

Hoboken marchers chant out their ire over Iran impasse

By PETER BEGANS

More than 200 Hoboken residents held a two-mile protest march around the city yesterday to demonstrate their anger and frustration over the hostage situation in Iran.

Chanting "U.S.A., all the way," and "Let our people go, before we come and get 'em," the crowd marched down Washington Street from City Hall, picking up supporters along the way.

The marchers included a number of city officials as well as veterans, policemen, students and others angry over the detention of 50 American citizens by Iranian students demanding the return of the shah.

After the crowd reached 14th Street and turned onto Willow Avenue, the intended end of the march, Mayor Steve Cappiello took a loudspeaker from a police car and asked the crowd if they wanted to march back to City Hall. "All the way," they answered.

A police car with its siren blaring led the demonstration. Cars held up on side streets honked their horns, not with impatience but in agreement.

Above the line of march, a United Nations of faces appeared in tenement and loft windows, most shouting support, some appearing indifferent.

Marchers shouted to friends and strangers on the sidewalk. "Come join us."

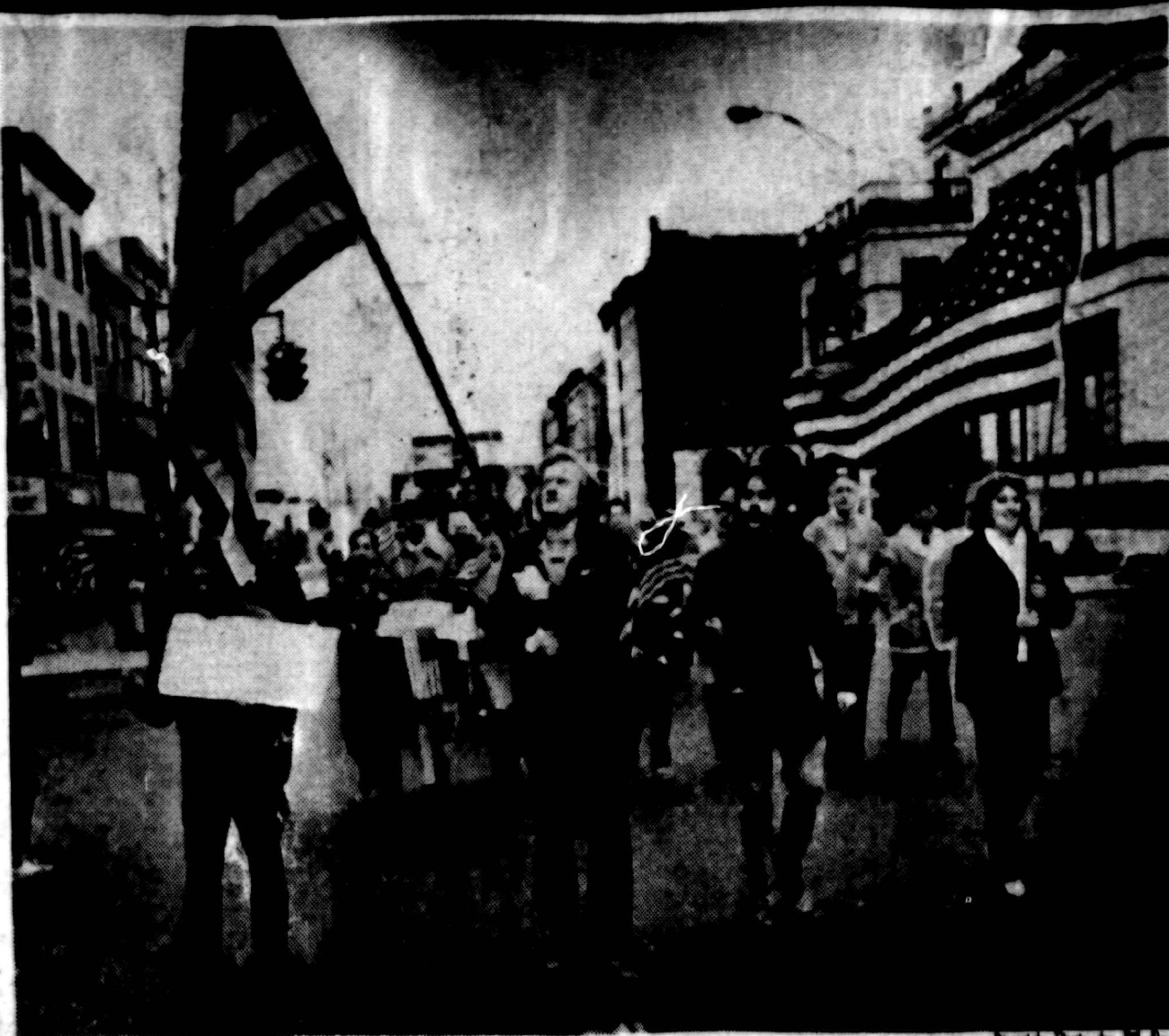
Back at City Hall, Councilman-at-large Thomas Kennedy led the flag-waving crowd in a chorus of "God Bless America."

Michael Sarullo, organizer of the rally, then told the crowd: "I was tired of seeing the American flag burned, spit on and abused. Let's say, 'Never again.'"

Sarullo, who works in a store in Hoboken, began organizing the rally last week with his friend Kevin Hauck because he said they were angry that the hostages hadn't been released.

Sarullo said he was very pleased at the turnout. "If it wasn't for such short notice, the people in the windows would have been out in the street," Sarullo said.

Asked if this was a one-shot deal, Sarullo vowed, "If we think we need another demonstration, we'll have one."



Waving American flags and shouting "U.S.A., all the way," about 200 Hoboken residents and city officials participate yesterday in a two-mile protest march through city streets to vent their anger and frustration over the holding of 50 American hostages in Iran.

Dispatch Photo by Bill Baur

Hoboken in winter: Fire is the enemy

By PETER BEGANS

Last January, the attention of the New York metropolitan area and much of the country became focused on Hoboken when 21 people died in a tenement fire started by three children.

Since that time little has changed in the city's deteriorating tenements to give hope to low-income residents that they will be spared from fire this winter.

A city ordinance calling for smoke detectors in multiple-family dwellings has been delayed because of modifications in the design demanded by landlords who complained of the high cost.

And housing violations in the tenements have largely gone uncorrected because of a backlog in re-inspections in the city housing office and an attitude on the part of the landlords that they cannot afford to make the improvements, officials indicate.

Spiraling fuel costs and lack of heat in some apartments has spurred the use of space heaters and gas stoves, both fire hazards, according to officials.

Overcrowding in railroad flats still exists, in fact has increased, observers say, because the city's tight housing market and inflation has forced extended families to move in together.

Juan Garcia of Community United for New Action, a local Hispanic self-help group, estimates that 90 percent of the tenement buildings in Hoboken have housing violations such as cluttered basements, faulty or exposed wiring, lack of fireproofing and severe flooding problems which could cause electrical shorts.

Garcia puts the blame squarely on absentee landlords and on the city administration's failure to organize all city inspectors under the authority of a municipal housing court.

Both the housing court and the combination of all city inspectors has been proposed by Hoboken officials, but they have not yet been instituted.

The smoke detector ordinance, another safety improvement, was targeted to be in effect by Dec. 1 by Public Safety Director James Giordano. In October, Giordano and fire officials developed an ordinance calling for a high-voltage smoke detector system which would have cost landlords of five-story buildings about \$1,000.

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Hoboken to report on wiring peril

By PETER BEGANS

The Hoboken Department of Public Safety tonight will present to the City Council a report on areas of the municipality where electrical wiring would dangerously interfere with firefighting operations.

The Hoboken Environmental Committee and Fire Capt. Louis Muraco are hoping the evidence presented will lead the city council to go before the state Board of Public Utilities and challenge the authority of utility companies to string electrical wires without first consulting area residents.

The electrical wiring, nicknamed "black spaghetti," is strung on most of Hoboken's streets and has been cited as both a danger and an eyesore, especially by residents of the uptown area of the city.

Muraco has been before the BPU to protest New Jersey Bell's relocation of

Foes seek to short out utility prerogative

telephone wires on his block from the backyards to the street over a year ago. Muraco, who opposed the change for safety reasons, had his phone disconnected in protest 10 months ago.

The telephone company has said that the wires were moved because there are no alleys between many Hoboken structures and homeowners often are reluctant to allow repairmen into their yards. The company also noted that Public Service Electric and Gas Co. and cable television wires were already strung in front of the houses.

So far, the judge in the hearing has said that Muraco's appeal must be limited to his house alone, according to Helen Manogue of the Environmental Committee. Mrs. Manogue feels that if the City Council joins with Muraco to protest the

wiring, it will widen the scope and so carry more clout.

The Environmental Committee is disturbed by what it calls the ugliness of the wiring. "They (the utility companies) are devaluing our property by stringing wires on the street," Mrs. Manogue said yesterday. "They're endangering the renaissance of the city."

Mrs. Manogue said the issue was first raised when the phone company—in one weekend—moved all the telephone wires to the street on Garden Street between 12th and 13th streets—Muraco's block. She said the people were annoyed that they had no say in the matter.

"We feel we have a right to know where and how they are going to string the wires," she said.

Mrs. Manogue cited several alter-

natives which could be adopted to substitute for the hanging wires.

One way would be for the cables to be put underground in what is called a utility trench. Director of Public Safety James Giordano said currently Washington Avenue and Hudson Street have utility trenches.

However, the greater cost would most likely make the utility trench idea unfeasible, Mrs. Manogue admitted. "We would like to see the wires go underground, but it's dreadfully expensive," Giordano said. PSE&G estimated that it would cost \$150,000 for each block to switch to underground wiring.

Another idea Mrs. Manogue mentioned was running wiring across the front of the houses. Though this would be unattractive, it could mitigate the safety hazard, she asserted.

Giordano said Deputy Fire Chief James Halloran conducted a survey last week to determine where the strung wires would impede hook and ladder operations in a fire.

Rent 'bargains' in Hoboken are tenant ripoffs

By Randolph Diamond

Some Hoboken landlords are raising the rent of their apartments by \$100 or more when a vacancy arises, in violation of the city's rent control ordinance, city housing officials said today.

All the officials believe the problem exists; but as to the extent, there is disagreement.

What is agreed upon is that when an apartment's rent is jacked up beyond the legal 7.5 percent, it is usually a New Yorker or another out-of-town resident who moves in.

"High rents in Hoboken are considered low rents in New York," says Bernardine Van Carpies, Hoboken rent leveling board administrator. "A person paying \$1,400 a month for a two-bedroom apartment duplex in New York is perfectly willing to spend \$800 a month in Hoboken. They think it's a good deal."

Hoboken landlords are entitled to a 7.5 percent rent increase a year, and when an apartment becomes vacant they are entitled to give the new tenant an immediate 7.5 percent increase, according to Mrs. Van Carpies. But then they are not allowed to

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raise the rent for another 12 months.

Mrs. Van Carpies said she believes that only a small percentage of landlords and a small number of real estate brokers are breaking the law.

But even when the law is being broken, she said, the new tenants are often willing to put up with it.

She cites the case of a New York woman who she learned was being charged \$50 more than she should have been but didn't want to make a formal complaint.

"I told her she could have her rent rolled back, but she thought her \$350 a month rental was a good deal."

Mrs. Van Carpies said she can only act on complaints and said she does not do independent investigating herself.

"I neither have the time nor the staff," said Mrs. Van Carpies, who is the only paid staff member of the Rent Leveling and Stabilization Board. Peter Beronio, Hoboken community service director, said he believes every apartment that becomes vacant in Hoboken is being rented to a New Yorker.

"It is a conspiracy by the realtors," he said. "Pretty soon Hoboken will be just for the lower class and the upper class. There'll be no room for the middle class."

Sal Santaniello, Hoboken housing and neighborhood development coordinator, cited some cases he knew about in uptown Hoboken, where

apartments that were renting for \$150 a month became vacant and were jacked up to \$320 a month.

"The rents are going up all over town," he added.

But Juan Torres, Hoboken Rent Leveling Board chairman, said he believes the problem is exaggerated.

Torres said only a small percentage of apartments are involved and the real problem is the small number of vacant apartments in Hoboken. "The vacancy rate is at most 1 or 2 percent," he said. "The city has become sort of a mecca."

Torres said it has always been hard to find an apartment in Hoboken but now it's next to impossible.

"Many of the people who left Hoboken years ago for the suburbs have now decided to come back because of the various conveniences there," he said. "But they try to come back and can't find an apartment."

Torres said the low vacancy rate is causing residents to blame the New Yorkers for their problems when the New Yorkers are really not responsible for it.

A number of tenants interviewed by The Jersey Journal, however, expressed fear that they were going to be priced out of Hoboken. And some said they had experienced harassment from their landlord who wants them to vacate their apartments so he can rent to New Yorkers.

Many Hoboken residents feel there is a real problem. But what is the solution? No one seems to know.

Sewage plant repair could run up to \$750,000

The repair of Hoboken's sewage treatment plant could run from \$350,000 to \$750,000 under three options detailed in a preliminary report by the engineer hired to supervise the work.

Roy Haack, Hoboken sewage plant superintendent, said today he believes the lowest cost option is the best but the choice is not up to local officials.

Officials from the federal Department of Environmental Protection must approve any plan to repair the plant as part of a court settlement Hoboken made with the EPA.

A meeting has been scheduled between environmental and local officials later this week to discuss the preliminary plan.

The report, prepared by engineer Nicholas Campagna of Environmental Sciences in Woodbridge, lists 60 things that must be done to put the Hoboken plant in good working order.

The total cost of those items is expected to be around \$300,000 and federal and city officials have been in general agreement on them. The cost difference on the three options revolves around whether a digester is needed at the plant.

The digester breaks up the solids in the sewage. The two digesters at the plant are currently out of operation.

To rebuild the plant digester, Campagna estimates would cost between \$350,000 and \$450,000.

The second option would be to install a new cover on one digester and then use both digesters as storage tanks for sludge. The sewage however, would not be as broken down as under the first option. Its cost would run from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

The third option eliminates the use of the digester entirely with the sludge being pumped from the settling tanks directly to the vacuum filter for de-watering. The cost is estimated at \$50,000.

Campagna suggests going with See SEWAGE—Page 4.

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the third option unless a federal grant can be obtained to pay for the digester. DEP officials have indicated

Hoboken would have a chance of obtaining such a grant.

The report also says seven more workers will be needed at the sewage treatment plant to ensure its proper operation, in addition to in-service training for the 14 workers currently employed.

Business Administrator Edwin

Chius said the increased staff at the plant would cost approximately \$100,000 a year.

Hoboken officials had agreed to fix the sewage plant last summer after EPA officials had threatened to sue the city because they said raw sewage was going from the plant directly into the Hudson River.

\$2,500 Hoboken garden can't get IN the ground

The president of Hoboken's First Ward Block Association, Thomas Newman is beginning to have serious doubts about whether a \$2,500 vegetable and flower garden that the Hoboken Community Development Agency was supposed to build will ever be ready.

It was June 1978 when CDA officials approved the block association proposal to convert the vacant lot at Second and Garden streets into a garden.

All that summer, residents of the First Ward waited for a backhoe to level the lot.

Finally, in September, the backhoe came but the operator had to take it away in the middle of the day because of another assignment.

The backhoe didn't return again until last April to finish the work. Newman and his wife and other members of the block association were happy. They finally thought their garden was going to become a reality.

All they needed was the topsoil.

But CDA officials couldn't get the topsoil until late this summer because they said they didn't have time to go to the companies in person and couldn't get them to submit a bid by mail.

Finally they obtained a bid and laid the topsoil.

It was September and they were ready to plant.

But then a homeowner next to the garden decided to do some work on his house and set up a scaffolding which prevented CDA workers from doing the planting.

When the man finished work on his house, a new problem arose.

CDA Director Fred Bado said his agency thought it would be better to make the garden larger than the 25-by-25 foot area that had been originally planned.

He said he decided to tear down some vacant garages on city-owned land on one side of the garden to make the garden more than twice its original size.

But Bado said he ran into some

problems when it was discovered that the two vacant garages were attached by a common wall to a garage that was being used by a local homeowner.

It could not be figured out, Bado said, how to tear down the two garages without tearing down the third.

Bado said he dropped the idea of extending the garden and he said he expects evergreens which can be planted in the winter to be put in the ground soon.

Other plants and vegetables, he said, will be planted in the spring.

Newman meanwhile, said the whole thing is "ridiculous." "It has been over a year and a half and the project is still not completed."

Hoboken firemen to get awards

Twenty-five awards to firemen for valor in the line of duty were scheduled to be given out this afternoon.

While occasional awards had been given to firemen in the past, this is the first time Hoboken officials have made an effort to award all firemen for meritorious acts.

Public Safety Director James Giordano ordered today's ceremonies

at city hall because he felt the firemen had not been justly rewarded for their acts of bravery.

Fireman Michael Taglieri will receive two valor awards — one for an incident on April 27, 1979, when he participated in the rescue of two men from a collapsed scaffold, 80 feet from ground level at 122 Clinton St.

Taglieri's other award involves a fire on Nov. 26, 1978, at 624 Park Ave.

where he helped rescue a woman who had become unconscious due to the smoke.

Fireman John J. Cassessa also will receive two awards, one for his action on April 24, 1979, at 129 Bloomfield St. where, according to his citation, at great personal risk, he dragged a badly burned adult to a rear window where he assisted in placing him on the fire landing.

The other is for his action on May 6, 1978, where he entered a ground floor apartment at 70 Washington St. during a fire and carried to safety a

semi-conscious occupant.

Also to be honored at today's ceremonies are firefighters Alfred Avitabile, Michael Metcalfe, Damian Uva, Dennis Knapp, Patrick Greene, August Chichizola, Joseph O'Brien, Vincent Marzocca, Joseph Kennedy, Vincent Guinta, James Lahr, John J. Lisa, William G. O'Brien and Donald Pesciotta.

Also Capt. James Smith, Donald Sheehan, Alan Brause, Sam Bartone, Charles Ebersole and Anthony Mosca. Deputy Chief Edward McDonald also will be honored.

Anti-litter picture out of focus

Hoboken's Project Focus appears to need some adjustment.

But the question is: Who is going to do the focusing?

From Mayor Steve Cappiello down, nobody knows who's in charge. Cappiello said Public Works Director Andrew Amato and Helen Manogue, chairwoman of the Citizens Committee for a Cleaner Hoboken, are supposed to coordinate the experimental program to crack down on sanitary code violators on a four-block stretch of Washington Street.

But Acting Sanitary Inspector Peter Falco said he has not seen Mrs. Manogue or anyone from the coalition since the scheduled start of the project on Monday.

Falco said he is the only person looking for sanitary code violators in the area. And he averred that the volunteers that Mrs. Manogue was to provide to monitor Washington Street

on a 24-hour basis didn't show up.

Mrs. Manogue, meanwhile, has been unavailable for comment.

And Amato has professed no knowledge of the program.

Cappiello admitted he hadn't talked to Amato about it but remarked: "Doesn't he read the newspapers?"

Project volunteers were reportedly going to monitor Washington Street between 10th and 14th Street for sanitary code violators.

Falco said he has been on his job but usually only in the mornings because he also has to take care of the rest of the city.

The acting sanitation inspector said he has found nine landlords so far who are failing to comply with the sanitary code by not providing one trash can for every two apartments and an additional one for the building.

But Falco said he found those violations on his own time at night, not during his scheduled Project Focus hours during the day.

The inspector said he hasn't been able to find any violators at all during the day because garbage cans are usually not put out until evening.

Even when Falco finds a violator, however, he can't give a summons right away. He doesn't have police power to give a summons on the spot so he must go back to the Hoboken Court Clerk and swear the summons before him.

Cappiello: Cupboard bare

No \$\$ in firemen's reward

By PETER BEGANS

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello took the opportunity yesterday at a ceremony honoring 23 firefighters for meritorious service to tell them the city can ill afford to fatten their paychecks in 1980.

Citing the city's diminishing tax base and tight budget, Cappiello asked the firefighters to have "an understanding of those facts," in their approaching negotiations with the city administration.

Cappiello claimed that city Business Administrator Edwin Chius, who has been an outspoken advocate of reducing the number of superiors in the fire department and who will handle the negotiations with municipal unions, "does more firemen than anyone around here."

"That's because he starts them," quipped Michael Bavaro, president of the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1078.

Bavaro said the firefighters are going into the negotiations asking for a 15 percent increase over this year's pay scale in order to compete with inflation. He added the union would also attempt to get increased medical coverage from the city.

Bavaro also noted that the firefighters' union has shrunk from 173 to 127 over the last few years and he said a goal would be

to stop reductions in the table of organization.

Cappiello said later he would not negotiate terms in the newspaper, but called the firefighters' demand "way out of line." Serious budget talks will begin after Chius and city directors strike a final preliminary budget.

In the noon ceremony, men, John Cassesa, Michael Taglieri and Dennis Knapp received first class certificates of commendation for saving lives over the last two years.

Cassesa has also received a first place award from the state International Association of Fire Fighters and a second place award from the Firemen's Benevolent Association for saving the life of a semi-conscious woman caught in a burning tenement at 70 Washington St. in May 1978. Two residents died in that fire.

Cassesa also was honored by the city yesterday for saving a severely burned man from a fire at 174 Bloomfield St. in April.

Taglieri and Knapp were given the highest city honors for saving two workmen hanging onto a collapsed scaffold 60 feet above the ground at 122 Clinton St. on April 27.

Bavaro asserted that in the hundred years of the Hoboken Fire Department, this was the first time the city has publicly honored meritorious service by the men. "It's been a long time coming," Bavaro said.

Chius has long threatened to have an ordinance passed changing the table of organization of both the fire and police departments to eliminate some superiors. Last week, he again stated that two captain positions should be cut from the fire department.

Public Safety Director James Giordano replied that the morale of the force would sink if there was no opportunity for advancement.

During his address, Cappiello referred to a remark of AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland and said it "will not interfere with you (the firefighters) as individuals or as an organization."

Cappiello was outraged two weeks ago by a remark by Kirkland slurring the city. The IAFF is a member of the labor federation.

Bavaro said he contacted Kirkland personally about the alleged remark, and Kirkland insisted he was quoted out of context.

Council cuts garage job from force

After a lengthy argument, the Hoboken City Council deleted the position of garage and fleet supervisor in the police department's revised table of organization, deciding to reconsider the position after receiving more information about it.

The debate over the issue was whether the centralized garage, which is now being constructed, should be placed under the jurisdiction of the Public Safety Department or the Public Works Department.

Council President Walter Cramer outlined three reasons why he acted to delay the vote on the garage supervisor.

"We want to know from the administration who is in charge. Which department will it be in?" said Cramer. "We got no specifications on the job and no salary. And we were told the Civil Service examination for the job will be open to everyone, but since the job requirements haven't been written up yet we don't know this for a fact."

"If we're satisfied with the answers we get we can include the position in the ordinance establishing the table of organizations at a later time," Cramer added.

Councilman Robert Ranieri argued that the position should remain in the police department as proposed because it would allow Sgt. Mario Mercado, who now directs the maintenance of police vehicles, to take the test without losing his seniority and pension rights in that department.

If the garage is placed in Public Works and Mercado scores highest on the Civil Service test, he'd have to drop out of the police department in order to take the job.

Councilman Norman Wilson replied to Ranieri's reasoning by saying, "Some of us here are of the opinion that he should decide what department he wants to be in." Wilson added that there was no guarantee that Mercado would remain as garage supervisor if he took the job and still held his police position.

But Ranieri insisted that Mercado was "well qualified" and "has expressed keen interest in continuing" as garage director. The councilman also urged the other council members to "make an inspection of the Public Works garage and the Public Safety garage and compare the two. I guarantee you gentlemen there would be no comparison."

The council authorized the payment of \$85,000 to the Ameron Co. for improvements to the city's water system. That payment and an additional \$45,000 represent a court judgment awarded to the firm after the council had refused to pay for work which it had never authorized.

But Hudson County Superior Court Assignment Judge Thomas O'Brien said that since the city's engineers, Mayo Lynick Associates, approved the work, the city would have to pay.

The payment of \$55,000 to Ameron Industrial Inc. for sewer cleaning services was also approved. It brings to \$127,000 the amount the city has expended to date on sewer cleaning. One additional payment of about \$22,000 remains under the present contract with Ameron.

The council approved an ordinance leasing four city-owned properties on 11th Street to the Parking Authority for one year for use as a 15-car lot. It introduced an ordinance to revise the table of organization in the fire department, adding the position of fire alarm operators and two additional clerk slots.

Another ordinance introduced would have East Orange providing electronic data processing services for the city's violations bureau.

Garage post reclassified in Hoboken

By JAYE ANN TERRY

The Hoboken City Council voted to delete the post of manager of the new city garage as a Public Safety Department position in a 5-4 vote last night.

Councilmen who voted in favor of the deletion explained that the position should, they believe, be sought in a competitive fashion through Civil Service testing that would be open to anyone interested.

The position is currently held by Mario Mercado, a Hoboken police sergeant who is on leave from the department.

Council President Walter Cramer, who favored the amendment, said the council would be creating a job in Public Safety that should be in the Public Works Department.

However, Cramer added, if policemen toil in the Public Works Department, they have to leave their old department and forfeit their police pension money because Public Works is a separate agency.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, who opposed the amendment, said deleting the clause in the ordinance would "prohibit a highly professional man who has proved his worth from taking the test."

Councilman Norman Wilson, who made the motion for the amendment, explained the move was made in order to provide time to get more information on the best course of action.

Wilson said the deletion would mean Mercado would not compete for the position, but insisted an open test was in the best interests of the city. The councilman can decide to reintroduce the position if they choose.

The city has spent \$100,000 toward construction of the garage. Cramer said he could not estimate when the garage will be completed.

In an amendment changing the Fire Department table of organization, the council voted to add fire alarm operators and two clerks to the department.

Riders hail return of bus in Hoboken after a year

By Randolph Diamond

Many Hoboken residents thought they were seeing an illusion yesterday, but it wasn't so.

Hoboken's cross-town bus actually was running on its route—for the first time in over a year.

"I couldn't believe it when I saw the bus," said Elizabeth Schilawa. "I have a pacemaker and am not able to

walk. I can ride again."

Ms. Schilawa, who lives in the Monroe Gardens housing project, said she had had to take cabs to go shopping and to go to the doctor.

As passengers boarded the small bus yesterday they gave a big hello to driver Jack Carbone who was back at the wheel as he had been for nine years the bus broke down.

"We missed you Jack, where have you been," many said to Carbone.

Carbone has been working in the Traffic and Signal Division while the bus was out of operation and was glad to be back at the helm.

"I love driving this bus," he said. "I missed the bus and these nice people who ride on it."

Edwin Chius, Hoboken business administrator, said the bus will run seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 11 p.m.

Chius said the route of the bus is being timed and once it is determined how long the ride is schedules will be printed.

Carbone said each run has been taking about 20 minutes. The fare is 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for senior citizens.

When the bus first broke down

over a year ago, city officials said it would be back in operation shortly.

But then they said there were delays in obtaining the engine for the 1971 bus because the part was out of stock.

Then the city mechanics got the engine but there wasn't the manpower to put it in the bus.

Finally the engine was installed but a new problem developed—it was found the exhaust system was defective.

But the exhaust system finally was fixed and the cross-town bus is back in operation.

Chius said the present bus being used will be used as a spare when the new bus is delivered later this month.

The route of the cross-town bus is as follows: Newark and Washington streets is the first stop, then it proceeds west on Newark Street to Bloomfield Street where it goes north to Fourth Street, then proceeds west to Jackson Street. The bus then goes north on Jackson to Fifth Street, where it proceeds east to Adams Street. The bus then takes Adams north to Seven Street and then goes east to Hudson Street. It goes down Hudson Street to the Tubes and then proceeds back to the starting point.

Order owner's arrest over sewage backup

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Hoboken landlord John Tescardo for allegedly refusing to take action to stop sewage backups in his tenement house at 267 Willow Ave.

Tescardo told The Jersey Journal on Wednesday that a clogged city sewer was responsible for his problems, but the city has refused to help.

Three other landlords on the same block also claimed they were getting it to fix the sewer. The city when they asked it to fix the sewer.

The warrant for Tescardo's arrest was based on a summons given to him in October for refusing to correct the sewage backup.

Hoboken Detective Commander Edward Sheehy said police have been unable to locate Tescardo in Hoboken but they have now turned the warrant over to police in Englewood Cliffs, where he resides.

Meanwhile, Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato said the city has cooperated with

Tescardo and the three other landlords to solve their problems.

Amato said a sewer cleaning company hired two weeks ago has cleaned out the sewer by the buildings that run from 201 to 217 Willow Ave.

Amato said, though, the landlords had refused to close traps in the building, helping to cause the problem.

The Public Works director said he was still looking into the situation to determine if it was the city's fault or the landlords.

Hispanic group's funding is delayed in Hoboken

By PETER BEGANS

A Hoboken Hispanic leader said yesterday he is disturbed over the delay his group has experienced in receiving its funding.

Though the city's Community Development Agency (CDA) tentatively approved a proposal by Community United for New Action, CUNA, for \$30,000 to fund an information and referral center on Oct. 26, the agency has stalled payments for six weeks.

Juan Garcia, the group's executive director, said CDA administrators told him at the time CUNA would receive funding within a week.

Garcia said his group is the only indigenous Hispanic self-help group in Hoboken.

CDA director Fred Bado admitted yesterday the agency gave Garcia indications the center would receive funding "as soon as possible." However, he said problems with the proposal and within CUNA have arisen to delay or jeopardize the funding.

CUNA now receives \$53,000 from the state Division of Youth and Family Services to run a youth counseling program that tutors high school students and aids them in planning a career. The program is run by Rosa Velazquez out of one of two storefronts leased by CUNA on Garden Street. Bado said CDA aided CUNA in getting state funds for the counseling program.

Garcia wants to use CDA funds to fix up and run the information and referral center at the other storefront, where he currently works every day as the unsalaried executive director of the non-profit organization. The \$30,000 CDA appeal includes a \$15,000 salary for the executive director—Garcia.

Bado said yesterday he has several qualms with the proposal.

First, he thinks it would be a conflict of interest if Garcia became a salaried executive director since

he formed the community group. Bado said when a non-profit group gets funding, the state usually forbids members from taking salaries. Bado said, their whole purpose in forming the group might be to find themselves employment.

Bado also said Ms. Velazquez has come to CDA complaining that Garcia has overruled her decisions and interfered with her running of the counseling program. Bado said CDA would be reluctant to put money into a program that has dissension.

Finally, Bado said he would like to see the information and referral program redrawn to link it more closely with the existing youth counseling program.

"They drew up the program!" Garcia exclaimed when told of Bado's statement. He said he offered input and direction but said the program itself was drawn up by CDA administrators.

Garcia also said he was told CDA had no problem with the program or the budget on Oct. 26.

Around that time, Peter Beronio, Director of Community Services for CDA, told The Dispatch that funding for the CUNA proposal was expected shortly.

Responding to Bado's conflict of interest charge, Garcia said he was not a board of director of the corporation, only the executive director. He said he now performs the same job he would if he were to be paid.

Garcia would not comment on the alleged charges of interference. Ms. Velazquez said, "I would prefer not to answer that question," but added "I'm sure we can settle any problems we do have." She said the problems were "little."

CDA's refusal to fund CUNA would endanger part of the state-sponsored youth counseling program. A secretary and a Xerox copy machine are currently being paid for by DYFS, but CDA is supposed to pick up the costs of the two after six months.

Hoboken court takes aim at landlords

By PETER BEGANS

Hoboken Department of Health and Welfare Director James Farina said yesterday special sessions of municipal housing court will fine, and in some cases jail, landlords who do not provide adequate services to tenants.

Farina said Acting Municipal Court Judge Christopher Pappas would "in certain emergency situations hand down jail sentences" to landlords who violate city and state ordinances.

The special court sessions designed to deal with housing problems will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays starting in January, Farina said.

"We're trying to coordinate our efforts so that we don't have the same thing happen that happened on Willow Avenue last month," Farina said.

Farina was referring to the case of Hoboken

landlord Daniel Jamison, who received eight summonses from the city Public Health Office but escaped fines when the judge threw the case out court for lack of evidence. No thermometer readings were taken at the buildings on 1010-1015 Willow Ave.

Hoboken Assistant Law Director Thomas Callagy said the city ordinances do not call for jail sentences, except in cases where the landlords do not pay fines imposed on them.

Callagy welcomed the municipal housing court because he said state enforcement of housing regulations is often too slow. When state inspectors find violations, Callagy said, they often do not make re-inspections for as long as six months.

Tenants are stuck with those "facts of life," Callagy

noted. He said municipal enforcement of the housing codes will call for swifter correction of violations.

Chief Housing Inspector Michael Curcio said he will have landlords who violate city housing ordinances in court within 30 days. If the violations are not corrected by that time the landlords will be fined.

When Curcio and his men do inspections for the state, landlords who violate the state code cannot be fined for at least 60 days, during which time they are expected to fix their buildings up. The buildings are then supposed to be reinspected but, according to Callagy, those re-inspections are often delayed.

Robert DeRuggiero, vice-president of the North Hudson Board of Realtors, said yesterday that strong efforts by Hoboken officials to punish landlords are "fighting the symptoms and not the cause."

Citing failure of North Hudson municipalities to pass vacancy decontrol or generous fuel surcharges, DeRuggiero said the landlords are being economically forced to stop maintaining their buildings.

"These type of (rent) controls cause what municipal officials are trying to prevent—blight," DeRuggiero said. "For them maintenance comes last."

DeRuggiero said that politicians agree with landlords privately but realize they would be committing political suicide if they came out publicly against rent control.

2 landlords fined in litter drive

Two Hoboken landlords became the first to be fined under Project Focus, the city's experimental program to crack down on violators of Hoboken's anti-littering ordinance.

Landlord Vercychn Juanna, who owns a building at 1204 Washington St., was fined \$15. Landlord Michael Spano, who owns buildings at 1304 and 1306 Washington St. was fined a total of \$70.

Two other landlords who were also charged with violations of the anti-littering ordinance had their cases postponed until Dec. 28.

health staff training program. Kearny is sponsor of the program which is funded by the state.

An ordinance calling for a one-year contract to have East Orange handle the electronic processing of traffic tickets also will come before the board. East Orange has been handling the tickets for the past three

years at the same rate of 32 cents per ticket.

The council is being asked to confirm the reappointment of Donald Pellicano as a member of the Parking Authority for a term ending Dec. 31, 1984. Nicholas De Trizio is also expected to be appointed a constable. He will work on a fee basis.

All city workers to get photo IDs

Photo identification cards will be issued to all Hoboken city employees in March, Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius announced today.

Chius said the cards are necessary because some city employees, lacking identification, are having trouble cashing their payroll checks.

Currently, Chius said, only the city's policemen and firemen and housing and health inspectors have identification cards.

The business administrator said the cards will have a punch hole in

case he decides it's necessary for City Hall employees to wear them. However, there are no security problems in City Hall at present that would warrant them, he noted.

Cost of the cards is expected to be \$2,000.

Wally and Billy reconcile Steve and Tony

By Peter Weiss

In a move which may signal shifts in the Hudson County Democratic leadership, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and Councilman Anthony Romano have officially ended their three-year feud.

The peace was put together with the help of State Sen. Walter Sheil of Jersey City, the Hudson County Democratic chairman, and State Sen. William V. Musto of Union City, Democratic leader in the North Hudson municipalities, according to the Hoboken politicians.

Conspicuously absent from their

joint peace statement was any mention of Jersey City Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith, generally considered the Democratic leader in the county.

"This political move of peace in Hoboken proves once and for all the key words of political power are Wally (Sheil) and Billy (Musto)," the statement read.

"It seems that Sen. Sheil's reputation of being firm but fair has been recognized throughout the county and eventually will put the Hudson County Democratic party together. His word is his bond."

Romano is a good friend of Sheil's

and Cappiello is politically aligned with Musto. The Hoboken and Jersey City mayors have never been especially close, while Sheil and Smith lately have apparently had a major disagreement on their political futures.

If the Smith-Sheil split is for real, the Hoboken peace agreement would appear to put that city's leadership and Musto on the side of the county chairman.

Certainly the praise of Sheil bestowed by Cappiello and Romano

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lends itself to that interpretation, even though they denied any intentional slight of Smith.

Cappiello said Smith wasn't mentioned in the joint statement "because he wasn't at the meeting." He said the county leadership "is trying to put together peace. They recognize the mayor's seat as the source of leadership in Hoboken."

Romano, who ran unsuccessfully against Cappiello two years ago, said he would work "side by side with the mayor to rebuild the city of Hoboken."

Cappiello and Romano said their peace talks avoided mention of the 1981 mayoral race, in which many people expected the councilman to challenge the mayor again.

Romano is holding a fund-raising dinner tonight for his annual senior citizens' party. Cappiello said he was already committed to attend another affair, for Councilman Thomas Kennedy, and did not know if he could make an appearance at the Romano event. However, both affairs are at the Union Club.

Hoboken school bond issue gets past big hurdle

By Tom Golodnik

A \$16 million bond sale to finance the rehabilitation of six Hoboken schools and the construction of one new building has been approved by the city's Board of School Estimate but the proposal faces review by one or two more critical audiences—the City Council and, possibly, the voters.

Adding \$2 million in state funds, \$18 million would be divided up this way: \$3.5 million for a complete rehabilitation of the Rue School, \$8 million for repairs to Brandt, Koseley, Wallace, Calabro and Demarest schools and Hoboken High School and \$6.5 million for a new school in the south quadrant of the city.

The work, according to preliminary figures, might increase the tax rate by \$3.50 to \$4 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. However the state may pay up to two-thirds of the package's cost, according to school officials.

At last night's meeting, the estimate board's president, Mayor Steve Cappiello, and the two school trustees, who are members, Robert Wendelken, board president, and John Pope, voted for the measure; Council President Walter Cramer and Councilman Salvatore Cernelli did not cast a vote.

Cramer and Cernelli explained that they did not vote because they felt they did not have all the information they needed and would not take a stand on the bond sale until a council review of the project is completed.

Cramer said he did not know what

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kind of reception a program that might raise the city's tax rate by more than \$3.50 would get from the council.

"That will be one of the most important questions," he said. "Just how will it affect the tax rate?"

While there was some disagreement about whether the matter would have to be placed on a referendum—Cappiello said approval by seven of the nine council members would eliminate the need for public vote—Cramer said a quick survey of state statutes raised some questions on that issue.

"But everyone agrees the schools should be repaired," Cramer said. "There is some question, however, about whether we need new construction. We'd really like to have our own experts to examine the proposal."

Cappiello said he voted for the bonding program "because of the need for a modernization program in the schools."

Of the handful of people who attended the session, two spoke.

Otto Hottendorf, who is a board of education member but not a member of the board of school estimate, objected to the spending program as too expensive.

Using Biblical and historical precedents to illustrate his argument that it was dangerous to add to Hoboken's tax burden, he claimed the bonding "is too much for the City of Hoboken to bear in debt service. We cannot afford it."

He urged that the buildings' walls, roofs and windows be repaired to stabilize the structures and then an appeal be made to the federal government for money to finish the job.

Now the electricity is off...

By Randolph Diamond

A Hoboken landlord, who has been having sewage backup into his basement, has a new problem — the electricity has been shut off in his building.

Richard Tremittied, Hoboken deputy fire chief, said he had ordered the electricity turned off in the tenement at 205 Willow Ave. because the water level in the basement was almost up to the fuse box.

The landlord, John Tedesco, maintains that a clogged sewer main which the city has refused to clean out has caused the problem.

His charges are supported by three other landlords who own the string of buildings that runs from 201 to 217 Willow Ave.

Public Works Director Andrew Amato said he believes something may be stuck in the sewer main which is causing the backups. Amato said he will have a crew of men break up the street in front of the buildings today to see what the problem is.

Amato had previously stated that he didn't know whether the backup was the city's responsibility or the

landlords'. But an angry Tedesco said he has been pleading with Amato to clean out the main so the six tenants in his building could have electricity again.

"For two years this problem has been going on, but the city officials won't help," he said.

Tedesco said one tenant had been keeping freshly made wine in the basement, which could be ruined because of the sewage.

Tedesco had been arrested by Englewood Cliffs police on a Hoboken warrant last week and released after posting \$100 bail for failing to answer a summons given to him by a housing inspector in October for failure to correct the backup.

Tedesco said today he plans a lawsuit against the city for harassing him and failing to clean the clogged line.

Meanwhile, the tenants at 205 Willow are without electricity.

"There are no lights at all — it's terrible," said one tenant who has lived in the building for the last 38 years. "All our food became spoiled when the electricity went out. And, this used to be such a nice building."

Crosstown route will have schedule — for the first time

For the first time ever, Hoboken's newly-revived crosstown bus line will have a schedule of times of departure of the bus from its starting point at Newark and Washington streets.

He additionally hopes to include in the schedule the approximate times at which the bus will reach the corner of Fourth and Jackson streets and also the corner of Seventh Street and Willow Avenue.

Chius said he is still checking to try to determine the average time it takes the bus to reach those points,

and "if it is feasible," he will include them.

He said he expects the schedule will call for the bus to make a complete run, back to the starting point, in 30 minutes. Tests have clocked the trip as taking from 22 to 35 minutes, but over 30 minutes only on two occasions, he added.

He said he hopes to hand the two drivers a copy of the printed schedule on Thursday, to take effect Friday. Copies of the schedule will be placed in all buses, he said.

At present, one driver takes the bus out at 7 a.m. and works till 2 p.m., with no time out for lunch, Chius said. The other driver, he said, starts work at 3 and drives till 11, with an hour out for supper from 6 to 7.

Under this arrangement the bus does not run between 2 and 3 and 6 and 7 p.m.

Chius said he is studying the wisdom of having the supper hour run from 6:30 to 7:30, and is checking on whether the line would serve more potential riders if this were done.

\$10,000 grant aids handicapped

The state Division of Community Affairs has awarded Hoboken a \$10,000 grant to start a recreation program for handicapped children.

James Farina, Hoboken Health and Welfare director said he will use the money to offer an all-day recreation program every Saturday in the Calabro School, beginning next

month. "I'm very happy about the grant. It's been a long time coming," he said. Farina said special education teachers will be hired to run the program, which will be open to all handicapped children.

"There has been a dire need for this kind of program in Hoboken," he

said. "Handicapped children are often in isolation because they don't have a chance to participate in recreation programs."

Farina said he is looking into the possibility of obtaining some funds for the handicapped program from HOPES and the Community Development Agency. An additional \$7,000 for

the program might, he said, be obtained.

Farina said the state grant will be renewable so the new program should continue throughout the years.

The grant, he said, was obtained with the help of Mary Ellen Gallo, Hoboken's new recreation coordinator.

Hoboken school board to rotate meetings

In an effort to stimulate a wider interest in the Hoboken Board of Education, school trustees have decided to hold at least some of their meetings and caucuses at local schools beginning in January.

"We seem to have problems getting people here" — meaning to the board's meeting room in the administration building behind Wallace School — said Robert Wendelken, board president, to the four other board members and three residents who showed up for last night's caucus.

It was Steve Block who suggested moving at least half of the twelve monthly board meetings and caucuses

to local schools, suggesting the Concord School for the January meetings since it was furthest away from the board's headquarters.

"Well, it's at least worth a trial," said Wendelken. "If it's not successful we can revert to our present format. At least we can say we tried."

Block agreed. He said parents identify with the school their children attend rather than with the district as a whole and scheduling meetings for local schools might serve to attract more people.

The Union City Board of Education rotates its meetings among local schools. It is the only board in Hudson to do so.

The board also agreed that they would need an extensive publicity campaign to let people know of the change.

"There's going to have to be a great deal of education before the board sees the kind of parent or community action its looking for," assistant superintendent Francis McGorty, warned the board.

Asked about what kind of average attendance the board would like to achieve, George Maier, school superintendent, said "We haven't had a norm for so many years that whatever we do is an improvement."

Several other suggestions made

by Block, including bulk mailing to parents, community meetings and use of cable television, were referred to committee for more study.

The board will run a poster contest in the near future for school children with the theme "Hoboken's Public Schools belong to you! Get involved."

The board will examine the possibility of running a fund-raising drive to purchase 10 bullet proof vests for the police department. That suggestion was made by John Pope, who said, "It's appropriate for us to do something as the largest public employer in the city."

\$1,000 a block for Hoboken's First Ward?

Hoboken's Community Development Agency wants to give \$1,000 each block in the city's First Ward to benefit the block in any way the residents wish.

The CDA also will ask the state to provide a special housing code enforcement officer to crack down on landlords who don't maintain their buildings in the ward.

There is a catch to the \$1,000 offer, however. To qualify for the money, residents of each street must form a block association, set up bylaws and hold at least three meetings, according to Sal Santaniello, the CDA's housing and urban coordinator.

The idea is to motivate ward residents to make their block a better place to live in by offering them an initial grant, Santaniello said. He added that the money could be used to improve homes, hold block parties or even open community services such as a day care center. There are 20 blocks in the First Ward.

Santaniello said he will present the idea to members of the First Ward Neighborhood Association tonight at 7:30 at the CDA offices, 84 Washington St. It will then be up to the association to decide if it wants such a program.

The request for funds for the special housing code enforcement officer will be made to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, based on the wishes of the newly-formed First Ward group.

The association must be consulted on what is done with the CDA money earmarked for its ward, as

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Set up block group, get \$1,000 from CDA

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part of an agreement the CDA made with the state.

The proposal for a housing code enforcement officer was first drawn up last spring by Thomas Newman, First Ward Block Association president and a member of the neighborhood group.

Newman said today that if the funding comes through, a list of the 50 worst buildings in the ward will be drawn up by the association. The officer will then inspect the buildings and inform the state Bureau of Housing of any violations.

Newman said the enforcement officer would then do follow-up inspections to make sure violations are corrected. The officer, he said, would be based in the office of Chief City Housing Inspector Michael Curcio and

would work in conjunction with him. The special inspector is needed, said Newman, because Curcio is "overloaded with work" and doesn't have the manpower to make concentrated inspections as the special inspector would be able to do.

Curcio, however, asserted today that the hiring of a special housing code enforcement officer would not be a good idea. He said establishing the new position would, in effect, create two separate housing inspection bureaus which would cause a conflict since he wouldn't know what the special housing official was doing.

Curcio said he was upset over the fact that Newman and the CDA officials had not met with him to explain their proposal. Newman, however, replied that he did speak to Curcio last spring and the housing inspector said he liked the idea.

Chius, Malfetti feud over letters

Hoboken Councilman Nunzio Malfetti called today for the suspension of Business Administrator Edwin Chius, saying he is "not qualified to hold office."

The Sixth Ward councilman said he will ask the City Council to investigate why the business administrator "made an unprovoked verbal attack" on him.

Malfetti's action came after he and Chius had a shouting match Thursday afternoon in Chius' office. Chius said that Malfetti looked at the mail, on Chius' secretary's desk, without permission and that he stopped him.

"I would be glad to show him anything in this office but he has no right to just take my mail," Chius said.

Chius said Malfetti said, "I am a councilman and I can do whatever I want."

The business administrator added that Malfetti is "constantly going into different city departments and looking at directors' mail without their permission."

"He is not going to do it any more," said Chius.

Malfetti called Chius a "liar." The councilman said he had been looking at some requisitions in the public works director's office, and subsequently the requisitions were

sent to Chius' office. When they reached the business administrator's office, he said, he was again glancing over them when Chius started "yelling" at him.

"I'm going to the Law Department," said Malfetti. "I want to know if he is allowed to treat a councilman like that. Then I'm going to the City Council and tell them what happened."

Malfetti said he would tell the

council "the truth about Eddie Chius" and demand his "immediate suspension."

"Speaking for the people of my ward," Malfetti said, "We're human beings; we're not animals."

The councilman said that Chius is trying to prevent him from doing his job as councilman and that he "can't do anything" for the people in his ward, "with people like Chius in office."

Help us catch violations, Curcio asks

The reason some housing code violations in Hoboken's tenement houses remain uncorrected is because the residents don't complain about the conditions they're living in, Michael Curcio, Hoboken chief housing inspector, said today.

"I can't act unless I get complaints," he said.

Curcio said if he gets a complaint before 10:30 a.m. he will send an inspector to check out the alleged violation on the day of the complaint.

Otherwise, an inspector will usually be at the tenement house the

day after the complaint is received, he said.

While Curcio has a staff of three inspectors in addition to himself, he said it would be impossible to go around the city just looking for tenement houses in violation of the city's housing code.

"I would need 10 inspectors to do that," he said.

Curcio said he welcomes the start of the special sections of the municipal court that will be held starting in January to deal with housing complaints.

He believes they should lead to swift prosecution of landlords who don't correct their housing code violations.

Curcio also said his office has been catching up with backlog of state inspections. A few months ago, he had said his office was six months behind in the inspection. Today, he said his office is only one month behind in state inspections.

Curcio does an inspection of every multiple-family dwelling for the state every five years.

Vecchione prods state on 10 traffic lights

Ten traffic lights, along with two master control systems, that the state was supposed to start installing last July to improve traffic flow in Hoboken are nowhere to be found.

Thomas Vecchione, Hoboken Traffic and Signals director, an-

nounced last May that all the lights would be in place by December.

Vecchione said today he was uncertain about the exact reasons for the delay but said he would be meeting with state officials tomorrow to discuss it.

New lights, he had said, were supposed to be installed at Willow Avenue and 16th Street, 15th Street and 14th Street, 14th and Park Avenue, Paterson and Jackson, Paterson and Monroe, Observer Highway and Willow Avenue, Observer Highway and Washington Street, Hudson Street and Hudson Place and 4th and Willow Avenues.

Promotion won't change black cop

The Hoboken Police Department's first black sergeant, Simon Cumberbatch said he still plans to meet as many residents as possible.

"I just enjoy meeting the residents of Hoboken," he said.

Cumberbatch who was appointed yesterday, said he will serve all the people to the best of his ability.

The new sergeant also said he hopes more young black men will take the test for patrolman.

Eugene Drayton, president of the Hoboken Chapter of NAACP, said he felt a "major barrier had been broken

with the appointment of the first black police sergeant to the force."

Also appointed to sergeant yesterday was Patrolman Anthony Falco while Sgt. Steve Drago was promoted to lieutenant.

2 held in attack on Tech student

Two Hoboken men are under arrest on charges of slapping and robbing a Stevens Institute student who was walking through a park to go to his fraternity house after visiting a girlfriend.

David Sharp, 20, required three stitches in his neck and throat after police say he was cut with a knife by Alex Lugo, 22, Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Stevens Park on his way home to a Castle Point Terrace Fraternity house.

Police said Sharp, a native of Columbia, Mo., was first approached by Dean Gunderson, 20, in the park, who hit him in the throat.

Sharp, police said, kept on walking because he didn't want to get into any trouble, but Gunderson said to him, "Why did you bump into me?" Gunderson, police said, then pushed Sharp into a fence and told him to hand over his money.

Sharp, police said, took out some

change and gave it to Gunderson, and Lugo then pulled out a knife and told him, "I can cut you with that."

Sharp then turned over \$41, at which point Lugo took a swipe at him with his knife, police said. "You have all my money — please let me go," Sharp said.

But the men, police said, told Sharp they would walk him a few blocks. As they approached Fourth and River streets, police continued, Sharp broke away and ran to Fourth and Hudson streets where he saw a patrolman.

The patrolman caught Lugo and Gunderson in the area of Fourth and Hudson streets, police say. They say Sharp and Lugo had been accompanied by a third man but he got away.

The two are being held in Hudson County Jail without bail while awaiting grand jury action.

Hoboken goof axed 10 firemen

The positions of 10 Hoboken firemen were eliminated by mistake at the city Council meeting Wednesday night, Hoboken Public Safety Director James Giordano said today.

Giordano said a new table of organization for the fire department passed by the City Council, incorrectly stated the number of firemen's positions at 88 while it should have read 98.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said the table of organization would have to be amended at the next Council meeting in two weeks.

The mayor said the city couldn't afford to pay the overtime that could

result with losing the 10 positions. If the ordinance is not rescinded, four firemen would lose their jobs, according to city officials. There are currently, they say, six vacancies on the force.

Cappiello said he had no idea how the wrong number was put on the table of organization but said he would look into it.

Giordano said the only reason a new table of organization was drawn up in the first place was to add four civilian fire dispatchers to the city payroll. The dispatchers had been funded by the CETA program but money for their positions ran out.

The last table of organization for the fire department was drawn up in 1976 and included 88 positions for firemen and 10 positions for "fire trainees."

Cappiello said the 10 trainee positions were eliminated in the new table of organization and instead 10 firemen's positions were supposed to be added to the existing 88.

The mayor said the difference between a fireman and a fire trainee was "a matter of semantics." The fire trainee term, he said, has been

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designated for new firemen on probation.

However, Michael Bavaro, president of the Hoboken local of the International Association for Fire Fighters, said the creation of the fire trainee positions by the city administration three years ago was nothing more than an attempt to put politically connected persons who had not passed a civil service test on the fire department payroll.

The only reason that wasn't done, he said, was because of strong opposition from his union.

Bavaro also said he was "very disturbed" over comments Business

Administrator Edwin Chius made at the city council meeting calling for cuts in the number of superior officers in the fire department ranks.

Bavaro said there are 35 captains on the fire force and right now not all of the six Hoboken fire companies have a captain on duty because of manpower problems.

Bavaro also said that any cut in the ranks of superior officers would create a serious morale problem.

"There's not much chance for a promotion now. Some cuts would totally destroy morale."

Chius said he didn't want to comment on Bavaro's comments until he read them in print.

Freeholders ponder Hoboken track offer

The long-running Lincoln Park running track dispute will be in the

courts again tomorrow while the Hudson County Board of Freeholders weighs an offer to take over an enclosed track and the stadium that goes with it in Hoboken.

During a discussion at yesterday's caucus of a dispute over construction of the Lincoln Park track between the board and contractors, Freeholder Steve Cappiello, Hoboken's mayor, offered the Veterans' Stadium area to the county.

Freeholder Harry Massey, also a member of the Hudson County Interscholastic Athletic Association, declared a county track meet had to be held outside the

county at an expense of \$700 to \$800 to member (high) schools because of the lack of a track here.

Cappiello said he was authorized by the Hoboken Board of Education to ask that the county take back property adjacent to Columbia Park, Hoboken, a county park. He said Green Acres funds would be available to the county for improvements, but the school board is not eligible to receive them.

Other freeholders indicated they would look into the situation to see if some arrangement could be made.

A detector-less winter facing Hobokenites

Residents of Hoboken's tenement houses will be going through this winter again without smoke detectors in their apartments and it's possible

they may go through the winter after this, too, without the detectors. Although an ordinance requiring smoke detec-

tors in tenement houses and multi-family units is expected to be introduced at the first City Council meeting in January, the soonest it could become law under council rules would be late February, according to Council-at-Large Robert Ranieri, the chairman of the smoke detector study committee.

Ranieri said that the company that had designed the special low-cost smoke detectors for Hoboken won't be ready to deliver its product until March.

And since the council doesn't want landlords complaining that they can't find the detectors, Ranieri said landlords will be given one year to install them.

Ranieri said that time was decided upon after talking to fire officials who felt living landlords a shorter period of time to install the detectors wasn't sufficient.

The smoke detectors to be required under the ordinance are low-cost battery units that have converters which enable them to be used also on house current.

Hoboken fire officials designated the units in cooperation with Pyro-A-larm Inc. of Cedar Knolls.

City officials said owners of tenement houses can install the units themselves. The cost for units in a five-story building should not exceed \$200, they said.

Chius, Malfetti exchange barbs in mail hassle

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius has sent letters to all city councilmen, telling them he doesn't intend to allow Councilman Nunzio Malfetti to open his mail.

Chius' letter comes after a heated verbal exchange between the business administrator and the councilman in which Chius said Malfetti looked at some of his mail that was on his secretary's desk.

Malfetti countered that he had just been looking over some requisitions that he already had seen in Public Works Director Andrew Amato's office when Chius launched an unprovoked verbal attack.

The councilman has called for Chius' suspension and the launching of a probe by the city council for a full investigation of the business administrator.

Chius' letter, addressed to Malfetti with copies to the other councilmen, reads:

"To confirm our conversation (which became unexpectedly heated) of this date, you are hereby advised that you are not to review my mail whether it is delivered via the U.S. Postal Service or by messenger while it is on my secretary's desk or in any other part of my office. It is my belief that my mail is not subject to your

review prior to my receiving it. I will not change my position in this matter unless I receive an opinion from the city's corporation counsel in writing to comply with your request to review mail to my office prior to my receipt of it.

"As I told you on several occasions during the past two and one-half years and which I confirmed in our conversation this date, you are welcome to see any record in my office upon request. However, your behavior of this date by going to my secretary's desk to review mail before she even had the opportunity to stamp the mail—RECEIVED December 6, 1979—is not proper, in my opinion, and I do not intend to allow it.

By copy of this letter I am advising all the other members of the council of my action in this matter since you told me you would make an issue of it at a special council meeting."

Malfetti could not be reached for comment. The councilman also had said, however, that he would talk to city Law Director Lawrence Florio about Chius' conduct toward him.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he felt the dispute between Chius and Malfetti was "just a flare-up that won't come to anything."

Cappiello says he might not complete a third term

If Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken is elected for a third term in 1981, he may not finish out the term. The mayor said today: "There is a possibility I would leave office early to make way for some younger blood."

Cappiello, who is also a county freeholder, had announced over two months ago that he would be running for a third term.

The mayor said he would like to work hand in hand with his successor and he feels that leaving office in mid-term might lead to a smooth transition.

Cappiello said he is "very concerned" that his office be turned over "to the right person, who will look out for Hoboken's best interests."

The mayor said he won't name any names, because he doesn't want to start a "political war."

Current City Hall politics who are of "younger blood" include Health and Recreation Director James Farina and Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Farina said there "a lot of headaches that go with the job of mayor" and he's "not sure" he would want it.

And Chius said he has "absolutely no interest in being mayor."

Farina said he believes if Cappiello decides to leave in the middle of his next term he wouldn't hand-pick a successor but would consult with members of his political club to select the best person for Hoboken.

Cappiello added that if he resigns he "would like to serve Hoboken and the rest of Hudson County in some

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operations to insure that it was being administered properly."

The audit was made by the Division of Local Government Services of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs at the request of Edwin Chius, Hoboken business administrator. It covered the period from Jan. 1, 1975 to May 31, 1978.

The existence of the report was not disclosed by Hoboken city officials until The Jersey Journal learned of it and obtained a copy.

Chius told The Jersey Journal today that some of the 24 specific recommendations in the audit report have already been carried out, and that others will be implemented in 1980, starting next month.

The judge of the Municipal Court, Rudolph Naddeo, said that he had

done what he could to carry out the recommendations, but was handicapped because the city government did not have the necessary money.

Judge Naddeo added that he was going to discuss the auditors' recommendations with Chius and with Gori Carfora, the Hudson County court administrator.

Beyond that, the judge declined to reply to or comment on the statements made in the audit or on the detailed recommendations.

A court spokesman said today that the number of unanswered summonses has increased since the audit was made.

"The receipt of a Hoboken parking summons," the audit asserted, "is considered to be somewhat of a joke."

"At present there is little if any incentive for someone to respond to a parking violations summons and subsequent notice if one is issued."

Scofflaws beating Hoboken

By William H. Taft

Hoboken lost more than \$1 million in three-and-a-half years by failing to collect fines and penalties on, unanswered traffic summonses, according to a state agency's 57-page audit of the city's Municipal Court.

Most of the uncollected fines and penalties were for parking violations, which accounted for 98.4 percent of the summonses issued during the period audited.

The auditors found that 101,611 parking summonses were recorded by the court's Violations Bureau during

the period as unanswered, and the backlog was steadily increasing by more than 5,000 every month.

Motorists who live in Hoboken received 91,695 of the 101,611 summonses, and the fines and penalties due on those alone came to \$900,986.

"Even if the city were only able to realize 50 percent of the amount outstanding," the auditors commented, "the contribution to the city's treasury would be substantial."

The auditors also found a discrepancy between the court and the Police Department's records of the

number of parking summonses issued, the latter showing 32,606 more.

"A discrepancy of this magnitude should have been readily detectable," the audit states, adding that "this suggests . . . that the backlog of outstanding parking summonses . . . is greater than reported by the Violations Bureau."

The auditors added: "We conclude that . . . the judge and other officials have not adequately monitored and supervised Violations Bureau

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Dissatisfied with his pay scale, worker won't drive sweepers

Hoboken's mechanical sweepers haven't been out on the streets for over a week because the only man who knows how to drive them has refused to do so.

John Wallington, Hoboken Public Works garage foreman, said the employee, Dennis O'Connor, has refused to drive any of the sweepers because he feels he isn't being paid enough to do it.

Both Public Works Director Andrew Amato, who is responsible for the sweepers, and Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today they had had no idea that the streets weren't being swept.

"That shouldn't be happening," was Cappiello's only comment when told about the driver by The Jersey Journal.

Wallington said O'Connor was promoted to heavy equipment operator recently without taking a Civil Service test. He said O'Connor feels the \$9 a week pay differential between his new classification and his old one, truck driver, is not enough.

The foreman said O'Connor won't take out the sweeper until he receives more money.

An upgrading of various positions in the Public Works department with additional pay for employees is being planned by Business Administrator Edwin Chius and Wallington said when that goes through O'Connor would probably be willing to drive the sweeper.

Wallington said he discussed O'Connor's refusal to drive the sweeper with Chius and said the business administrator suggested he should demote the employee back to a truck driver and train someone else to drive the sweeper.

But, the foreman said he is waiting for Chius to tell him to take formal action before he does anything.

Chius told The Jersey Journal that Wallington should already have demoted O'Connor, but he said he would "look" into the situation, as did Amato.

Wallington said he plans to start a training program for more sweeper operators in January.

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capacity, such as being an advisor on consolidation.

Cappiello had proposed in the past that Hoboken and the North Hudson communities consolidate into one central city. He said today he will still very much in favor of the idea.

Consolidation, he declared, would eliminate duplication of services and ease the burden on the taxpayer.

Azzollini indicted in death of woman

By CAMILLE KENNY

Hoboken contractor Stephen Azzollini, indicted last month by a Hudson County grand jury for allegedly aiding and abetting Dennis Raso in the murder of Azzollini's pregnant wife, was yesterday indicted by a Manhattan grand jury for the murder of Raso's wife.

Azzollini, who is being held in a Union County jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail on the Hudson County charges, was indicted for second degree murder in New York

for the murder of Rosa Raso, 34, on June 22, 1978. Mrs. Raso was found dead in an empty lot near Times Square in Manhattan after being stabbed four times and strangled. Her husband, Dennis, has already pleaded guilty in connection with her murder.

Raso, who is being held in the Hudson County jail, has also been indicted for the murder of Mary Ellen Azzollini, Stephen's wife, on August 31, 1978. He has pleaded not guilty (no contest) to that charge. Mrs.

Azzollini was killed in her home as the result of a bullet wound and the seven-month-old fetus she was carrying died of asphyxiation.

Prosecutors have said they believe the murders were allegedly the result of a bizarre pact between the two to murder each other's wives. However, though both men have been indicted in connection with both murders, the New York grand jury did not indict them for conspiracy to commit murder.

Nicholas Azzollini, Stephen's brother, has also been charged with murder in the Azzollini case, but he has not yet been indicted by the grand jury, which is still investigating his alleged participation in the murder. Nicholas, a suspended Hoboken policeman, is out on bail.

Before being tried on the New York charges, Stephen Azzollini will be tried in the Hudson County case. New York will then seek to have Azzollini extradited to that state to try him on second degree murder charges.

The Azzollini trial is expected to be placed on the court calendar next month and proceedings could begin in February, DePascale said.

Labor chief softens 'slap' at Hoboken

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and Lane Kirkland, AFL-CIO president, have made peace. Cappiello said he received a letter from Kirkland and although the labor leader did not directly apologize for his remark, "Everything outside the AFL-CIO is Hoboken," he feels the union president is sorry for making it.

The mayor had demanded an apology from the union president after he made the remark at a meeting of labor officials last month.

A spokesman for Kirkland has countered that the labor leader was just making an analogy and did not mean to slight Hoboken.

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I was somewhat surprised and regretful that you were so quick to assume that my modest rhetorical play on an old quip ("everything outside New York is Hoboken") had to be considered inherently derogatory to Hoboken. One searches that expression in vain to find any term of derogation that would warrant the ire of even the most sensitive soul that might reside in your fair city.

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Hoboken group to decide on funding proposals

The steering committee of the Neighborhood Preservation Program in Hoboken's First Ward will meet again tomorrow night to decide which draft proposals it would like to present to the state for funding consideration.

Both Salvatore Santaniello, the director of the Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Depart-

ment of the Community Development Agency, and Ross London, chairman of the steering committee, were pleased with the outcome of last night's meeting at the agency's headquarters on Washington Street.

At the meeting 10 members of the committee discussed a series of draft proposals with Santaniello. Tomorrow it will conclude its discus-

sion of the drafts and vote on those for which it will seek funding. The agency is seeking \$100,000 in state Community Development funds for the First Ward Neighborhood Preservation district.

"I think they did exactly what they are mandated to do," said Santaniello, following the meeting.

Among the draft programs discussed was one to encourage homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income families through a cooperative tenement rehabilitation project.

This would see the formation of a non-profit sponsor by the agency that

would purchase a building and the agency's arranging for loans to rehabilitate the structure.

The sponsor would sell it to families to buy shares in the cooperative and live in the building. Grants would be given to families meeting financial requirements to allow them to purchase the shares.

Another would have the agency pay up to one-third of the construction costs on exterior and energy-saving improvements to one to four-family buildings.

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through the purchase or rental of various sized garbage containers.

The hiring of a code inspector was also discussed. This would see a systematic inspection of property in the area to insure compliance with both local and state requirements.

Those owners with violations would be informed of various rehabilitation programs available through the agency to correct the repairs.

In order to encourage citizen planning and implementing of community projects, the agency, in another proposal, might fund eligible block associations for up to \$500 for educational, health, social service, recreational and cultural projects and for neighborhood improvements.

Housing rehabilitation work begins in Hoboken

By PETER BEGANS

After months of delays due to skyrocketing interest rates on construction loans, Applied Housing of Hoboken is starting work on two federally subsidized housing rehabilitation projects in the city.

Joseph Barry, a partner in Applied Housing Associates, said his firm is going ahead with rehabilitation work on two rows of tenements near City Hall because he believes low-interest loans from the New Jersey Housing Finance Agency (HFA) will be forthcoming early next year.

Barry said he has been given indications the HFA will be granting construction loans at about 9 percent interest in January. Interest on conventional loans has risen to 17 percent in some cases.

He contended the high rate of interest on bank loans is strangling developers of government subsidized housing who are limited on how much they can charge for rent.

"If a project costs around \$3 million to build, the difference between a 10 percent and a 15 percent interest rate could approach \$150,000," Barry said yesterday.

"If there are 100 units in the project, you are adding \$1,500 to (the cost of) each apartment," he continued. "\$1,500 could buy you a bathroom and kitchen."

Fred Bado, Director of the Community Development Agency, said the majority of the families in the two projects, Eastview on Washington Street and Westview on Bloomfield Street, had been relocated by last spring.

Barry said he made application to the HFA several months ago for the low-interest loans to finance the rehabilitation of the tenements. Until recently, little had been done to move the projects to completion.

Yesterday, however, construction crews were on the job tearing out windows and beginning the process that will leave only the shell of the buildings remaining. The crews will then

create a new interior that is up to standards set by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Eastview project, consisting of 79 units, will cost \$3 million, while the 114-unit Westview will run \$4.6 million. The rents of the low- and moderate-income tenants will be subsidized by federal Section Eight funding. Apartments are expected to be ready for occupation approximately a year after rehabilitation is begun, Bado said.

Applied Housing is advancing itself the money to do the work in the belief they will be reimbursed through the low-interest HFA construction loan, Bado said. He said Barry "has the money and he has the crews, so he might as well use them."

Sources in the HFA said a resolution approving use of bond money will come up before the agency's governing board on Dec. 20. Approximately \$150 million in two series of bonds has been sold recently by the HFA at 8.35 and 8.45 percent interest, sources said.

Money raised by sale of these low-interest bonds would then be used to finance construction loans at slightly higher interest, according to Barry and the HFA sources.

After construction of the Eastview and Westview projects are completed, the construction loans will be paid off through permanent federal mortgages at 7 1/2 percent interest.

Barry said the high interest rates on the short-term construction loans have also delayed a four-tenement project on Second Street and Willow Avenue called "El Amanecer" (The Dawn). The buildings, among the worst in the city, are occupied by numerous squatters as well as rightful tenants. Applied Housing and another firm called Fut-Urb are partners in that venture.

Barry also said another 300 units of housing he has planned in Trenton have been delayed by the skyrocketing interest rates.

Hole in wall theft found in Hoboken

A Hoboken man who, police say, got into a dress factory by cutting a hole in the wall of an adjacent building and then 536 blouses was to be arraigned today in Municipal Court.

Police say Carlos L. Marti, 22, of Hoboken, was arrested Tuesday at 11:48 p.m. in the Advance Sewing, Inc. factory at 368 First St. after a silent alarm was tripped.

Marti, police say, had cut a hole in the hallway wall of a tenement house at 103 Grand St. to get into the factory.

Police say Marti told them that he was in the factory because he had to go to the toilet. The 536 blouses, estimated to be valued at \$4,000, were found in the hallway.

Tools, which police say must have been used to make to break in the wall could not be found. Police say they also believe Marti had at least one accomplice with him and possibly more during the break-in. They say Marti is a presser but was not employed by Advance Sewing.

Board OKs landlord's hardship application

Some Hoboken tenants have rents raised by \$127

By PETER BEGANS

A group of Hoboken tenants were socked with an unwelcome Christmas present this week—a \$127 rent increase from their new landlord.

The increase, approved Tuesday night by the city's Rent Leveling and Stabilization Board, resulted from a hardship application filed by the landlord soon after he bought the property in September.

The \$127 increase was the largest ever granted by the rent board and reflects a major problem Hoboken tenants face as city property values rise.

It is expected at least two of the four families in the building will be moving soon.

The tenants at 823 Washington St. have been paying from \$199 to \$215 for six- and seven-room apartments. This is relatively low for Hudson County and minuscule when compared to neighboring Manhattan.

When new landlords purchase a piece of property in the city, they very often inherit costs that the old landlord did not have—mortgage payments, for one. Very often old landlords have no mortgage to pay off.

This combines with inflation costs, especially in fuel, to squeeze profit margins.

The new landlord in this case, Prataprai Mody, was able to show that when all expenses were calculated for the past year, he was collecting about \$510 less in rents than he should have.

Hoboken rent laws allow a landlord to raise rents up to 7 1/2 percent a year. However, if a landlord is not making "a fair rate of return" on his property, he may make a hardship application to be recompensed for the difference.

A "fair rate of return" has been designated by state courts as 6 percent above the highest rate of interest offered on passbook bank accounts in a municipality. This would make 11 1/2 percent the fair rate of return in Hoboken, according to Bernardine Van Carpelis, administrator of the board.

One of the families in the building at 823 Washington has lived there for 40 years but will be moving out by the spring. Mody has asked them to leave so he and his family can occupy the apartment. The landlord has agreed to freeze their rent until the move, the family said.

The family foresees problems in finding another place comparable to the Washington Street apartment. They complain that apartment buildings they have visited refuse to take children or pets, or demand astronomical rents.

They add it is unlikely they will resettle in Hoboken or another Hudson County community.

Another family in the building is composed of a mother and two children. Sources said the family would be unable to afford the \$127 increase that would put them over \$800 a month.

No complaints were lodged by tenants whose rents were raised \$50 and \$83 a month at 600 Washington St.

Union boss labors for peace in letter to Hoboken mayor

The feud between Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto and AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland has apparently subsided. The labor leader has written an apologetic letter to the mayor to make amends for his remark, "Everything outside of AFL-CIO is Hoboken."

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AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland Sends apologetic letter

Garage boss post a Hoboken question

The ordinance creating the position of garage superintendent may be introduced at tomorrow's Hoboken Council meeting.

Then again it may not.

Councilmen still have a number of questions about the job and its placement in the table of organization of the police department.

Although Mayor Steve Cappelletto attended last night's caucus and made a personal pitch for the new job, the council, or at least some members of it, seemed to favor putting the position in the Department of Public Works.

Cappelletto told the council that because of greater accountability and better record keeping in the police garage, he felt the consolidated facility should be under the supervision of that department when the new garage building, now under construction, is completed.

Council President Walter Cramer said he couldn't say for sure whether the matter would be considered at Wednesday's meeting and said the council had additional questions for Public Safety Director James Giordano.

One of the questions that concerned him the most was the area of responsibility. Since many of the employees in the consolidated garage will come from public works, will there be a conflict if their superior is a member of another department, Cramer asked after the session.

He added that up until last night's meeting, the council thought the garage would be called the Public Works

Garage. They were told last night that it was to be named the Municipal Garage instead.

In other action at the caucus, the board accepted for consideration the bond ordinance and resolution approved by the Hoboken Board of School Estimate last week. The board okayed a \$16 million renovation and construction program for the school system. The council will await a review of the plan by its experts before discussing it.

Cramer will offer a resolution tomorrow naming Bernard J. Scrivani and Salvatore Cemelli as the council's members on the school estimate board for 1980. Cramer and Cemelli are the members for 1979. Other members are Cappelletto, board President Robert Wendelken and Trustee John Pope.

An ordinance that would create the full time position of coordinator of recreation and positions of junior and senior library assistant were also received by the council. Because of the pressing need for the recreation coordinator, Business Administrator Edwin Chius suggested the council forego the usual 30-day waiting period on ordinances and act immediately.

Cappelletto orders crackdown on all guilty of littering

An all-out coordinated attack on the violators of Hoboken's anti-littering ordinance was promised today by Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto.

Cappelletto will order plainclothes detectives to patrol the streets looking for violators of the ordinance and also will set up a phone line where Hoboken residents can phone anonymously to give information about violators.

The mayor said any violators are going to be ticketed immediately. "We are going to start issuing tickets," he said. "The people have been warned enough."

His comments came today at an up-date meeting on Project Focus, the experimental program started by Cappelletto in conjunction with the Volunteer Citizens Committee for a Cleaner Hoboken headed by Helen Manogue.

The committee has been concentrating on landlords, making sure they put out their garbage properly and that they have a proper number of garbage cans for the building.

The project has been concentrating this month on the four-block stretch on Washington Street between 10th and 14th streets.

Mrs. Manogue said buildings so far where there have been numerous violations by landlords of the anti-littering ordinance include 1300, 1214, 1235, 1036 and 1026 Washington St.

Robert Goodman, planning board

chairman, was fined \$100 last spring in municipal court after leaving a truck load of garbage outside a building he owns on Second Street.

Peter Falco, Hoboken acting sanitation inspector, said he has given out nine summonses already to landlords violating the anti-littering ordinance.

Mrs. Manogue said she was somewhat upset over some policemen's indifference to violators of the anti-littering ordinance. She recalled how one of her coalition members had showed a policeman an outright violation of the ordinance and how he just ignore it.

Cappelletto said that if any patrolman does anything like that again, there are going to be "serious repercussions." Mrs. Manogue said some landlords and merchants have been sweeping some of the litter on the sidewalks near them into the gutter.

One final point of discussion at today's meeting was how to get more Hispanic involvement in cleaning up Hoboken. Mrs. Manogue said she has tried to contact numerous Hispanic groups and leaders but said it was to no avail.

Joseph Hoffendorf, a member of the citizens coalition and executive director of the Hoboken Parking Authority, said he felt part of the problem was that the Hispanics who would be dedicated to the anti-littering cause just didn't have the time.

Malfetti lashes back at Chius' accusations

Hoboken Councilman Nunzio Malfetti lashed back today at his city's business administrator, Edwin Chius, who had accused him of going through Chius' mail without permission.

Chius had sent all the city councilmen copies of a letter he had addressed to Malfetti.

Malfetti today made public a reply, which he too sent to his fellow councilmen. It reads:

"I acknowledge the receipt of your letter . . .

"In the first instance, I have never read your mail. To say that I did is imply a lie, a lie that I hereby demand you retract. On the day in question I visited Director (of Public Works) Amato's office and discussed certain requisitions being processed by your office. It was suggested that I proceed to your office, and you were not in at the time.

"I spoke with your secretary and was reviewing the same requisitions

when you arrived. Without even having the courtesy of asking what was going on, you went into one of your now too familiar temper tantrums and pulled papers from my hand. Your behavior, to say the least, was rude, crude and childish. Had you asked what I was doing, you would have received a simple explanation. However, to excuse your irrational behavior, you composed a letter based on lies.

"It is ironic that you of all people should object to an elected official examining public records, when it seems to be the unanimous objection of all city directors that you attempt to run each one's department.

"Mr. Chius, I am mature enough and cultured enough not to read anyone's mail. It is regrettable that a man of your apparent education never learned enough to tell the truth, refrain from playing dirty tricks nor act like a grown man. You would have been a big hit in the Nixon Administration."

Rec program opened to Hoboken's adults

Hoboken's after-school recreation program for children has been so successful that city officials have decided to let adults take part in the fun too.

James Farina, health and welfare director, announced today that an Evening Adult Recreation Program will begin Jan.

Farina said that scheduled activities in the program will include exercise classes, volleyball, swimming, tennis and basketball. The activities, he said, will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Farina added the program will be run jointly by the department and the Hoboken Board of Education and is designed to operate for a three-month pilot period through March.

Farina said that participation in the program is free and that the only charge to the public will be an initial \$1 registration fee.

Registration for the program will be held on Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Hoboken auditor finds deficiencies

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken's own auditor has found six deficiencies in the city's books for the year 1978.

Four of the six deficiencies have been cited for the last few years in the city's annual audit, but apparently no adequate steps have been taken to correct them.

The first area cited as being deficient by Frank T. Italiano, the city auditor, involved the city's water department ordinance.

Italiano said that deposits, as required by the ordinance, are not always being collected when

customers contract for water service. He recommends that the 1933 ordinance be updated if it is not being strictly enforced.

Dorothy Walters, supervisor of the Water Department, said deposits haven't been collected in at least 15 years.

Other recommendations and deficiencies cited were:

• 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.

That all petty cash funds be closed out at the end of the year.

That the normal proof of taxes was not completed and that all cash was not properly accounted for in an unallocated balance at the end of the year. In addition it was noted that all cash was not turned over to the treasurer at the end of the year.

A review of the offices of the Police Department, visiting nurses, the electrical construction code, tax searches and city clerk indicates that funds received by these offices were not, in all cases, deposited within 48 hours as required by statute.

The last two deficiencies were the only ones not listed before in prior years.

Anthony Amoroso, Hoboken city clerk, said he will forward the deficiency citations to the departments involved and added they are supposed to give him answers as to how they plan to correct them.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the petty cash funds were not closed out at the end of the year because of last-minute petty cash expenses that could not be approved by the city council until after the end of the year.

He said in the future he is restructuring department directors to pay for such expenses out of their pockets and then file for reimbursement.

Concerning the bail deposits, Chius said he didn't feel it was worth the hours that would have to be put in to find the approximately \$2,000 in old deposits that have never been claimed from the court clerk's office.

Other department directors were not available to comment on recommendations that affected their departments.

Student to pick those 23 lucky winners of parking lot spaces

Who are the 23 Hoboken residents who will be allotted spaces in the soon-to-open off-street parking lot at 11th Street and Willow Avenue?

That question will be answered Wednesday night when a young student from the Wallace School, across the street from the lot, draws the names of the 43 motorists who have asked to lease space on a monthly basis.

John Muciaccia, vice chairman of the Hoboken Parking Authority, said the drawing will take place at 7 o'clock in the meeting room of the Board of Education building at 1115 Clinton St.

Muciaccia explained that the first 23 names drawn will be allotted spaces and the remaining names will be kept on a standing list, in the

order they are chosen. In the event a space becomes vacant, he said, the next resident on the list will be notified.

The lot has been surfaced and fenced, Muciaccia reported, and will be available as soon as the striping of lines has been completed. This is being held up because of cold weather, he said. This is the first off-

street parking lot established by the authority and Muciaccia said plans call for it to be landscaped and lighted.

Muciaccia was chosen to direct the drawing of the names by the other members of the authority, Richard Eversen, Fred M. Bado, Richard England and Donald J. Pellicano. He has been working with Joseph

Hottendorf, the executive director. Since the Wallace School is a focal point in the neighborhood, Muciaccia said he felt a student from the school should play a part in the selection process.

He recalled that seven Wallace School students lost their lives several years ago when fire destroyed two tenements on the site where the new car park stands.

Hoboken Council trims fire force

The Hoboken City Council approved Wednesday a table of organization reducing by 10 the number of firemen required by ordinance to staff the Fire Department, while maintaining the present number of superiors.

Also approved was an ordinance making several positions paid by the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) part of the Police

Department's table of organization. Pay for these jobs will be picked up by the city when CETA funding ends.

The council also scheduled introduction of an ordinance requiring smoke detectors in Hoboken residences at its next meeting. Council president Walter Cramer said the move had been delayed by a lengthy review given the proposed legislation

by the administration. The council decided to adopt the new Fire Department manning requirements despite an objection voiced by Edwin Chius, city business administrator.

Chius told the council he anticipated problems with overtime, saying the reduction to 88 firemen pares the force to the barest minimum without regard for vacation schedules or sickness.

He suggested instead that the council reduce the number of fire captains and maintain the present number of firemen. No firing will be involved, he said, because the department will drop to 88 men at the end of the year through retirements.

The council concluded the public hearing on a petition by the Universal Folding Box Co. for vacating 13th

Street between Madison and Monroe streets. The company wishes to build a \$2 million extension to its plant with an Urban Development Action Grant on the dead end street. Final approval will come at the next meeting.

Approved was the appointment of Councilmen Salvatore Cennelli and Bernard J. Scrivani to the Board of School Estimate for 1980.

Court drops curtain on PAL show promoters

Two shows which were originally supposed to be fund raisers for Hoboken's Police Athletic League will go on as scheduled but the unsold tickets will be given away as the result of a court order barring the promoters from doing business in New Jersey.

Joseph Reinhard, Hoboken PAL coordinator, said over 400 tickets had been sold to the Big El show, a tribute to Elvis Presley starring Larry Seth, which is scheduled to take place on

Jan. 11 at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The order obtained by the state attorney general in Monmouth County Superior Court enjoins the Police Funding Corp. of America from doing business in New Jersey because it isn't registered under the state's Charitable Funding Act of 1971.

Patrolman Tim Dawid, who directs the Jersey City Police Athletic League, said the state corporation promoted his PAL's annual

fund raising event Dec. 11 at St. Paul's Hall in Greenville "and they did an excellent job." This was before the injunction against the firm took effect.

More than 400 people saw the concert, featuring the group "Brooklyn Bridge," he said, "and the PAL wound up with the bigger portion of the profits."

He said the Jersey City PAL had done its own promotion work on fund raising events in the past but found it

better to turn it over to a professional firm. He pointed out that the PAL is not subsidized and raises its own funds to operate.

Bruce Snyder, a deputy state attorney general, said the Police Funding Corp. has the same officers as WRG Enterprises, a corporation whose license to do business in the state was suspended last February.

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Will train operators for street sweepers

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has ordered a training course to start next year, for six heavy duty equipment operators to drive the city's street sweeper.

Only one such operator, Dennis O'Connor, knows how to drive a sweeper but he hadn't taken the street cleaning truck out in two weeks, refusing to do so on the ground that the other heavy duty operators had not been called on to drive it.

John Wallington, public works garage foreman, had said last week that O'Connor refused to drive the sweeper because he felt he wasn't being paid enough.

But Cappiello said today the real reason that O'Connor had refused to drive the sweeper was that he felt he was being discriminated against since

no other heavy equipment operator had to drive it.

Cappiello said O'Connor has agreed to drive the sweeper again, starting today, because he will no longer be the only employee who does.

The mayor also said he wants at least one of the city's three sweepers going out to sweep every day this winter.

Wallington previously had said the sweepers would not go out in winter because they sprinkle water, and the water they carry would freeze.

Cappiello said today that he was overruling Wallington, and that the sweepers could dispense with their sprinkling, since their primary function is to sweep and clear the gutters.

Court drops curtain on PAL show promoters

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Both corporations list their address as Sarasota, Florida.

Snyder said WRG's license was suspended because it had failed to register and submit a year-end report of its financial records to the state as required by law.

The state said both corporations also had been violating the law by giving only 50 percent of the money they raised to the PAL.

The state Charitable Funding Act requires that a promoter take no more than 15 percent of the gross. Snyder said promoters such as

WRG have continued doing business in the state even after the act was passed in 1971 by forming different corporations for the production of the fund raising shows and thus claiming most of the money they raised for the shows was used to pay production expenses, when such was not the fact.

Snyder said WRG and a number of other promoters filed suit declaring the state's Charitable Funding Act unconstitutional.

The suit is currently in litigation.

Frank Swenson, director of the Charities Registration Section, said "Once the production costs of a show are accounted for, the profit

of the charity is very small. I don't think most people would buy tickets if they knew that."

James Giordano, Hoboken public safety director, said he doesn't want WRG or any of its related corporations doing business in Hoboken.

Giordano said representatives of the company would often go to merchants and tell them how many tickets they should buy.

Reinhard said last year the PAL received over \$8,000 in profit from two shows staged by WRG and before the issuance of the court order this year the PAL had realized \$4,000 in profit.

Woody cuts up in Hoboken

By PETER BEGANS

Woody Allen, that arch-Manhattanite, ended six weeks of film shooting in New Jersey yesterday with a final scene at Hoboken's Lackawanna Terminal that included a cameo appearance by Gov. Brendan Byrne.

Actually, Byrne stayed behind the camera until Allen, Academy Award-winning director of "Annie Hall" (1977), finished shooting a lover's quarrel scene with French actress Marie-Christine Barrault in the terminal's main lobby and platform.

Then, as the extras headed for the bus, the governor thanked Allen for bringing his business to the state by presenting him with a Schiesinger's tie.

"Thanks very much," Allen said as he took the navy blue tie embroidered with a tiny blob shaped like New Jersey.

"Now I have a New York tie and a New Jersey tie," said Allen, who rarely wears one.

Byrne replied, "The New Jersey tie is on the right side of the Hudson."

"The New York tie is stained already," Allen said.

"It was when you got it, probably," quipped the governor, adding: "It's (the tie) just something from a store in New Jersey who are proud of your association with it."

Allen, who shot bits of "Annie Hall" and "Manhattan" (1979) in Englewood, did 65 percent of his filming in the state for his new picture, tentatively called "Untitled Number Four." It is the fourth film Allen has made for United Artists.

Even production people say they have no real idea what the current picture is about, though one said it was going

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to be a mix of comedy and drama as in most of Allen's recent films.

Most of the shooting for the film was done at the Monmouth County shore points of Ocean Grove, Asbury Park and Neptune.

Yesterday the crew arrived at the Lackawanna Terminal at 9 a.m., but by 3 o'clock—when the scene with Mrs. Barrault was ready to be filmed, the sunlight had slipped below the terminal's glass windows. Huge "brute" lights, lit by fire and casting a bluish-white glow, were brought in to simulate daylight.

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Woody in Hoboken

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Allen, with characteristic nervous energy, set up camera shots as spectators were kept back by police.

Then "director" Allen switched to his familiar role of Woody the Romantic Nihilist for the big scene. The camera rolled.

Wearing a sportcoat and a non-New Jersey tie, Woody furtively tries to speak with Marie-Christine as she and two children bolt through the lobby and out onto the platform.

Woody, with his neck craned around in a bid for a face-to-face discussion on the run, still manages to hold the door open as she thrusts her bags and children ahead of her.

The camera follows them out to the middle of the platform where the couple stop and turn their eyes on each other.

Cut.

"This is the biggest thing we've had in two years," said Joseph Friedman, Executive Director of the New Jersey Motion Pictures and Television Commission, founded in 1978.

Friedman, who was a top marketing executive for Paramount, Warner, Bono, and Avco Embassy for 30 years, is credited with bringing \$4 million in business into the state from production firms in 1978.

Among the films shot recently were an untitled piece with Paul Simon in Palisades Park, and a movie called "Broadway," shot in Newark's Symphony Hall and in Boonton.

Hoboken seems to be turning into a little Hollywood, with its novel architecture and cross-river proximity to Manhattan.

"One Summer Night," a film directed by John Casavetes and starring his wife, Gena Rowlands, was filmed partly at the Lackawanna Terminal and at the Victor Hotel bar across the street during the fall.

"Voices" was shot largely in Hoboken last year, and Alan Arkin did a few scenes for his latest picture in the top floor of city Hall, Friedman said.

Though Byrne said yesterday that a movie studio built by Harts Mountain Industries was still possible, Friedman said it has been "put on the back burner" because of the firm's decision not to construct its mall in the Meadowlands.

Friedman said he has begun looking for buildings in Hoboken that can be renovated into studio space.

He said the next major company to do filming in the state will be Columbia Pictures when it begins shooting "Beyond the Law," the film biography of Anthony Imperiale, in Newark in March.

The next stop for Allen's production company is a New York studio to shoot some interior scenes. Tony Roberts, Charlotte Rampling and Jessica Harper also star in the film, but they were not on hand yesterday.

Byrne, who flew to Hoboken by helicopter, and quickly left after the presentation, was asked what he thought of the disparaging remarks allegedly made by AFL-CIO boss Lane Kirkland about Hoboken in November. Kirkland had charged unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO to Hoboken.

"I think the next AFL-CIO convention should be held in Hoboken," replied the governor.

Sewer machine crippled by neglect, aide says

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato said he wants to put Hoboken's sewer cleaning machine, which has been out of action since 1977, back on the job — but the city's chief mechanic said to do so will cost \$42,000 — a cost he said that could have been totally avoided in the first place if the machine had been maintained.

Police Sgt. Mario Mercado, who supervises the repair of city vehicles, said the sewer cleaning machine broke down because it was never maintained.

Mercado said that when he recently took over the job of supervising the repair of the public works vehicle, he also found other public works vehicles in similar condition because they were not maintained properly. He added that there were some problems with almost every piece of public works equipment because of the lack of maintenance.

Mercado until recently had been in charge only of the repair of the city's public safety vehicles.

The sergeant said many of the problems developed because of the two public works mechanics just didn't have the time to service all the department's equipment. He said he is now having his public safety mechanics maintain the public works vehicles and most of the vehicles are now in use.

One reason the sewer cleaning machine broke down, according to Mercado, was because the sludge was never emptied from the machine's hopper. He said, that water was never drained from the air lines and caused the lines to rupture.

"It was just total neglect," he said.

Mercado said the city paid about \$45,000 for the machine when it was purchased but said a new machine would now cost approximately \$75,000.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius admitted it had not been maintained.

Raphael Vitale, Hoboken Public Works director at the time the machine was purchased was unavailable for comment.

Order landlord seized on garbage can charge

An arrest warrant has been issued for the owner of the Hoboken tenements at 1306 and 1312 Washington St. for his reported failure to put garbage cans outside his building.

Pasquale DellaFave, Hoboken court clerk, said the E and E Newman Co. is owned by a Mr. Penaranda who lives in Englewood.

DellaFave said Penaranda had failed to show up in court on both Dec. 3 and yesterday to answer the summonses he was given for having no garbage cans by Acting Sanitation Inspector Peter Falco.

The summonses were given by Falco under Project Focus, the city's experimental program to crack down on violators of Hoboken's sanitary code.

Falco is supposed to concentrate on the four-block stretch of Washington Street that runs from 10th to 14th streets under the program and make sure all tenement houses have the proper number of garbage cans and that no littering is going on.

Falco termed the program a "big success," and said almost all

landlords are now complying with the program.

Another landlord, Vercykin Juan-na, who owns the building at 1200 Washington St. was fined \$60 in court yesterday for not providing garbage cans.

A third violator, meanwhile, Aru-jjo Tire of 1412 Washington St. will be reissued a notice to appear in court in January because a representative of the company didn't show up yesterday.

Code violations

It's all well and good for Hoboken's chief housing inspector to tell residents of tenement houses to complain about the conditions they're living in. As he points out, he can't act unless he gets complaints.

True enough, but too often in the past the complaints of residents have appeared to go unheeded. It's only when conditions get out of hand — short of catastrophe — has something been done.

While it is true that inspectors cannot go on daily patrols of the city's tenements, these inspectors should not turn their backs on apparent violations, even though they are not brought to their attention. Certain buildings have repeated violations and should be checked on as a matter of course.

The housing inspectors claim they will be at the violation site within 24 hours of the complaint. With this kind of service — and with the start next month of a special municipal court to deal with complaints — the housing situation in Hoboken should definitely be on the upgrade before too many months pass.

City sewage fouls his line, resident says

Philip Procaccino says all he wants is some help from the city — help he claims he hasn't been getting.

The basement of the four-story tenement that he owns at 400 Monroe St. in Hoboken is flooded with almost a foot of sewage. Procaccino says it's not a new problem.

Since his family purchased the building in 1962, Procaccino says there have been flooding problems every month or two.

The landlord says the main sewer on Monroe Street is not flowing properly, causing the sewage in his building to back-up into his basement.

Procaccino said that when he first noticed the existence of the problem 12 years ago, he bought a pump and built a small reservoir in his basement. The reservoir, he said, catches the sewage and then he pumps it onto the street.

But, this week his pump failed, causing his reservoir to overflow and flood the basement. "I go through two or three pumps a year," he said.

Procaccino says he has had his sewage line, which goes from the main sewer to his house, cleaned out every three months, but the problem keeps on occurring.

"It has to be the city's fault," he said.

He says the city has cleaned out the main sewer a number of times but it's been to no avail.

Andrew Amato, Hoboken Public Works director, said it could be the city's fault and he will look into it.

But the Public Works director added that the few times there have been sewage backups in Procaccino's building, it was because his service lines were clogged.

1979 Politics and fires in Hoboken

By William Taft

Hoboken started 1979 with its worst fire in 75 years.

At 3:30 a.m. in the dark hours of a cold Jan. 28, three small children miserably spread newspapers and rubbish on the first and fourth floor landings of a five-story tenement house at 121 Clinton St. and lit them with a match.

Flames swept up the wooden stairs. Most occupants awoke in time to flee in their night clothes. But 21, most of them children, perished, and 28 others were taken to the hospital.

Three days later, searchers found the last two victims, children, not burned but suffocated to death in their bedrooms.

A week after the fire, a boy, 8, and a girl, 6, confessed that they and another boy had started the blaze. The first two had covered their relatives and escaped. The other boy had sleepily gone back to his apartment, terrified, and was burned to death.

A window leading to the fire escape on one floor had been barred by locked gates installed to thwart tenants.

Local government and politics in Hoboken forced their way onto Page One of The Jersey Journal on Feb. 1 when Mayor Steve Capriello dropped and replaced four members of the city's nine-man board of education.

Dropped were Fireman James Olmi, Leo McLaughlin, Aurelio Lugo and Jack Rosolowsky. Their successors were Steven Block, Donald Pullicano, John Pope and Selma Lugo, wife of Aurelio.

The tragic fire had aroused demands by citizens and public officials for a city ordinance to require smoke detectors in all halls and basements and in most apartments. The sentiment for this appeared so overwhelming that it was taken for granted some such law would be passed.

As the weeks went by and interest dimmed, the city council became less and less enthusiastic.

Finally a watered-down ordinance excluding one- and two-family houses was brought up for passage, but it died without a vote, and later in the year a proposal to require a cheaper version of a smoke detector was introduced, but it too went up in smoke.

The board of education was back in the news on April 11 when, with the voice of the new members, the board fired its controversial attorney, Robert Taylor, and announced it would have its legal work done by other lawyers, on a fee basis, when needed.

A test of Capriello's strength as the city's political leader came on May 9 with the every-fourth-year election of a councilman from each of Hoboken's six wards.

Re-elected in the First Ward was Anthony H. Brennan, an opponent of Capriello who had run against him for mayor in 1977.

In the Second Ward, Capriello supporter Walter H. Cramer was re-elected; and likewise in the Third Ward, Capriello stalwart Sal Connolly, Connolly.

In the Fourth Ward, where Capriello had taken a natural position, Louis Francese, proclaiming himself as Capriello's ally, retained his council seat.

In the remaining two wards, the election was indecisive. Capriello had gone all-out to reelect Fifth Ward Councilman Edward J. Brennan, who was the council president. Brennan topped a field of five but did not get a majority and so was forced into a runoff.

In the Sixth Ward anti-Capriello Councilman Nunzio Malfetti was forced into a runoff by former Councilman Edward McLaughlin, attempting a comeback, who had Capriello's support.

In the runoff May 22 Brennan lost to E. Norman Wilson Jr., director of Hoboken's Organization Against Poverty and Economic Stress (HOPEs), but Malfetti defeated McLaughlin.

When the council reorganized, July 5, the members chose Cramer as their president to replace Brennan, at the request of Capriello.

This was done while Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri was visiting in Yugoslavia as an official representative of the city, and on his return Ranieri cried "foul," claiming he had been promised the presidency.

On July 16 the council voted \$1,300,000 to build a garage to house vehicles of both the Public Safety and Public Works departments, so as to consolidate operations. The garage is now under construction, a few blocks from City Hall.

Two days later, the council took action on another long-discussed improvement, deciding in principle to spend \$200,000 to upgrade the city's sewage treatment plant.

Another sore spot, the cleaning of the city's clogged sewer main, was finally resolved Aug. 15 when the council awarded a contract for this job.

An ongoing scandal throughout the year was the city's inability to get its mechanical street sweepers on the street and keep them there.

When the sweepers were not broken down there was difficulty in

getting someone to drive them, since only one man in the city knows how, and this driver only took a sweepster out when it pleased him, and personally made decisions as to when to devote them from the scheduled runs.

Sometimes when the sweepster did operate, it could not get at the gutters where the litter lay, because motorists ignored the signs warning them away during scheduled sweeping hours, and the city failed to ticket the offenders.

Conversely, at other times, the city's main roads were jammed with hundreds of 200 station wagons that really was so used to stop the main flow of traffic that the sweepster was not operating on these days.

The year ended without solution to this curiously of events, when all city officials from the mayor down claimed responsibility for the sweeping program and even denied knowing that there were any bugs in it.

The board of education was again back in the news on Oct. 25 when Mayor Capriello had to compress the number of members from nine to seven, as required by a change from an elected to an appointed board, previously approved by the voters.

The two who lost their positions were Richard England and Donald Pullicano.

In a non-binding referendum Nov. 6, Hoboken's voters narrowly approved a move to fluoridate the city's water by a vote of 2,699 to 2,628.

This meant the city will have to fluoridate its water supply at the point at which it receives the water from its supplier, Jersey City, which recently discontinued fluoridation.

In November, Hoboken made headlines around the United States. Lane Kirkland, national president of the AFL-CIO, in a speech urging unions to affiliate with the AFL-CIO, remarked that "everything outside the AFL-CIO is really Hoboken."

Capriello took offense, contending the expression should not have been used, with it was not meant to be taken literally. But Kirkland, unfortunately, had a spokesman reply that if Capriello wanted an explanation, he should call up Kirkland or write him a letter.

Early in December the Tri-State Regional Planning Commission announced final approval of plans for an accelerated railway for Hoboken, the first in the nation.

The railway will carry about 200 feet between the PATH station and the railroad terminal, reversing direction in morning and evening rush hours.

Throughout 1979, littering of streets and sidewalks remained Hoboken's public defect No. 1. The last of numerous attempts to correct this failing was launched on Dec. 3 under the name, Project Focus, but like others before, it faltered badly.

As the year came to a close, efforts were being made to reorganize the approach and try again.

The first municipal parking lot to be constructed by Hoboken made an appearance at the intersection of 11th Street and Willow Avenue late in December and was due to open for use by the first of the new year.

The city's municipal downtown bus line, out of service for more than a year because the bus developed mechanical difficulties that followed one after another, was finally restored on Dec. 3, and skeptical passengers were wondering whether it would last out the year.

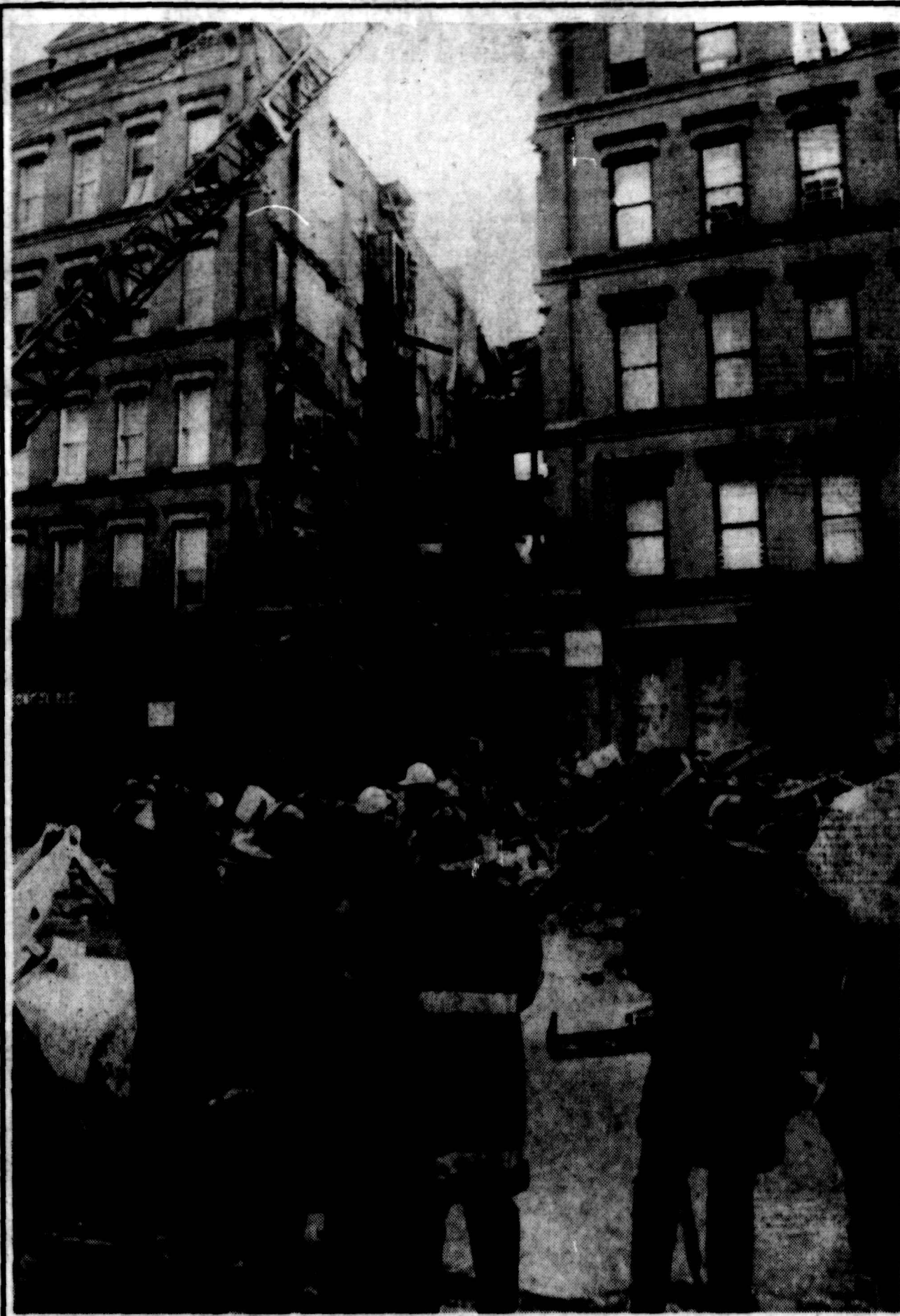
In police news, the outstanding incident was the arrest of a Hoboken contractor, Stephen Azzolini, and his friend, Dennis Kane, also of Hoboken, in connection with the murders of their wives.

Azzolini's brother, Nicholas, a Hoboken policeman, since suspended, was also arrested in connection with the murder of Mrs. Azzolini, but has not been indicted.

Much of the day-to-day news of Hoboken was about slumbers who failed to repair their tenement houses, failed to give heat, or failed to keep sewage out of basements.

Few received more punishment than a minor fine, if any.

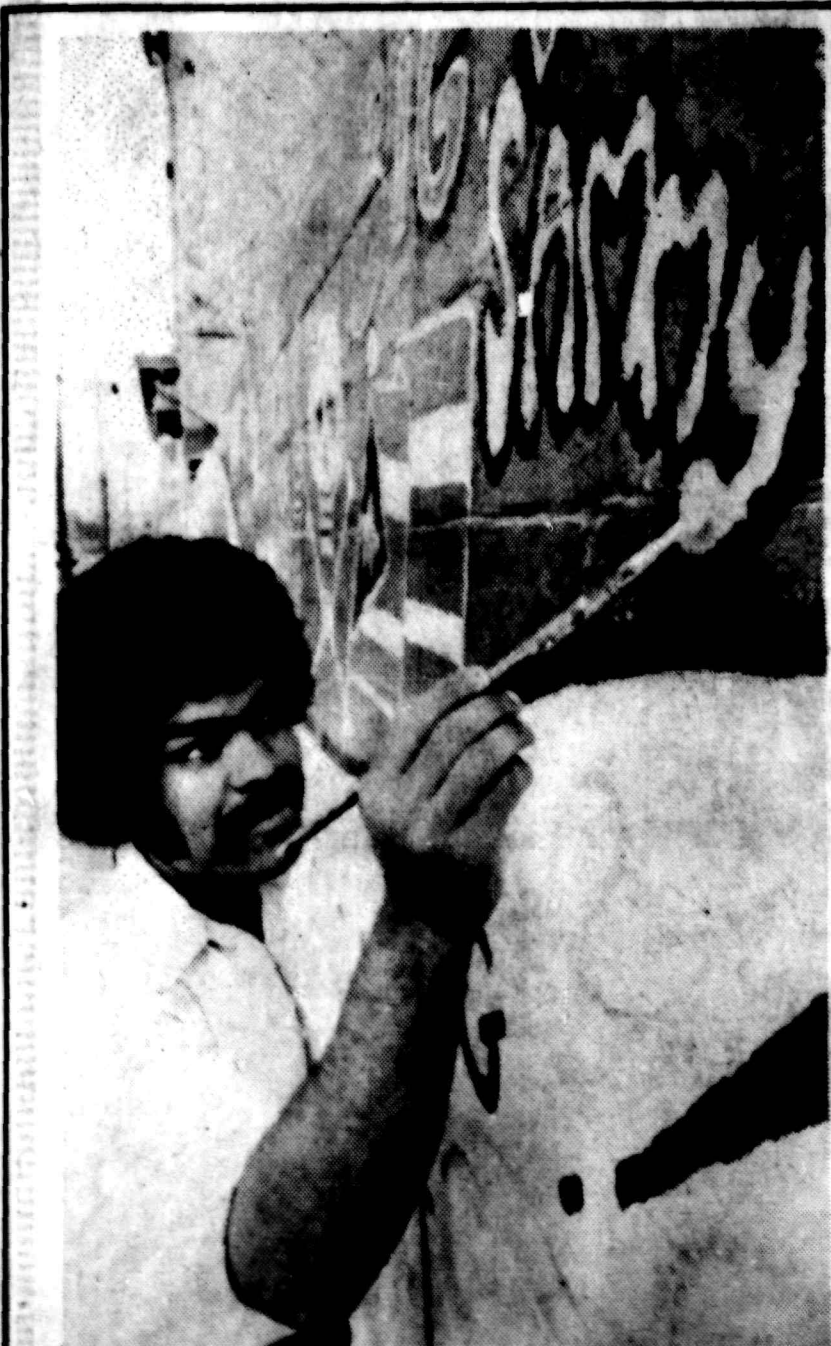
In the waning days of the year, Mayor Capriello announced that on certain days of the week, the Municipal Court will be turned into a "courtroom" where the judges will hear cases involving the housing and public safety departments.



Hoboken firemen gather across the street from the pile of rubble that was the site of the fire that took 21 lives last January.



Occupants of this Park Avenue apartment would have trouble getting to the fire escape. The window is barred and locked to keep out burglars. There are many such windows in Hoboken.



Antigua Rosario works on a mural on a wall next to the Jefferson Street Recreation Center in Hoboken.



Hoboken Mayor Steve Capriello watches as a crane digs into the remains of 121 Clinton Street looking for victims of the tragic January fire in Hoboken.

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Hoboken offers course to help dropouts get high school diplomas

Hoboken school officials have begun to track down recent high school dropouts to let them know they still have a chance to earn a high school diploma.

School Superintendent George Maier said Joseph Buda, principal of the high school and Ignatius Farinola, director of the adult school, are contacting about 150 students who left school without completing their secondary education.

All students who did not receive a diploma are urged to attend a meeting at the high school Monday at 7 p.m., Maier said. They will receive information about a high school equivalency course that is available to them free of charge.

The course prepares the students to take a state test which can lead to a high school equivalency certificate.

Farinola said the certificate is recognized by the Civil Service

Department and many industries and can open job opportunities that may not now be available to non-high school graduates.

"We are making a determined effort to locate these students who left high school and encourage them to take advantage of this free opportunity to obtain this important certificate," Maier said. "It can be of value to them throughout their lives."

Hoboken rallies for 50 hostages

By DIANE CURCIO

Many Americans spent a quiet, pleasant Sunday at home yesterday—unlike nearly 50 of their compatriots who spent their 70th day in captivity in Tehran.

And although the American outcry against the Iranian terrorism has been somewhat muted lately, the plight of the hostages has not been forgotten in Hoboken.

Nearly 150 people banded together yesterday in the second anti-Iranian rally in Hoboken since the embassy seizure.

Two Hoboken grocers, Michael Sarullo and Kevin Hauck, organized both rallies. "We want to show our support of the hostages... But we also want to send a message to Mr. Carter that the people feel he should take stronger action," said Sarullo.

His words were echoed by John Broad of Alex Saldarini VFW Post 453 of Union City who took part in the demonstration.

"We shouldn't be pushed around. We shouldn't let little countries do what they want. If we had a president like Teddy Roosevelt, he'd be right over there... Why should those people be held hostages just because we helped the shah?" asked Broad.

Broad drove a flag-bedecked car which followed the marchers. The crowd of

men, women and children, wearing winter jackets, hats and gloves to protect themselves from the biting January winds, began the 17-block march with a chorus of "God Bless America."

One of the oldest demonstrators in the crowd was 89-year-old Bill Drewes, the chaplain for American Legion Post 107 of Hoboken, which also sent a contingent to the protest rally.

The march began at the steps of Hoboken City Hall and continued up Washington Street, turning down it to John F. Kennedy Stadium. Nearly every marcher carried a sign or American flag.

Ten-year-old Dineen Stefan and her brother, Michael, 9, carried a giant colored poster which read "Hey Iran! Kiss My Grits and Let My People Go." Miss Stefan said, "my mommy did the printing but we did the coloring."

Independent Hoboken Councilman Norman Wilson was among the demonstrators. He said he was proud of the turnout. "We have to keep doing this (hold rallies)... Americans have a way of forgetting things sometimes. We have to keep it up."

Midway in the band of marchers, Ed Fitzsimmons carried an effigy of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Iranian dictator, which was made by Hoboken High School students.

Hoboken official makes it hot for fire safety law violators

By DIANE CURCIO

Hoboken Health Officer Patricia Mittens is cracking down on delinquent rooming house owners, threatening to shut them down if they fail to appear in her office to explain why fire safety violations remain uncorrected.

Ms. Mittens said "serious" violations such as faulty wiring, dilapidated fire escapes, and the lack of fire-rated basement ceilings exist in seven rooming houses. She refused to renew the licenses of the seven structures until the owners appear in her office for a hearing. "I plan to ask them what they're doing to correct these violations."

The structures in question are: 306 Hudson St., owned by Dimitrios Gregoriou; 139 Bloomfield St., owned by Ruffino Rosario; 126 and 219 Garden St., and 134, 1029 and 1033 Bloomfield St., owned by Ernest and Liselotte Lieber.

Ms. Mittens said yesterday she is serving notice to the landlords they must contact her office within 10 days.

The landlords could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Ms. Mittens said her office must supervise the maintenance of the city's 94 rooming houses. The city housing and fire inspectors survey the structures each

year, she said, and a license is denied any structure found in violation of the city codes.

Seventy-seven rooming houses have been licensed for 1980. Besides the seven buildings already cited, Ms. Mittens said she is reviewing the status of approximately 10 other structures. "I think they have been sold and some are no longer rooming houses."

The health department became responsible for the rooming houses in 1975 when the city housing codes were amended, she explained. Formerly, the rooming house owner merely purchased a permit in the city clerk's office to operate such a house.

"I'm not going to close them down tomorrow... I want to give them time to repair the violations," she said.

She explained that the annual licensing procedure is often lengthy because the inspection crews must take time from other duties to inspect the structures. She said the reinspection of the structures found in violation will be done in February.

Should she revoke the license of any boarding house, the residents will be forced to move.

Ms. Mittens said she suspected there are more rooming houses in the city than the ones currently listed. But she said she must wait for inspection reports to prove her suspicions.

City Council to vote on detector ordinance

By DIANE CURCIO

After heated debates, postponements and countless revisions, the Hoboken City Council is expected to approve a compromise smoke detector ordinance tonight.

Ironically, the order comes almost one year to the day after the fatal 131 Clinton St. fire in which 21 people were killed. Public outcry for a smoke detector ordinance was spurred by the Jan. 20, 1979 tragedy.

The ordinance mandates the installation of low voltage electrical smoke detector systems in houses containing four or more apartments by April 1, 1981.

Electrical Inspector Paul Marozca said the system was the "best possible" since it was:

- Relatively inexpensive. The owner of a five-story home can buy the system for approximately \$250 and install it himself. Whereas, the original ordinance was double the price since it was a high voltage system requiring the landlord to hire an electrician to install it.

- Affords maximum protection in the hallways. Marozca said Hoboken firefighters have found the greatest loss of life occurs due to fire in hallways where flames trap residents on the floor.

The devices would be put in the hallways on each floor and in the basement. All the detectors would ring simultaneously, whenever the fire is detected, thus alerting all the residents.

"People must understand that even if it (the system) is used once in 15 years, it will save their lives—it's well worth their investment," Marozca continued.

Marozca, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Trimiditi and Public Safety Director James Giordano served on the special committee charged with drafting the ordinance.

Throughout the year-long debate on the ordinance these three men have maintained that an electrical system provides greater protection than the independent battery-operated models preferred by many landlords. "Our main argument against the battery-operated units is that the batteries could be stolen or you could simply forget to install new batteries when the power drains from the original batteries."

Many Hoboken landlords lobbied for an ordinance requiring battery-operated units. The pressure exerted by the landlords caused numerous revisions of the ordinance. On many occasions the City Council changed the wording of the ordinance to include or exclude buildings of a certain size.

Mayor Steve Cappiello yesterday said it was "unfortunate" that the ordinance was a year in the works. "Government always moves slowly," said the mayor. "...but the city is obligated to seek safety devices which are not so expensive as to make them unreachable by most landlords."

The council will vote on the ordinance at the 7 p.m. meeting. Hoboken residents will be able to address the issue at a public hearing at the onset of the meeting.

City Council President Walter Cramer said he did not expect much opposition to the ordinance.

Hoboken board seeks new funds

By DIANE GOLDIE

Although the Hoboken Board of Education has dropped its proposal to build a \$6.5 million building to replace the Connors and Leinlauf schools, Board President Robert Wendelken yesterday said the school board will look for "new legislative grants."

The board opted for an amended capital improvement proposal which calls for rehabilitation of all eight elementary schools in use and extensive improvements to the defunct Rue School. The board amended the plan after the City Council said it could not afford the tax burden for new construction.

Wendelken did not specify what grants may be on the horizon but he said the board

could reconsider new construction if the funds were secured.

The board approved construction of a new building by a 4-2 vote Nov. 5. The project would have cost \$18 million.

Expenditures for the rehabilitation plan total \$13.85 million.

The Rue School, which has been closed since 1978, is a "priority" under the new plan. Wendelken said. Rehabilitation for the school is estimated at \$3.5 million.

Renovations for the other schools, except Connors and Leinlauf, total \$8 million. Work on the Connors and Leinlauf schools will be approximately \$2.8 million.

Wendelken said only emergency repairs such as roofing, plumbing and window replacements will be made at the Connors and Leinlauf schools in the hope that outside funding will revive the new construction plan.

The board had drawn up "five or six different proposals all along," Wendelken said. When the City Council rejected the board's choice plan for construction because of the high price tag the board submitted the rehabilitation proposal.

The amendment was unanimously approved by the board and will be sent to the Board of School Estimate and then the City Council.

New Hoboken court like old one

The special division of Hoboken's Municipal Court, newly-created to do a better job on housing cases, held its first regular session yesterday—but its work looked like a carbon copy of what the regular court had been doing.

In place of the regular judge, Rudolph Naddoo, an acting judge, Chris G. Pappas, was sitting.

One landlord told the court he was no longer responsible for his housing violations because he had just sold his building to someone else. Although the city has nothing in writing to show

such a sale, city officials let him off the hook.

Other landlords didn't show up, or got off with small fines, or were given an extension of time.

One person fined was a "Mr. Penaranda" listed as the principal officer of the E. and E. Newman Co. which owns the tenement houses at 1306 and 1312 Washington St.

Pappas fined Penaranda \$50 for not having garbage cans outside his buildings after he pleaded guilty.

The landlord said the buildings were almost vacant and were to be

sold to Applied Housing Associates, a rehabilitation firm, in the next month.

A representative of the Arujio Tire Co. of 1412 Washington St. also pleaded guilty to a sanitation charge and was fined \$25.

A representative of another company charged with sanitary violations, the Allegro Sanitation Co., told the court his company was in the process of removing 20 containers of garbage outside the company's plant in Hoboken.

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Rooming houses will face crackdown if city can check them

Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina today announced a crackdown on rooming house owners who don't keep their properties in shape.

Farina said all of Hoboken's almost 100 rooming houses will be inspected by the housing staff by the end of this month and action will be taken to close down the ones that don't live up to the rooming house ordinance.

Housing Inspector Michael Curcio's office is now finishing up the 1979 inspections and Farina said he wouldn't let that happen again.

"We let the rooming house owners slide last year," he said. "Mike was bogged down with state and city work and didn't have enough time."

Farina said he will personally monitor the inspector to make sure the work is done.

But Curcio said it will be impossible for his staff to inspect every rooming house next month.

He said his inspectors can't do that because of the other state and city inspections of buildings in Hoboken that have to be done.

The inspector said he could not predict by what date he would have all the rooming houses inspected. But he said once initial violations are found the owner is then given usually a period of between seven and 30 days to fix them. Curcio said by the time he gets around to the re-inspections it could be May or June.

The city's rooming house ordinance gives Health Officer Patricia

Mittens the power to close them if they have outstanding violations, with the owner having 10 days to appeal and request a hearing.

Mrs. Mittens recently announced seven rooming houses that Curcio just re-inspected for the second time did not meet the rooming house ordinance and should be closed down. The owners, however, have requested hearings on the matter and she has yet to schedule them.

Curcio, meanwhile, said another problem that will hinder his city rooming house inspections is the scheduling of state inspections.

Curcio said his office must do state inspections of rooming houses every five years but Curcio said he can't do them until notified by the state.

So he said he inspect a rooming house this month and find no violations but then go back a few months later for the state and find violations that weren't there on the initial visit.

If he is notified that a state inspection is due on a rooming house before he has done the city inspection Curcio said he will do them both the same day.

3 part-timers to catch scofflaws in Hoboken

By William H. Taft

Hoboken will hire part-timers to help the city's Violations Bureau collect more than \$1,000,000 owed by parking scofflaws, Mayor Steve Cappiello told The Jersey Journal today.

"We have developed what we think is a strategy to bring in the maximum amount of recoverable revenue," Cappiello said.

The mayor was responding to a Jersey Journal editorial urging that he implement recommendations in an audit of Hoboken's Municipal Court made by the state Department of Community Affairs.

He said the decision to hire "about three" part-time employees was arrived at in a conference participated in by Bryan Clark, the county's Municipal Court administrator; Judge Rudolph Naddoo, Judge Chris G. Pappas, Court Clerk Pasquale Della Fave, Mrs. Marion Roland, chief clerk of the Violations Bureau, and Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

According to the state auditors, the Violations Bureau does not have enough help to get after those who fail to answer its summonses.

The part-time employees will be paid by the hour and will work four hours a day, five days a week, according to Cappiello.

Their main duty will be to send out the "notices of failure to appear" which are supposed to be mailed to all who do not answer their parking summonses, the mayor said.

In addition, the directors of city departments "will look around City Hall" and elsewhere in city offices for employees who may be able to help out in the same work when there is slack time in their departments, Cappiello said.

As part-time employees, he added, the city is looking for people "who have some intelligence and some motor vehicle savvy."

He invited would-be applicants to get in touch with Chius at City Hall.

The mayor rejected the auditors' recommendation that the city hire at least two additional full-time Violations Bureau clerks.

"We don't want to end up with more Civil Service titles than we can afford," he commented, meaning that the city would be stuck with the additional employees when the backlog of unanswered summonses had been cleaned up.

The mayor conceded that any such full-time Civil Service employees could be laid off.

But he defended the idea of hiring part-timers, observing that "the court administrator thought it would not be a bad idea to try provisional hiring first."

Cappiello added that additional part-timers could always be hired later if the attempt to bring the unpaid fines and penalties is successful enough to warrant spending more money on it.

He doubted that the effort will bring in anywhere near the "50 percent" of the outstanding fines and penalties that the state auditors speculated were recoverable, declaring "that is unrealistic."

"Hoboken is a community where there is much transience, due to the railroad terminal and our nearness to New York," he commented. He added that he believes a large proportion of the unanswered tickets are those issued to people who do not have a fixed address.

Of about 158,000 parking summonses outstanding, at least 10,000 can be scratched off as not worth trying to collect, he said.

Mrs. Roland is of the opinion that after the drive gets under way, it will be apparent that a large additional number of the unanswered tickets will have to be written off as uncollectible, Cappiello added.

"You must first deliver a notice to the offender, and frequently it is impossible to find him," he explained. "If we cannot locate the party, then we have a problem."

"If we can locate them, and they still don't appear, then we will have warrants issued for their arrest, and our policemen will go after them to arrest them."

"If they live in other municipalities, we will send our warrants to the other municipalities and ask that they arrest them."

Madison and Monroe streets, to make way for expansion of the universal Folding Box Co.

The council will be asked to approve the appointments of Virginia Tallon and Nicholas Feola as members of the Local Assistance Board. The city clerk is also reporting the issuance of a "Going Out of Business Sale" license to Maialotto's, a store at 314 Washington St., for one month ending February 14.

Public to hear alarm law

The Hoboken Council will hold a public hearing tomorrow night on an ordinance requiring landlords of buildings with four or more families to install smoke alarms. No opposition to the measure appeared at the council caucus last night.

The new law is expected to cost landlords about \$200 to \$225 for installation and replaces a controversial early ordinance, never introduced, that would have been much more expensive.

Ordinances amending a police table of organization and establishing a Vehicle and Repair Division also will come up for hearings. Council President Walter Cramer said it provides that the examination for garage and motor fleet superintendent be open to everyone, including the police, with the qualifications. The job is created in the police organization ordinance.

The council will introduce an ordinance vacating 13th Street, between

Teachers offered colloquial Spanish class

To familiarize Hoboken public and parochial school teachers and staff members with Spanish terms used in the daily life of the community and the school system, an in-service course in conversational Spanish will be offered later this month, School Superintendent George

Maier announced today. The classes will be held at Hoboken High School and will be conducted from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on ten consecutive Mondays. Attendance will be voluntary.

The classes are being arranged by

Ignatius Farinola, director of adult education and Edwin Duroy, coordinator of the bilingual programs in the Hoboken schools. The superintendent said the courses will dwell on everyday phrases, expressions and terms used by the Hispanic population in the city and can be valuable in classroom work.

City 'can't afford' to build new school

By Tom Gelski

The plan to construct a \$6.5 million building to replace the Connors and Leinlauf schools has been dropped by the Hoboken Board of Education after the City Council said it could not afford the tax burden of the project.

Instead, the board has approved an amended capital improvement proposal that calls for the renovation of all eight schools now in use as well as substantial improvements to the now empty Rue School.

The original plan, passed by the board with a 4-to-2 vote Nov. 5, would have required an expenditure of \$18 million. The Rue School work was estimated at \$3.5 million, the renovations to all schools except Connors and Leinlauf totalled \$8 million and the new school cost \$6.5 million.

The new plan requires \$13.85 million with \$3.5 million earmarked for Rue and the balance for the renovations to the other schools.

The board made no secret of the fact that the change was made necessary by the rejection of the City Council of the original plan.

"We were forced to do it," said Trustee John Pope, in response to a question from the audience. "The council rejected our proposal. They

said they were not going to part with \$18 million. They told us the amount of money is much too much to bear."

The amendment which will be sent to the Board of School Estimate and then the council, was approved unanimously.

A spokesman for the Hoboken Teachers Association praised the board's action, saying "That's what we were hoping you'd do in the first place. We hope that when the plan is formulated we can sit down with the board and review them." The spokesman added that the association believed that renovation rather than new construction was the answer for the city's schools. "Just because something is old doesn't mean it has to be torn down," he said.

In other action, the board approved a tentative budget for the 1980-81 school year which must be submitted to the county superintendent of schools for approval.

The board estimated it would need \$17,981,882 for current expenses, \$32,000 for equipment, \$10,000 for the evening school-foreign born classes, and \$76,782 for debt services, bringing the total budget to \$18,102,664.

With \$13,455,981 coming in from state and federal sources, the amount to be raised by taxation amounts to \$4,646,683.

Hoboken tries again to get an ice-skating rink constructed

"Hoboken is like the Wright brothers, and maybe this time we'll finally get off the ground," Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina said today as he announced plans for an ice-skating rink in the city this winter.

Farina said he doesn't think Hoboken officials ever have managed successfully to run an ice-skating rink without something going wrong, but this year he said it should be different.

A blacktop rim has been constructed around a newly-constructed basketball court to hold the water and create a rink in the city's new park off Observer Highway between Garden Street and Park Avenue.

Farina said as soon as it gets below freezing, water will be poured into the court and then ice-skating should be able to get under way. Hoboken's previous attempts at operating an ice-skating rink have gone astray.

For example, in 1978 Farina had planned to operate an ice-skating rink

on the basketball courts in Church Square Park but the court was slightly tilted and there was an overflow of water on one side when city workers tried to fill the rink.

Then last year Farina attempted to operate the rink on the site of the city's Little League field.

But on the city workers' first attempt, the water ran out because the spot they poured the water on was not level.

High temperatures and melting rain foiled a second attempt at a more level spot on the field.

Then, high winds pulled up the stakes which held the rink's liner down.

Farina and his men finally managed to open the rink but then children walked on the ice and it cracked. The sharp edges of the cracked ice tore the plastic ground cover, and the water ran out.

Farina said if this year's attempt is successful, regular skating sessions will be held at the rink from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Teens planning rally on lack of recreation

Hoboken's Community Development Agency's Recreation Coordinator Maurice Fitzgibbons charged today his superiors were insensitive to the needs of Hoboken's teenagers and said a rally will be held tomorrow night to demand more recreational opportunities for them.

Fitzgibbons said the rally is scheduled at 8 in St. Joseph's parish on Jackson Street to let city officials know that Hoboken's teenagers won't stand for the fact that there are almost no recreational programs for them in the city.

"It's a disgrace," said Fitzgibbons, who said he was willing to risk losing his job to let the public know what's going on.

Fitzgibbons said he submitted proposals for a few teenage recreation programs to his superiors five months ago and they were only approached recently.

"It's ridiculous," he said. "I was asking for \$300 in money to run these new programs and they told me my

proposals weren't detailed enough."

Fitzgibbons said he resubmitted his proposals again but approval was still delayed.

The programs, a self-improvement program are scheduled to be started next week.

"No one cares," said Fitzgibbons. "The teenagers in Hoboken don't even know what recreation is."

The recreation coordinator said he is trying to do what he can.

Fitzgibbons said he plans to restart a teenage disco in the multi-service center gym in the next few weeks which he said has drawn up to 400 teenagers.

But he said the floor in the gym is damaged and the air-conditioning doesn't shut off, which is not conducive to disco dancing.

Fred Bado, Hoboken CDA director, responded to Fitzgibbons' criticism by saying the recreation coordinator had not been a good administrator.

Bado said Fitzgibbons' proposals were not detailed and no matter how

many times he was asked to do it over he was not able to write a detailed proposal.

The CDA director stated that on one occasion Fitzgibbons had rented out audio equipment for a disco and then lost some of it and turned the other equipment back in late costing his agency hundreds of dollars.

Bado said he agrees there is a lack of teenage programs in Hoboken but said the CDA only has \$80,000 for recreation this year which he said has to be used for all ages.

The CDA director also said there have been serious questions about how Fitzgibbons had been spending CDA recreation money in general.

Bado said Fitzgibbons would sponsor all types of beauty pageants and baby contests which cost the agency thousands of dollars, and the disco he said was losing \$500 a shot even with an admission fee.

This is the last year the federal government will give funds to the CDA for recreation and Fitzgibbons' position will end on Aug. 8.

Tenement protest ends in frustration

About 30 Hoboken tenement residents went to Hoboken City Hall to complain about substandard conditions in their buildings but nothing was done — because they went to the wrong office.

The 30 tenants went to see Ralph De La Penna, the city Hispanic Affairs coordinator to complain about conditions in the buildings that run from 800 to 806 Willow Ave.

When surveyed last May, there were more than 100 state housingcode violations in each of the buildings. Tenants came to the coordinator yesterday to complain about what they described as falling walls and ceilings, faulty electrical wiring, lack of hot water, and unsanitary conditions throughout the buildings.

But De La Penna never sent the tenants down to Chief Housing Inspector Michael Curcio to register their complaints. La Penna said he knew the buildings had been already cited for violations and was unaware that Curcio could do anything.

But while 30 tenants were ready to protest housing conditions, only five residents showed up for last night's second meeting of the Community Development Agency to see what the agency is doing, or can do, about their problems.

Fred Bado, CDA director, said the agency advertised and sent out flyers about the meeting. "We tried everything to get the public to come," he said. (The CDA's recreation director was more successful — 40 teenagers attended an input meeting last night.)

Two more meetings are scheduled for next week, one at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the YMCA, and

the other at 7:30 p.m. at the Wallace School.

As for the Willow Avenue tenants, Curcio had said two weeks ago that if he gets complaints from tenants about sub-standard conditions in tenement houses he will investigate and then if violations are found cite the owner under the city housing code.

The owners, he said, will then be required to appear in the city's special housing court sessions which are held every two weeks.

The chief housing inspector repeated that statement today and said it applied ever if the buildings were scheduled to be rehabilitated in the case of 800-806 Willow Avenue.

Curcio said if a building was scheduled to be rehabilitated within a period of a month or so he would only cite a landlord for major violations.

But he said he would cite the landlords for both major and minor violations if rehabilitation was months away.

While the buildings are scheduled to be rehabilitated by the Seriale Ltd., whose partners include Union City Commissioner Ronald Dario and school board president John Powers, Hoboken Community Development officials who must approve any rehab plan say it's months off.

Seriale Ltd. recently bought the tenement houses from Hoboken landlords Earnest and Liselotte Lieber and L. Munoz.

The Liebers and Munoz have been fined \$30,000 by the state for not correcting the violations, but the state has yet to collect.

But he said he has since informed them Curcio is ready to take action on their complaints. The coordinator said he expects the tenants to talk to Curcio in the next few days.

Hispanic youths are left leaderless

The executive director of the newly-established Hoboken Hispanic Youth Counseling Service has been fired, and its two counselors have been in protest, it was learned today.

Rosa Valasquez was dismissed because of "an organizational conflict," according to Juan Garcia, executive director of the sponsoring agency, Community United for New Action (CUNA.)

"The question was, not whether

she was a good or bad administrator," Garcia said. "It was a question of her not following our policies."

Garcia refused to explain what those policies were, nor would he comment on the action of the two counselors.

He said he has been in touch with a number of colleges in the area and expects to hire a new staff soon. In the meantime, Garcia said, he is

acting as temporary director of the counseling agency at no pay.

Ms. Valasquez declined to comment, and the two counselors were unavailable.

Ms. Valasquez was being paid \$14,000 a year. The total funding for the agency is \$50,000 a year. Most of this has been coming from the state Division of Youth and Family Ser-

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vices, but a DFYS agreement with CUNA called on the city to assume some of the costs at the beginning of this year.

Hoboken's Community Development Agency has promised the counseling service \$7,000. This had been held up by the service's "administrative problems," but Fred M. Bado, the CDA head, said today that the money will be forthcoming, even though the service currently has no professional staff.

Bado said his agency considers the firing and resignations "an internal dispute" and the CDA will let CUNA resolve it.

Bado said, however, that CUNA will not receive \$30,000 it had requested of the CDA for a Hispanic information center, until CUNA proves that it can operate the counseling service effectively. This money was promised to CUNA last fall.

Garcia had contended the CDA was not giving him the money because it was "discriminatory," but CDA officials maintained that Garcia had not submitted a concrete proposal

for the information center and that they were concerned about personnel problems in the youth counseling service.

Peter Beronio, Hoboken community services director, said he "won't want to shut the doors" for additional funding for CUNA at a later date but it would be "a way off."

Garcia said today he could accept the decision not to fund the information center, and was putting the Hispanic youth counseling service back in shape.

Bado said his decision to go ahead with the \$7,000 grant to the counseling service was reached after he talked to a representative of DFYS.

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Hoboken to revalue? Doesn't look like it

Hoboken assessor Woodrow Monte said today the need for a revaluation of all of Hoboken's property in talks with Mayor Steve Cappiello, the city council and county and state officials.

However, Monte said none of them has been willing to authorize such a move.

Monte said the Hoboken Board of Assessors can't order the revaluation because it doesn't have the money to do it.

If there is no revaluation, Monte said the tax burden cannot be equally distributed throughout Hoboken.

The Board of Assessors Monday cancelled its entire reassessment of land in Hoboken in 1979, stating that it would be an unfair burden on the landowner.

Monte said today the reassessment of land was only supposed to be the first step in a complete revaluation of property in the city and thought city officials were aware of that.

But Mayor Cappiello said today he wasn't aware the reassessment of land in Hoboken was the first step towards a complete revaluation.

Cappiello said he didn't think a revaluation was needed but added he wasn't really sure and would talk to Monte about it.

However, Cappiello said Hoboken couldn't afford the cost to hire a professional firm.

The mayor said he wouldn't want to guess how much a revaluation would cost but declared the last time it was done in the mid 1970's it was \$150,000.

CDA asks public to speak up, please

Hoboken Community Development Agency officials haven't had much luck so far in getting community input on how its funds should be spent.

Only 15 members of the public showed up at the CDA's first neighborhood meeting Monday night in Hoboken City Hall.

But Sharon Florio, CDA program coordinator, said she is hoping for a bigger turnout at the meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Multi-Service Center.

Two other neighborhood meetings are scheduled for next week: Wednesday at the Hoboken YMCA at 1301 Washington St. and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Wallace School.

Ms. Florio said the meetings are being held to get public thinking on the Community Development Agency and to try to interest residents in becoming members of the agency's Citizens Advisory Committee.

The committee advises the CDA on program and policy matters. There were 18 committee members but Ms. Florio said 15 left over the summer. New members of the committee, she said, will serve two-year terms.

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The recreation coordinator of the Hoboken Community Development Agency said he was "greatly encouraged" last night that 40 teenagers turned out for a meeting to determine what type of recreation they wanted most in the city.

"These boys and girls — white, black and Hispanic — all left the need for teenage programs," said Maurice Fitzgibbons. "I agree with them and asked them to fill out questionnaires

which will tell us what they want the most."

Fitzgibbons said the 40 or so teenagers who visited St. Joseph's parish hall on Jackson Street last night were members of the Young People's Action Organization, the Alkies, a dance group, and Young Voices, a group made up of high school students.

Fitzgibbons said there are excellent day care, senior citizen and

adult recreation programs in Hoboken "but the city needs a teen program."

After the questionnaires are studied, Fitzgibbons said he plans to continue to meet with these groups and others to design a program which the teens themselves are looking for.

Angelo Valente, president of the Young People's group, said his members felt teenagers are "neglected and forgotten." He would like to see arts and crafts and

theatrical productions made part of the program, he said, and felt schools and the Multi Service Center could be used. "We hope this is the beginning," he added.

Alberto Martinez, of the Alkies, said, "We're into dancing but we'd also like competitive sports." His group has about 40 members, he said, and half of them are girls. They are also affiliated with Aspira, the Puerto Rican civic organization.

"We'd like theatrical produc-

tions," said James Gonzales of the Young Voices. His high school-age group has not been too active lately, he said, but would respond to a program that fits their needs.

Although this is the last year that federal funds will be available to the CDA for recreation, Fitzgibbons said he would consider working as a volunteer if necessary to keep a teenage program rolling once it is underway.

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Firemen may strike over Cappiello plan

The president of Hoboken's firefighters union today threatened a strike by city firemen and superior officers if Mayor Steve Cappiello tries to push through a proposal to have new firemen perform police and sanitary inspection duties in addition to their normal work.

Michael Bavaro, president of the Hoboken Local of the International Firefighters Association, said he feels that the mayor is trying to put

"politically-connected, unqualified persons on the fire department payroll."

Bavaro said since the new firemen would be performing a number of duties, they would not come under the Civil Service firemen's classification. The new appointees, thus, would not have to take a Civil Service test, he said.

The union president said that both firemen and the general public would be put in jeopardy by the mayor's proposal.

"When there's a fire the best thing that can happen is a quick response," he said. "A fire can double in intensity in a few minutes. Can you imagine what can happen if a fireman is somewhere else, which causes a delay in answering a fire? The mayor doesn't know anything about firefighting."

The mayor had said he would not

appoint any more firemen unless they performed other non-fire-related duties.

Cappiello had said that the city could no longer afford to have firemen sit in their firehouses. The mayor had also said that he would like to see the firemen already on duty performing other work but he said that would have to be discussed in the future.

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1980 contract negotiations.

Thomas Meehan, Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association president, was also critical of Cappiello's proposal, saying "it will never happen."

Bavaro added he believed Cappiello's statement was a bargaining tactic. Both the firemen's and police

unions recently started negotiations for a 1980 contract with the city.

"He's pulled this kind of thing every year," said Bavaro. "None of my men ever took the test for sanitary inspector. If he wants my men to do two jobs, let him pay them double the salary."

Cappiello is on vacation in Florida and was unavailable for comment.

Water repair overrun questioned by Ranieri

For the second time in a month, the Hoboken City Council will consider paying for repairs to the city's water system that it did not authorize but that a Hudson County Superior Court judge ordered them to pay.

On the agenda for tonight's meeting is a resolution authorizing the payment of \$280,000 to Spinello Construction Co. of Philadelphia.

Councilman Robert Ranieri said he will ask his fellow council members tonight to delay payment of the court judgment until the city determines exactly who authorized the work beyond the original contract and exactly how the city was to pay for that work.

"The work under this contract was to be performed section by section and totaled up as we went along," Ranieri said. "The contract was not to exceed \$3.25 million."

While, he said it would have been understandable if the total amount was a couple of thousand dollars under or over the specified amount, Ranieri cannot fathom why the figure is so great.

He also doesn't understand why there should be a court judgment against the city for the amount because he cannot ever remember the city refusing to pay the figure.

"I have searched my memory but I cannot recall receiving a bill or refusing to pay it," he said. "Now we're caught flatfooted with a bill to pay we didn't authorize."

He wants to know who gave the company the go ahead to complete the extra work. He will also suggest the city appeal the judgment decision against Hoboken.

At a Dec. 5 meeting, the council approved a resolution authorizing

payment of \$85,000 to Ameron Inc., a California firm, for work to the water distribution system completed before the Spinello contract.

In that case, the council had refused to pay the bill because it did not authorize the extra work and the company then went before Hudson County Superior Court Judge Thomas O'Brien. They won a judgment against the city when the judge found that while the council did not approve the work, its engineers, Mayo Lynch and Associates, did.

"In both cases we awarded work to the low bidder on the contract," Ranieri complained. "In both cases (after the judgment decrees) we've wound up with the high bidder." I hope city officials have enough time before today's caucus to find the answer to some of the questions.

Hoboken reluctantly pays bill

The Hoboken City Council reluctantly voted last night to pay \$287,000 to the Spinello Construction Co. of Philadelphia for repairs to the city water system (plus an 8 percent interest charge) — repairs the council claims it never authorized.

Council members were also dismayed that the city law department didn't tell them that the contractor took Hoboken to court in September to get his money and won.

Asked by council president Walter Cramer why the governing body wasn't made aware of the summary judgment granted in Superior

Court before the time allowed for appeal ran out, city Law Director Lawrence Florio said: "I have no answer for you. I didn't handle the case. I'll have to bear the brunt of that burden."

According to the law director, it would probably have been a waste of time to appeal the ruling because the "engineers/architects who approved the work acted as our agent and their action is considered our action."

City Comptroller John Erbeck advised the council that some \$300,000 in federal Public Works funds initially allocated for Phase I of the city-wide water improvement project was

transferred to the Phase 3 account (from which Spinello's other bills were paid).

"The funds are on deposit, but we've never received the audit on Phase I and whether the funds will sit still for (the transfer) is something else to consider," said Erbeck. The funds are invested in a certificate of deposit, according to the comptroller.

Erbeck said "a resolution for payment of about \$280,000 was presented through Mayo Lynch (consulting engineers/architects on the job) but it disappeared."

In other action, the council adopted an amended salary ordinance

that fixes \$8,200 to \$13,500 as the minimum/maximum pay range for city recreation coordinator, \$8,500 to \$11,000 as the range for senior library assistant and \$7,500 to \$9,500 for junior library assistant.

The council will meet in closed session Monday at 7 p.m. in the city clerk's office to discuss financing of school rehabilitation and it set Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. for holding hearings on ordinances introduced last night on the installation of smoke detectors in habitable buildings, an amendment to the police department table of organization and creation of a vehicle maintenance and repair division.

Zooming home values may hike Hoboken tax

By PETER BEG'NS

Market values for Hoboken property have risen dramatically over the past year, pushing the city's tax ratio further out of proportion and sparking fears among city officials that many more tax appeals will be fought and won this year.

A Dispatch survey of 80 residential buildings sold in the uptown area of Hoboken in 1979 showed that the selling price was very often three and sometimes as much as five times the assessed value of the property.

One townhouse on Bloomfield Street between 10th and 11th sold for \$75,000. Its assessed value is \$13,700. An 11-unit apartment building on Washington Street was sold for \$150,000. It is assessed at \$45,000.

Maureen Singleton of Muller Realty said she sold three townhouses on Garden Street to the first people who looked at them this summer.

The problem created for the city by this housing boom lies in the ammunition it gives to property owners appealing for a tax reduction from the Hudson County Board of Taxation.

Property in Hoboken is assessed at 44.85 percent of true market value, one of the lowest ratios in New Jersey, according to a state evaluation last year. The state mandates a 100 percent ratio, though it is a rare instance when a municipality's property assessment is equal to true market value.

However, the sale of several brownstones for about \$75,000 apiece in the uptown area—brownstones which are assessed on the average at \$30,000—indicate that the real tax assessment ratio is more like 30 percent of true market value.

Property owners paying a higher assessment ratio, even if it is only 55 percent of true market value, could challenge their assessment at the county board or in state tax court.

A reduction in the total assessed value of the city's property causes the tax rate to rise, according to city Tax Assessor Woodrow Monte. The same municipal services must be paid from a lesser value of taxable property, Monte said.

Currently Maxwell House is challenging its more than \$7,000,000 tax assessment in state court. Hoboken has lost approximately \$3 million in assessments this year due to successful tax appeals.

In 1979, 181 property owners appealed to the board for a reduction. Ninety were approved and 35 received out-of-court settlements.

Last summer Monte ordered the reassessment of land but not improvements in the city. He saw the move as a first step in revaluing all property in the city.

The move was greeted with anger by homeowners. Though Monte said he was told a revaluation of improvements would follow this year, sources say Hoboken politicians find the issue too sensitive and have abandoned the idea.

Cop to escort sweeper, tag cars

Any Hoboken sweeper that goes out to clean the streets will have a patrolman riding ahead of it to give out tickets to vehicles illegally parked in its way, Hoboken Public Safety Director James Giordano said today.

Giordano said that keeping Hoboken's streets clean is an important priority and to meet that goal he has instructed police superior officers to make sure there is always an off-

ficer assigned to the sweeper.

And there should be enough men to drive the city's three sweepers by Thursday, according to chief Hoboken mechanic Police Sgt. Mario Mercado.

Though Hoboken has eight men whose job title allows them to drive the sweeper, only one man currently knows how.

But Mercado said a training course to teach the other men how to

drive the vehicle started yesterday and will continue until tomorrow night.

But once there are enough drivers, will all of Hoboken's sweepers go out?

Andrew Amato, Hoboken Public Works director, said he hasn't decided on that yet but said he will meet with Mercado and his foreman by Thursday to make a decision.

Amato fears new cave-in, warns of avenue collapse

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato today repeated a warning he has given numerous times in the past — the stretch of Willow Avenue between Third and Fifth Streets is in danger of collapsing.

Last weekend, Amato reported, there was a small cave-in at the intersection of Willow and Fourth but he said his men temporarily patched it up.

Amato said what worries him is heavy truck traffic will cause a major cave-in. He feels a major repair may be needed to prevent it.

Amato said signs were posted warning trucks not to use the two block stretch but none were in sight.

Residents said trucks use the avenue all the time.

Hoboken has an ordinance barring large trucks except for those making local deliveries. Public Safety Director James Giordano said he feels the number of trucks on the city streets has decreased since his policemen started giving out summonses.

Residents maintain at least 20 trucks a day use Willow Avenue as an accessway in addition to trucks making deliveries to St. Mary Hospital. The hospital is located on Willow Avenue between Third and Fourth streets.

Amato said he believes Willow Avenue is in danger of collapsing because the sewers below it are old and in poor condition.

He said the Willow Avenue sewers may be clogged.

Amato said he will try to open the sewers in the next few days.

A number of landlords maintained that a clogged city sewer was causing sewage to back up into their basements.

Amato said the problem was the landlords since their service lines were clogged.

But today he admitted the city may be partly responsible. The stretch of Willow Avenue has been a problem all year. This summer a cave-in between Fourth and Fifth streets cost the city \$9,000 to repair.

No joke

State auditors found that Hoboken lost more than \$1,000,000 in three and a half years by failing to collect fines and penalties on unanswered traffic summonses, most of them for parking.

This drain on the taxpayers not only remains uncorrected more than a year after the state pinpointed it . . . but it is increasing.

Mayor Cappiello recently demanded that outsiders stop making his city the butt of jokes.

The state auditors were not joking, but were quite serious when they reported that getting a parking ticket in Hoboken is considered to be a joke — because nothing happens to you if you ignore it.

What a great opportunity for the mayor to plug one of the sources of jokes about Hoboken!

If only the mayor would make sure that Hoboken does — immediately — what the state suggested — more than a year ago — then traffic tickets in Hoboken would not be a joke.

Jury's still out on urban renewal drive

Hoboken renaissance considered Neighborhood Preservation star

Like cosmetic surgeons, state and local officials are waiting to see whether New Jersey's Neighborhood Preservation Program succeeds or fails flat on its facelift.

The showplace of the program, a state official said, is Hoboken, which is in the midst of a genuine renaissance.

For the past five years, New Jersey has been the only state to annually appropriate funds to upgrade rundown neighborhoods.

The \$7.2 million spent has generated eight times as much locally in 20 communities around the state.

In the coming fiscal year, \$5.5 million is being sought. The money will be for one year, and will not embrace huge grants with five years to spend the money.

"We found you can't give large sums of money and expect cities to act without a deadline," explained Martha Lamar, Bureau of Neighborhood Preservation director.

While yearly spending has increased, the amounts of individual grants will be less.

Officials in the Department of Community Affairs and municipalities think the idea of rehabilitating old neighborhoods instead of tearing them down is working.

"New Jersey has made more progress with its neighborhood preservation efforts than any other state in the nation," boasted Commissioner Joseph LoPinto.

Hoboken—the Mile Square City—is undergoing a renaissance as row houses are painted, internal renovations completed, facades reverted into apartment houses, and left buildings converted to living space.

There have been other notable successes in East Orange, Phillipsburg, Woodbury, Burlington, Asbury Park and Salem.

And there also has been a renaissance flap in Camden, where hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent to spruce up widely-scattered houses.

Better results are obtained where blocks or parts



Hoboken row houses ticketed for rehabilitation catch the eye of Sal Santinello, Hoboken preservation director, and Martha Lamar, head of the state Bureau of Neighborhood Preservation, during a recent tour.

of a neighborhood are upgraded rather than leveled. Preservation planners find.

"You know, 10 years ago, we would have said, 'Tear these places down,'" said Morton Farrah, the bureau's assistant director. "Now we're saying, 'Let's keep them.'"

"What you don't want to see is another Newark," said Sal Santinello, Hoboken preservation director. "No houses torn down and just vacant lots left."

Through the spruce-up, fix-up programs, state and

local officials see renewed community spirit developing as the governments teach forgotten lessons that a neighborhood is a home.

But the jury's still out on whether the pride will continue or last just as long as the new paint jobs, plastering and plumbing.

"The second generation of the idea hasn't come yet," admitted Farrah. "We don't know whether owners will now spend their own money when the next work has to be done." (—AP)

Complaints of Hoboken citizens will be taped for the record

While waiting for a special telephone line to be installed for residents to report littering, Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius announced today that he also plans to install such special lines for other complaints too.

Chius said he would install these in the Rent Leveling Board Office and in various city inspection offices.

Some of those offices are often vacant during lunch-time and Chius

said residents are often annoyed when they call to complain and get no answer. He said the line would also facilitate after-hours communication, and communications between city inspectors.

The special lines will have an answering machine to accept and record messages. Inspectors in the field will be able to call up and have the recorded messages relayed to them.

Chius said each answering machine costs \$250, and the first should be ready for delivery to the city by next Wednesday.

Chius said the littering phone line would not go into service until Mayor Cappiello returns from vacation later this week.

The business administrator said it will be up to Cappiello to decide in what office the littering hot line will be placed and who will transcribe the messages recorded on the machine.

Hoboken DPW going on the air

As it stands now, there is very little communication between Hoboken Public Works employees and their supervisors once the men leave the garage in the morning with their trucks.

The problem is that there are no radios in most public works vehicles and the ones that do have sets that are usually broken down.

But, that situation should be at least partially rectified in the next week, according to Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Chius said five new \$800 mobile radios have arrived and three of them

will be installed in Hoboken's compactors and the other two will be put in the new dump trucks which have snow plows.

The business administrator said the new radios should go a long way toward improving communications within the Public Works Department.

At present, when a supervisor needs to notify a public works driver in the middle of the day, the supervisor must go out to the location where the employee is supposed to be.

Chius said Hoboken purchased a number of foreign-made radios in the early 1980s but he added they have been very unreliable throughout the years and have constantly been out of order.

Chius said after the five radios are installed he will discuss with the City Council the possibility of obtaining additional sets.

Cappiello wants firemen to work more

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he won't appoint any more firemen unless they start performing better in addition to their non-firefighting activities.

Cappiello said the city has to get out of the firemen because of financial problems it is facing. The mayor said he would like new firemen to perform some police duties, make inspections of buildings, and act as inspectors looking out for litter.

Although the fire department has a fire inspection bureau, Cappiello said new firemen could help with inspections.

"We can no longer afford to let firemen sit in the firehouse all day," he said. "If we do — what I see happening is the inability of the city to maintain basic services."

The mayor said he would also like to see the men already on the fire force performing other duties but said they will have to be discussed in contract negotiations for 1980.

Cappiello said he didn't expect Hoboken policemen to object to firemen performing police duties, saying "they would welcome more help."

Michael Bavaro, president of the Hoboken Local of the International Firefighters Association, was unavailable for comment.

Meanwhile, Cappiello said an amendment will be presented at tonight's city council meeting to an ordinance passed by the council two weeks ago creating a new table of organization for the fire department.

That table of organization had eliminated the positions of 10 Hoboken firemen by mistake, city officials said after it was passed.

Public Safety Director James Giordano later admitted he was the one who made the mistake. He had

said the new table of organization had been drawn up to add some civilian radio dispatchers to the city payroll. Six of the positions eliminated by mistake are currently not filled.

Cappiello said, however, even if the amended ordinance is passed he

could not guarantee the six positions would be filled — even if the new firemen were willing to agree to his terms.

The mayor said he would first have to determine if there was money in the budget to fill the positions.

Rooming houses mystery target

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Health Officer Patricia Mitten said today she is trying to revoke the licenses of five rooming houses run by landlords Ernest and Lisalotte Lieber, but why she wants to do it seems a mystery.

Her direct superior, Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina, said he has no idea why the Liebers' rooming houses have been singled out, inasmuch as almost all Hoboken rooming houses, including the ones run by the Liebers, have state housing violations.

Mrs. Mitten said yesterday morning that she wants to take action against rooming houses run by the Liebers couple at 1033 and 1029 Bloomfield St. and at 219, 215 and 126 Garden St.

She said these rooming houses all have housing code violations.

However, she said she did not know the specific violations listed for the rooming houses.

Michael Curcio, chief housing inspector, meanwhile, said that none of the Liebers' rooming houses had any city housing code violations, though they did have state violations.

Curcio's inspectors make both city and state inspections, but Curcio said there are two reasons why there are state violations in the Liebers' houses and not city violations.

First, Curcio said, the state codes require a number of items the city code does not, such as fire-rated ceilings, peepholes and dead-bolt locks.

Second, he said, some of the state inspections were made after the city inspections, and the violations may not have been present during the earlier inspection.

Curcio said the Liebers have about 40 state violations in 1979 and

1033 Bloomfield but they are minor in nature. He did not know how many state violations were present in the other houses.

Curcio also agreed that all rooming houses in Hoboken have state violations and he could not explain why the five were being singled out.

Mrs. Lieber, meanwhile, said Mrs. Mitten was "discriminating and conspiring against me."

The landlord maintained she has state extensions to fix some of the violations in her rooming houses and said she will also be having a hearing with state officials next month on others.

"Let them try to close down my houses," said Mrs. Lieber. "What are they going to do with the people? They're going to have to find places for them."

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Mrs. Lieber also maintains that the city ordinance does not apply to her rooming houses because it uses the words "boarding house."

A boarding house provides both food and shelter while Mrs. Lieber said her houses only provide shelter. Farina said, however, the wording was just a matter of "semantics."

The director also said he plans to have a "long talk" with Mrs. Mitten to find out the facts.

Mrs. Lieber said she has requested a city hearing on Mrs. Mitten's plans to close down her houses.

Under the rooming house ordinance, a hearing must be held before a rooming house is closed.

State pie slicing cuts Hoboken grant

By Ronald Lehr

Hoboken is losing \$46,000 from \$2 million in state grants for emergency repairs to one elementary school and shop class equipment in a new school because state officials want to find another way to cut up the state-wide pie.

Shares of a \$100 million capital improvement aid package are being redistributed and that is why Hoboken's allotment is being changed, according to Robert Wendelken, board president.

"Some districts apparently got shortchanged and the state wanted to divide up the money more equitably," said Wendelken.

But he says Hoboken will still be able to get the job done without scaling down its plans to replace sagging brickwork at the now-shut David E. Rue elementary school and to acquire industrial arts machinery for a new school — if one is built.

At last night's meeting, the school board voted to amend a resolution it passed last Nov. 5 identifying the capital improvement projects to be financed by the state grants.

Instead of receiving \$1,149,000 for repairs to the Rue School, the board will get \$1,123,000 and rather than \$800,000 for vocational supplies the board will collect \$880,000, according to figures supplied by Wendelken.

In other action, Wendelken said he'd "direct the maintenance staff to see if we can't do something immediately" to fix a decaying stairwell at the Thomas G. Connors elementary school.

William Rutherford, a Connors School teacher who is president of the Hoboken Teachers Association, said a substitute teacher was walking down a stairway in the building sometime last week and "fell down a flight of stairs after stepping into a pothole on one of the steps missing a metal grating."

Asked about the incident, George Maier, district superintendent, said he hasn't yet received an accident report.

Frank Chicco, Connors School principal, advised board members that "verbal and written requests" were made repeatedly for one year

urging that the steps be fixed but nothing has been done about it, he said.

In personnel developments, the board voted down a resolution recommended by Maier proposing the transfers of two art teachers, Lynn Fusco (from Calabro School to Brandt School) and Elaine DeGenova (Leinhardt to Calabro). Maier said the board advised him it preferred to wait for the summer to implement transfers.

The board tabled a proposal by Otto Hottendorf to establish the job of chief purchasing clerk.

Hottendorf said later: "We have two purchasing clerks now and we don't know which one is boss. I feel that the person with seniority should be promoted."

When the board voted to provide \$150 petty cash funds for the offices of the business manager and board secretary, Hottendorf advised that the amount be increased so that those officials can reimburse board employees for out-of-pocket expenses.

Dr. Albert Sherman, a psychiatric consultant retained by the board, was granted a salary adjustment, boosting his yearly stipend from \$6,500 to \$8,500. According to Daniel Binetti, director of special education, the increase was warranted because of "additional time" being put in by Sherman.

The board approved additional one-year leaves of absence for Virginia M. Tallon from her job as clerk and for Rocco DeRose from his job as school custodian. Miss Tallon now serves as an administrative clerical assistant and DeRose is employed as chief of the transportation department.

Board members authorized Maier to submit an application for approximately \$260,000 in Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title 7 (bilingual education) funds, appointed Thomas Fitzgibbons, a teacher, as youth coordinator for the board's Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program at \$9 an hour and named two high school students,

Frank Ayala and Camille Rodriguez, as bi-lingual aides at about \$3.50 an hour to help elementary bi-lingual teachers.

Library chimney termed hazard

James Caulfield, Hoboken's consulting engineer, has cited a leaning chimney on the Park Avenue side of the Public Library as a "serious hazard."

Caulfield said the chimney is in danger of falling onto the Jehovah's Witnesses' building next door. The consulting engineer said he had notified Business Administrator Edwin Chius on Dec. 24 of the hazard.

Chius said he has hired a contractor but that work on removing the chimney has not started because city employees have not been able to locate anyone in the Jehovah's Witnesses' building.

The business administrator said he believes scaffolding has to be put on the Jehovah's Witnesses' building in order for the contractor to remove the chimney.

Hoboken CDA will build a 'tot lot' downtown

Hoboken Community Development Agency officials have decided to go ahead with plans to build a "tot lot" in Hoboken at the corner of Third and Madison streets.

A CDA spokesman said today the lot will replace another children's playground that was located on Madison Street between First and Second streets. That lot was destroyed by vandals, three years ago, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said, though, the

CDA has received assurances from community leaders that they will guard the lot as well as perform some routine maintenance.

"We would have not gone on with the project if we hadn't received such assurances," he said.

The spokesman said the "tot lot" should be completed by April at cost of \$25,000. The lot, he said, will have swings, a timber-form slide, benches and a number of play devices made out of tires.

Hoboken brings back anti-Iran rally spirit

By DIANE CURCIO

A few days after Iranian students stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and took Americans hostage, patriots at home stormed the streets in anti-Iranian protests.

Then, almost as quickly as they had begun, the anti-Iranian demonstrations stopped. Some people assumed that it was because President Carter began taking steps against Iran—such as freezing its assets and going to the United Nations to seek sanctions.

Now, people like Michael Sarullo and Kevin Hauck of Hoboken are trying to revive the anti-Iranian demonstration movement.

They organized a fairly successful march against Iran in Hoboken several weeks after the embassy takeover and are currently organizing a similar march for this Sunday.

"We want to show our support of the hostages," Sarullo, a 25-year-old grocer, explained. "But we also want to send a message to Mr. Carter that the people feel he should take stronger action."

"We're not saying Mr. Carter has an easy job," Sarullo said. "But we want him to put it in black and white: 'We're the most powerful nation in the world and if you're going to mess with us, you're going to have to pay the consequences. Other nations might think twice.'"

Sarullo said "Mr. Carter did everything he could through the United Nations." But the Hoboken grocer now urged the United States to flex its muscles. He called for a buildup of the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force, yet stressed that "no one wants war."

Sarullo and Hauck said the Iranian crisis should be on the front page of every newspaper every day.

"They (news media) are putting other things on now but we're outraged at what's happening—the flag burning and all the garbage that's going on all around," said Sarullo. Sunday's rally is scheduled to begin at Hoboken City Hall at the corner of First and Washington streets. Demonstrators are expected to march 14 blocks to John F. Kennedy Stadium. Hoboken city officials took part in the first march.

Sarullo and Hauck invited Hudson County politicians to participate in the rally which begins at 2 p.m.

Utilities Authority picks Monte to fix sewage plants value

The Hudson County Utilities Authority has hired the brother of Hoboken's chief auditor to appraise the value of Hoboken's sewerage plant, which it proposes to buy from the city.

Charles Monte of Hoboken's Monte Agency and brother of assessor Woodrow Monte was chosen by the authority.

Charles Monte used to run the firm with his brother but Woodrow said today he severed all ties with the agency two-and-a-half years ago.

Robert Botti, Union City commissioner and a member of the Utilities Authority, said the Monte Agency will receive approximately \$80 an hour for its professional services.

Botti said he and Utilities board member, Salvatore D'Amelio were the ones who chose the agency, which, Botti said, will also be doing appraisals of eight other sewerage plants in Hudson County, and also study its insurance needs.

The Utilities Authority is under mandate from the federal government to develop a comprehensive sewerage treatment plan for Hudson County.

various municipal sewage treatment plants in the county and then provide sewerage service to them for a fee, under the mandate.

What that fee would be and how much the authority will pay each municipality is a subject of negotiations that have been going on for months.

Hoboken and other municipalities in the county have hired their own auditors to determine for themselves how much their plants are worth.

Francis Fahy, general counsel to the Utilities Authority said the Monte agency was chosen without bidding because the services being rendered are classified as professional services which do not have require bids under the state bidding law.

Fahy said a formal contract has not been signed with the Monte Agency but he said he expects that formality within the next month. The general counsel said he could not estimate how many hours it would take for the Monte Agency to do its job.

Botti said one reason the Monte Agency was chosen for the two contracts was because it has experience in the field of arbitration.

Former official of CDA joining busiest developer

By Randolph Diamond

The former deputy director of Hoboken's Community Development Agency, Joseph Cicala, who was in charge of approving developers' plans for rehabilitated housing in Hoboken, was at the same time employed by Hoboken's largest housing rehabilitation firm, Applied Housing Associates, and is now scheduled to become a partner in the firm.

Fred Bado, Hoboken Community Development Agency director, and Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello both said today that they had given Cicala permission to work as a consultant for Applied Housing in 1977 after they were assured that the deputy director would not be doing consulting work on any of Applied's Hoboken projects.

But Bado said he was also assured by Cicala himself that Applied Housing would not be working on developing any more Hoboken projects after he was hired by them even though they subsequently put through plans for 200 units of rehabilitated housing in Hoboken which Cicala personally approved.

Bado said he would have "no comment" when asked how he could let Cicala approve Applied's plans for rehabilitated housing while working for them at the same time.

The CDA director did say, however, that he personally went over all of Cicala's decisions and that the Hoboken City Council had the final say on all of Applied's rehabilitation plans.

Cicala admitted telling Bado, when he was hired at Applied, that it would be doing no more rehabilitation projects in Hoboken but said at the time those were the rehabilitation firm's plans.

Joseph Barry, president of Applied Housing Associates, said Cicala was employed by his firm until early last summer when he left the CDA and joined the staff of the Advisory Services for Better Housing, a consulting group in New York City.

Advisory Services, Barry said, did not want Cicala working on two jobs.

Cicala had worked for the CDA

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ILA anti-Russian move backed on Hoboken docks

By DIANE CURCIO

Longshoremen are a rugged lot. They're tough and proud. And they see things simply and clearly.

There was widespread support yesterday on the Hudson River piers for their union president's decision that his 116,000 members will not handle Soviet ships or cargo.

"As we see it, we're all longshoremen," said Rudy Cappello, a business agent for International Longshoremen's Association Local 2 of Hoboken.

"But we're Americans first," he continued. "Most of us served in the armed forces. And we don't like what's happening."

ILA President Thomas "Teddy" Gleason announced the boycott yesterday because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

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Gleason estimated that the boycott would affect hundreds of millions of dollars in direct shipments between the United States and the Soviet Union, and in Soviet cargoes shipped through other foreign ports. The ILA president acknowledged that the boycott will cut the number of jobs available for his men, but said they had been consulted on the move and were "showing the farmers that they are not the only ones making sacrifices."

The longshoremen in the Hoboken local headquarters yesterday said Gleason's orders would be carried out to the letter. Their

"Our people are upset," Gleason said, "and they refuse to continue a business-as-usual policy as long as the Russians insist on being international bully boys."

The embargo involves dock workers in nearly 40 ports along the East and Gulf coasts, on the Great Lakes and along the Mississippi River.

The ILA previously refused to handle all shipping for Iran because of the continued detention of U.S. hostages in Tehran.

Gleason said workers unloading Russian ships now would be allowed to finish. But when those operations are over, no other Soviet ship will be loaded or unloaded by ILA members.

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Cappiello backs Musto on uniform parking fine

By DIANE CURCIO

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello came out in support today of Union City Mayor William Musto's plan to establish uniform parking violation fines throughout the North Hudson region. "It's a very good idea," said Cappiello.

Cappiello said he agreed with Musto that there is too much difference between fines in one town and another.

Musto pointed out Tuesday at a

meeting of the North Hudson Council of Mayors that parking next to a fire hydrant in Union City carries a fine of \$20 while other communities fine the offender \$10. On the other hand, he had said, Union City's fine for double parking is \$5 while in other communities it is \$10.

Musto had said a uniform parking system would eliminate the anger and confusion of people who have to park in the area.

Hoboken rally organizer wants to see U.S. muscle

By DIANE CURCIO

A march and rally to show support for the American hostages in Iran and to demand that President Carter exercise some type of "muscle" will be held in Hoboken Sunday at 2 p.m., according to organizer Michael Sarullo.

Sarullo held a march last month in Hoboken which attracted more than 300 local residents.

But this time the 25-year-old grocery clerk said he wants residents throughout Hudson County to participate.

The clerk said he has called various municipal officials

throughout the county to invite them to participate in the march and rally, although he said he has no answers yet at this time.

Sarullo said he does not necessarily advocate military action against Iran but said he feels some type of action must be taken by Carter to show "America is not a two-bit country."

The march will start at Hoboken City Hall, Sarullo said, and proceed up to Ninth Street which it will turn onto and walk to Kennedy Stadium. A rally, he said, will then be held at the stadium.

HOBOKEN ON THE HUDSON
By Charles Hoffmann Jr.
To my friend Dick Bennett: I like your column very much. Keep up the good work. However, there is much more that you can write about and publish in the public interest and the advancement of the little Square City of Hoboken, known the world over, and the best of all the cities and municipalities "On-The-Hudson River."

Our City of Hoboken was discovered as early as 1609 by Hendrick Hudson when he sailed north on his business, and when at a close shore to Newark. Such proximity, he noticed some landmasses coming from the living stone and his curiosity impelled him to create a connecting party to go and investigate. It did. It found a group and colony of people, American Indians in the vicinity. There is therefore, great, clear and convincing evidence that Hoboken received its name from these Indians who called the area or locale Hoboken. Although, the land of the connecting party, therefore, Hoboken has the unique honor of being one of the oldest settlements in America, and it has contributed to the prosperity and progress of America ever since, and this would be almost 400 years.

We all know the history of development by the Stevens' family from the post-revolutionary days to the present. Hoboken has been a commune of firsts down the course of the years. It has included the first brewery, the first professional football game, the first baseball game, the first experiments in hydraulic engineering, experimentation in radio, video, steam boiler, circular railroad tracks, railroad steam boiler, etc., etc. Can we forget that Hoboken gave to the world Frank Sinatra who became more famous from day to day. On his 40th birthday, 1950, he gave a show at a party in Hollywood.



Hoboken Patrolman John Smith slams shut a cell door yesterday following the state's order closing the condemned Hoboken Jail.

Hoboken Jail shut down after NJ condemns it

By DIANE CURCIO

The New Jersey Department of Corrections has condemned the Hoboken Jail, forcing city officials to shut down the 24-cellblock facility yesterday.

Hoboken Police Chief George Crimmins Sr. said the prison failed the October inspection by the state Department of Corrections. "Not a thing passed, except the fire extinguishers and the meals," said Crimmins.

The state told city officials last fall that if they could not rehabilitate the facility, it would be condemned.

The chief said that since the state notified Hoboken of its findings, the city has sought state or federal aid to rehabilitate the cells. "But no money was available."

Crimmins could not estimate the cost of a complete rehabilitation of the cells. "We'd have to rip the whole thing down and start from below the foundation ... Minor repairs would be more than \$100,000."

When the doors of the cellblocks were closed for the last time at 4 p.m. yesterday, Desk Lt. Angelo Radetich said "it's the end of an era." The chief recalled how he had "seen many jokes and heartaches go in and out of those cells."

The state report listed 10 reasons why the cells were condemned:

- A faulty locking system.
- Antiquated lavatory facilities.
- Missing cell doors.
- Peeling paint throughout the cells.
- Dilapidated cellblock grilles and gates.
- Lack of a ventilation system.
- Lack of an audio or television-monitoring system.
- Lack of protective screening at the foot of the cellbunks.

- Insufficient lighting.
- Poor plumbing.

Public Safety Director James Giordano said the Hoboken inmates would be booked and processed at city police headquarters and transferred to the Hudson County Jail. A small holding pen—one or two cells, he said, will be maintained in Hoboken to keep prisoners for no more than a few hours while they are processed.

"Not a thing passed inspection, except the fire extinguishers and the meals." — Police Chief Crimmins.

The Hudson County Jail is known to be overcrowded. But Crimmins said the transfer of Hoboken prisoners would not put an added burden on the county facility because the city has been shunting any prisoner held overnight to the county jail for the past year.

Giordano said the closing would save Hoboken money because the municipality will no longer have to pay maintenance bills or feed prisoners at the facility.

Furthermore, Giordano said, the three officers or "doormen" who guard the jail round the clock will return to regular street duty. This will save the city \$64,000, he said.

Crimmins said the county would not charge Hoboken for housing its prisoners. Jersey City also sends prisoners to the county jail, Giordano said.

The police chief said that while no formal plans for the abandoned cells have been made, the blocks probably would be used for storage space.

Old Hoboken jail permanently closed

Hoboken's 70-year-old jail was closed permanently today by Police Chief George W. Crimmins because of health and safety violations.

Crimmins said the decision to close the antiquated jail was reached by him and Public Safety Director James Giordano after it was determined the city could not afford to correct the violations.

"We talked to a number of people and we determined the only way to correct the violations would be to rip it down and build a new jail," he said. The 24-cell jail is in the basement

of city hall, next to the police station. For the last few years it has been used infrequently, with only one or two prisoners detained there at most. Those prisoners were usually awaiting arraignment.

Crimmins said the jail had failed inspections by the state department of corrections for the last few years and added that the latest inspection report in October recommended the jail be closed.

Among current violations, Crim-

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min said, are inadequate plumbing which causes the toilets to become inoperable, unsanitary odors in the structure and broken door locks on the cells.

Crimmins said the structure was also a fire hazard because of its antiquated condition.

The jail was costing the city about \$250,000 a year to operate but all that money will not be saved, Crimmins said, because part of the cost went to

pay policemen who worked there as guards.

There are no inmates in the jail now, Crimmins said, and anyone arrested in the future will be booked at the Hoboken police station and taken to the county jail to await arraignment.

Until the late 1970's, the Hoboken jail had been heavily used and persons convicted in municipal court, when given light jail terms, usually served them in the Hoboken jail.

Wilson is unhappy with the assessors

The chairman of the Hoboken City Council's Revenue and Finance Committee, E. Norman Wilson Jr., said today he wasn't fully satisfied with the explanations the Hoboken chief assessor gave him as to why a revaluation of all property is needed in Hoboken.

Wilson said Chief Assessor Woodrow Monte did not have all the facts and figures he and his committee members wanted.

Specifically, Wilson said, the committee wanted to know why the board decided to cancel the land reassessment it made for 1979.

Wilson said the committee did get some answers but he could not reveal them until a report on the committee meeting with the assessor is given to the full council.

Wilson said he will recommend that the full council meet with the board of assessors.

Outdated Hoboken jail called 'worst in the state'

By DIANE CURCIO

The Hoboken Jail, which once held such well-known crime figures as Vito Genovese and Harold Knigsberg, was the worst municipal lock-up in New Jersey, according to a state Department of Corrections official.

Inspection reports show the 24-cell facility was deemed unsafe for human habitation as far back as 1967, according to Louis Scavo of the county service bureau of the Department of Corrections.

Scavo said city officials repeatedly said repairs were scheduled. But the annual inspection reports showed a continually deteriorating condition, he asserted.

In 1976, the state urged an immediate shutdown of the facility, which in effect condemned the lock-up, Scavo said. Although his office then recommended the immediate closing

of the jail, he said the bureau is not endowed with any enforcement authority.

"We're an inspection unit. We go in and measure the facility against what we considered to be a norm. After that point, the municipality has to resume the responsibility for doing something about it," Scavo said.

Hoboken closed the jail Wednesday.

Asked why Hoboken had not closed the facility much sooner, Public Safety Director James Giordano said, "During that span of time (since 1976) we had tried to correct the situation. But then it became obvious that it was no use, there was just too much wear and tear on the cells. Fixing it became way out of hand, the city just could not afford it."

Giordano said the condition of the jail forced the city to rely more heavily on the Hudson County Jail recently. He explained that, for the past six months, any prisoner who had

to be held overnight was immediately transferred to the county facility.

John Cali, warden of the already overcrowded county facility, said he did not believe the Hoboken closing would be an additional burden for his jail.

Cali noted that the county is already handling most of the Hoboken prisoners.

Hoboken now ranks as the second Hudson municipality, following Jersey City, to use the county facility. But Cali said he did not see the move as the beginning of a trend.

He explained that municipalities on the outskirts of the county would not adopt such a plan because it would mean continually transporting the prisoners to and from the jail for arraignments and hearings.

The close proximity of Jersey City and Hoboken to the

county jail make the move feasible for these municipalities, Cali said.

Department of Corrections officials said they make their evaluations based on the standards published by the American Correctional Association and the American Sheriffs Association.

Hoboken ranked as the worst municipal lock-up in the state, according to one inspector.

Nevertheless, Desk Lt. Angelo Radetich said the closing of the jail was "the end of an era." Radetich said the late mobster Genovese was held in the jail on a weapons charge during the 1920s.

Radetich also recalled that Tino Fiumara, who is now on trial in Manhattan for alleged racketeering on the waterfront, and Knigsberg, who was convicted with Teamster power Anthony Provenzano for killing a Teamster union rival, also spent time in the municipal lock-up.

City Council rings in smoke alarm law

By DIANE CURCIO

The Hoboken City Council unanimously adopted a smoke detector ordinance last night following a short public hearing.

The adopted ordinance mandates the installation of a low voltage electrical system in houses of four or more apartments by April 1, 1981.

Last year's public opposition to the ordinance has apparently subsided because the revised law calls for a relatively inexpensive system. The main objection to the initial ordinance was the high cost of the system required.

The low voltage electrical system can be bought and installed in a five-story home for approximately \$350. The price tag of the original high voltage system was about double that amount for the same size home.

Ironically, the council approval comes just before the anniversary of the tragic Jan. 20 fire at 131 Clinton St. where 21 people were killed last year.

The unanimous adoption of the ordinance was topped off by a special demonstration of the device. For the demonstration, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Tremietdi, who drafted the ordinance with Electrical Inspector Paul Marozza, enlisted the assistance of two smoke detector law critics, Robert King and Tom Velsaetti.

Tremietdi and Marozza set off a battery-operated detector in the basement below the council chambers. No one in the chambers could hear the device, supporting fire officials' assertion that battery-operated detectors "give a false sense of security" since the residents cannot hear it throughout the building.

King and Velsaetti assisted in the demonstration by accompanying the fire officials to the basement to vouch that the battery-operated device was set off.

Tremietdi then set off the electrical system and the demonstration detectors in the basement and a blaring alert sounded in the chambers.

Although the smoke detector issue was resolved quickly last night, several outbursts were heard concerning two ordinances creating the position of garage and motor fleet superintendent in the public safety department and describing the duties of the job. The new city garage, currently under construction, which will house the vehicles of all city departments necessitated the creation of the new post, according to officials.

The Public Safety and Public Works departments have been engaged in a tag of war over the position during the past several weeks.

When the ordinance passed 7-1, the position was

officially created in the public safety department.

But last night, Public Works Director Andrew Amato asked, "Who is in charge of the building?"

Council President Walter Cramer replied, "You are. And remember you heard it from me." Both sides were apparently appeased by the decision.

In creating the position, the council noted that the superintendent must pass a Civil Service test for the job. Anyone who meets the Civil Service qualifications for the post is eligible to take the examination.

Police Sgt. Mario Mercado, who has supervised the public safety vehicles for the past year, is considered a top contender for the post.

Independent Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. cast the sole negative vote. Wilson said he believed the post should be separate from any existing city departments to avoid confusion in authority and finances.

In other action, Council President Cramer ordered the council Revenue and Finance Committee to meet with Woodrow Monte, president of the Hoboken Board of Assessors, to discuss his reasons for cancelling the 1979 land reassessment. Monte has said the reassessment discriminated against owners of vacant or under-developed land.

Construction begins on park near City Hall

Construction has begun on Phase II of Hoboken's new city park at stone's throw from City Hall.

Pierre Maneri, Hoboken Community Development Agency construction site manager, said a 45-car parking lot should be completed by spring on the Bloomfield Street site between Observer Highway and Newark Street.

Tentative plans also call for a lighted soft-ball field and a practice field for football on this site, Maneri

said. A second parking area, he said, is also under consideration.

The site manager said a final decision on these projects will be made by CDA and recreation officials next week and then bids would be invited. He said construction on the rest of the park could start as early as spring and be finished by summer.

Original plans called for the construction of basketball courts, a hockey rink and a plaza area on the site but when contractors bids were

received — twice — it turned out this work would cost more than the money available.

Maneri said it was then decided to drop the original plans, especially after the community representatives said the softball and practice football fields were more needed.

Phase I of the park was completed last month and consists of two basketball courts and a small running track.

Health and Welfare Director James Farina has already announced plans for ice-skating in the basketball area.

Phase I of the park is located between Garden Street and Park Avenue between Observer Highway and Newark Street.

Hoboken Hispanics still wait for grant.

By DIANE CURCIO

First came Self-Help, which later began the Puerto Rican Coalition, and finally CUNA (Community United for New Action) evolved.

The evolution of a non-profit organization committed to providing information and guidance to the Hispanic community of Hoboken has spanned nine years.

From a grassroots movement born in meetings around kitchen tables, CUNA has grown into a corporation staffed by a corps of workers.

But CUNA has apparently met a stumbling block in its development. And its executive director charges anti-Hispanic bias is holding up the desired grant from Hoboken.

More than two years ago, CUNA requested funding from the Hoboken Community Development Agency. In the meantime, the state Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) recognized CUNA and awarded the unit approximately \$53,000.

But CUNA is still waiting for the \$30,000 city funding. And CUNA Executive Director Juan Garcia

now says the wait is in vain. "I don't think we're ever going to get that money," said Garcia.

Garcia said the organization is being denied the money because it will not bow to the demands of the CDA. "They (CDA) want to dictate to us," Garcia claims.

Moreover, he contends the CDA is "discriminatory" in stalling funds to the only Hoboken agency to assist Hispanics.

The executive director said CDA Director Fred Bado gave him tentative approval of the program at an Oct. 26 meeting and promised funding in about a month.

But Garcia said CUNA has yet to receive any money. "I don't think we're even interested in the money any more—not under their (CDA's) conditions."

However, Bado said yesterday the possibility of CDA funding for CUNA was "not dead."

Bado said he learned of personnel conflicts within CUNA and was hesitant to award the agency any money until the disputes are resolved. Bado did not explain the exact nature of the conflicts but said he believed they were now resolved.

Garcia refused to comment on the alleged personnel problems, referring all questions to the DYFS supervisor of CUNA.

However, Juan Collazo, assistant regional administrator for contractual services for DYFS, said, "I don't know what he's (Garcia) talking about. I don't get involved in any of those dealings (between CUNA and CDA)."

Bado said he is organizing a meeting with state officials for later this week to review the CUNA funding from the city agency.

Garcia said he knew of alternate ways for CUNA to receive the \$30,000. But he refused to disclose any strategies he would consider.

CDA money is funneled from the state Department of Community Affairs.

The \$53,000 DYFS award already received by CUNA was to fund a youth counseling service for high school students to aid them in career guidance. The CDA funds will expand that program and the general information and referral programs offered by CUNA.

CUNA is headquartered at 918-820 Willow Ave., Hoboken.

Francone levels blast at condition of streets

Hoboken Councilman Louis Francone today declared he is "sick and tired" of the "untidy" appearance of his Fourth Ward and the rest of the city.

"Streets are littered with trash, and vacant city-owned lots are cluttered," the councilman said. "It's a disgrace."

Francone said conditions have deteriorated so much in the last six months that everyone in the city is now complaining.

"I've been getting phone calls daily, even from people in the uptown wards," he said.

Francone said the blame lies on "the efficiency of the city's Public Works Department and its director, Andrew Amato."

I don't know what the public works men are doing," he observed.

Francone said he has been making daily calls to the garage and has found that a few are never there or are always "on special assignment."

"I would like to know what those special assignments are about," he commented.

Francone also said the catchbasins in his ward haven't been cleaned recently. He said the owners of some of the tenements are also to blame for unsanitary conditions.

Amato replied that he "agrees" with Francone that the streets are very dirty.

"Things have gotten especially bad the last ten days," he said. But he said he doesn't have the manpower to do an adequate job.

He said a number of street caves and backed-up sewers have stretched his work force to the limit.

Then, Amato said, his department is always being asked to do odd jobs for other city departments, such as moving furniture.

Amato said he sent seven of his 11 street cleaners to clean up a vacant lot across from Francone's Madison Street home the other day.

Amato said, however, sometimes he feels littering of streets and vacant lots is a problem that no one can control.

"You can spend hours cleaning up and then a few hours later the area will be dirty again," he said.

Reassess properties in city

By WOODROW MONTE

Property owners in Hoboken, like most people who live in older urban communities across the nation, face many financial problems. Among these are rising costs of fuel, utilities, services, repairs and financing.

But the greatest financial problem is continual tax increases. It could well be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

Hoboken property owners are faced with this problem because of several adverse conditions affecting the tax base. Chief among these are the large amount of property tax exemptions and abatements, the low assessment ratio, the lack of conventional construction and the high tax rate itself.

While many of the older urban areas have these problems, none of the areas in New Jersey has them to the degree that Hoboken does. Hoboken has the greatest percent of exemptions and abatements in the state, one of the highest tax rates in the state and one of the lowest assessment ratios in the state.

The 1979 tax rate in Hoboken was \$94.19 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, but because the Board of Tax Assessors cancelled the 1979 land reassessment, the rate will revert back to the 1978 level of \$107.29. Because the tax rate has been so high, Hoboken has been unable to get any of the conventional tax rate construction that other cities and towns across the country have enjoyed during the past decade. The only construction we have had either has been exempted or abated.

This does not alleviate any of the adverse conditions. It only makes them worse.

More than 60 percent of the property in Hoboken is either exempted or abated.

When property is exempt, its owners pay no taxes. Such property in Hoboken includes that owned by the Board of Education, Stevens Tech, other private schools, city government, churches and hospitals.

When property is abated, like much of the Applied Housing housing rehabilitation projects, the owners do not pay the full amount of taxes. The city has al-

lowed this in part to encourage construction. I will be the first to admit there was a dire need for tax abated improvements.

But Hoboken can only absorb so much. It is my contention, therefore, that we should not allow any more of this type of construction. Any future construction should be done conventionally. That way we will be able to add tax ratables to our tax base.

The low assessment ratio compounds our problems. It is also the most difficult of the problems to explain. You figure out a ratio by comparing the actual value of property to its assessed value as a way of seeing how close assessments come to the actual value of the property.

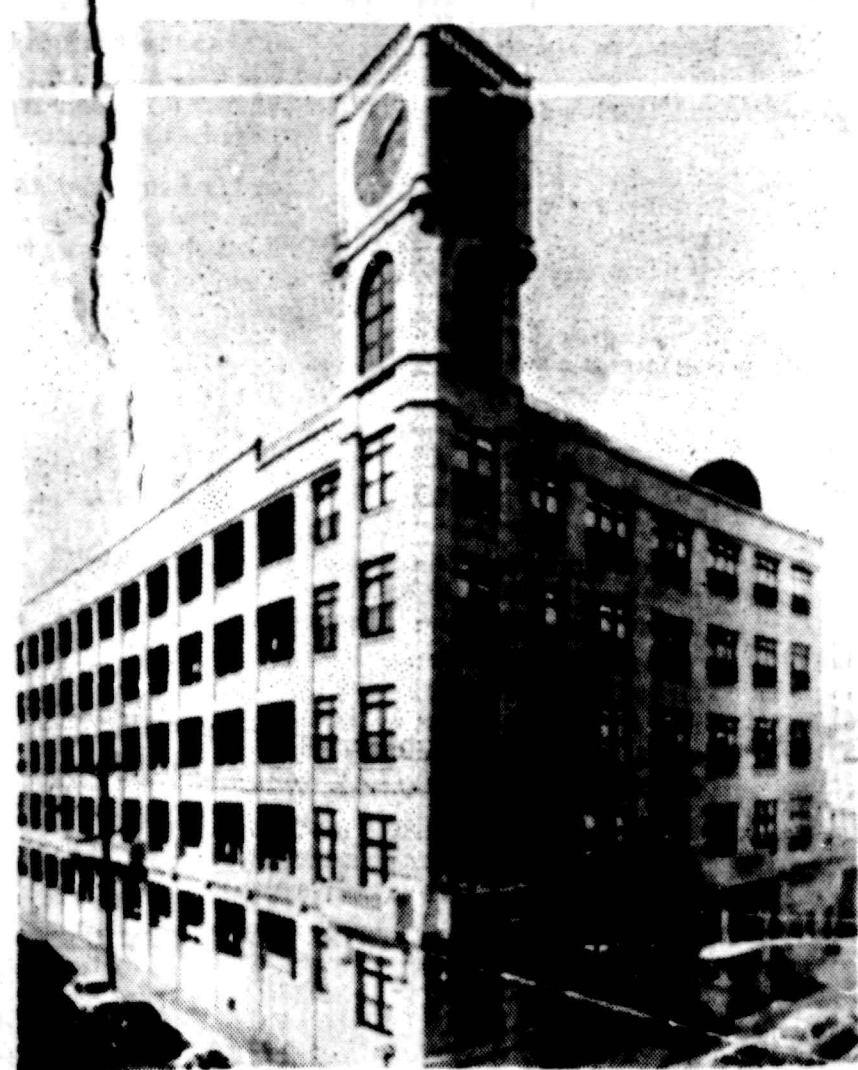
In our case, the assessments are not at all close to their actual value. They are equal to only 55.86 percent of the actual value. In most cities and towns in the state, the ratio is around 90 percent.

And when you have a low ratio, it is very easy for property owners to win tax appeals from the county Board of Taxation. When the board is presented with an appeal, it merely looks to see whether the assessment is in line with the ratio. If the assessment is higher, the board will automatically reduce it to the ratio level.

A substantial number of successful tax appeals this year could cause the county board to chop \$10 million in assessments off our tax rolls. That would represent about 10 percent of our entire tax base. The loss would cause a chain reaction that would increase taxes. The city would have to refund close to \$1 million to those taxpayers who won appeals. To get that money, the city would have to take out a loan.

And in the following year's city budget, the city would have to pay for the loan, plus the interest costs. And that would force the tax rate to go up even higher.

The only possible way to alleviate all these adverse conditions affecting the city's tax base is to undertake and implement a complete re-evaluation of the city's assessments. And this would



The Clock Tower Apartments in Hoboken

just be a start.

Re-evaluation is a scary word to most people. Most believe it results in the city taking in even more taxes. But that is not the case. Let me explain.

The amount of money to be raised by taxation is established by the municipal budget. The total amount of assessments is divided into the amount of money to be raised by taxation in order to establish the tax rate.

A re-evaluation in our city would inevitably increase the total dollar amount of assessments. But that would not increase the amount of money the city would take in. What it would do is bring the ratio up to 100 percent and

lower the tax rate. And that would begin solving our problems.

A high ratio would prevent a substantial amount of successful tax appeals.

The re-evaluation should then be followed up by a review of all exempt and deferred properties to look for restoring as many of them as possible to the tax rolls. Furthermore, there should be surveillance of the amount of expenditures in the city budget in order to ensure the city is not spending more than is necessary.

Hoboken adults, teenagers agree recreation needed

Both the Hoboken teens who complained and the members of the recreation commission who listened last night agreed that the city did not offer enough in the way of recreation for young people but any solution seems based at least partly in economic considerations.

Underlying last night's meeting between teens and the commission at the Multi-Service Center was the question of where the money would come to pay for additional recreational programs.

In the past, whenever the city budget needed trimming, it seemed that recreation was the first area to be cut, said Sue Newman, chairwoman of the commission.

But she's hopeful that people will not tolerate this programmed response to budget deficits any longer, calling it "unfair and invalid."

"We support the efforts of the teens," she said following the session. "It's really a matter of finding the money and the space."

James Farina, director of the city's recreation program, said he'd sit down with the board of education and see what he can do about getting some of the city's schools opened up during afternoon and evening hours.

That meeting shouldn't be too difficult for Farina to act up. He's one of the seven trustees on the city's board of education.

The teens attending the meeting complained the most about the lack of recreation programs during those afternoon and evening hours.

"If we had some place to go, it would keep us off the streets and stop us from doing all the things we do on the streets," said David Segarra, who contended the teens need a place to develop their talents. "What are we going to be, working in a factory all our lives?" he asked.

Even if the teens don't immediately get more programs, they may soon have more to say about the city's recreation program. At the meeting, Farina announced he would seek to have two teens join the five adults on the recreation commission.

"He's going to suggest to the city council that the charger of the commission be amended to expand its membership to include the two younger members."

"The teenagers know best what kind of recreation is needed," he said, and explained the best way to get recommendations from them is to give them decision making power.

Several recommendations at the meeting came from Angelo Valente, of the Young People's Coalition, who suggested the city start scheduling

some recreation employees to an evening shift, instead of working during the day when most students are in school.

He also called for the use of the "armory" on the top floor of the City Hall, a new vacant space that would make a good gym area. He'd also like to see a cultural arts center where teens could participate in arts and crafts, drama, and music classes and similar programs.

The suggestions will be examined by Mary Ellen Gallo, the city's coordinator of recreation, who'll have a copy of the budget at her elbow when she does. She'll also examine all possible state and federal funding sources for more recreation money.

"The teens want their share and they should get it," said Mrs. Newman. "They were very honest and very sincere tonight and are willing to cooperate in any way."

What's more important is, she says, "They are absolutely right."

Cappiello agrees recreation inadequate for teens, but Hoboken can't afford more

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he agrees with Hoboken's teen-agers that the city's recreation program for them is inadequate.

But the mayor said "the firemen want more money, and city workers want more money," and the city just can't afford to fund an extensive recreation program for teen-agers.

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Still Cappiello said he would be more than happy to meet with the teen-agers in his office to try and work out additional programs.

About 75 teens jammed a small meeting room at Hoboken's YMCA Wednesday night to demand more recreational programs from Community Development Agency officials and about 20 attended last night's CDA neighborhood meeting to press the same request.

David Segarra, a Hoboken High School graduate, urged that CDA block grants for 1980-81 be used to provide a facility in the city's downtown area for socializing and sports activities. "Otherwise, we've got to hang out in the street," he said.

Alberto Martinez, a Hoboken student enrolled in the Hudson County Community College, called for the

city to expand the hours that the Multi-Service Center, which contains Hoboken's only "public" gym, is available for community use.

And Angelo Valente, of the "Young People's Action Organization," recommended that the city explore the possibility of renovating the third-floor armory at City Hall for use as a play area.

Heleen Manogue, of the Hoboken Environment Committee, said the organization represents "strongly supports" the youths' pleas for additional recreation in the city.

Meanwhile, Maurice Fitzgibbons, CDA recreation coordinator who helped organize Hoboken teens to come to Wednesday's meeting, says he'll ask for a special meeting of the Hoboken Recreation Commission to discuss the issue.

In another development, Michael Holmes and a group of teens from the city's uptown area have written to city officials asking that a vacant lot near the bus depot at 14th and Washington Streets be converted for use as a basketball court.

But James Farina, Hoboken Health and Welfare director, said that the private lot behind the bus depot is in the process of being purchased by someone else.

Farina said he would be willing to work with Holmes and his friends to think of other locations for basketball courts throughout the city.

Hoboken stepping up fire protection

By DIANE CURCIO

Hoboken will increase its fire protection by installing 25 new "pullbox" fire alarms to replace older units. The action appears to be the second major step the city has taken in recent days to increase such protection.

Thomas Vecchione, superintendent of the Hoboken Signal and Traffic Division, said the new pullboxes are scheduled to be installed throughout the city at the end of March. There are 107 pullboxes in Hoboken and the new units will replace some of the older models.

The work will end a 5-year-old legal battle between the city and the alarm manufacturers, Pyrotechnics of Greenbrook.

The first step in increasing fire protection occurred last week when the City Council approved an ordinance mandating the installation of low-voltage electrical smoke detector systems in all residences containing four or more units. The smoke detector ordinance had been debated by the council for the past year.

But, Vecchione said the legal battles concerning the fire alarms date back to October 1974.

He explained that the city had entered into a \$68,000 contract with the fire alarm company in 1974 to buy a central fire alarm console to be used by the fire dispatcher and 25 "voice-alarm" boxes.

Vecchione said the console, where all alarms are registered, was purchased

and installed. However, the voice alarms proved faulty, he said.

"They (the company engineers) couldn't get the system to work. They (engineers) kept blaming the existing wiring.... For a long time it went back and forth," Vecchione said. Moreover, he said he refused to authorize any payments to the firm.

Vecchione said the city paid \$29,000 for the console but refused to pay the remainder of the contract.

Vecchione said the alarm firm began procedures to sue the city and the city in turn pressed a countersuit against Pyrotechnics.

Frank Rosenfeld, the attorney for Pyrotechnics, could not be reached for

comment yesterday.

Hoboken argued that Pyrotechnics was at fault since the firm failed to have its engineers inspect the city's wiring system before installing the alarms, the signal superintendent explained.

The specification of the contract called for an inspection by the engineers, Vecchione said. However, he claimed the inspection was not conducted until after the city was equipped with the voice alarms.

Vecchione said the engineers not only found the wiring inadequate but Hoboken's close proximity to New York radio stations and the city's location beneath the Palisades made it highly susceptible to static.

Cappiello warns he'll oust DPW workers

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he "will demand accountability" from every employee in the Department of Public Works, "from the man who's supposed to sweep a certain street up to the public works director himself," in the battle to keep Hoboken streets clean.

Cappiello said he agrees with the criticism by Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Franccone, that many of Hoboken's streets are dirty.

The mayor said that a master chart of what areas all 11 of

Hoboken's broom sweeping men are supposed to clean has been drawn up, so that if a street isn't swept properly, the blame can be placed where it should lie.

And the blame, Cappiello said, will be placed not only on the particular employee who is not doing his job but on his foreman, too, since the foreman is supposed to be making sure the job is done. And if the foreman is not doing his job then the public works director will be held responsible, the mayor said.

Employees who don't do their job will be fired, the mayor declared.

Cappiello also said he will talk with Business Administrator Edwin Chiusi in the next few days to see if the city can afford to put on a few additional men to do hand-sweeping.

Council to study school repair costs

Members of the Hoboken City Council want to determine the cost of launching a \$13 million bond issue to rehabilitate school buildings and weigh its long-term effect on the city's tax rate before deciding on the plan at the Feb. 4 caucus.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, council members and Robert Wendelken, school board president, conferred on the rehabilitation plans yesterday with financial and engineering advisors.

A spokesman said the officials hope to get figures from the city auditor and the bonding attorneys in time for the matter to be discussed at the caucus.

If the rehabilitation plan is approved by the council next month, a bonding ordinance will be introduced calling for a special referendum to go before the voters in March or April.

There have been estimates by city and school officials that it would take a \$13 million program to renovate the school buildings, some to major proportions and others to a lesser extent. The possibility of closing one building also has been considered. It would not be the closed Rue School, they said, which will be repaired.

Of the \$13 million estimate, it was felt that \$11 million would be raised through bonding and \$2 million will be received in state building aid. The city would have to pay the cost of interest and amortization of the bonds the first year but each of the following years would be reimbursed by the state for two-thirds of the cost.

The city has a BAA bond rating at the present time and councilmen said market conditions would also have an impact on the bond interest rate.

In addition to the mayor and Wendelken, yesterday's conference was attended by representatives of Mayor Lynch Associates, an engineering consulting firm; Kraft and Hughes bonding attorneys and Peter Reece Councilmen Anthony Romano, Louis Franccone, Salvatore Cernelli, Bernard Scrivani, Thomas Kennedy, E. Norman Wilson and Robert Ranieri.

CETA 5 to help repair Hoboken signs

A new CETA project to replace all no parking, bus and other traffic signs missing or faded in Hoboken will start in March, George Crimmins Jr., Hoboken CETA director, said today.

Crimmins said he will assign five new CETA employees to help Signal and Traffic Director Thomas Vecchione and Parking Authority Executive Director Joseph Hottendorf replace the signs.

Vecchione is responsible for the signs which warn motorists not to park during certain hours in the way of the mechanical sweeper. Hottendorf is in charge of parking signs by parking meters and bus stop signs.

Crimmins said he got the idea after reading reports in The Jersey Journal that at least half of the no parking signs are missing or faded.

Vecchione had said last spring that his own crews and summer help would be able to replace all the no parking signs by this fall.

But his department ran out of poles. Business Administrator Edwin Chiusi said he currently has 400 poles on order and they should arrive by March. He also said he has informed Vecchione to let him know if any other poles are needed so they don't run out again.

Court issues 1st arrest warrant in Hoboken scofflaw crackdown

By DIANE CURCIO

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Municipal Court Judge Rudolph R. Nadeo yesterday issued the first arrest warrant in the city's 2-week-old crackdown on scofflaws.

Nadeo issued a warrant for the arrest of Peter Belfiore of 1021 Park Ave., who allegedly owes the city \$296 in fines and late charges on 30 traffic tickets which date from 1975. Belfiore also faces a \$100 contempt of court fine for failing to pay the fines on time.

The judge had originally issued an arrest warrant for Belfiore and another scofflaw, Raul Vergara, after both men failed to appear in municipal court to pay the fines. However, the warrant on Vergara was cancelled when he paid the fines at the violations office later in the day.

Vergara, of 327 Washington St., Hoboken, paid \$628 in traffic fines and late charges and a \$250 fine for contempt of court. The traffic violations date from Jan. 1, 1977.

Along with Belfiore and Vergara, the court calendar showed a third scofflaw had been notified to appear before Nadeo yesterday. Allen Johnson paid \$525 in fines and late charges and \$250 for contempt of court.

Moreover, a fourth scofflaw voluntarily came forward yesterday and paid \$236 on traffic tickets and late charges and a \$100 contempt fine to the violations bureau. Jaime Aguirre, of 105 Fourth St., explained he had heard of the crackdown and wanted to pay the fines before he left on a vacation to Miami.

The voluntary payment of the uncollected fines is the aim of the crackdown, according to Public Safety Director James Giordano. Giordano said he assigned Detective Carmen La Bruno to work with the violations bureau to bring the scofflaws to justice.

And Nadeo has said, "I'm making no exceptions... if they don't pay the fine, I'll have them picked up."

The crackdown was instituted after a 1976 audit showed 128,000 traffic tickets amounting to nearly \$1 million remain uncollected here.

Dr. Thomas L. Glatt, a local dental surgeon who has not paid a traffic ticket in three years, paid \$1,300 in violations and fines last week — the heaviest fine levied in the crackdown.

Glatt said the nonpayment was a protest against the poor parking structure here. He said the tickets were for overtime parking outside his office at 710 Washington St. and for double parking outside his Castle Point Terrace home. The meters limit parking to one hour outside his office and two hours on the side street.

The doctor argued that students from Stevens Tech crowd Castle Point with their cars, forcing residents to double park. Glatt contends that the city is not "in touch with the problem."

Joseph Hottendorf, executive director of the parking authority here, commented on Glatt's charges. He acknowledged the parking problem, but said strides have been taken during the past four years to alleviate the problem. Hottendorf said 300 residents parked their cars in the two giant Marine View Plaza garages.

Hottendorf said two more garages are now proposed, but refused to give details on the plan. Furthermore, the executive director said J. P. McGee Inc. from Washington will begin a study of the Hoboken parking situation next week.

He said, "It will take about six months. The first phase will show how much of a need there is, and the second will recommend what's to be done." Armed with the report on the parking here, Hottendorf said he then will apply for city, state or federal money to relieve the situation.

A hot number

Hoboken's Mayor Steve Cappiello has installed a special telephone line in his office with a recording device for residents to report littering and other unsanitary conditions at any hour of the day or night... any day or night.

It is not necessary for callers to catch someone in the act of committing a nuisance, the mayor says. He adds that he will personally see to it that all complaints are promptly followed up.

The callers need not identify themselves if they so choose. What more could anyone ask.

So... put up or shut up. Here is the number to call: 420-2107. Use it.

Hoboken will expand adult recreation program

Hoboken's Adult Recreation Program has been so successful that Health and Welfare Director James Farina has decided to expand it.

Farina said today that 40 additional adults signed up for the program in the last few days, joining the 160 who signed up two weeks ago.

The program had been scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. in Hoboken High School Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It is now being expanded to in-

clude Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m., and an hour will be added on the first three days, so that the program will run to 10 o'clock on those days too.

The program features exercise classes, volleyball, swimming and tennis.

Farina said that in view of the initial success of the program he feels it will be continued through the summer.

The recreation program was originally scheduled to last only three months.

Diamond lights up for Little League

Hoboken Little Leaguers will no longer have to stop playing baseball when the sun goes down.

Lights should be installed at Hoboken's Little League Field at Fourth and Hudson streets by the time the Little League season starts in April, James Farina, Hoboken health and welfare director, said today.

The lights will enable more Hoboken Little League teams to take the field this season, Farina said.

Last year, he said, 12 teams took the field but there were another six teams that would have been fielded if there had been room.

"We had the field going seven days a week last year," he added,

"but still, many children were deprived of recreational opportunities."

Farina said the Little League field was so heavily used last year that the only time available for the girls' softball league was 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

He said bids for the new lights should be accepted in the next few weeks and he hoped the lights could be installed in March.

City work crews will repair the leaking roof of the locker room at the field, re-sod the field's infield and seed the outfield, he said.

Hoboken will get its lights

Hoboken will finally get the 10 new traffic lights, along with two master control systems, that the state was supposed to start installing last July to improve traffic flow.

Thomas Vecchione, Hoboken traffic and signals director, said the installation will start in March and should be completed by May.

Vecchione said there had been a delay by the state in obtaining the equipment. One of the new master control systems, Vecchione said, will control four new lights, to be installed on Willow Avenue at 16th, 15th and 14th streets and at 14th and park Avenue. He said the new system will be able to expedite traffic to and from the Lincoln Tunnel because it can time the lights intervals, depending on which way traffic is flowing.

Vecchione said he has not yet determined where to put the other master control system. He said the other six lights will be installed at Paterson and Jackson streets, Paterson and Monroe streets, Observer Highway and Willow Avenue, Observer Highway and Washington Street, Hudson Street and Hudson Place, and 4th Street and Willow Avenue.

Need your advice, up to a point . . .

Attention, Hoboken citizens: A public hearing will be held Monday at 2:30 p.m. in Hoboken City Hall to get your input as to how \$946,156 in revenue sharing funds from the federal government should be spent.

But don't get too excited. Privately, Hoboken officials say the city's portion of the revenue sharing money has to be used to meet current operating costs and not for new programs or projects.

3 former Hoboken firms have money to be claimed

Attention officials of three companies formerly located in Hoboken: If you are reading this, you can make some money.

That's right, money. Hoboken's Water Department still has the water deposits of the American Lead Pencil Co., which went out of business about 13 years ago, the Continental Baking Co., which moved to Paterson five years ago, and the Pennsylvania Railroad, which had a pier in Hoboken.

Officials investigating mishap

HOBOKEN—Officials from the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) were investigating an industrial accident at U.S. Testing Co. Inc. which caused the upper part of a supervisor's thumb to be amputated.

Joan D'Agostino, 40, of 610 Jefferson St. lost the fleshy part of her right thumb when a cover of a pressing machine closed on her hand as she was cleaning the machine. She was treated at St. Mary Hospital here. The accident occurred near noon at the 1415 Park Ave. plant on Wednesday.

OSHA officials could not be reached yesterday to discuss the findings of their investigation.

Closed jail puts cops out on beat

Hoboken is getting increased police protection because its jail was closed. Public Safety Director James Giordano said today.

Giordano said that while the jail was in operation 5 police officers were assigned to guarding prisoners, one each eight-hour shift, but now they are out on the streets.

Hoboken housing judge gets tough

Hoboken's acting municipal court judge demonstrated yesterday that the city means business in its drive to clear up substandard housing.

Judge Chris Pappas levied \$400 in fines against the owner of a tenement house and threatened to have officers of the giant Applied Housing Associates arrested if they fail to show up in court on Feb. 6.

Yesterday Pappas ordered Charles Porcari, the owner of 223 Madison St., to pay \$400 in fines for not correcting 36 housing violations dating back to November. He also threatened to jail him if the violations are not corrected in a reasonable length of time.

Porcari walked out of the court angrily after the \$400 fine was imposed on him claiming in court that a group of vandals had gone into the apartments in his Madison Street tenement and wrecked them and removed a banister from the hallway.

Teens clamor for recreation

By Randolph Diamond 1/24/80

Seventy-five teen-agers jammed the small meeting room at Hoboken's YMCA last night to demand more recreational opportunities for themselves from Hoboken Community Development Agency officials.

"We're tired of hanging out on street corners and we want some real recreation," were the comments of many of the youths who spoke out to CDA officials.

"We feel the teen-agers of Hoboken have been neglected and forgotten when it comes to recreation," said Angelo Valente, the head of the Young Peoples' Action Organization, a youth group.

Hoboken cops save 10 in Hudson Street fire

Two Hoboken patrolmen assisted in the rescue of at least 10 residents of a four-story apartment house during a three-alarm fire early today that left 18 families temporarily homeless. No injuries were reported.

Police said Patrolmen Walter Lehbrink and John DellaFave were cruising in the area at 12:46 a.m. when the first alarm was sounded for the blaze at 834 Hudson St. They were the first to arrive and unable to enter the smoke-filled building through the door the two climbed fire escapes to lead residents to safety, police said.

They later joined firefighters to take other tenants of the building out safely.

The second and third alarms were sounded at 12:49 a.m., bringing six pieces of fire apparatus and 55 men to the scene.

The blaze was brought under control shortly before 4 a.m. The fire started in the basement on the south side of the building, police said, and caused extensive damage.

A fire truck and an engine from Jersey City and an engine from Union City relocated in Hoboken firehouses. The building is owned by Milton Avery of Woodbridge, officials said.

Crosstown Line's bus out of service—again

Hoboken's crosstown bus is out of service again, only a month after it went back in service—after being laid up for over a year.

William Metcalf, Public Safety Department mechanic, said a short circuit in the bus heating system caused an electrical fire which burned the vehicle's electrical wiring.

Metcalf said the needed wiring for the 1971 bus may be hard to find. "The bus will probably be out of service for a while," he said.

Metcalf said he "would not want to guess" how long "a while" would be.

When the crosstown bus first broke down over a year ago, city officials said it would be back in operation "shortly."

But then there were delays in obtaining the engine for the bus because a needed part was out of stock.

When the engine finally did arrive, a new problem developed. It was found the exhaust system was defective. The exhaust system finally was fixed and the bus went back in operation in December.

Delivery on a new bus for the crosstown line is expected in approximately three weeks.

City officials have said that after the new bus arrives they will use the old one only as a spare.

New Jersey Bell targets Hoboken for pilot project

The New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. has chosen Hoboken for a pilot project to find out the needs and wants of local business.

The purpose is to retain industrial and commercial businesses which might otherwise move out of town, according to Jon Spinnanger, urban affairs manager of New Jersey Bell.

"We want to find out the things businesses like in Hoboken and what the government can do to provide better services," Spinnanger said.

Hoboken and Trenton are the only cities in New Jersey picked for the project.

"Hoboken was selected because of the renaissance that has been occurring there," Spinnanger said. "It's a city that has come into its own."

Yet, despite the renaissance, Spinnanger says Hoboken has lost numerous manufacturing companies in the past few years, and the phone company wants to prevent any further erosion.

Thirty volunteers will be recruited from the ranks of Chamber of Commerce member firms to form 15 survey teams. Each team will then personally interview an executive of every company in Hoboken to find out exactly what their needs and wants are.

The interviews should start in March, Spinnanger said, and by June a report documenting what can be done to help Hoboken's manufacturing businesses should be completed.

Based on that report, as well as one that will be done in Trenton, Spinnanger said, a 32-page guide will be prepared in cooperation with the New Jersey Business and Industry Association on how local municipalities can help attract new businesses and satisfy ones they have.

Spinnanger said the phone company, while working on the pilot project will also try to help local businesses with their immediate needs.

"We want to assist them in focusing resources," he said. "If they need some management advice, perhaps we can find them a retired executive who would be willing to help out. If they want to expand then we can find them the best location for expansion," he said.

"Business means jobs, which are vital to the well-being of all our cities," he added.

Anti-littering hotline being installed in Hoboken

A 24-hour anti-littering hotline is being installed which Hoboken residents can use to register complaints when they spot sanitary violations in the city.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said an answering machine will record residents' complaints and that the machine will be listened to each morning by him or his secretary.

Cappiello said the machine even has a remote device where he can listen to the messages at home on weekends.

Cappiello said if a sanitation violation is bad enough he will dispatch inspectors and clean-up crews even if it is on the weekend.

The mayor said the new phone line will make it easier to clean up Hoboken and will lead to better enforcement of the city's sanitary code. The phone number is 420-2107.

Cappiello orders parking crackdown

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello today ordered a police crackdown on illegally parked cars near the gateways to Hoboken.

Cappiello said the crackdown along with the new enforcement program against litter are the first steps towards beautifying the entrance to the city.

of "Welcome to Hoboken" signs.

But before that happens, the mayor said he wants the entranceways cleaned up.

Cappiello said it leaves a bad impression on people entering Hoboken for the first time when they see litter and improperly parked cars.

Hoboken awards 200 attendance bonus

At least 200 Hoboken municipal workers had good reason to be happy yesterday afternoon. They received bonus checks for either \$200 or \$300 for good attendance last year.

A new clause had been added to the city's contract with its employees which awards a \$300 bonus to employees who don't take any sick days during the year and \$200 to employees who call in sick only one day. Employees who take more than one sick day are out of luck.

City officials said more than 200 employees received the bonus.

Department heads indicated to the payroll division which employees had fulfilled the requirements of the contract for the bonus through their own records. All Hoboken departments now use timecards but up until August some departments did not have any formal time-check system.

But some employees yesterday were quite upset about their failure to receive the bonus checks, claiming they didn't get them because they weren't "in" with their department directors.

The employees, who asked not to be identified because they were afraid they would be fired, said that various department directors had lied for employees they liked about how many days they had actually been out.

They contended that most city employees receiving the checks were really out more than one day.

4 Hoboken officers formally promoted

Three firemen were promoted to captains and a policeman was named sergeant yesterday by Hoboken Public Safety Director James Giordano.

Firemen Donald Pesciotta, Fred Meyer and John Calnessa were sworn in as captains while Patrolman Michael Lipowski was sworn in as sergeant by City Clerk Anthony Amoruso. About 50 friends and family members watched the ceremonies in City Hall courtroom.

Both Business Administrator Edwin Chiusi and Mayor Steve Cappiello have objected last summer to filling the positions, saying the city couldn't afford it without cutting back other city services.

The city's contract with the policeman and fireman stipulates that all vacancies be filled within 30 days.

Chiusi and Cappiello drew up a new table of organization which eliminated four police and four fire superior officer positions but the city council tabled it. The other four police positions were filled last month.

Rookie with teaching job gets special treatment

By DIANE CURCIO
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A rookie policeman here has received special treatment allowing him to maintain his job on the force as well as his position as a city high school teacher for the past five months. It was learned yesterday.

Public Safety Director James Giordano said Patrolman Anthony Romano Jr. was given a special schedule to "accommodate" his two jobs. Romano, the son of Police Lt. Anthony Romano Sr., works 4 p.m. to midnight Wednesday through Sunday. The rookie officer teaches in the high school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"I don't know whether I did him a favor, when you think about it," Giordano said. "The 4-to-12 shift is the most active hour."

Giordano said he has issued a layoff notice for Romano. Under Civil Service regulation, a civil servant must receive

a notice 45 days before a layoff takes effect. Romano said he received the notice last week but is still undecided which job he will retain.

Romano was hired in June after school had finished for the term. He was appointed with four other men. His four colleagues have attended the N.J. State Police Training Academy in Sea Girt. But, the department has yet to send Romano to the 11-week resident academy. State law requires rookie policeman to complete the academy within 18 months of their appointment to the force.

Romano said he "was not hurting anyone or depriving anyone. I didn't do anything illegal."

And Assistant City Counsel Thomas Calligy said he found no legal conflict in the dual jobs. He noted that Councilman Anthony Romano (no relation) was also employed as business manager of the school system and Councilman Louis Francione was also on the city payroll as a school maintenance supervisor.

Romano asserted he was "not milking the city taxpayers." His annual salary as a policeman is \$12,000 while he receives \$12,900 as a general math and compensatory math teacher for the high school. Moreover, Romano said the federal government pays half his salary as a police officer since he was hired as a member of the Safe and Clean Streets Program and a portion of his teaching salary is assumed by the state under the Compensatory Education Program.

The rookie claims he accepted the police appointment because he believed his teaching job was in jeopardy. When the city eliminated the junior high school last year and reverted to a 8-4 school system there was a possibility that non-tenured junior high school teachers like Romano, would be laid off, he explained. However, he was offered and accepted a teaching position in September.

Romano said he "loves dealing with the community" in both capacities.

Police Chief George Crimmins said he was good officer, adding that Romano speaks Spanish fluently.

Giordano also pointed out that Romano received a citation in August for his bravery in apprehending a derelict who had shot at patrolling officers.

But the director said "when you're working two eight-hour jobs, there's a possibility that one may have to suffer."

Mayor Steve Cappiello said Romano must decide between the two posts "shortly."

Calligy said he conferred with the police department during the summer on a request by Romano for a leave of absence. The attorney said Romano requested a leave from the police force to complete a year's teaching and receive tenure.

Calligy said the request was denied because Civil Service does not allow a policeman to take a leave of absence until he completes the police academy.

Catholic school twirling taught by Hoboken worker

A Hoboken recreation worker is working 10 hours a week teaching baton twirling in three Hoboken Catholic schools, but is being paid by the city for 20 hours work.

Deborah Smith, daughter of Stevens Institute of Technology security director Charles Smith, has worked for the city since 1973.

James Farina, Health and Welfare director, admitted Miss Smith has not been working 20 hours a week as her timecards indicate.

Miss Smith admitted she currently teaches an hour-and-a-half twirling class five days a week.

"I inherited the situation when I took office and I am working to correct it," Farina said.

He estimated Miss Smith was actually working 10 hours a week since he said she devotes some time at home to the routines she teaches the children.

Farina said Miss Smith's time cards were signed by Joseph Pullano, Hoboken's recreation supervisor, who was following his instructions.

The director said her classes are held after-school in three Catholic schools: Our Lady of Grace, St. Francis and the Academy of the Sacred Heart and are open to all children in the Hoboken community.

The secretary to the principal in Our Lady of Grace School, Terry Lebrink, and a secretary to the principal in St. Francis School, both said yesterday children from throughout the city could attend the twirling classes.

On Wednesday a Jersey Journal reporter was told by a secretary at each school that only pupils were eligible.

Farina said that 11 school officials are under the wrong impression "if they think the twirling classes are just for their students."

He said the only reason the Catholic schools were picked for the programs was because the city couldn't afford to pay a janitor to keep a number of public schools open after-school while the Catholic schools were willing to donate their facilities. He also said there is a lack

of other recreational facilities in Hoboken to hold the classes.

The health and welfare director said he tried to find Miss Smith another location to teach more classes but he couldn't until he lined up the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Farina admitted that from November until last Friday Miss Smith was only teaching classes four-and-a-half hours a week even though her time cards indicated she had worked 20 hours.

Miss Smith said she had never been informed by Farina or other supervisors that she was supposed to work 20 hours a week.

The recreation worker, who receives \$137.50 a week, said she is receiving the going rate for twirling teachers.

In addition to teaching the classes and drawing up routines for the children at home, Miss Smith said she spends up to three weeks working at home designing costumes for the children to wear in the Memorial Day parade.

She said she has also requested money for materials to make costumes for children in the St. Patrick's Day Parade which she will again do on her own time.

Miss Smith said if the children she teaches for free were to attend paying classes they would have to pay between \$3 and \$5 an hour.

"The city is getting more than they paying me for," she said. "They getting a bargain."

At long last Hoboken may be getting ice skating rink

For the third year in a row, Hoboken city officials have failed to get the city's ice skating program off the ground but they're hoping to do so by the end of next week.

James Farina, Hoboken Health

and Welfare director, had announced two weeks ago that as soon as it got below freezing, water would be poured in an area around the city's new basketball and tennis courts off Observer Highway between Garden

Street and Park Avenue.

Farina said he ordered his employees to start pouring the water onto the asphalt surface a few days ago, but he was stopped by city consulting engineer James Caulfield.

Farina said Caulfield felt the water could ruin the newly-laid asphalt and told him he needed a special cover for the asphalt along with some pieces of wood to section off the ice.

Farina said he discussed the matter with Hoboken Community Development officials and they have agreed to spend approximately \$800 of the agency's money to obtain the cover and pieces of wood.

He said he expects the rink could be put into operation by the end of next week.

Hoboken's previous attempts at

operating an ice skating rink have also gone wrong.

In 1978, Farina, had planned to operate an ice skating rink on the basketball courts in Church Square Park but the court was slightly tilted and there was an overflow of water when city workers tried to fill the rink.

Last year Farina attempted to operate the rink at the Little League field but the water ran out because the spot on which they poured the water wasn't level. High temperature and melting rain foiled a second attempt. High winds pulled out the stakes which held up the rink's lining on a third attempt.

Finally, city officials managed to get the rink open but then children walked on the ice and it cracked. City officials then gave up.

Hoboken poverty staff ready to aid with IRS

The HOPES staff has been trained in tax form preparation by the Internal Revenue Service, Wilson said. Seniors seeking help in preparing tax returns can call Harold Sacks of the HOPES staff at 656-7137.

Assistance in helping senior citizens prepare their tax returns will be offered by the Hoboken Organization Against Poverty and Economic Stress at 916 Garden St., beginning Monday, Norman Wilson Jr., executive director of HOPES, said.

Hoboken, CDA seeks community advisers

Almost no one wants to work without pay as a community adviser to the City of Hoboken.

After four attempts, the city's Community Development Agency has only been able to find six people willing to serve on an advisory board from which most of the members resigned last summer after the pay was abolished.

Only three of its former members remain on the Community Advisory Council. The CDA is trying to rebuild membership level to 18. At four recent neighborhood meetings, the CDA asked residents to volunteer to serve. Only six people responded.

Until last September, each member received a stipend of \$25 for attending each of the twice-monthly council meetings. Fred Bado, Hoboken Community Development director, said 11 of the board's 16 members resigned after the stipend was discontinued.

Among the, he said, were members Salvatore Gotilla, retired milk dealer; firemen James Monaco and Al LaBock; Ray Quinones, Frank Mazzone, Laura High, housing inspector Jude Fitzgibbons, former court interpreter Armando Figueroa, post clerk Arcangelo Calderaro, detective Carmen LaBruno, and school principal Patrick Capone.

The board's chairman, Gerald Fitzpatrick, a policeman on sick leave, had a heart attack and resigned before the pay was discontinued, as did Mrs. Thomas Glatt, who left because of other commitments, Bado said.

Remaining on the board are members Angela Sorvello, Leo Genese and Anthony Yaculle. Calderaro, however, said he stopped attending meetings at the end of the year and did so only because CDA officials did not show up.

"What kind of meeting can you have when no one shows up," he asked. Calderaro also said the CDA would not give to board the information it requested on projects.

LaBock, Quinones, Mazzan and Fitzgibbons said a "general lack of cooperation from CDA officials" caused them to leave the board.

They said CDA officials were also often absent from the meeting though they did send replacements, and there was a general feeling that the CDA did what it pleased, not what the council's opinion was.

This, and not the lack of money, the four men said, is what caused them to leave the council. LaBruno said he left the council because he moved out of Hoboken this summer. Monaco said he "just didn't have the time" any longer. Figueroa said he was tired of having the meetings "always starting late."

Gotilla said he had a toe operation which made it difficult for him to walk. The council meetings had been switched from near Gotilla's home at the CDA headquarters at 84 Washington St. to the Multi-Service Center on Grand Street this past summer and the former member said he couldn't walk that far. Capone and Mrs. High were unavailable for comment.

A number of the board members pointed out that the CDA had discontinued payment to board members for a period of about nine months in 1977 and they didn't leave then because of that.

Bado said he felt that he and other CDA officials had been very cooperative with advisory council and said if members had criticisms, they should have made them, while they were on the board. He also said if he or other key CDA officials were absent they always sent a replacement to the advisory council.

When asked if he thought stopping payment to members had anything to do with their leaving, Bado said he had "no comment."

even though it may hurt," Cappiello said. "There is no alternative. This applies to all departments."

The mayor said he was impressed on the directors the fact that if they continued to pay out extra money for overtime, "they will be that much worse off toward the end of the year, when their funds start to run out, because they will not receive any additional money beyond that in the austerity budget we are drawing up."

Cappiello said the greatest amount of overtime is racked up in the public safety and public works departments.

The directors he spoke to were Business Administrator Edwin Chius, Public Safety Director James Giordano, Public Works Director Andrew Amato; Health, Welfare and Recreation Director James Farina; Law Director Lawrence Florio; and a representative of Revenue and Finance Director Frank Bartlett who is away recovering from an illness.

No overtime, Cappiello tells directors

Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken has called in all his department heads and ordered them to eliminate all overtime pay from now on, except in "genuine emergencies."

The mayor laid down the law to the directors at a meeting in his office yesterday at the close of the day.

"The city's financial position is such that we have to tighten our belts," See CAPPIELLO — Page 4.



Photo by Bill Bayer
MICHAEL LIPOWSKI, left, is congratulated by Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello after being promoted to the rank of police sergeant during ceremonies yesterday.

Cappiello asks callers name the litterers

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello wants complainants on the anti-littering hotline to let him know who's doing the littering as well as where it is.

Cappiello said the nine complaints received so far failed to identify the culprits.

Cappiello said he is not interested in knowing who is making the complaint, but said it would help put an end to the littering if he knew who is doing it.

About half the complaints received so far, Cappiello said, concern dogs. He asked residents to curb their pets.

Other complaints, he said, concerned litter outside apartment buildings and factories. He said he has sent inspectors to observe conditions and see who is responsible.

He said residents are on notice that no violations will be tolerated. If there is not an immediate cleanup a summons will be issued and the violator hauled into court.

The number for the hotline is 420-2017, which records the complaint. The mayor said he listens to the answering machine every day.

Plaque cites late director

The board room in the Hoboken Public Library has been dedicated in memory of the late Lucille Cunningham, who was the director of the library, Nicholas LaForgia, president of the library's board of trustees, announced today.

A plaque has been placed in the board room "in honor of Miss Cunningham's sincere and devoted services both to the library and the community." Mrs. Terry Sasso is acting director.

Hoboken must cut payroll, services, Cappiello predicts

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that he doesn't see how the city "can avoid" making cuts — in services this year.

"We have a big hole in the budget," the mayor said. "The money is just not there."

The mayor said some employees probably would have to be laid off, but he said an exact list has not yet been drawn up.

One of the first programs to go, however — if there must be cutbacks — would be the city's twirling instruction program, the mayor added.

Cappiello also said that while the program is going on, he will make sure instructor Deborah Smith works the full 20 hours she is being paid for. James Farina, Hoboken health and welfare director, had admitted

yesterday that Mrs. Smith was working 10 hours a week and getting paid for 20, teaching twirling in three Catholic schools.

His statement came after The Jersey Journal learned of the situation and questioned him about it.

"Twirling is not one of our high priority items," said Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Chius said he and Cappiello will try to cut the programs that affect the least amount of people in determining the final budget.

Chius said he expects the budget to be prepared by the middle of February.

Forum on making Hoboken liveable

"The future of Hoboken's waterfront, the future of its schools, and the inadequacy of reception facilities for the city's youth" will be among the issues to be taken up at a meeting of Citizens Involved for the Viable Improvement of their Community (CIVIC) tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Beat 'n Path cafe, 125 Washington St., Hoboken.

Anyone interested in such issues is welcome to attend and become involved, it was announced.

Smoke detector program to save Hoboken lives

What to do when a smoke detector alarm goes off is the subject of an educational campaign launched today by James W. Giordano, Hoboken's public safety director.

Smoke detectors are now required in all Hoboken buildings housing four or more families, but the owners have until April 1, 1981, to install them.

"Smoke detectors save lives, but a lot depends on how families react after the alarm sounds," said Giordano. He said the fire department plans to take a number of steps to insure that the utmost benefit is derived from the alarm systems.

When a landlord applies for a permit to have the detectors installed, a special team will visit the building to talk to the families and explain the workings of the alarm and the steps that should be taken when it sounds an alert, Giordano said.

He said the team will be made up

of a member of the Electrical Bureau, the Fire Department Community Relations Office, the Bureau of Fire Prevention and other Public Safety representatives.

Additionally, fire fighters performing in-service fire inspections will also assist in this educational program.

"We intend to get our message across by these personal visits and through the distribution of leaflets in both English and Spanish," said Giordano. "We are going all out to try to cut tragic loss of lives and property damage through early detection of fires."

In its visits the city team will discuss:

- Proper care and maintenance of the smoke detector system in the building.

- The proper escape from a building when the alarm sounds.

- A prompt call to the Fire Department

- How the system activates and provides protection.

By following up once a permit is granted for a detector system, the city hopes to cover every building in the city which is required to have an alarm. A fire department spokesman said the electrical system to be installed would be in hallways and basements and would alert the entire building if smoke is detected at any level.

After the personal visit, the Fire Department plans to take its message to the schools and community groups, using films, slides and lectures to dramatize the need for detectors and what to do when they sound an alarm.

"We feel we have a great potential here to cut down the loss of life and property damage," said Giordano. "And we in Hoboken plan to make the most of it."

'Work slowdown' looms over Hoboken overtime

The president of Hoboken's Municipal Employees Association, John Wallington, says he will recommend at a special association meeting today that municipal employees stage a "work slowdown." But, he would not specify what he meant.

Wallington, the city's garage foreman, said he will make the recommendation because of a directive received yesterday from Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato ordering him to stop paying overtime to employees assigned to work on weekends.

They would still be on a five-day week, but some of the days would be Saturday and Sunday.

While the directive from Amato

does not specify how many Public Works Department employees should be put on the weekend duty, Wallington said he assumes the public works director wants at least 50 percent of the men on duty on Saturday and Sunday.

In addition, Wallington said he is "very upset" at the draft copy of the proposed 1979 contract he received today from Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

A clause was inserted in the proposal contract, he said, stipulating that there be no strike, work slowdown or any type of job action by employees, which Wallington said was not agreed to in contract negotiations with city officials.

Wallington also said a clause which states that a normal work week for municipal employees runs from Monday to Friday has been left out of the proposed contract even though it was agreed to in contract negotiations.

Municipal employees never have had a written contract but in the past have received the same job benefits and percentage of pay increases as police and firemen.

Though the directive from Amato only refers to public works employees, Wallington said he expects all the municipal employees to take part in the job action. The association also covers secretaries and clerks employed in city hall.

Liner arrival will put city on skates

The plastic liner which would enable Hoboken to have ice skating this winter was to arrive today.

Fred Bado, Hoboken Community Development Agency director, said he has decided to allow \$900 in agency funds to be used to buy the liner.

The skating will be provided by flooding a new basketball and tennis court on Observer Highway.

Health and Welfare Director James Farina had requested the funds from Bado. Bado refused until he got assurance from James Caulfield, city engineer, that the asphalt surface would not be damaged.

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Top scofflaw fined \$1,505 in Hoboken

Hoboken real estate broker Pasquale Severino broke the record yesterday for parking scofflaws when he paid \$1,005 in fines and late payments in the city's court for outstanding tickets in addition to a \$500 contempt of court charge.

Municipal Court Judge Rudolph Naddo admonished the broker for running up the tickets after he admitted he was guilty of not paying them on time.

Marian Rowland, the city's chief violations clerk, said Severino had run up 174 outstanding parking tickets dating back to March of 1975.

In October, 1975, Severino had been assessed \$252 in municipal court after he had ignored 28 tickets. At the time Severino had been allowed by court officials to make a \$40 down payment and pay the additional fines at the rate of \$10 a week.

Severino said most of the tickets he had not paid were for overtime meter parking. He said he often would forget to put a dime in the meter and would get a ticket.

The real estate broker also said he would leave his former office at Fifth and Washington streets as many as ten times a day to show people houses and would usually have to take his car.

A lack of parking spaces each time he got back, he said, would often cause him to park illegally.

Severino said he recently moved his office to 13th and Washington streets. Since doing that he has not experienced a parking problem.



TORCH-BEARER — Sally Aaronson, a Hoboken resident, was the New Jersey representative carrying the Lake Placid-bound Winter Olympics torch across the Delaware River into New Jersey yesterday. There are 52 runners participating in the 1,000-mile trip from Virginia, where the flame arrived at an Air Force base. She discusses the run with Rep. Frank Guarini.

Scofflaws in Hoboken face loss of licenses

Municipal Court Judge Rudolph Naddo of Hoboken warned today that from now on motorists who accumulate five unpaid parking tickets in Hoboken and fail to pay the fines and late charges will have their driver's licenses suspended.

"I would like to have this published so that there will be no doubt as to what our policy is," the judge declared.

Naddo said that any motorist who fails to respond to a parking violation summons henceforth will receive a mailed supplemental notice of "failure to appear." After five such notices have been sent, if the offender still doesn't show up, the state Motor Vehicle Division will be formally asked to suspend the driver's license.

Judge Naddo also officially announced a set of rigid penalties for contempt of court, to be assessed

against any scofflaws who show up belatedly or are brought in on arrest warrants.

Where the total of unpaid fines and late charges is less than \$500, he said, the contempt penalty will be \$100. This applies to anyone with as few as five unpaid tickets, on which the total fines may be as low as \$10.

Anyone with a total of unpaid parking fines and late charges ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 will pay \$250 for contempt, he said; and from \$1,000 to \$1,500 the penalty will be \$500.

If anyone owes more than \$1,500, Naddo said, his present intention is to send him to jail.

Hoboken evaluation an urgent question

Hoboken's chief tax assessor today appealed to his city's property owners to support his call for a full revaluation of property assessments, and he offered to meet with any group to explain it to them.

"I wish to make the people aware of the need for revaluation, because it is a matter of great importance to them," Woodrow Monte said. "If there is any group in the city that is sufficiently interested, I would meet with them and answer any questions."

Monte added: "If anyone has any alternative to revaluation, I would be happy to hear it. I would discuss it with them and work it out with them if it is feasible."

The city's financial solvency is threatened by factors arising from the existing under-valuation of Hoboken real estate, he declared. Revaluation to bring property assessments up to true value is in the interests of homeowners as well as all other real estate taxpayers, the chief assessor asserted.

Property owners assume that increasing their assessment will automatically increase their tax burden, but this is not so, he declared. Actually, real estate taxpayers in the city are already suffering from Hoboken's under-assessment, Monte said. This cannot be explained glibly but must be spelled out in detail if the property owner is to understand it, he added.

The city's tax base is already eroding drastically through demolitions, fires, tax foreclosures and successful appeals by large industries against their assessments (due to the failure to revalue), Monte declared, and the city will have to levy higher taxes each year, through an ever-higher tax rate, unless there is a full revaluation.

The Hoboken Board of Assessors, of which he is the head, cannot order a revaluation because it does not have the necessary money, since revaluation requires the services of an appraisal firm, Monte said. The county Board of Taxation and state tax authorities have refused to order a revaluation. Monte said that if Hoboken taxpayers understood the extreme need for a revaluation, he believed they would press the city council to order one.

For 1979, Monte had personally reassessed the value of all land (not the buildings) in the city. He says he did this in the expectation that the city

would institute a full revaluation to get under way in 1980, because a land revaluation alone is discriminatory against owners of vacant property and against owners of built-on property.

When the city government refused to have a full revaluation, the assessors wiped out their 1979 reassessment of land values, and that is the situation today.

Hoboken tax rate zooms

Hoboken's tax rate this year will go up at least \$4 over the previous record.

The old record, set in 1978, was \$107.70 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The prospective new record for 1980 is at least \$111.65. The 1979 figure had gone down to \$94.19.

These are among the findings reported by the Hoboken City Council's Revenue and Finance Committee after interviewing Chief Assessor Woodrow Monte as to why the Hoboken Board of Assessors thinks a full revaluation of all property assessments in the city is needed and why the board cancelled its own 1979 revaluation of land alone.

The committee, headed by E. Norman Wilson Jr., has submitted the report to the full council.

The report says: "The topic discussed concerned the revelation that the increased land assessment announced in June 1979 was repealed by the Board of Assessors Jan. 14, 1980, and the public speculation that Hoboken was about to embark on a

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total revaluation of its property. The meeting lasted about two-and-a-half hours and at times was somewhat contentious. The discussions dealt with four main questions:

"Question #1 — Why did the first land assessment of June, 1979, take place?"

"Mr. Monte explained that

because of the high percentage of property exempt or abated in Hoboken, nearly 60%, the high tax rate (highest in the state) and the lowest ratio, he thought a reassessment was in order. Also, several industries, were preparing to appeal their taxes and he believed he could head them off by his action which shifted some of the tax burden from industry to the homeowner.

"Question #2 — Who authorized the initial land assessment?"

"Mr. Monte stated that he discussed the matter with Mayor Cappiello several times and the mayor gave him approval and a guarantee of a complete revaluation. Mr. Monte stated that on that basis he proceeded

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Hoboken battles over parking vs. athletic spaces

A softball and a practice football field or a 44-car parking lot, a hockey rink, a plaza area, and a basketball court.

Battle lines have been drawn in Hoboken, with Parking Authority Executive Director Joseph Hottendorf on one side and Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina and Public Safety Director James Giordano on the other side.

The battle is over the second phase of the new park Hoboken's Community Development Agency is building between Observer Highway, Newark Street, Bloomfield Street and Garden Street.

The original plans for the park called for the 44-space lot at the southern end, the hockey rink, the plaza area and the basketball court in addition to a 55-car parking lot now being constructed at the northern end.

This plan was approved by the city council but construction has not yet started except for the northern lot because the original bids came in too high on two occasions.

CDA officials were to solicit more bids in the spring but in the meantime, opposition has developed to the original plan. The city's Recreation Commission has come out in favor of the field plan.

"The field is sorely needed," says Farina. The health and welfare director states that the new field could accommodate girls' softball and minor league teams which have previously been denied access to the Little League field because of the heavy schedule there.

Hottendorf says that eliminating the 44-car parking field would "be a disaster." He says there will be almost 200 new families moving into the downtown area, when Applied Housing finishes renovating houses across from the lot on Bloomfield

Street and houses on Washington Street.

"Where will all those families park their cars," he asks.

Hottendorf also said that if the residents were charged \$20 a month to use the lot and if more than 90 spaces were provided, some of them for compact cars, the parking would yield the city over \$27,000 a year in revenue.

With that money, he states, Hoboken officials could build a field somewhere else in the city.

Fred Bado, Hoboken CDA director, said he feels both plans have merits but it will be up to the city council to make a final decision.

In the meantime, however, Bado said, he will recommend at the next council meeting in two weeks that the council approve a change order he will present to delete six parking spaces from the northern lot. The field advocates have said that the six spaces must be deleted in order to square off the field.

Bado said even if the council decides to reject the field idea, the six spaces could be put back by the contractor. But Bado said by the time he presents the change order to the council, the whole question may be moot.

He said city council president Walter Cramer told him he could not stop the contractor from putting in the six spaces unless the city council approves a change order.

But by the time the Council meets again in two weeks, Bado said the work may be completed on the northern lot. The council however, could hold a special meeting sooner.

Torch bearers greeted

A tired, but happy Hudson County resident was among the 52 men and women welcomed to Lake Placid, N.Y., with the Olympic Flame last night.

Sally Aaronson of Hoboken, who represented New Jersey and who carried the torch on a 20-mile

stretch in the Princeton area across the relay team crossed the Delaware River from Pennsylvania last Sunday, called it "a wonderful experience."

The Hoboken housewife, who was among the runners to complete the 1,000-mile trek from Virginia to the site of the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in the upstate New York village said "the many enthusiastic people along the route were simply marvelous."

A business consultant, who is active in ecology and conservation in Hudson County, she did not know whether she would remain and attend next week's games.

Musto, Cappiello and 'the Arabs'

By Agustin Torres

The names of two Hudson County officials have surfaced in the FBI "sting" investigation, coded Abscam, which has involved many of New Jersey's top political figures.

Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken has allegedly been apprised of his rights by the FBI in connection with the probe.

The other official, Mayor and State Sen. William V. Musto

of Union City admits to meeting Arab representatives, who actually were undercover FBI agents, in a "courtesy suite" in the Resorts International Hotel in Atlantic City. Musto insists there was no wrongdoing involved in the meeting.

The meetings are reported to have taken place during the annual convention of the State League of Municipalities in Atlantic City last Nov. 13 to 16.

The federal agents, posing as intermediaries for a fictitious Arab sheik, rented the suite in the resort hotel and invited legislators and other officials to a cocktail "get-together."

Local sources revealed that Cappiello was read his rights by FBI agents, possibly over the past weekend, and that federal agents had attempted to speak

with Musto at his home, 321 23rd St., but the Union City mayor did not show up.

Cappiello has not been available for comment for the past two days. Newsmen and television commentators, aware that the Hoboken mayor had met the agents at the convention, have literally camped out in front of the City Hall

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The Hoboken mayor has already sought legal advice in connection with his meeting with the Abscam agents, according to local sources.

A spokesman for the FBI in Newark refused to comment on the investigation.

Musto said that he was introduced to the phony Arab representatives by State Sen. Joseph Marassa, D-Camden, whom Musto said "had been representing them for some time."

The Union City mayor explained that he was not the only person there and that the suite used by the undercover FBI men had a large number of persons "coming through all the time."

He said that the men he was introduced to said they were interested in investments. Musto confirmed that they expressed interest in the North Hudson and Hoboken waterfront, race tracks, and casinos.

"They used real money," said Musto when asked if the disguised agent revealed bank account holding totaling \$560 million. "Their ac-

creditation was checked through (former Assemblyman Steve) Perskie."

Musto indicated that the reason the bank accounts needed verification was to make sure that the Arab representatives were not just bragging.

Perskie was instrumental in setting up gambling casino legislation and helped write the laws governing the licensing of casinos.

Musto said he was there with Cappiello and that Union City Commissioner Arthur Wichert and his wife were also present.

Union City Commissioner Ronald A. Dario said he and his wife were invited to the suite but declined the invitation "to a party."

"There was nothing illegal about it," claimed Musto. "Oh sure there was some bragging, name dropping. Like Cappiello would mention he knew (State Assembly Speaker) Chris Jackman or others, but he didn't promise anyone anything."

Wee Pals — They give you a laugh — and a lesson about children — daily in The Jersey Journal comics.

Not in City Hall

One proposed solution for the shortage of young people's recreation facilities in Hoboken is to convert the unused top floor of City Hall for such use.

This floor is one large high-ceilinged room, formerly an armory, but vacant for many years.

Objections include the fact that the city would have to install a new floor suitable for a gym, plus lavatories, and security would have to be provided.

Worst of all is the effect it would have on city employees. Once a movie was shown in that upstairs room and half the city workers slunk away from their desks to see it.

Imagine the temptation to take a break if basketball or other interesting sports were going on overhead.

Better take the money it would cost and use it to keep some school gym open after-hours instead.

Dentist let tickets pile up to protest lack of parking

By William Taft

Does Hoboken's city administration really recognize the magnitude of the city's parking problem?

Dr. Thomas Glatt, dentist, who has lived in Hoboken all his life, contends city officials refuse to face the fact that the city's parking shortage makes miserable the lives of many of its residents.

Dr. Glatt paid \$1,247 in fines and penalties for overdue parking tickets

last Friday in Hoboken Municipal Court.

He says he ignored the summonses and allowed them to accumulate as a form of protest, "an act of civil disobedience."

He had expected to be hauled court sooner or later when the authorities caught up with him, he says, and had believed that at that time he would be asked his reasons for doing what he had done.

Instead, he relates, he found

himself simply treated as an offender and told to pay up or else. In view of the "hostile attitude" he sensed in the court, Dr. Glatt says he decided it would be useless to try to explain that.

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Hoboken CETA complains center needs pro-manager

Hoboken CETA Director George Crimmins Jr. says a professional manager is needed to run the city's Multi-Service Center following a rash of vandalism at the center. Institutional tenants are also complaining about a lack of heat.

Crimmins made the comments in a letter to Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius written last week and obtained by The Jersey Journal today.

In the letter, Crimmins, whose office is in the building, says un-

authorized people walk around the community center and security is insufficient.

He also stated that maintenance supplies are constantly running low in the building. Crimmins' CETA staff provides maintenance for the building.

Crimmins refused to comment on the letter but Business Administrator Edwin Chius said he would look into the situation.

The latest incident at the center happened early yesterday morning,

according to police records.

Police say that at approximately 1 a.m., a man gained entry into the center. Police were alerted when a local resident saw someone breaking a ground-floor window to get out of the center.

Police say they are still investigating the incident and are unsure if anything was taken from the center.

Representatives from a number of nonprofit organizations who have their offices in the building and ask

not to be identified say that on many days there is no heat in the building at all. During the summer, they say, the air conditioning is often off.

Many of the walks of the center, they say, have been wrecked by youths who have scribbled and drawn on the walls.

The city took over the building from the Community Development Agency last summer. When the CDA ran it, a professional manager supervised the center.

Warm weather plus vandals put skids under Farina's rink

Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina is having second thoughts about whether a makeshift ice-skating rink is really possible.

With the warm weather over the weekend foiling Farina's latest attempt at opening the rink, he said what the city really needs is a permanent facility.

However, there is one problem. Farina estimates the cost would be at least \$500,000 and the city doesn't have that kind of money.

Farina said he will talk to community development director Fred Bado about obtaining some type of federal grant to construct a rink.

Besides the problem of the warm weather, Farina said there was some vandalism by local youths at the site

of the makeshift rink on the city's new basketball and tennis court on Observer Highway.

Farina said someone had thrown soda and beer bottles into the water that was poured over the plastic liner this past weekend. Even if the water had frozen, there would have been a problem with broken glass.

"We don't have the money to hire a patrolman to look over the rink 24 hours a day," he said.

Farina said, however, he hasn't given up trying to open up the ice-skating rink for this year, but he refused to make any predictions as to when it would be open.

Farina has tried unsuccessfully for three years to build an ice-skating rink.

Landlords skip refills in oil tanks

Hoboken's Health Department has been deluged with heating complaints from tenants over the last week or so, Health Officer Patricia Mitten said today.

Mrs. Mitten said her office had received 40 complaints in the last few days from tenant residents about a lack of heat.

"A lot of landlords are letting the oil run out of their tanks and not filling them," she said.

The health officer said in about three-quarters of the complaints, heat was restored after health inspectors made inspections.

Mrs. Mitten said eight landlords are due to appear in the special section of municipal court to deal with housing complaints next Wednesday because they have failed to provide adequate heat.

Another three, she said, will appear in the court on Feb. 27 because there was no room on the calendar at next Wednesday's court session.

Mrs. Mitten said landlords who have not been providing heat to their tenants on a daily basis are receiving summonses each day.

Mrs. Mitten said when a landlord has a legitimate reason for not providing heat such as a boiler breakdown, her inspectors will not give out a summons if they see the landlord working to correct the problem.

She said she is averaging around seven heating complaints a day but on a very cold day, she has been receiving more.

City driver and helper find goldbricks cost 15 days' pay

HOBOKEN—The driver of a city sewer cleaning truck and his helper were found guilty of goldbricking yesterday and docked 15 days pay by Public Works Director Andrew Amato.

The driver, Nicholas Belfiore and his helper Raphael Rivera, neglected their duties Monday and parked their truck in Weehawken, Amato said.

"I don't like to take a job away from anyone, but they've got to learn," Amato said.

Edward Keating of 32 Columbia Terrace, Weehawken, saw Belfiore park the truck outside his home at 10:30 a.m. Monday. The men did not return for the truck until 4 p.m.

Amato said the two workers tried to convince him they were sick "but then they said they were wrong." Neither Belfiore nor Rivera could be reached for comment yesterday.

Keating notified Hoboken authorities in the afternoon. He suspected the truck had been stolen. Furthermore, he saw liquid which he believed was motor oil seeping from the truck. City officials said yesterday the liquid was sewage seeping from the truck's body tanks.

The loss of 15 days pay is a severe penalty, however. Amato said he compromised in enforcing the penalty since both men support families. The workers will forfeit a week's vacation and work the next four

consecutive weekends without pay, Amato said. The director explained that the weekend work will be done in addition to their normal 40 hour week. In this way, the workers will take home the same check but will work the weekend without pay.

Mayor Steve Cappiello reportedly went to Weehawken himself on Monday to confirm Keating's claim.

Amato had ordered other public works personnel to retrieve the truck Monday afternoon.

"If it happens again I'll suspend the workers and the foreman," Amato said.

Right decision

A thriving factory asked Hoboken to close off one short block of a city street to allow it to expand to the land it owns across the street.

This street doesn't go anywhere. It deadends at ground level railroad tracks which run beside a cliff. No one ever uses this block except the factory.

The factory owners said that if they could not expand they would have to move out of the city. It appeared they were telling the truth.

Hoboken's city administration can hardly be criticized for approving the factory request. Critics who may fault the city for setting this precedent would probably have criticized even louder if the city had lost a big taxpayer.

Top scofflaw pays \$1,698 in Hoboken fines

Another record was broken yesterday as the war on Hoboken's outstanding parking scofflaws continued.

Hoboken resident Mary Correia paid \$1,198 in fines and late costs for 269 parking tickets in addition to a \$500 contempt of court charge, setting an all-time Hoboken record.

Marion Roland, Hoboken chief violations clerk, said the tickets dated back to 1977. Most of the tickets were for parking in a prohibited zone near

real estate broker Pasquale Severino paid \$1,005 in fines and late payments for 174 tickets in addition to a \$500 contempt of court charge.

Also in court yesterday, Thomas Brennan of Hoboken paid \$414 in fines and late payments for 60 outstanding parking tickets dating back to 1977 in addition to \$100 contempt of court charge.

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the Grocers Marine View apartment complex.

"I'm very upset," Ms. Correia told reporters after court. "I just broke my bank account."

The original fine on most of Ms. Correia's tickets was \$3.

The previous record for a parking scofflaw had been set on Feb. 2 when

Firemen cite smoke detector value, open educational drive

Injuries to four persons, including two firemen, in a recent early-morning blaze in a five-story tenement house at 155 14th St., Hoboken, could have been avoided if the building had had a fire-detector alarm system. So says Deputy Fire Chief Richard Tremietti.

Tremietti made his comment as the city's Fire Department in-

augurated a drive yesterday to educate the public about the effective use of smoke detectors, which by law must be installed by April 1, 1981.

"The situation in the 14th Street fire was ideal for smoke detectors," the deputy said. "The fire started in a couch stored in the basement and was very smoky. Had there been a smoke detector in the basement, it would un-

doubtedly have aroused the occupants of the building before the flames spread.

"If we had been called earlier, we could probably have dragged the couch out onto the street and poured water on it to put the fire out. But once the floor beams start to burn, we have a major problem.

"As it was, because we weren't called quickly, the smoke was so bad upstairs that we had a panicky situation among the occupants. If we had had quicker notice, we could have evacuated them easily, if that were necessary."

Two firemen were cut in that fire, one requiring 12 stitches, the other three, Tremietti said, and one of the occupants of the building, a woman, was so badly overcome by smoke that she was on the critical list in the hospital.

Bumper stickers reading "Smoke Detectors Save Lives" are available to motorists, it was announced by Hoboken Fire Chief James R. Houn.

Houn said the stickers could be picked up either at his office in Fire Headquarters 2nd and Jefferson streets or in the office of Public Safety Director James W. Giordano at City Hall, or from Fireman James Monaco the Fire Department's community relations officer, in the Multi-Service Center at 2nd and Grand streets.

Who's in charge?

One of the best facilities operated by Hoboken as a community project is its Multi-Service Center.

This modern building, advantageously situated, is the home of many programs benefiting the young, the old, and those in-between.

It is disheartening to learn that the city administration has failed to provide the center with the minimum security it obviously needs.

Furthermore, no one person has the responsibility for the custodial and maintenance services. The result is that thieves and vandals are having a field day there, and no official takes the trouble to see to it that the place is properly heated in winter, or that the air conditioner is in working order in the summer.

Why?

It is understandable that in these days of belt-tightening for Hoboken, Mayor Cappiello does not want to create any additional jobs. But there must be some practical way to provide this valuable center with better security and better custodial and maintenance service.

Chius could not estimate how much of those bills was spent on "non-essential" overtime. This is defined as overtime work which does not stem from an emergency situation.

He explained that the city is often compelled to pay overtime wages in emergency situations. Chius said approximately \$6,000 in overtime was paid to city employees during the Jan. 21, 1979 fire at 131 Clinton St. where 21 people were killed.

Police and fire union representatives said the mayor's order will not affect their department since overtime is already restricted to emergency situations.

Chius characterized Cappiello's order as a "wise place to start" in a savings program. Neither Cappiello nor Chius spoke of any particular budget problems facing the city other than the 5 percent spending cap imposed on all municipalities by the state.

However, in 1979 the city awarded a 7 percent raise to all municipal employees. The total increase amounted to \$446,000, Chius said. Cappiello said that money was deferred to the 1980 budget.

Chius is preparing the 1980 budget now. He said various state and federal aid monies are pending but not guaranteed.

The questionable nature of the state and federal aid is one of the reasons for the overtime cutdown imposed by Cappiello.

Concerning the second reason for the austerity program (successful tax appeals), Woodrow Monte, chairman of the board of assessors here, said he is appealing many of the cases to the state tax court.



Fire Chief James Houn, right, and Public Safety Director James Giordano of Hoboken, begin circulating bumper stickers urging the installation of smoke detector alarms.

Workers quiz Cappiello on overtime stoppage

By DIANE CURCIO
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Members of the Municipal Employees Association, protesting an order eliminating all non-essential overtime, quizzed Mayor Steve Cappiello about the ban on extra pay at a special meeting yesterday.

Cappiello said the city "can't afford" to pay the high overtime expenditures. "Nobody is looking to take anything away from you," he continued.

The mayor explained that he ordered the city directors to cut their overtime budgets "so we're not in a bind later in the year. If that happens then we'll have to let people go and we don't want that."

The public works department incurred the greatest overtime expenditures last year. That department, which employs the bulk of the union members, spent \$52,876.

To reduce the overtime, Cappiello proposed that the crews be rescheduled to have some men work the weekend as part of their normal 40 hour week.

"If a man works Saturday and Sunday, can he pick

his day off?" asked city employee James Burke.

Cappiello said the schedules can be negotiated. "The allocation of time should be balanced so that no one gets hurt."

John Wallington, president of the association, had threatened a work slowdown to protest the resccheduling.

But talk of a slowdown was silenced after the mayor discussed the situation with the approximately 50 association members who attended the special meeting in the courtroom here yesterday.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius, who represented the administration at contract negotiations, explained that "we (the city) don't want 50 percent of the help working on Saturday and Sunday." Cappiello said the garbage which accumulates on the weekend requires the city to maintain a weekend public works crew.

The 1979 contract with the municipal employees has not been signed yet. Wallington protested a clause prohibiting the union from striking.

Cappiello suggested that negotiation teams reopen the contract talks if the union is dissatisfied with the proposed contract.

The mayor ordered the elimination of non-essential overtime on Monday. Non-essential overtime is defined as overtime work which does not stem from an emergency situation.



Photo by Ted Russell

AN UNIDENTIFIED HOBOKEN municipal worker expresses his frustration during yesterday's meeting.

2 workers plead guilty

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato has ordered two public works employees to work the next four weekends without pay and has canceled one week of their vacation after they pleaded guilty to leaving a Hoboken public-works sewer-cleaning truck outside a Weehawken home all day Monday.

Amato said he did not ask for an explanation from the two employees, Nicholas Belfiore and Raphael Rivera, as to what they were doing in Weehawken since they both admitted they were guilty of leaving the truck there. He said the employees will not be paid for Monday.

The Public Works Director said if the two employees ever do anything similar again, they will be dismissed.

Amato said he will hold garage foreman John Wallington and his assistants accountable in keeping track of where public works employees are.

Musto admits to meeting 'Arab investors'

By DIANE CURCIO
Staff Writer

UNION CITY—Mayor William V. Musto yesterday acknowledged reports that he met with two FBI agents posing as representatives of wealthy Arab investors but contends nothing happened.

Musto said he and Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello had a 45-minute discussion early last month with the two agents he identified only as "Tony" and "Mel" at their suite at the Meadowlands Hilton in Secaucus. Musto said he and Cappiello attended the session at the prodding of state Sen. Joseph Maressa, D-Camden, who claimed the men wanted to invest in waterfront development.

"But all they wanted to talk about was casinos," said Musto, who is also a state senator. "They asked me if I knew Lordi (Casino Control Commission Chairman Joseph Lordi). After a while I nudged Cappiello in the elbow and said, 'Let's get out of here.'"

Musto said he was "never offered any money" by the bogus businessmen, who have been identified as FBI

agents Mel Weinberg and Tony De Vito in published reports.

The mayor said the FBI contacted him two weeks ago to confirm that the meeting occurred.

Cappiello refused to discuss the matter yesterday and only said "I have done nothing wrong." When asked whether the FBI questioned him or if he had hired an attorney, Cappiello repeatedly stated he would not comment on the situation.

Reportedly, Cappiello was read his rights by FBI agents either this past weekend or sometime before then. Cappiello refused to confirm or deny that report.

Musto said he believed Cappiello was not involved in any wrongdoing.

Musto said he "never contacted" the phony businessmen following the January meeting.

The mayor explained that his initial encounter with the pair was at a hospitality suite leased at the Resorts International Casino Hotel in Atlantic City during the League of Municipalities convention last Nov. 13 to 16.

Maressa said the "businessmen" wanted to invest in toxic waste systems, housing, waterfront development and rebuilding the Garden State Racetrack, according to Musto.

Musto said he and his wife, Rhyta, along with Public Safety Commissioner Arthur Wichert and his wife, went to the suite. "A dozen people walked in with me and a dozen people walked in after me."

Musto contends, "Nothing happened at all in Atlantic City, except meeting people and saying hello."

Yet, the mayor said he was interested in the possibility that the two men were interested in investing in waterfront development. Musto said he checked the credibility of the pair with state Sen. Steve Perskie, D-Atlantic, who said he knew them to be reputable businessmen.

But following the Hilton meeting, Musto said he was "convinced they (the phony businessmen) were interested in nothing but casinos."

Musto said the men gave him their business cards but he never contacted them again.



William V. Musto
Denies being offered money

Cappiello confirms sting parley

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello broke his silence today and confirmed a report in The Jersey Journal that he had unknowingly met with FBI agents conducting a "sting" investigation.

Cappiello said that he and Union City Mayor William V. Musto did meet with the agents posing as intermediaries for a fictitious Arab sheik in the FBI investigation coded Abscam.

Musto had admitted that he and Cappiello had met the intermediaries during the State League of Municipalities' convention last November in Atlantic City but insisted that they did nothing wrong.

Cappiello had refused to say anything at all until today.

The mayor said he did nothing wrong at the meeting with the FBI agents and added that he agreed to attend it because he had heard that the intermediaries might be interested in investing in Hoboken.

"I was only working in the best interests of Hoboken," the mayor said.

Musto had said that he was introduced to the phony Arabs by State Senator Joseph Maressa (D-Camden) who has emerged as a key figure in the growing Abscam investigation.

wants a "separate meeting" with Public Works Director Andrew Amato.

Responding to complaints about the spotty performance of city-sweeper vehicles, Chius said the machines ran poorly because "the city didn't have properly trained people to do the job. The (sweeper) machines were cannibalized over the past four years."

"The public works department had two mechanics who didn't have the engineering background that was needed to repair diesel-powered trucks which worked fine for a year-and-a-half until they broke down from sheer non-maintenance," Chius added.

The city is preparing specifications to go out for bids on a new sweeper truck by next month, he said.

Mrs. Manogue suggested that the city hold off buying any new equipment and, instead, use that money to buy brooms and hire people to sweep the streets.

Dentist, wife, mayor meet on city parking

With the support of Mayor Steve Cappiello and Joseph Hottendorf of the city's Parking Authority, a Hoboken dentist, his wife and neighbors, plan two meetings which they hope will help alleviate some of the parking woes they face in their part of the city.

Dr. Thomas Glatt and his wife, Betty, outlined their problems last night to the mayor, Hottendorf and friends at their home. Glatt's parking problems surfaced on Jan. 31 when he came to Municipal Court to pay \$1,247 in fines and penalties for overdue parking tickets.

Glatt said for 10 years he practiced dentistry at Seventh and Washington Streets and spent hundreds of dollars over the years in meter fees. Frequently, with a patient in the chair, he had to dart out to the meter to put in a coin, he said.

The dentist said he wished Mayor Cappiello would call a meeting to discuss parking and the mayor showed up for last night's session with Hottendorf, executive director of the Parking Authority.

Out of the session came these developments:

• The Glatts and their neighbors will attend the next authority meeting on Feb. 25 to discuss their request that the one-hour meter limit on Washington Street, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, be extended to two or more hours.

• A meeting will be sought with Dr. Kenneth Rogers, president of Stevens Institute to see if stricter enforcement can compel students to use parking spaces allotted to them. "We have contacted urban colleges and found that they mandated students to park in assigned spaces," said Mrs. Glatt.

She said "We believe the problems can be solved. We're certainly not looking to harass anyone and we're hoping for a peaceful solution." She said the group was pleased with the support it received from the mayor and Hottendorf.

Others taking part in last night's discussion were Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Casulli and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Correa.

Hoboken homecoming set for 'Old Blue Eyes'

Frank Sinatra, the celebrated singer and actor and Hoboken native is scheduled to make his first public appearance in his home town in 25 years in the latter part of May.

The occasion will be the official renaming of River Road (also known as Shore Road) as Sinatra Drive.

A parade, floats and all the trimmings of a home town welcome are being arranged.

Final confirmation of the date is still awaited, but the preparations under way in the city indicate clearly that Sinatra is expected.

The road to be renamed in his honor runs along the Hudson River from Fourth to 11th streets and was repaved two years ago. A resolution to rename it in honor of Sinatra, introduced by Councilman Anthony Romano, was passed by the City Council in December.



Frank Sinatra
Parade planned

Threatens taxpayer revolt

Unless Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello cracks the whip over the city's public works department to get city streets cleaner, he could face a taxpayers' revolt soon, a civic leader warned last night.

Helen Manogue, speaking on behalf of the Coalition for a Cleaner Hoboken, lashed out at certain unnamed landlords who own uptown property on Washington Street who she claims seem to have license to litter.

"There is pure, raw politics in this city and it's time it stopped," Mrs. Manogue declared. "The time has come to put the responsibility for the condition of our streets on the mayor's shoulders because as head of the city, it's up to him to make the system work."

"If he can't do that, perhaps we'll have to bring a citizens' suit to get it done," said Mrs. Manogue and 15 other coalition members nodded agreement.

Attentively listening, Edwin Chius, city business administrator, who said he was representing the

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mayor at the meeting of the coalition at the city library, said he, too, agreed that the city has to get better use of its public works personnel.

"But there's nothing really I can do about that," he said.

Chius did say, however, that, effective next week, the mayor intends to assign "top priority" to the maintenance and repair of mechanical sweepers. That is planned to coincide with the start of Mario Mercado's new duties as garage and fleet supervisor.

Meanwhile, on behalf of Cappiello, Chius said the mayor would arrange a meeting between coalition members, Police Chief George Crimmins, Public Safety Director James Giordano and municipal judges on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at City Hall to discuss anti-litter enforcement problems.

Mrs. Manogue said the coalition

Hoboken cops told to ticket litterers by angry Cappiello

By Randolph Diamond

Vowing to clean up the streets of Hoboken, Mayor Steve Cappiello announced today an all-out war on litter. Cappiello said every police officer, including superiors, will be given a city ordinance summons book and instructed to enforce anti-littering laws.

The mayor also said he has ordered Andrew Amato, public works director, to make sure the city's mechanical sweepers are on the streets Tuesday, and said summonses will be given to cars blocking their way.

And if the sweepers are out of commission, Business Administrator Edwin Chius said public works employees have orders to take a broom and sweep the streets.

The city's sweepers have been continually out of operation because of breakdowns and drivers refusing to take them out.

Both Cappiello and Chius said they will not tolerate any "goofing off" by public works employees and will make sure all work a full seven-hour shift.

Cappiello said he and Chius will

make unannounced visits to the public works garage, every day if need be, to make sure the men are working.

The mayor said any man not working will be dismissed.

Cappiello's announcement comes after Helen Manogue, chairman of the Coalition for a Cleaner Hoboken, threatened to launch a citizens' suit against Cappiello unless the city is cleaned up.

She also charged that politically connected landlords were violating the city's anti-littering ordinance.

Cappiello admitted it is his responsibility to make sure the streets are clean, but denied politics has anything to do with who gets a summons.

"If someone drops a piece of paper they will receive a summons," said Chius. "There will be no exceptions."

The mayor said special attention will be paid summonses to landlords who don't have the proper number of

garage cans or put out garbage early.

Cappiello said any summons given will carry a minimum fine of \$50. The maximum fine, he said, would be \$500.

The mayor said he has also told Health and Welfare Director James Farina to make sure all the city parks are clean. He said goofing off by any of Farina's workers won't be tolerated.

Finally, the mayor said he hopes local residents continue to use the litter hotline to call in complaints of litter.

Cappiello said he has been receiving approximately five complaints a day on the line. The phone number is 420-2017.

Cappiello said he is waiting for the state to set a date for the test.

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Hoboken sergeant to be repair chief for city vehicles

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken will at long last have a garage superintendent to supervise the repair of Public Safety Department and Public Works Department vehicles.

Police Sgt. Mario Mercado will be named to the position Thursday, Public Safety Director James Giordano said today.

Giordano said Mercado's position will be on a temporary basis, however, because a civil service test for the newly-created job must be called.

But Giordano said he expects that Mercado will achieve a high score on the test and become the permanent superintendent. Giordano said he is waiting for the state to set a date for the test.

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The naming of Mercado comes as construction is proceeding on the city's new consolidated public works and public safety garage. The garage is expected to be completed by late spring.

Previously each department maintained its own garage. Mercado, who had started out his police career as a patrolman, eventually became supervisor of the public safety garage.

The city has been using the Port Authority's Pier A as its temporary garage for both public safety and public works vehicles since late summer, and Mercado has been acting as unofficial superintendent while receiving his sergeant's pay.

Giordano said Mercado will receive approximately \$21,000 a year, exactly what a police lieutenant would receive.

Mercado has received praise throughout the years from city officials for his efforts, as well as his staff's, in keeping the public safety vehicles in shape.

At the same time there had been constant criticism of the repair of public works vehicles. Councilmen and Mercado himself charged that expensive vehicles were completely neglected until they broke down.

Priorities

Hoboken's city government is financially in a bad way, due to causes going back many years, and there just is not enough money to do many things which the officials admit ought to be done.

At the same time, because the city does manage to get money to spend on some improvements, priorities should be carefully weighed and, from time to time, reweighed to see if they should be revised.

Many of the city's policemen have to double up on lockers, some of which belie their name by refusing to lock. The men point out that there are unused lockers available in a shut down firehouse and these should be taken to the police station right now.

The public safety director is holding off on that until he can renovate the locker room, which is in sad shape but cannot be fixed up until the city's carpenters get around to it.

The director's position is logical. But cannot the lockers be moved in and set up temporarily while waiting for the renovation?

Cappiello wants City Hall solar porch

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he would like to have a heated glass enclosure built on the second floor of City Hall.

The porch area adjoins Cappiello's office and Business Administrator Edwin Chius's office and the mayor said he feels the enclosure

would cut costs of heating both offices.

Cappiello said he feels the enclosure would also add charm to city hall. He said tables could be put inside the enclosure and city employees could eat lunch there.

The mayor said he expects to meet with a representative from a company that constructs glass enclosures in the next few weeks to

discuss how much it would cost the city to enclose the area.

Cappiello said it might be possible

to obtain a federal grant to pay the cost of the enclosure and said he will look into that.