meeting. The current three-year contract for garbage collection expires on Jan. 31.

Chius said that bidders would be given the opportunity to present 15 different figures to obtain the contract. The 15 figures represent the costs of one, two, three, four or five-year contracts, on a three, four or five day collection.

"City officials and the council agree with me," Chius said. "Three days a week is not sufficient for garbage collection." Chius said that they hoped to increase the number of days with the new contract, depending on the cost.

The language of the new contract will be much more explicit, he continued. "The terminology in the last contract was vague," Chius declared. He mentioned that there had been some problems with contractors as to school collections, litter basket collections and the picking up of leaves. "Everything has been spelled out in this contract so the contractor will know exactly what he has to do," he said.

If the resolution on garbage collection is passed at tonight's council meeting, bids from contractors will be received on Dec. 7.



# Safety hazards halt pumping station work

Hoboken today was ordered to remove brickwork in the influent line.

After reading the letter, Council President Martin J. Brennan said: "I'll notify the law department to start suit immediately against the present contractor and take steps to hire a replacement and pay him out of the performance bond to finish the work."

Lynch estimated the repair work could cost nearly \$300,000.

Ranieri, who claims an unknown number of the city's 4,000 water meters are inoperable or defective, said the city next year will begin to phase out as many of its old \$100 meters by putting meters out to bid in bulk.

At last night's council session, the governing body voted for an ordinance appropriating \$22,375.75 from the city water utility's capital improvement account to buy a computer billing system for the water department from the Burroughs Corp.

Hoboken's inactive waterfront became the jumping-off point for a verbal battle between Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti and Mayor Steve Cappiello. Malfetti, a

longshoreman, accused the mayor of not trying hard enough to attract shipping concerns to the city's piers, but Cappiello said the Port Authority controls the docks.

In other business, the council: Approved an \$11,490 contract to Monro Mechanical Services to remove the kitchen and bathrooms and install ramps in the local Elks Club building to accommodate a city senior citizens program.

Approved a \$154,000 payment to Jersey City for water furnished Hoboken last month. Councilmen Walter Cramer, Louis Franco and Anthony Romano of the Second, Fourth and First Wards, respectively, dissented.

Let contracts totaling in excess of \$40,000 to six firms for the demolition of 200-15, 401 and 515 First St., 613 Observer Highway, 321 Monroe St. and 302 Madison St. and a \$15,708 contract to V&L Contracting Co. to tear down 500-08 Observer Highway, 88-90 Monroe St. and 212-26 Madison St. and a \$9,900 contract to Ambrosio & Sons to demolish 65 Park Ave.

Adopted specifications for four and five-day garbage pickups with various options for which bids will be received Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. by the council.

A fire in the station's control panel.

Continuous flooding on the dry side of the station caused by an inoperable sump-pump.

One of three pumps defective since it was installed by the Artesian Well Co., according to Lynch.

Added Hancock: "We are not accepting the design capacity of the station due to neglect on the contractor's part (Hoboken, Inc., of Waldwick) to

# Giordano takes over cops

A date for the swearing-in of Police Sgt. James W. Giordano as public safety director for Hoboken will probably be set by tomorrow, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

(The Jersey Journal reported last August that Cappiello said he would appoint Giordano.)

Currently, the mayor holds the additional title of public safety director himself, but receives no salary for it. The position is being re-created by the Hoboken City Council at the request of the mayor, who was elected to the additional job of firefighter last Tuesday.

Cappiello said today he picked Giordano, a friend, "because of his long family background in police work."

"His father, Joseph, a police lieutenant, retired many years ago. James Giordano knows the police needs of the city. He has had diverse experience. He was undersheriff of Hudson County for two and a half years."

"I expect to be relieved of many responsibilities which Mr. Giordano will take over," he continued.

"In the city's present state, the mayor needs to devote much more time to the economic affairs of the city."

Cappiello said Giordano receives in the neighborhood of \$19,000 as a police sergeant assigned to head the vice squad in the detective bureau. As public safety director he will get \$21,600.

"The increase is not significant," he said, "and actually he probably makes that much now in overtime which he will no longer get."

# Cappiello orders budget cuts

Mayor Steve Cappiello yesterday ordered the directors of Hoboken's major departments to cut from 10 to 25 percent off their budgets for next year.

The budgetary cutbacks would offset Hoboken's loss of more than \$1 million in anti-recession aid. The aid package, known as counter-cyclical, was not passed by the 95th Congress before it adjourned in October.

City Business Administrator Edwin Chius said he is trying to slash approximately \$1 million from the city's annual \$19 million budget. The city's largest departments would be forced to dismiss employees and curtail spending, Chius said.

The departments of Public Safety and Public Works would probably be able to make more cutbacks than the city's other departments, Chius said. The departments of Law, Revenue and Finance and Health and Welfare are also expected to make serious cutbacks.

The department heads, who are expected to propose cutbacks by the next director's meeting, are complaining that 10 percent cutbacks would seriously curtail the level of services.

The budget will be presented to the public on Nov. 20 at 9 a.m.

# 31 officials of Hoboken off to parley

Thirty-one of Hoboken's city officials are attending the League of Municipalities convention in Atlantic City starting today through Thursday.

Among those authorized to attend are Mayor Steve Cappiello, Business Administrator Edwin Chius, Police George Crimmins, Fire Chief James Houn and six city councilmen.

Chius said today that all but two officials had opted to be given the \$200 allowance for the trip beforehand. Following the trip an itemized list of expenditures must be presented to the Business Administration office within 10 days, he added.

The \$200 covers lodging at a suggested rate of \$42 per day, highway tolls and 15 cents per mile for gas, \$25 a day for food, and a \$15 convention registration fee, Chius continued.

# Hoboken gets sewer advice

The City of Hoboken has enlisted the help of an outside consultant to determine how best the city can clean its clogged sewers and keep them clean — and how much it would cost.

The consultant will present a proposal in two or three weeks, Councilman Robert Ranieri said today.

# Plan board okays motel

The Hoboken Planning Board has recommended that Bekay Urban Renewal Associates be allowed to build a 12-story motel on the north side of Second Street between Hudson and River streets.

The recommendation will come before the city council at tonight's council meeting, Robert Goodman, chairman of the planning board, said today.

Goodman said the planning board had been holding up the application because of a dispute as to who should make some necessary utility repairs on River Street — the city or Bekay.

"Bekay demanded that Hoboken make the repairs, but since they were buying the property the board felt that Bekay was responsible for it," Goodman declared. "Bekay has agreed to make the repairs, so the board is recommending the application," he continued.

Goodman said that construction work on the project should start soon. "Bekay should be able to start building," he said. "They're buying the property from the Housing Authority and the price has been agreed upon."

The council will discuss the recommendation at tonight's meeting.

# Hoboken ed board wrangles over convention expenses

By SUSAN KELMAN

The Hoboken Board of Education yesterday refused to pay its attorney \$143 for expenses at a school board convention although it narrowly approved a \$336 request for unauthorized convention expenses by the district business administrator.

School Board Attorney Robert W. Taylor requested \$143 although the board said at its last meeting that Taylor could spend only up to \$100 at the Atlantic City convention. Board members voted to reimburse Taylor for \$100 of his expenses.

Three board members, including board President Otto Hottendorf, voted to grant Business Administrator Anthony Romano \$225 in expenses even though he was not on a list of officials scheduled to attend the convention. Two board members voted against the request, and one abstained.

Board member Richard England, who voted in the minority, said the board should have honored its earlier resolution, which excluded Romano from the list of officials scheduled to attend the convention.

The board also routinely approved \$225 checks for three other board officials — board members James J. Giani and James T. Monago, and Principal Daniel Binetti — who attended the convention.

Frank Bartlett, custodian of school monies, said yesterday he will not reimburse board officials who attended the convention because they did not itemize their expenses.

However, England said the board will submit itemized vouchers to the financial officer this week.

# Hoboken CETA ordered to make mass dismissal

Hoboken's 160 CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) workers will be dismissed on Sept. 30 of next year, George Crimmins Jr., Hoboken CETA director, announced today.

Those dismissed will be replaced by new workers, Crimmins said.

All new employees hired as replacements from today on will be notified that they will be kept on the payroll for only 18 months.

Crimmins said he received a directive from CETA headquarters in Washington, saying that all employees taken on since April 1 must be dropped as of the end of next September.

The purpose, he said, is to "recycle" the employees, so that they do not make a career of CETA work.

The only exceptions to the deadline of Sept. 30, 1979, he said, are "two or three" persons who have been hired since April 1, and who are entitled to "one or two months longer."

The Hoboken CETA started in 1974. Many of the people hired then are still on the payroll. Although many employees have worked more than 18 months already, they are being allowed to remain until next Sept. 30.

Hoboken CETA employees work for every department of the municipal government and also for the city's housing authority, parking authority, board of education and the Hoboken Organization against Poverty and Economic Stress (HOPEs), the director said.

Crimmins said he is exempted from the 18-month cutoff because he is an administrator.

Salaries of CETA workers are the same as those who do corresponding work in the municipal government.

The city's Health and Welfare Department has about 40 CETA workers — about two-thirds of that department's total staff — and the Public Works Department has about 30, Crimmins said.

# Cilento pressing reform of absentee ballot law

County Republican Chairman Anthony J. Cilento hopes to get the cooperation of Hudson County's Democratic legislators in Trenton in reforming the state absentee ballot statute.

"I'm certain they will go along with changes, regardless of their party affiliation," Cilento added.

In fact, he is recommending legislation setting up a bi-partisan committee, affiliated with bi-partisan boards of election in the 21 counties, to check certain procedures relating to applications to vote by absentee ballot, the actual voting by that method and the returning of the ballots.

Applications are presently made to the county clerk, then checked by the elections superintendent to verify that the applicants are registered voters. Ballots are then mailed to those whose signatures are on the voting list.

The county GOP chairman's comment came as the State Commission of Investigations announced it has launched a probe to uncover "loopholes" in the law governing voting by absentee ballot following reports of possible fraud during elections in several New Jersey counties.

Cilento says the actual "soliciting" of absentee votes by committeemen and women in each party should be banned.

"Not even the Republican committee members should do it," Cilento answered when asked if his party workers "solicited" such votes. "I don't tell the county committee to do it," he added.

Cilento said if someone should tell a committee member they need to vote by an absentee ballot, the party member should merely tell them where to apply and not have anything to do with actually sending in the application or handling the absentee ballot after it is sent to the voter.

"There must be a valid reason for voting by absentee ballot, of course," he explained.

He warned against creating a situation where the voter "would feel obligated to them" (party workers) because of help in obtaining absentee ballots and vote for their candidates.

Cilento said he also doesn't like the idea of a party worker "staying

there" when a person is voting via an absentee ballot and then delivering it for counting.

The SCI said that was one apparent "loophole" in the present law.

Persons who disabled or infirm "can write beforehand" in requesting absentee ballots, Cilento asserted.

The bi-partisan committee that would function in each county on absentee ballot voting could personally deliver such a ballot to a local voter in circumstances where the application was made due to a legitimate emergency and there is "no time to mail it back," he recommended.

Although the State Criminal Justice Division said it investigated the 1976 race between then-Rep. Henry Helstoski and Assemblyman Byron Baer, and last April's controversial recall election in North Bergen, it found no criminal violations in either election. However, the probe was turned over the SCI for possible abuses of absentee voting.

Hudson County Prosecutor James T. O'Halloran's office is still probing 15 absentee ballots cast in Weehawken's June Democratic primary.

When asked for comment on efforts to plug the "loopholes," Joseph T. Brady, Hudson County's elections superintendent and registration commissioner, indicated he has some recommendations but would prefer to outline them in the near future when he testifies before the state group seeking to reform the law. He said he was asked to appear in order to make recommendations.



Thomas Ayende, left, and Thomas Newman of the 1st Ward Block Association, discuss renovation plans for 208-210 Garden St., shown in the background.

# 1st Ward project closer to reality

By SUSAN KELMAN

For the past 26 months, Thomas Newman and the First Ward Block Association have been waiting to close a deal on an expensive tenement rehabilitation project.

"Any day now," he tells Tomas Ayende, who staffs the barren ward association office on Second and Garden streets.

"Another delay," Ayende says slowly. "Always a delay."

Newman, a self-employed cabinet maker, has spent much of the past two years on the block association's pet project — renovation of two dilapidated buildings in the ward.

About a dozen Puerto Rican landlords have told Newman they are willing to buy the buildings at 208 and 210 Garden Street after the city spends part of a federal grant on the rehabilitation project.

But right now block association members are still waiting for title to the property. They hope to have the property any day.

Newman, however, is afraid to cook his chickens before they hatch.

About a year ago he thought the block association was close to completing the deal, but a relocation problem took months to solve. Finally, the city Community Development Agency (CDA) agreed to pay each of seven tenants \$700.

But just when that was solved, Newman discovered that the block association underestimated the cost of the project by about 40 percent. Another three months was lost, Newman said.

Now, there are still some technicalities to clear up before the block association can take over the property.

Yesterday, Newman spoke about the delays.

"No one believes me anymore when I say we're close to a deal," he says dejectedly.

The block association meets once a month. For the past 26 months, Newman has presented a progress report on the tenement project. He hopes to submit his last report at next month's meeting.

# Hoboken will raze six more eyesores

Hoboken will get rid of six more of its "eyesores" in the form of condemned houses.

A resolution awarding contracts to various companies to demolish the buildings is due to be passed at tonight's city council meeting, Business Administrator Edwin Chius said today.

The buildings at 515 First St., 613 Observer Highway, 321 Monroe St., 200-15 First St., 613 Observer Highway, 321 Monroe St., 200-15 First St., 302 Madison Street, and 401 First St., which is a city-owned building.

The city acquires a building when the owner doesn't pay taxes forcing the city to foreclose on the building, Chius said. "The city couldn't demolish this building right away because one of its walls adjoined

another dwelling," Chius explained. "We had to draw up a careful set of specifications before demolition," he continued.

The owners of the five other buildings were notified in letters from Chief Housing Inspector Michael Curcio in August that their buildings were "unsafe and hazardous to the public."

The owners were given two weeks to demolish the property or they could have appealed the decision, Chius said. "None of the owners appealed and none demolished their property," he continued.

Chius said that the city will then demolish the building but it also places a lien against the property. "This prevents the owner from selling the property," he declared.



HONORED GUEST — Alice Yacullo, past president of the Hudson County Mental Health Association, center, was named Woman of the Year at group's weekend ball. Admiring her plaque are, from left, Bridget Mastromarino, president, and Santa DeGross, executive director of volunteers.

# Hoboken wants parents to pay vandalism bill

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that he wants the parents of the children who vandalized the Wallace School over the weekend to pay for the damages.

The police department's juvenile division has apprehended seven youngsters so far, but there may be more, the mayor said.

"As soon as we have them all rounded up, I'm going to ask Police Chief George Crimmins to arrange a

meeting between me, the chief, the children involved and their parents," Cappiello said.

The purpose of the meeting is to "talk about the damages and assess the amount of damages," the mayor continued. He said earlier that it was unfair for the taxpayers to continually absorb the expense of vandalism.

"I'd like to get the parents of these children involved," he said, "I'm going to ask them to pay for the damages."

The mayor said that the city is dealing with young children, "juveniles not adolescents." "I want them at the meeting so they realize just what they have done," he added.

Vandalism in schools has been a "community walkaway" for too long, Cappiello explained. The mayor said he wanted the parents to know what their obligations are, and he wants to see "if the parents really care."