

## Stevens clan gathers for historic reunion

By Marian Courtney

As the strains of Strauss waltzes and other familiar classics filled the Williams Library at Stevens Institute of Technology, 135 descendants of John Stevens (1682-1737), patriarch of the Stevens family that founded Hoboken and the college, leaving its mark on the nation's technology, renewed acquaintances or met each other for the first time.

The library was handsomely decked out for Saturday's reunion with displays relating to the Stevens family on three floors, a buffet table and candle-lit dining tables. The string chamber group providing the music was ensconced on the balcony,

where it played throughout the evening.

A late afternoon cocktail hour produced such mingling that Dr. Richard Widdicombe, library director, postponed speeches intended for that hour until the dinner in order not to interrupt the interaction.

This is amazing," said Rep. Milliecent Fenwick, great granddaughter of Edwin A. Stevens, founder of the college. "I've met relatives I didn't even know I had."

The congresswoman, who lives in Bernardsville, patiently posed for over an hour as the many

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## Cappiello would settle bias suit

Following the lead of Jersey City, Hoboken is willing to settle a federal anti-discrimination suit which calls for a goal of 40 percent minority group representation in the city's fire department, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

Cappiello said the Hoboken Law Department has approved an agreement with the federal government, and the agreement should go before the City Council at its May 7 meeting.

Hoboken and Jersey City had held out against the government's minority hiring order. The government then filed suit against both. Earlier this week Jersey City finally capitulated and agreed to ignore civil service hiring lists and hire 40 percent minority firemen.

Hoboken will now do the same, if the City Council follows Cappiello's lead.

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## Council slashes \$575,000 from Hoboken budget

Members of the Hoboken City Council took the final steps last night to shave \$575,000 from the municipal budget. To achieve it, personnel will be cut in most departments, police and fire officers will be demoted and there will be a 7 percent salary cut in all department budgets.

Amendments to the original \$17-million budget will be introduced at a meeting Thursday night. The new budget will carry a tax rate of less than \$12, one councilman said, compared to the estimated \$12.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the original 1980 budget. The city had a tax rate of \$94.19 last year and a 1978 rate of \$107.

A public hearing on the revised budget is set for 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 in the council chambers.

Last night, members of the council, as well as department directors and Mayor Steve Cappiello agreed to salary cuts of 7 percent. At the present time council members receive \$7,000 a year, directors receive between \$20,000 and \$25,000 and the mayor's salary is \$30,000.

By putting through demotions in police and fire ranks, not filling vacancies and putting some men now on office details on patrol duty, there will be no personnel cuts in the Public Safety Department. "Personnel will be hurt but not the overall service to the city," said one councilman.

Because of the demotions, the police department will be completely reorganized within the next month to help the city obtain the most service for its money, James Giordano, public safety director, said.

He said tentative plans call for the reassignment of patrolmen in such units as the vice squad and youth bureau to regular patrols. Some of the changes will be permanent, others will be for the summer months to fill in for vacationing officers.

Giordano said the 10-man youth bureau will be cut to six or seven men and the office across from the police

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photographers roving among the guests sought her out.

Philip Damon Matthews of Santa Cruz, Calif. was there with his father, John Potter Cuyler Matthews of Princeton, recalling the portrait of John Cox Stevens (whose sister was his great-great-great-grandmother) that always hung in the family living room.

"We've always been aware of the Stevens family tradition," said the younger Matthews. "We travel to Newport every three years for the America's Cup competition, for instance." It was John Cox Stevens' schooner "America" that defeated a British challenger for the cup, thereafter named in the ship's honor.

"I even owe my profession to his inspiration," he continued. "I'm a builder of sailboats."

Michael Shepley from Manhattan, on the other hand, didn't even know he was a member of the Stevens family until he received an invitation to the reunion.

"I grew up in St. Louis, and I suppose my parents did mention it to me," he said, "but I don't pay much attention to genealogy. Today we become what we are on our own and not because of our ancestors."

But Guadalupe Escobedo, who arrived from Mexico City with her husband Miguel, said her father, who was with the U.S. Navy during World War II, kept the Stevens family name alive when he settled permanently across the border.

"When he married my mother, a Mexican," she said, "he decided not to go back."

Bayard and Mary MacDonald Stevens of Bay Head brought their daughter and granddaughter. "The children who are here today (there were a number of them) seem fascinated by their genealogy," Mrs. Stevens said.

Bayard MacDonald Stevens of Manhattan and Nancy Stevens Allen of Massachusetts are cousins, and both recalled visiting their grandmother in the old Stevens castle when they were children.

Like many of the visitors they were saddened that the castle had been demolished in 1959 to clear the land for the Stevens Center building.

Even Owen Grundy, Jersey City historian, who related the saga of the Stevens family during dinner, expressed regret that the reunion could not have been held in the castle.

The castle was much in evidence, however, in the form of a photographic blowup on one wall, slide projections on an upstairs wall and a room of furnishings that had once belonged to the castle.

And John Heaney, Hoboken historian, had loaned his personal collection of Stevens memorabilia for the event.

Items resting in display cases included china plates, hand painted with portraits of Stevens men, of the Stevens Villa (an early mansion that was destroyed by fire and later replaced by the castle) and the "Elysian Fields," the natural paradise that once extended from Castle Point to what is now 14th Street.

George Gill of Weehawken, the



Artists Diane Churchill and her husband, George Gill, and Richard Widdicombe, director of Stevens Institute of Technology Library, right, study a historical display designed by Gill for the Stevens' family reunion.

artist who designed and made the handsome screens outlining the contributions to science and technology by the Stevens family, was there with his wife, Diane Churchill.

He was murmuring about how little early recognition the Stevens men

received for inventions that included the first steamboat (before Robert Fulton) and the first steam locomotive.

During the dinner — after greetings from Mrs. Fenwick — Stevens family mugs were presented

to the oldest family members present, Mary Stevens Baird of Manhattan and Bernardsville and Julius Stevens Baker Nixon of San Antonio, Tex., and to the youngest member, three-year-old Nathaniel Bergstein of Manhattan.

## Hoboken family reunites after 50 years

By JEFF BENKOE

Staff Writer

Outside, chaotic, hard-driving rock music filled the air. Inside, it could not be heard. A trio, hidden away on the third floor of the library, played Strauss waltzes.

Men in well-cut dark suits, women in fashionable, bright dresses and children wearing similar clothing and 200 watt smiles, sought their roots.

They looked at each others' name tags, looking for cousins and aunts and uncles, some of whom had come from across the nation.

The Stevens family, once of Hoboken,

was having a reunion at Stevens Tech for the first time in a half-century.

Mary Stevens Baird, 78, who walks with a cane, sat at a table apart from the crowd of more than 150. Nieces, nephews and cousins came in twos and threes to her table to greet "Aunt Mary."

Mary Stevens Baird is perhaps one of the few aristocrats in a country of immigrants. She can trace her family back beyond the Revolutionary War.

Of course, like everyone else, Baird's relatives were immigrants. Her great-great-grandfather came over from England in 1690 and disappeared as a law clerk to the crown attorney in the Province of New York.

Baird's great-grandfather was Colonel John Stevens. In the late 18th century, he gained the rank of colonel but lost some friends during the Revolutionary War when he sided with the colonists. His friends and neighbors remained loyal to the British.

Fortunately for Stevens, the British lost. Being on the winning side, he had the chance to buy some choice property. Stevens acquired 564 acres — all of what is now Hoboken — prospered, and raised a family. He developed one of the first steam-powered engines and sailed the first ocean-going steam ship from New Jersey to Philadelphia.

The youngest of his three sons, Edwin,

helped run the family's Camden and Pennsylvania Railroads and ship business. Edwin was Baird's grandfather.

"Do you feel much like an aristocrat?" she was asked as she sat surrounded by relatives.

"No," she said.

"After all, my grandfather went against his friends when he fought in the Revolutionary War," she said.

Baird, who was divorced a long time ago from her husband, Matthew, and never had children has spent much of her adult life in civic work.

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## Hoboken's police face demotions

By MARYANN JACOB

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Some police officers will be demoted to facilitate budget cuts mandated by the City Council, Public Safety Director James W. Giordano said yesterday.

Although the move was made to avoid layoffs, PBA President Thomas Meehan said the demotions would destroy the force's morale.

In a meeting with PBA representatives yesterday afternoon, Giordano said the Public Safety Department must slash its more than \$4 million budget by about \$349,000.

A still undetermined number of lieutenants will become sergeants, and sergeants will become patrolmen, Giordano said.

Councilman Robert Ranieri said the City Council has recommended that all directors, who have been told to cut their present budgets by 7 percent, demote rather than lay off personnel.

About 40 to 60 layoffs citywide are expected, Ranieri said.

Giordano said he was concerned with avoiding layoffs because the first to be laid off would be officers in their one-year probationary period, and he could not guarantee the officers would get their jobs back when the budget crisis is over.

Probationary policemen would be required to take the Civil Service test again to be considered for re-entry to the force, Giordano said. There are 12 probationary policemen on the force, he said.

But Meehan claims the entire department will be affected in order to save the jobs of four policemen — the number Meehan said Giordano has indicated would have to be laid off.

## Bad example

Hoboken is not alone in finding it difficult to enforce its laws, but the task is not made easier when the city administration is a chief offender.

It is well known that Mayor Cappiello intervened to hold up the summonses issued against the Hoboken Housing Authority for allowing garbage and other litter on its premises.

The garbage and litter still accumulate, but the inspectors have prudently stopped going after the housing authority, and the quashed summonses disappeared into limbo until The Jersey Journal this week revived the subject.

Sure, there are explanations, but a defendant is either guilty or not guilty, and in the case of Hoboken's city administration the verdict is guilty.

What a poor example to set for the residents of the city!



Photo by Ted Bouwell

MRS. STEVENS BAIRD, the oldest living descendant of Edwin A. Stevens, was on hand for Saturday's reunion at Stevens Tech in Hoboken.

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She was a member of the Clinton Reformatory board, and the New Jersey Association of Corrections and the Board of Control of the New Jersey Department of Institutions and Agencies. When she was not volunteering to improve the state penal system, she bred Norwich terriers.

Baird was sandwiched by several reporters when a Stevens Tech official came over to her table and said, "You're a celebrity."

In a way, she is, by virtue of her memories.

Baird was one of the few persons in the S.C. Williams Library — where the reunion was being held — who could remember the Stevens family at the turn of the century.

Her grandfather, Edwin, died in Paris before she was born, but she lived in "The Castle" which he had built in 1883.

The term, "Castle Point," came about because the uppermost edge of the property lay high above the rest of Hoboken with a spectacular view of New York. It was on this point that the castle was built.

Baird was the only one of the hundred or so relatives at the reunion who had lived in the castle.

The Stevens family may have been aristocratic, but historians have written of their charity to others who lived in the town below.

As a child, she remembered walking past a pair of large, double doors and seeing several "tramps" huddled on the steps seeking warmth from the winter air.

When she was a girl of six, her nurse took her walking down by Hoboken's Sixth Street piers. At the time, the street was lined with bars.

"I remember walking by and seeing these large legs sauntering out of the bars," she said, "and sawdust filling the air."

"Did you ever go into one of those bars?" she was asked.

"Oh no!" she said. "We were never allowed near them."

The women in the Stevens family have always had a strong hand in family matters. Baird offered an example — albeit a somewhat exaggerated one.

Baird was nine years old when her father died. "Mother gathered us together and said we would have to decide whether we would live in Westbury (L.I.) or in Bernardsville where her father built a country home in 1880.

"My oldest brother stood with his foot crossed over his ankle and smiled. One of my sisters sobbed. I said, 'Mommy, it's decided, we shall live in Bernardsville.' And we did."

By this time, most of reporters had gone.

There was a long line formed for the buffet dinner.

The nieces and nephews and cousins from the family tree were entwined.

Prescilla Ellsworth, the wife of Whitney, publisher of the New York Review of Books, sat down next to Baird.

Prescilla Ellsworth's daughter, a young girl of no more than seven named Nina, came over. The little girl complained that she was bored.

Baird, who had been facing the other way, turned to the girl and said: "I remember you. Not so long ago you were this high," and Baird put her hand against the girl's stomach.

The child didn't seem interested.

## Cappiello's niece hits loss of firemen

Because Hoboken's complement of firemen has declined by approximately 50 since 1973, Terry Cappiello, the niece of Mayor Steve Cappiello, claims the city's "safety and protection are severely threatened."

City Fire Chief James Houn agrees that the number of firemen has dropped significantly but claims the current force of 126 men is sufficient to provide adequate fire protection. According to city ordinance, a full complement of firemen is 137.

"As of now Hoboken is not a model city in fire protection," Miss Cappiello claims. "If action isn't taken soon to establish a fire department that is capable of handling the city needs, I am certain a catastrophe is inevitable."

She questioned the logic of the city's 1979 purchase of two new fire engines instead of using the money to hire more firemen.

Her uncle, the mayor, could not be reached for comment.

"What good is there in trying to

establish an ordinance requiring landlords to install smoke detectors if the city doesn't have enough firefighters to respond to these alarms?" she asked.

Miss Cappiello concedes that money is an obstacle to increased hiring, but claims there is other "dead wood" in the city budget that can be cut back to clear funds to hire firemen. "To make financial cuts that are sure to endanger lives is criminal," she charged.

Houn claims the city has a "decent rating" for fire protection under the most recent survey by the Insurance Service Organization because it deploys its manpower to provide maximum protection.

He said men have been reassigned from ancillary duties to fire fighting companies and the current personnel is offered overtime to make sure an adequate force is on duty at all time. Vacation schedules also have to be juggled to compensate, he said.

Houn noted that the money used to purchase the fire engines came

from bond issues and not from the basic city budget where firemen's salaries are funded.

"A fire chief always feels there's never enough men," Houn said. "But we're doing a good job."

## 2 jobs ticketed, with no takers

No one in Hoboken wants the job of giving out tickets for overtime parking.

This was asserted today by George Crimmins Jr., Hoboken CETA director, who said he has two vacant

CETA jobs that no one wants.

"We have the job listed with the New Jersey employment service, the various CETA offices and the unemployment office," he said. "But there haven't been any takers."

Crimmins said he believes one reason no one wants the \$7,000-a-year job is the abuse that comes with it. "Irate motorists can get fresh with the meter maids after a ticket is given," he said. "It's a tough job."

The last time the job was filled, Crimmins said, was a few months ago and he added the two workers at that time didn't last too long. In fact Crimmins said, 15 workers had quit the job in a period of a year.

In order to be eligible for the job, Crimmins said, a worker must be unemployed and fall within the low to moderate income bracket. "If you know of anyone who wants the job tell him to call us," Crimmins said.

## Curcio tells CETA inspectors' problem

Hoboken's short-handed housing inspection bureau now has six new temporary employees as part of a CETA program to bolster the four-man unit.

But Michael Curcio, Hoboken chief housing inspector, said that by the time four of the CETA employees are trained they will no longer be working under the CETA program, because they are scheduled to be terminated Sept. 30.

Curcio said he now has the four employees going out with the bureau's present three inspectors to learn the ropes.

None of them has ever done housing inspection work before. Curcio said, however, that he welcomes the additions and hopes they will aid him in catching up with the bureau's backlog.

Curcio has said his bureau is months behind in its inspections that it does on a contract basis for the state.

Curcio's office also received a clerk typist and an office supervisor. In addition, another clerk typist will be checking city records to see that the information contained concerning the number of families living in specific houses is correct.

George Crimmins Jr., Hoboken CETA director, said the CETA employees now working for the city had been involved in the Hoboken CETA Census project under which

they counted the number of dwelling units in Bayonne and turned their information over to the United States Census Bureau.

That phase of the project is over, Crimmins said. He said that it may be possible to obtain CETA funding for the workers to continue as housing inspectors last September but that at this time he does not know how much of a possibility that is.



## Day care centers help working mothers

Inexpensive and convenient day care.

This can enable a working mother to go to a daily job while her small child or children take part in recreational and educational programs during the day and after school.

In Hudson County, day care is available through approximately 80 centers, accommodating youngsters ranging from newborn infants to teenagers.

Eight day care centers operated by the state Division of Youth and Family Services in Jersey City are Bramhall Avenue Day Care, 509 Bramhall Ave.; Communipaw Avenue Day Care, 324 Communipaw Ave.; Grand Street Day Care, 735 Ocean Ave.; Jersey City Day Care 100, 74 Fremont St.; Jersey Avenue Day Care, 441 Jersey Ave.; Bergen Avenue Day Care, 604 Bergen Ave.; Kearney Avenue Day Care, 78-81 Kearney Ave.; and Storms Avenue Day Care, 88 Storms Ave.

These are all free, pre-school centers for children between two and a half and five or six years old, depending on the center.

Additional free Jersey City centers for pre-schoolers are Jersey City Day Care 100, 30 Bayview Ave.; Hudson Unit NJACR, 114 Clifton Pl.; Jersey City Child Development



Pre-school youngsters of Day Care 100 in Hoboken pose for a group shot in front of some of their recent artwork.

Centers Project Head Start, 140 Belmont Ave.; A. Harry Moore Head Start Program, 344 Duncan Ave.; Mercedarian Day Care, 291 Pacific Ave.; Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth Day Nursery, 129 Garrison Ave.; Hudson City Day School, 103 Nelson Ave.; Jersey City Medical Center Pre-School, 30 Baldwin Ave.; Kiddie Corner Day Care Center, 215 Ocean Ave.; Mount Pisgah Day Care Center, 577 Bergen Ave.; and Old Bergen Child Care Center, One Highland Ave.

There are also programs at Holland Gardens, 241 16th St.; Lafayette Gardens, 463 Pacific Ave.; Monumental, 110 Lafayette St.; Montgomery Gardens, 565 Montgomery St.; St. John's, 155 North St.; St. Lucy's, 15th and Grove Street; and United Reformed Church, 211 Ocean Ave.

There is also one CETA operated center in Jersey City.

Jersey City after-school programs are held at the Square Ecumenical Educational Center, 165 Terrace Ave.; Young Women's Christian Association Fairmount Ave., and the Boys Club of Jersey City, 174 Grand St.

Fourteen private centers round out Jersey City's day care picture.

The pre-school centers include the Associated Catholic Charities, Mercedarian Day Care, 291 Pacific Ave.; Franciscan Sisters of St.



Joannis Golonopolous enjoys playing with building blocks of Hoboken's Day Care 100.

Elizabeth Day Nursery, 129 Garrison Ave.; Hudson City Day School, 103 Nelson Ave.; Jersey City Medical Center Pre-School, 30 Baldwin Ave.; Kiddie Corner Day Care Center, 215 Ocean Ave.; Mount Pisgah Day Care Center, 577 Bergen Ave.; and Old Bergen Child Care Center, One Highland Ave.

There are also the Salem Baptist Church Nursery School, 50 Clinton Ave.; Salvation Army Pre-School Day Care, 562 Bergen Ave.; St. John's Lutheran Church Nursery School, 155 North St.; St. Mark's Day Care, 421-427 West Side Ave.; and Play and Learn, 695 Bergen Ave.

Clairemont Lafayette Tina Vil Learning Center, 417 Rose Ave., and Faith Van Vorst Church, 138 Bergen Ave., conduct both pre-school and after-school programs in Jersey City.

In Bayonne there are two Division of Youth and Family Services centers. The Community Day Nursery, 40 East 2nd St., has a pre-school program for ages two and a half to five, while Bayonne PAL Inc. and After School Day Care, 24th and Broadway, has an after-school program for ages five to 13.

There is also a Head Start day care center in Bayonne at 21 West 5th St.

Age requirements at Bayonne's five private centers range from two and a half to five, depending on the center. They are: the Community Pre-School Play Group, St. Andrew's School, 126 Broadway; the Jewish Community Center Nursery, 1050 Kennedy Blvd.; the Neighborhood Cooperative Nursery, Wesley Methodist Church, 976 Avenue C; YMCA Pre-school, 44 West 32nd St.; and the Hudson School, Avenue B and 55th Street.

In Hoboken, the public day care centers are Hoboken Day Care 100, 124-130 Grand St.; Mile Square Day Care, 707 Washington St.; Nuestros Ninos Day Care, 1101 Bloomfield St.; Hoboken Head Start, 329 Grand St.; and CETA Day Care, 85 Monroe St. All conduct pre-school programs and Day Care 100 also has an after-school program for children up to nine years old.

Hoboken's private centers, all with pre-school programs, are the Memorial Day Nursery, 220 Willow Ave.; Stevens Cooperative, which also conducts classes for grades Kindergarten through fourth, and St. Matthew-Trinity Day Care Center, 313 Ninth St.

There are two more public centers in the county: Union City After School Day Care, 37-15 Palisade Ave., which has an after-school program, and North Hudson Head Start, 7011 Broadway, which has a pre-school program.

Private pre-school centers in North Bergen are Holy Trinity Lutheran Pre-School, 4009 Liberty Ave.; Junior Prep Pre-School, 1301 Kennedy Blvd.; and Little Peoples School Palisade Avenue and 79th Street.

In Union City they are Raquel Infant Care Center, 813 11th St.; St. Rocco Day Nursery, 4214 Kennedy Blvd.; and Young Children's World, 811 Bergenline Ave.

Guttenberg has two private pre-school centers, North Hudson Pre-School, 300 60th St., and North Hudson Children's Center, 446 65th St.

There are two private centers each in West New York and Weehawken. The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Park Avenue and Columbia Terrace, Weehawken, has a pre-school program; the Little Tug Nursery, 51 Clinton Terr., Weehawken, is also a pre-school center, offering educational development to age seven.

The Kids Center Pre-School, 5106 Palisade Ave., West New York, has a



Yasha Marie Morgan is a budding artist at Hoboken's Day Care 100.

pre-school program, as does the Christ St. John Learning Center, 6500 Bergenline Ave., and both are privately run.

There is one pre-school center in Secaucus, the St. Matthew Nursery School, Roosevelt Avenue and Paterson Plank Road. It is privately run.

There are three private centers in Kearny. Grace United Methodist Church Day Care, 380 Kearney Ave., offers a program for children age two to eight. Kearney Day Care Center, 139-141 Bergen Ave., and Tena Harris Nursery School, 67-71 Beech St., both offer pre-school programs for children age two to five.



It's snack time for Jose Castillo at Day Care 100 in Hoboken.

## Cops replace meter maids in Hoboken

By Randolph Diamond 8/24/80

From now on, police — not meter maids — will be the ones to give out tickets for overtime parking at meters in Hoboken.

The city's meter maids have been eliminated following a decision by the Hoboken Parking Authority not to continue accepting responsibility for them.

The meter maids were officially parking violations officers.

Joseph Hottendorf, Parking Authority executive director, said the authority decided to pull out of meter enforcement because the city Law Department refused to process an ordinance the authority drafted which would make the meter maids special police officers.

Without that designation, Hottendorf said, there is a question as to whether the tickets they give out are legal.

This is so, Hottendorf said, because there is no state law which actually gives the meter maids the authority to issue the tickets without their being special police officers.

Hottendorf said he feels the tickets given out would probably stand up in court if challenged but just to be sure he wanted the city council to approve an ordinance making the

meter maids special police officers.

But Hottendorf said the city council never got a chance to consider the ordinance because the Law Department refused to send it to the council.

Hottendorf said the city lawyers would not give him an explanation of their refusal.

Thomas Calligy, assistant law director, had been assigned to study the proposed ordinance a year ago.

Calligy's secretary said yesterday he was "too busy" to comment on the situation. She said she was unable to find out from Calligy when he would not be so busy. Mayor Cappiello, who had originally said Calligy would handle the matter, was not at City Hall all day and could not be reached.

However, James Giordano, Hoboken public safety director, said

there was "absolutely no need" for the meter maids to be given special police officer designation, because they "already have the power to give out tickets."

Giordano said the maids were given that power when they were sworn in by the city clerk, and it is "absolutely ridiculous to think a special police officer's designation is needed."

Giordano said the Hoboken police will try to do as good a job as the meter maids did in ticketing overtime parkers.

Hottendorf said he has had three meter maids on his staff, issuing tickets along with two CETA employees and one Parking Authority employee.

The CETA employees, Hottendorf said, had been assigned to Public

Safety Director James Giordano and were on loan to the Parking Authority. They will now be given back to Giordano.

Giordano said he will use the CETA employees to ride in front of the city's sweepers and give out tickets to cars parked in its way, a duty which police have been doing.

The city's parking meter revenue had risen from \$30,000 in 1975 when the Parking Authority took over responsibility of the meters from the police, to \$95,000 last year.

Hottendorf said he has "no regrets" that the meter maids are no longer under him.

"The policemen are even better trained than the meter maids," he said. "I'm sure they are going to do a much better job."

## Fields to be ready for play soon

Three Hoboken ballfields should be ready by the end of this month to meet the recreational needs of Hoboken's youth, the city's health and welfare director, James Farina, said today.

The areas are the Little League field, where the field is being reod-

ded and lights are being installed; a new softball and football practice field at Third and Hudson streets and a softball field next to the sewage treatment plant.

The fields at Third and Hudson streets and at the sewage plant are now being covered by fill and should be ready shortly, said Farina.

"These fields will go a long way to satisfy the recreational needs of our children," Farina said.

Hoboken's Community Development Agency is providing funds and personnel for the renovation of the Little League field and the field at Third and Hudson streets.

## Our fire fighters support each other

Modern equipment, and cooperation, are the outstanding features of fire departments in Hudson municipalities. Many have the latest vehicles and tools available and often come to each other's assistance when necessary.

Bayonne has 202 firefighters, nine pieces of active equipment and four pieces in reserve. The department recently acquired a \$213,000 Aeroscope, a 75-foot telescopic boom and water tower.

East Newark has a 40-man department, an aerial hook and ladder and two pumps.

Hoboken's fire department has 88, firemen, six pumps, three aerial trucks and five cars.

Kearny's department has 146 men, three trucks, five engines and one reserve engine.

Jersey City has the largest fire department with 712 men, 18 pumps, and 11 trucks, including an elevated platform.

The department recently acquired a new hose reel. This is a 1,000-gallon-per-minute pump capable of laying a five-inch water main above ground in the event of a water leak.

Harrison's fire department has 60 men, five engines, two trucks, one emergency rescue truck and three cars.

Guttenberg's volunteer fire department has 50 men and three paid drivers. It has two pumps and one hook and ladder truck.

North Bergen's department consists of 120 men, five pumps, two hook and ladders and two spare pumps.

Secaucus' department has 100 firefighters in its volunteer force. There are four pumps, one hook and ladder, one spare pump, an emergency truck and two chief's cars.

Union City's fire department consists of 125 men, two hook and ladder

trucks, a snorkel truck and seven pumps. The snorkel and two of the pumps are usually held in reserve.

The Weehawken fire department has 56 men and officers. There are four pumps and two ladder trucks.

The West New York fire department has a complement of 104 men and officers. A new firehouse is opening on Broadway at 50th Street to replace an older building. The department has two hook and ladder trucks, one held in reserve, and six pumper trucks.

## Amato suspended in garbage foulup

By Randolph Diamond 8/24/80

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato has been relieved indefinitely of his duties of supervising public works garbage employees by Mayor Steve Cappiello.

The mayor said he took the action yesterday after he found out that one public works truck had followed another for the whole day on the same garbage pick-up route.

"There is a conflict between management and personnel," said the mayor. "I'm not interested in the why and why not about it. I just want to have productivity."

The mayor said that Roy Haack, Hoboken sewage plant superintendent, will assume responsibility for the public works garbage employees in addition to his regular duties.

Cappiello said he does not plan to fire Amato but refused to say why. He did say that Amato would still handle administrative duties in the Public Works Department as well as taking a greater role in supervising various public works construction projects.

"Andrew has expertise in that area and I want to see him more involved."

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involved," Cappiello said.

Amato said he did not have any objections to Haack and would work with him.

The public works director said a foreman, Jimmy Burke, had made the decision to have a dump truck follow a compactor on the same route for the whole day.

The director said a second compactor driver was sick and Burke felt it would be proper to have the second crew riding in the dump truck to help the first crew. Each crew had three men.

"I think the foreman made a wrong decision but he's entitled to make such a decision," the public works director said.

Cappiello said Haack would be running the garbage indefinitely and

would not be receiving any extra compensation.

During Amato's tenure, there have been constant problems with the city's mechanical sweeper program with drivers refusing to drive the machines or to attend a city-sponsored training course.

Last year a group of seven public works employees charged Amato with harassment because they were supporters of Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francione, who had been opposed by Amato's wife in the City Council race. Amato denied the charges.

Haack had been put temporarily at the public works garage last year to help straighten things out but was pulled out when problems developed at the sewage plant.

## Feedback

## Hoboken vols care about North Hudson

Editor, The Dispatch:

The Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps wishes to reply to your editorial of March 15, relative to our position in the proposed fire communications merger between the City of Hoboken, City of Union City and the Township of Weehawken.

We firmly believe your attack on the non-involvement of our corps in this merger was totally unwarranted. We further feel that your newspaper does not know the facts in this case.

Briefly, the facts are these:

1. The Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps does not want to participate in a fire communications merger at this time because we feel it is not necessary or suitable at this time. At the present time the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps operates on the Hoboken Police frequency and relies on the assistance of the Hoboken Police on many occasions during normal operations. We feel it is most beneficial to us to continue the practice in effect until someone finds a better system.

2. The Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps currently has a mutual aid pact with the Union City, Weehawken and North Bergen Corps to provide assistance to each other when required due to an emergency or manpower coverage. We also wish to point out that Hoboken responds outside of the city limits many times more than neighboring corps respond to Hoboken.

We vehemently object to your editorial's inferences that the Hoboken

Volunteer Ambulance Corps does not care about the people of North Hudson.

3. Since our formation in 1971, the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps has provided the best possible service to the people of Hoboken, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

• We have responded to more than 25,000 calls for assistance totaling several hundred thousand hours of volunteer work by members of the corps.

• We have three ambulances in service certified by the State of New Jersey Department of Health.

• We also respond to all multiple alarm fires in order to provide the best possible first aid assistance at the scene.

• The City of Hoboken provides the corps financial assistance in the amount of \$25,000 annually — the maximum the state law permits. Business, industry and the residents of our city provide the balance of our financial support.

This record certainly shows that we care about our community and that the community cares about us.

4. The Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps will always reconsider its position when a comprehensive plan is presented to us which will benefit the corps and, more importantly, the people of Hoboken. It should be noted that not one official of the City of Hoboken disagrees with our position in this matter.

Thank you.

Thomas Vecchione  
President  
Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps

## Demotions proposed to avert cop layoffs

Hoboken Public Safety Director James Giordano today proposed to demote a number of police sergeants and lieutenants to avert layoffs of patrolmen in the city's financial difficulty.

Giordano said he expects to present his proposal to the City Council which would have to amend the police department's table of organization at a special meeting sometime next week.

Giordano said he did not know how many would have to be demoted to avert the layoffs, but an informed source said it would be at least 12.

Thomas Meehan, president of the Hoboken Patrolman's Benevolent Association, said there is no way his members will go along with the layoffs and threatened a job action as well as legal action to avert the demotions.

Giordano said the demotions are the only way he can chop approximately \$390,000 from the police department budget without laying off anyone.

"I would rather see our men taking home half a loaf of bread than nothing at all," he said.

Giordano said if patrolmen were laid off they would not be able to be hired back because the last 12 patrolmen hired by Hoboken have less than one year on the job after their police academy training. He said this makes them temporary employees, which means they cannot be hired back if laid off.

A high city official, who asked not to be identified, said the City Council

told Giordano to do whatever is necessary to avert layoffs.

Giordano also said a number of patrolmen, now in other duties, will be put on waiting beats in order to qualify for state funds under the Safe and Clean Streets Act. The state pays 50 percent of the patrolmen's salaries under that act.

Edwin Chius, Hoboken business administrator, said the city will not need permission from the Civil Service Commission to demote the superiors though he said the demotions must take place by seniority.

All Hoboken departments and divisions were ordered to make 7 percent cuts in their budgets in order to reduce the city budget \$540,000 to comply with the state's cap law.

Chius said, however, the council has now cut the budget by \$100,000 without layoffs, leaving the city \$440,000 to cut. Chius said the council also has told city officials that the 7 percent cut does not have to be across the board.

Chius said he and Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello will be meeting with department directors today and Monday to decide where cuts should be made. Chius said he does not know right now how many employees would have to be laid off.

But city officials have previously said between 60 and 100 employees would have to be laid off.

Meanwhile, Meehan said he would rather see patrolmen laid off than having superior officers demoted. He promised legal action against the city if either of the two events happened.





The Hoboken rail yard sprawls out before Jim Fiorillo's train as it pulls into the station. Photo by Lou Tunno

## On the (rail)road to Hoboken

By JULIA MacDONNELL CHANG  
Staff Writer

Long and low — the bellow of an angry beast — the whistle of Engine 1107 breaks through the morning silence, wailing above the chuff-chug, chuff-chug hammer of steel wheels on the Conrail track to Hoboken.

Outside the wide, shining windows of the locomotive — at the sound of the whistle — a flock of seagulls flaps up from its treacherous track perch to a sun-dappled, cloud-flecked blue sky.

The birds circle back and swoop down to scavenge a mountainous dump that lines the track. At the dump's peaks, trucks back in to unload their cargo and workmen scuttle through gullies of refuse.

It is a panorama viewed in an instant as the train hurtles past. The train's orchestra — the bellowing whistle, the insistent pounding wheels, the sighing air brake and impatient clanging bells — drowns out the dump trucks and squawking birds.

Inside, the sealed-off engine cab is its own world, a world of sounds and speeding power. The world of Engine 1107 has been dominated by engineer James Fiorillo for 22 years. Deeper in tan pants, a tan golf sweater and a striped shirt, Fiorillo hung up his striped overalls and cap in 1962. "Those things went out with the steam engines," he tells a recent visitor. "Nobody wants them back."

Ahead, the twin towers of the World Trade Center shimmer like magic castles above the misted New York City skyline — a sight that greets Fiorillo near dawn each day.

A curl of cigarette smoke circles Fiorillo's head. Cigarettes are his constant companions and he bites the tips Bogart-like as he works at the locomotive's controls.

On a sharp curve, Fiorillo grips a hand-brake to slow the 600-ton monster. After years on the route, Fiorillo says he knows each curve in the track, every switch, every crossover and every signal light.

A long freight train roars along the opposite curve. Fiorillo exchanges waves with the engineer across a narrow space between the tracks.

"If it's foggy and you're running on signals with that coming at you," he said, "you better know when the next curve comes up."

He estimates the distance heavy freight needs to stop. "It ain't like a wheelbarrow where you drop the handles and it stops," he said.

Stopping the awesome machine is what Fiorillo — called "Old Fireball" by fellow workers — does with a care that has earned him accolades of colleagues. Slowing gently as they gingerbread-like stations in Clifton and Lyndhurst appear, he clings the bell and scrutinizes intersections for stray cars and children on bicycles.

Depth taught Fiorillo that his power to control the train is limited. He learned the lesson 10 years ago when a Clifton woman was crushed beneath the pounding wheels of his train.

"I came around a curve," he said, his eyes glued to the track ahead. "She was walking along the edge of the ties. I blew the whistle but she never heard it."

Fiorillo appears shaken as he recalls the incident, but denies that he is. "There was nothing I could do," he said. "She was too close."

Fiorillo was exonerated, but the incident still haunts him.

"In a way, I guess I've been lucky," he said quietly. "I've never had any other serious trouble and it's been years since I hurt anyone. I hate to hurt anyone."

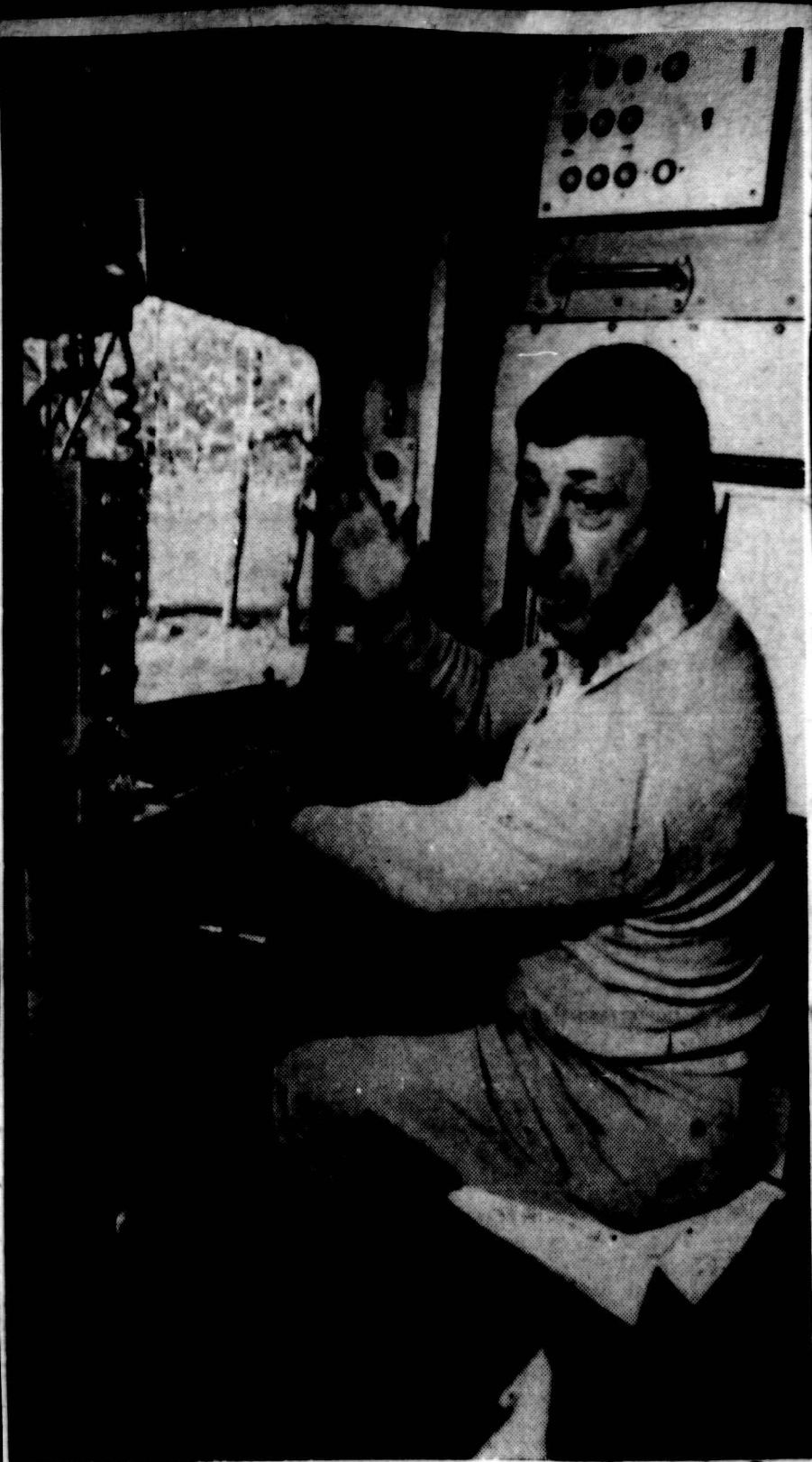
Fiorillo earned the nickname "Fireball" more than 30 years ago, when, as a young eager-beaver, he accidentally hoisted down an engineer with steaming hot water while cleaning a deck.

"We were waiting at a signal for a man to cross over," he recalls, "so I started to clean the deck. The next thing I knew, the water went all over an old engineer named Joe Ish who was in the cab. 'You damn fireball,' he shouted at me. 'Why don't you just sit down.'"

The name stuck. "Old Fireball's" 35 years of railroad service have earned him the prized 151-mile Spring Valley, N.Y.-to Hoboken route — a route Conrail officials say carries 8,000 commuters a week.

Fiorillo's five 15-hour days weekly earn him more than \$35,000 a year. Like most workers on the line, he has a four-hour layover in the afternoon — a time for sleeping, card playing or watching television in the bunkhouse. Fiorillo said he plans to work out from now on during his layover.

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Engineer James Fiorillo prepares to set his train in motion. Photo by Lou Tunno

## MOTORMAN

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Of his split daily schedule that begins at 4 a.m., Fiorillo said simply, "I'm used to it. I grew up on the railroad."

Hundreds of criss-crossing tracks converge at the Hoboken yard where Fiorillo ends the first of his several trips that day. The chaotic scene of tracks, loading areas and platforms is home to "Old Fireball" and his fellow workers, the so-called "old gents" of the railroad.

But Fiorillo is shy of debarking with his visitors. "I'm going to take a lot of ribbing for this," he said as a photographer begins shooting his exit from the train. "A lot of ribbing."

The crew on his train is curious. William Keough, the conductor and boss, is on hand, as is his fireman, Robert Maglio. Maglio is one of the more junior members of the crew with only a quarter-century of service.

For them, the rhythm of an ordinary day has been broken. Accustomed to sharing coffee, smokes and stories on their morning layover, they gather to see what's up. The jibes start. "Smile pretty, Fireball," somebody taunts. "Maybe you'll make it in the movies."

"All this time, I never knew we had a big star in our midst," said another man to good-natured laughter.

Over coffee in a dim and bustling station coffee shop, Fiorillo, steadily interrupted by the railroad men, tells a bit about his life on the railroad.

"My uncle was an engineer," he said. "It's all I ever wanted to be. When I was a kid, I used to go over and hang around the Paterson yards, hoping for work."

Paterson, he recalled, was a bustling center on the Erie-Lackawanna line, which carried thousands of commuters daily to Jersey City for the ferry to New York. At 14, Fiorillo got his start as an engine preparator. By 1947, he was shoveling coal for the old steam engine.

"We worked hard back then," he said.

"When we took off our clothes at night, you could wring them out."

His ambition to be an engineer burned as hot as the coal-fires he stoked, but it took 13 years of sweat to earn the position. Fiorillo finally got "set up" in 1966 — meaning he got his train. "I've been running ever since," he said with a proud grin.

But like others on the railroad, Fiorillo also put in 11 years on the "extra list" where men are on call 24 hours a day to fill in on other crews. "They'd call us two, three in the morning," he said. "You didn't ask questions. You just went."

Despite the tough hours, he said, "The railroad's been good to me." He mentions the home he owns in Paterson and his golf weekends. "I've got to say, I enjoy my job."

His son is also a railroad man. James Jr. works as a Conrail electrician. "But he got it himself," Fiorillo said gruffly. "I had nothing to do with it."

An eye on his watch, Fiorillo quickly finishes coffee to head back to the train. As it builds speed on the run up to Suffern, a row of children sit along the opposite tracks. Fiorillo said children playing on the tracks and "motorists who race through the crossings" are the two things he hates about his job.

"I don't know what's the matter with them," he said. "They play chicken. Sometimes they leave tires and handle bars on the tracks to ruin the trains. They could get killed."

Near an abutment, another group of small children plays cowboys and Indians precariously close to the train. In the noon sun, oblivious of danger, one leans to shoot an imaginary arrow through Fiorillo's window. Fiorillo angrily shakes his head.

"If one of them just stumbled," he said, "it would be all over."

The long, sad whistle blows and the children laugh with delight.

## Hoboken will give pink slips to 35

Approximately 35 Hoboken city employees will receive pink slips in the next few days as the result of the city's council decision to cut \$575,000 from the city budget. Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chiusi, said today.

Chiusi said he will know by Friday the exact number of employees and which departments they will come from. Chiusi said the layoffs will be spread throughout the various departments except for the police and fire department, where no employees will be laid off.

But Chiusi said in the fire department, inspectors and other firemen

on special duty will fill in for vacationing firemen to avoid overtime.

James Giordano, Hoboken public safety director, announced yesterday that patrolmen on special duties will fill in for regular walking beat patrolmen during the summer and some will be switched on a permanent basis.

Giordano said today that while no policemen will have to be laid off, at least 12 sergeants and lieutenants will have to be demoted in order for the public safety department to live within its budget.



After-hours in Hoboken's Calabro Public Elementary School, students are instructed by volunteers in an enrichment program that encompasses gardening and arts and crafts. From left are Homaira Khemlani, student; Mrs. Joan Rafter, of Parents Association; April Azaceta, community artist; and Bryant Schnobel, student.

## These children learn — after school, also

Learning doesn't just take place in school — it can happen all the time. That's what a group of parents at Hoboken's Calabro Public Elementary School are trying to teach children during an enrichment program.

And from the children's point of view as well as the parents, its working out just fine.

"This program is really fun," said 10-year-old Maneesh Naganand. "I'm learning how to do a lot of different things."

Maneesh is currently taking a class in woodwork and weaving conducted by Cynthia Bachinsky, the owner of the Woodman and the Weaver Store on Washington Street in Hoboken.

In that class students are building their own weaves and once finished they will learn how to weave clothes. Mrs. Bachinsky does not have a student in the Calabro School but said

she heard of the project through local artist Hugh Kilmer.

Kilmer has arranged for a number of different artists to teach classes in the after-school program.

In another class 10 students eagerly watch Marcia Sullivan as she explains how to make granola bars.

Each class lasts an hour and the themes vary from week to week, according to parent Joan Rafter, one of the coordinators of the program.

Mrs. Rafter said 50 children participate in the program at one time and the program is offered for four weeks four times a year. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday after school.

This way, she said, most of the school's 300 students get to participate in the program in a given year. The program, she said, was started last year with the cooperation of school principal Richard Del Boccio.

## Landlord pays \$700 heat fine while tenants complain anew

By MARYANN JACOB  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The highest fine ever levied by the new Housing Court here — a \$700 penalty for heat violations — was paid by the landlord of a Park Avenue apartment yesterday as several tenants appeared in court to complain of new violations in the building.

"I told the tenants to go to the inspectors," said Housing Court Judge Chris G. Pappas, "to get summonses issued and for the guy to be notified."

Joseph Sardone, an officer of the FTF Corp., which owns the building, paid the fine levied two weeks ago by the judge.

Pappas said the building at 624 Park Ave. had been without heat and hot water for a short period during January and February. Seven separate violations were noted, each one costing the violator \$100, he said.

The judge said other summonses had been issued in April for other violations in the building but were dismissed yesterday because they had been corrected.

The housing department said the violations were for ceilings in need of repair and paint, leaky faucets, damaged bathroom and light fixtures, doors off their hinges and inoperable radiators.

According to the judge, the complaints were dismissed yesterday on the condition that the conditions be corrected; that the \$700 fine be paid; and that several tenants who were behind in their rent pay what they owe.

Pappas said an inspector from the housing authority had determined that the violations were corrected. But a number of tenants in the courtroom yesterday

complained of new violations, including leaky kitchen sinks, rooms in need of painting, and leaky ceilings.

The judge advised the tenants to make formal complaints to the housing inspectors so that action could be taken.

## Legal staff decision explained

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto said today the reason the city's Law Department did not send out a proposed ordinance to the City Council which would have made meter maids special police officers was because the law staff felt it would not be legal.

Joseph Hottendorf, Parking Authority executive director, had requested that they be made special officers to eliminate any question about the legality of the tickets they issued.

Hottendorf eliminated his meter maid squad after the law department failed to act.

## Financial plan for Hoboken

Thomas Meehan, president of the Hoboken Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, said today Hoboken should switch to a commission form of government to save money. Meehan said "Paying five commissioners would be a lot less expensive than paying nine councilmen and seven department directors."

Meehan said he was making that suggestion as one way the city could save money in the police department.

At a meeting of PBA members, Meehan said that recommendation came out as well as a number of others, among them cutting the salaries of all city council members who hold the post as a second job and increasing the fines for traffic violations.

Another suggestion, Meehan said, would be to eliminate the Hoboken Parking Authority and transfer its responsibilities to the Public Safety

Division. Another idea, he said, was the resumption of the city's program of towing away parked cars blocking the street.

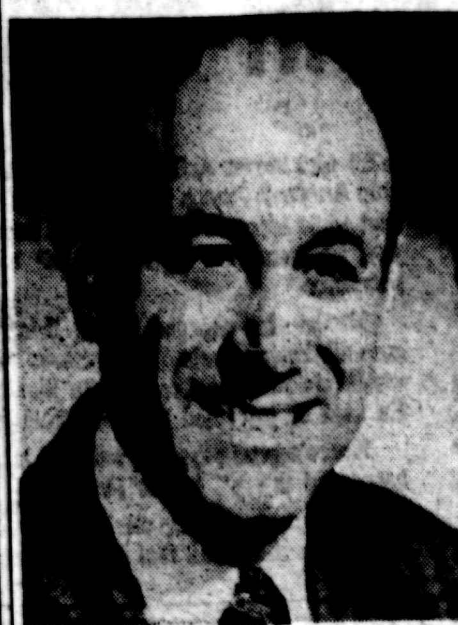
The PBA president said he has asked Council President Walter Cramer to sit down and discuss the ideas with the entire council.

Mayor Steve Cappelletto said he would be open to a change in Hoboken government, which was one of his campaign promises when he first ran seven years ago, but pointed out that referendums would have to be approved by the voters. The mayor said elimination of the Parking Authority would not be feasible because of a complicated financial and bonding arrangement. As for a two-way program, the mayor said steps are being taken to renew it.

Cappelletto said none of the PBA recommendations would do much now to avert the proposed demotions.

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Robert Ranieri  
Feels board of ed should slash budget

## Hoboken ed budget faces \$300G cut

By MARYANN JACOB  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The board of education may be ordered to cut \$300,000 from its \$17.8 million proposed budget, which has already been cut by \$225,000, by order of the board of school estimate.

If a city's contribution to public education funding exceeds 1.5 percent of the assessed valuation of all city land, the City Council may ask for further school budget cuts, according to state law.

The board of education budget requires that more than \$4.5 million dollars be raised by taxation, equal to 3.6 percent of the assessed valuation of Hoboken land.

Although the amount to be reduced from the

school budget will not be announced until Monday night's City Council caucus meeting, sources indicated that the amount will be close to \$300,000. The cuts will be made by resolution at that meeting.

In cutting the budget by \$225,000 last month, the board was forced to consider employee layoffs. A total of 120 board employees, including 74 teachers, have been issued layoff notices.

Board of education officials yesterday declined to issue a statement on the projected cuts.

But City Councilman Robert Ranieri said yesterday the councilmen have seriously discussed the board of education funding, and the consensus is that there should be "in-depth and considerable cuts."

Ranieri is unsympathetic to the proposed board cuts because the entire city budget has been slashed at several stages of preparation, culminating in a \$575,000 cut decided upon Monday night.

"They can take an example from the city fathers," Ranieri said, suggesting that the board make a 7 percent cut in the salaries of all elected and appointed city employees.

Ranieri suggested that the salaries of school administrators and supervisory personnel could stand slashing.

Summing up the City Council's feelings toward the projected school board cuts, Ranieri said, "I can say it is felt the school system can be run in a more economical way."



## Rec centers have wide appeal

Hudson County has recreational activities for all age groups. In some areas children can start taking swimming classes when four months old; and there is an abundance of senior citizens activities.

The Jersey City YMCA at 654 Bergen Ave. is a fully co-ed facility, with 210 residence rooms. The physical plant is large and multi-purpose, with a full gym, a running track, pool, five handball courts, two shower complexes and three locker complexes. The programs are physical education oriented, and classes are available.

The city's YMCA is involved in social services. There is a group home for teenage girls, a battered

women's project and shelter, and services for abused men and women.

The Jersey City Jewish Community Center, 604 Bergen Ave., has a full health club with sauna, steam room, whirlpool, Olympic-size swimming pool, gym, weight room, and racquet ball room. All are for use by both men and women.

The Friendly Seniors Club meets at the center every Tuesday and Thursday for classes, games, films and speakers. The center also conducts a program for Russian immigrants.

The Jewish Community Center in Bayonne at 1050 Kennedy Blvd. has pre-school and nursery programs, a program for children from

Kindergarten through sixth grade that includes classes, scouting and clubs, and activities for seventh and eighth graders. The center also runs a full day camp during the summer.

Programs and recreational activities are provided for teenagers and adults, including aerobics, basketball, tennis and swimming. There are also activities for senior citizens.

The Bayonne YMCA offers swim and physical fitness programs for men and women, and their facilities include a pool, gym, running track, sauna and lounge with color television. There is a swim program for children six months old and up. Hustle classes are also held.

The town's YMCA has a resident facility for housing 21 women and girls. There is a pre-school program for children age two and a half to three and a half, and one for three and a half to five. Classes include gymnastics, ballet for children and adults and belly dancing. There is a roller skating rink for the youngsters.

The West New York Recreation Center, 57th Street and Broadway, houses basketball, football, baseball and tennis. There are also arts and crafts, cheerleading, baton twirling and men's and women's leagues. The center is one of the largest multi-purpose facilities in the state.

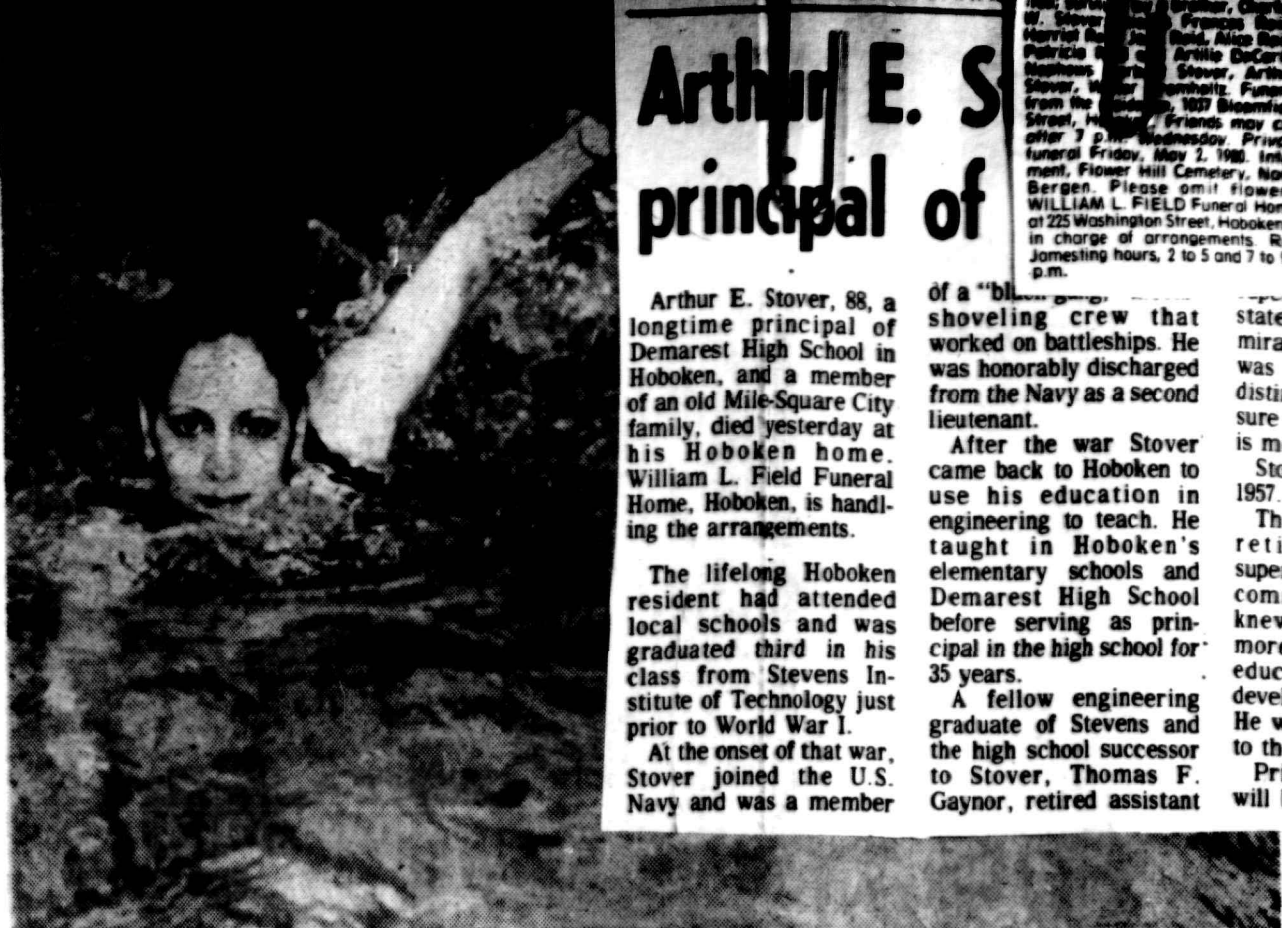
Six ball-oriented leagues comprised of 30 teams are part of the Weehawken recreation program. Public school facilities are used for basketball and gymnastics and toddlers can use any of the five playgrounds. The Weehawken stadium can now stay open long after dark because of new lighting. In summer, the township promotes concerts, lectures and outdoor picnics.

The Hoboken-North Hudson YMCA, 1301 Washington St., has classes for women in swimming, volleyball, calisthenics, as well as for men. There is a pool, hand ball courts, running track and weight, karate and wrestling rooms in the facility.

There are two Hoboken recre-



Running for fitness on the track above the gym at the Hoboken-North Hudson YMCA, in Hoboken, are, from left, Michelle Kist, Gloria Rodriguez and Doris Link.



## Arthur E. Stover principal of

Arthur E. Stover, 88, a longtime principal of Demarest High School in Hoboken, and a member of an old Mile-Square City family, died yesterday at his Hoboken home. William L. Field Funeral Home, Hoboken, is handling the arrangements.

The lifelong Hoboken resident had attended local schools and was graduated third in his class from Stevens Institute of Technology just prior to World War I. At the onset of that war, Stover joined the U.S. Navy and was a member

of a "blowing crew" that worked on battleships. He was honorably discharged from the Navy as a second lieutenant.

After the war Stover came back to Hoboken to use his education in engineering to teach. He taught in Hoboken's elementary schools and Demarest High School before serving as principal in the high school for 35 years.

A fellow engineering graduate of Stevens and the high school successor to Stover, Thomas F. Gaynor, retired assistant

superintendent of schools, stated, "I have great admiration for the man. He was an individual with a distinctive character. I'm sure the whole community is mourning his death."

Stover had retired in 1957.

Thomas F. McFeely, retired Hoboken superintendent of schools, commented, "I never knew a man who was more dedicated to the education, growth and development of children. He was very sympathetic to their needs."

Private funeral services will be held Friday.

Elizabeth Gonzalez, left, and Anne Wollington glide through the water in the swimming pool at the Hoboken-North Hudson YMCA in Hoboken.

tion centers, uptown at 1229 Willow Ave., and downtown at 123 Jefferson St. The latter is currently closed for repairs. The uptown center conducts day-care Monday to Wednesday and after school classes for children age five to twelve.

Union City has a large after-school recreation program, complete with basketball leagues, arts and crafts, shop and photography classes. School facilities are used as well as the Morning Star art center. Music lessons, chess tournaments and other leagues are conducted and the program runs 42 weeks a year. There is also an all-day summer program, about 10 weeks long.

The ice skating rink and swim center are the focal points for recre-

ation in Secaucus. Arts and crafts, sports and adult activities in the evenings are offered and there is a special swim program for the handicapped. Sponsoring non-residents can join the center, as well as residents.

North Bergen's recreation programs are conducted out of 10 centers scattered throughout the township. There are tennis clinics, field trips, soccer, basketball and baseball. Residents can also use the township's pool. A brochure of all activities is available upon request.

Most of the programs sponsored by the Kearny YMCA are for pre-schoolers and women. There is swimming, yoga, a team program two nights a week, and gymnastics. Because it is part of the Newark

YMCA, the Kearny Y can offer summer camps and day camps for children.

The Meadowlands area YMCA does not have a facility, but does maintain two large heated above-ground swimming pools and rents a gym. Swimming classes for children four months old to adults, arts and crafts for all ages, and bowling and swimming for senior citizens, are included in the program. There is also a pre-school for ages one and a half through five. A program brochure is being drawn up.

Harrison recreation officials are contemplating a new building for their baseball, football and volleyball leagues, and programs currently held in the local library and schools.

## Landlord cleared, but tenants point out remaining violations

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken's case against landlord Joseph Sardone was dismissed yesterday after city housing inspector Ralph DeMarco testified that all violations in his tenement house at 624 Park Ave. in Hoboken had been corrected.

But angry tenants said that many of the violations still exist.

After court, tenants took a Jersey Journal reporter on a tour of the building and showed him two of the five apartments DeMarco had inspected and pointed out conditions that were either never cited or that DeMarco had said were fixed.

Jimmy and Marie Durham, who live in the fifth floor said the shut-off valve under the kitchen sink was still broken and the living room ceiling still leaks when it rains. Both conditions, they said, have existed for months.

DeMarco's inspection report revealed that the valve under the kitchen sink had been fixed and did not mention the living room ceiling at all.

Michael Curcio, Hoboken chief housing inspector, said the valve must have broken again after DeMarco certified it as fixed on April 21 and said the ceiling problem must have just developed.

But the problem with the ceilings was noticed by the same reporter when he toured the Durhams' apartment in early March.

DeMarco said he could have overlooked the ceiling violation.

But Mrs. Durham said she told

him to make sure he got it down when DeMarco made an inspection on Feb. 25. Mrs. Durham said six other violations had been corrected by the landlord.

Curcio said Mrs. Durham's apartment had been inspected by DeMarco five times between Feb. 25 and April 21.

Mrs. Durham conceded that the inspector never came back after Feb. 25. DeMarco denied that and said he was able to get the key from the landlord to get into the apartment at times when the couple were not home. The other apartment seen by the reporter is occupied by Migadil Gonzalez, also on the fifth floor.

Mrs. Gonzalez showed a reporter paint peeling all around her bathroom and in her living room. She had pointed out those same conditions to the reporter in early March. Yet they were never cited by DeMarco although he did cite others that were corrected on an inspection Jan. 18 on three subsequent reinspections, the latest on April 20.

Curcio said the violations must have just occurred.

Gloria Pabon, president of the tenant organization in the building who lives on the first floor, showed a reporter exposed electrical wiring, leaks and other problems in her apartment, which she said she showed to DeMarco during an inspection in February.

But DeMarco never made an inspection of that apartment, according to the inspection reports in Curcio's office.

In court yesterday the tenants tried to show acting Municipal Court Judge Chris Pappas pictures of the conditions in the building but the judge refused since the housing inspector testified the violations were corrected.

Pappas did order DeMarco, however, to go back to the building today or tomorrow to see about the violations tenants said still existed. DeMarco said he will make that visit tomorrow.

Mrs. Pabon gave DeMarco the names of tenants in five other apartments in the 15-unit building that DeMarco had not previously inspected and the housing inspector said he will inspect those apartments.

The city housing inspection bureau operates on a complaint system and won't go into a particular apartment unless it receives a complaint.

DeMarco had found a total of 42 violations in the building during his inspection of the five apartments. But the building has had more than 100 state violations for two years.

But the state bureau of housing was unable to crack down on Sardone because officials said they couldn't locate him. The bureau only recently served Sardone with a copy of the violations dating back two years, according to a bureau spokesman. But Sardone claims yesterday he had received no correspondence at all from the state.

The landlord said he is fixing all

problems in the building as fast as he can but said it would be impossible to do everything in the building overnight.

Meanwhile tenants at 624 Park Ave. tried to get a copy of the city violations the building was cited for before court yesterday but were refused copies by Curcio even though they were accompanied by Thomas Olivieri, the city's outreach worker. Olivieri said the tenants wanted to know what was going on in court concerning their apartments, so they requested the inspection reports.

Curcio said he did not want housing inspection reports to go to unauthorized persons.

He said if the tenants write him a letter he would send them copies of the reports.

## Student teachers get 'tough' problem in class assignment

The starting salary for Hoboken teachers is \$12,400 and the top salary is \$23,600 for teachers with 11 years' experience and a doctorate.

It's a simple piece of public information. But two Jersey City State College students say they have tried to get that information for six weeks without any luck.

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They are, Chius said, public library, two employees; administration office, two employees; parks and recreation department, three to five, depending if the layoffs are made now

or at the end of the summer; welfare, two employees; public works, six employees; traffic and signal division, one employee; and one or two crossing guards.

Chius said layoffs would take place within 45 days from the date the notice is sent out.

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The city's YMCA is involved in social services. There is a group home for teenage girls, a battered

women's project and shelter, and services for abused men and women.

The Jersey City Jewish Community Center, 604 Bergen Ave., has a full health club with sauna, steam room, whirlpool, Olympic-size swimming pool, gym, weight room, and racquet ball room. All are for use by both men and women.

The Friendly Seniors Club meets at the center every Tuesday and Thursday for classes, games, films and speakers. The center also conducts a program for Russian immigrants.

The Jewish Community Center in Bayonne at 1050 Kennedy Blvd. has pre-school and nursery programs, a program for children from

Kindergarten through sixth grade that includes classes, scouting and clubs, and activities for seventh and eighth graders. The center also runs a full day camp during the summer.

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The Bayonne YMCA offers swim and physical fitness programs for men and women, and their facilities include a pool, gym, running track, sauna and lounge with color television. There is a swim program for children six months old and up. Hustle classes are also held.

The town's YMCA has a resident facility for housing 21 women and girls. There is a pre-school program for children age two and a half to three and a half, and one for three and a half to five. Classes include gymnastics, ballet for children and adults and belly dancing. There is a roller skating rink for the youngsters.

The West New York Recreation Center, 57th Street and Broadway, houses basketball, football, baseball and tennis. There are also arts and crafts, cheerleading, baton twirling and men's and women's leagues. The center is one of the largest multi-purpose facilities in the state.

Six ball-oriented leagues comprised of 30 teams are part of the Weehawken recreation program. Public school facilities are used for basketball and gymnastics and toddlers can use any of the five playgrounds. The Weehawken stadium can now stay open long after dark because of new lighting. In summer, the township promotes concerts, lectures and outdoor picnics.

The Hoboken-North Hudson YMCA, 1301 Washington St., has classes for women in swimming, volleyball, calisthenics, as well as for men. There is a pool, hand ball courts, running track and weight, karate and wrestling rooms in the facility.

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Elizabeth Gonzalez, left, and Anne Wollington glide through the water in the swimming pool of the Hoboken-North Hudson YMCA in Hoboken.



Running for fitness on the track above the gym at the Hoboken-North Hudson YMCA, in Hoboken, are, from left, Michelle Kleit, Gloria Rodriguez and Doris Link.

centers, uptown at 1229 Willow Ave., and downtown at 123 Jefferson St. The latter is currently closed for repairs. The uptown center conducts day-care Monday to Wednesday and after school classes for children age five to twelve.

Union City has a large after-school recreation program, complete with basketball leagues, arts and crafts, shop and photography classes. School facilities are used as well as the Morning Star art center. Music lessons, chess tournaments and other leagues are conducted and the program runs 42 weeks a year. There is also an all-day summer program, about 10 weeks long.

The ice skating rink and swim center are the focal points for recreation

in Secaucus. Arts and crafts, sports and adult activities in the evenings are offered and there is a special swim program for the handicapped. Sponsored non-residents can join the center, as well as residents.

North Bergen's recreation programs are conducted out of 10 centers scattered throughout the township. There are tennis clinics, field trips, soccer, basketball and baseball. Residents can also use the township's pool. A brochure of all activities is available upon request.

Most of the programs sponsored by the Kearny YMCA are for preschoolers and women. There is swimming, yoga, a team program two nights a week, and gymnastics. Because it is part of the Newark

YMCA, the Kearny Y can offer summer camps and day camps for children.

The Meadowlands area YMCA does not have a facility, but does maintain two large heated above-ground swimming pools and rents a gym. Swimming classes for children four months old to adults, arts and crafts for all ages, and bowling and swimming for senior citizens, are included in the program. There is also a pre-school for ages one and a half through five. A program brochure is being drawn up.

Harrison recreation officials are contemplating a new building for their baseball, football and volleyball leagues, and programs currently held in the local library and schools.

## Landlord cleared, but tenants point out remaining violations

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Hoboken's case against landlord Joseph Sardone was dismissed yesterday after city housing inspector Ralph DeMarco testified that all violations in his tenement house at 624 Park Ave. in Hoboken had been corrected.

But angry tenants said that many of the violations still exist.

After court, tenants took a Jersey Journal reporter on a tour of the building and showed him two of the five apartments DeMarco had inspected and pointed out conditions that were either never cited or that DeMarco had said were fixed.

Jimmy and Marie Durham, who live in the fifth floor said the shut-off valve under the kitchen sink was still broken and the living room ceiling still leaks when it rains. Both conditions, they said, have existed for months.

DeMarco's inspection report revealed that the valve under the kitchen sink had been fixed and did not mention the living room ceiling at all.

Michael Curcio, Hoboken chief housing inspector, said the valve must have broken again after DeMarco certified it as fixed on April 21 and said the ceiling problem must have just developed.

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DeMarco said he could have overlooked the ceiling violation.

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The other apartment seen by the reporter is occupied by Miguel Gonzalez, also on the fifth floor.

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The executors of the estates of 18 people who died in a Hoboken fire in January of 1979 have filed a Hudson County Superior Court suit against the city, the county and the owners of the tenement charging negligence on their parts led to the deaths.

The suit charges that at least 190 housing violations were permitted to exist in the building, and the city failed to condemn the premises as uninhabitable and did not require that fire alarms and smoke detectors be installed. The building was located at 121 Clinton St.

The suit asks for damages for the next-of-kin as well because of the pain they allegedly suffered and the extra expenses they were faced with as a result of the tragedy.

According to the suit, Kussila Budhuo is a plaintiff on behalf of Gangi Rampersaud, 35, and the eight Rampersaud children who died in the blaze. Ceteram Drepaui is serving as plaintiff for Jacob Drepaui, his wife, Roxanne Gongpatty, and their seven children, who were also victims of the fire.

Both the Drepaui and Rampersaud families were emigrants from Guyana. They are being represented by famed New York City attorney Harry Lipsig.

The owners of the building named in the suit are Isaac and Genoveva Haim. The owners are accused in the suit of failing to comply with housing code regulations and allowing hazardous conditions to exist in the building.

The owners have in the past denied that they were negligent in their maintenance of the building.

A total of 21 persons died in the Jan. 30 blaze, which broke out in the early morning and forced many of the tenants to jump from their windows to the ground to escape the flames.

The Jersey City police later reported the fire was started by children playing with matches in a hallway.

## Negligence cited in 18 deaths

Hoboken, Hudson County and the state have been named defendants in a suit filed on behalf of 18 of the 21 persons killed in a 131 Clinton St. fire in January, 1979, alleging negligence contributed to the blaze. The suit to be heard in Superior Court in Hudson County has been filed in Trenton by Lawyers representing Kussila Budhuo, executor of the estate of Gangi Rampersaud, 35, and her eight children, and Ceteram Drepaui, executor of the estate of Jacob Drepaui, 44; his wife, Gongpatty, and their seven children. Bennett J. Wasserman of Fair Lawn and Harry H. Lipsig of New York are the plaintiffs' lawyers. The suit, charging the public bodies allowed hazardous conditions to exist in the tenement when it was engulfed by an eight-hour blaze, Jan. 30, 1979, also names the building's owner, Isaac and Genoveva Haim, as defendants.

## Hoboken to seek welfare cheats

A special police unit, which will concentrate on investigating welfare fraud in Hoboken, will be formed in the next month, James Giordano, Hoboken public safety director, said today.

Giordano said the unit will be made up of Hoboken policemen presently assigned to the detective bureau. The unit, he said, also may concentrate on major cases other than welfare fraud.

Giordano said the number of men in the unit has not yet been decided upon.

He said that the unit is being formed because of complaints he has heard from citizens and local officials that there are people living in Hoboken illegally collecting welfare.

Mary Costello, director of the Hoboken welfare office, said she would greatly welcome the unit's presence.

Right now, Mrs. Costello said, she only has one investigator who works on a part-time basis.

"We have over 1,000 clients and 10 new applicants a month," she said. "We can't do a proper job in-

vestigating with our caseload."

Mrs. Costello said while a client is investigated when he applies to get on welfare that is usually it.

Her one investigator, she said, has very little time to do follow-up investigations.

Consequently, Mrs. Costello said someone can move into a tenement or rooming house in Hoboken and then move out a few days later. While the welfare recipient may not be living in Hoboken any more, the welfare office has no way of knowing, Mrs. Costello said.

## Postal exam set

The Hoboken Post Office will be accepting applications for its clerk-carrier examination from May 12 to the 16.

Those on the 1978 register that

have not been hired are urged to reapply for the exam. Salaries, not including fringe benefits for clerk and letter carriers begin at \$8.10 an hour and increase to \$9.43 over an eight year period. This represents a \$16,326 starting salary for a full-time employee that increases to \$18,988 in eight years.

Applications are available in room 203 at the post office, 89 River St., from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Openings in the Post Office are anticipated within the next two years and those qualified will be hired.

## Surprise vote trims Hoboken school budget

By Ronald Leir

The Hoboken Board of School Estimate last night voted 5-to-0 to trim an additional \$300,000 from the \$4.5 million to be raised by local taxation to support the city Board of Education for its 1980-81 school year, which means about a \$2 reduction in the increase to the local tax rate, officials said. The school tax levy will still rise by about \$3 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The unanimous vote came as a surprise to some observers who had expected a split decision, with "nay" votes figured to come from the two school trustees, Robert Wendelken and John Pope, and the city coun-

cilmen, Salvatore Cemelli and Bernard Scrivani, tabbed as in favor of the cut, and Mayor Steve Cappiello, seen as the tie-breaker, siding with the councilmen.

But Cappiello, following last night's action, denied that the members of the Board of School Estimate were lined up on opposite sides. He said all acted in concert.

Wendelken, who serves as president of the school board, said: "By making this cut, our proposed \$7 million capital improvement bonding issue should be looked at in a better light by the city council."

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## Hiring hall likely to stay put for a while

By MARYANN JACOB  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The city's longshoremen hiring hall, threatened by a move to regionalize industry recruitment in Port Newark, will remain here at least for a few more months, probably on the top floor of City Hall — the former National Guard Armory, a waterfront commission official said yesterday.

Capt. Frank A. Johansson, manager of the Hudson County Employment Information Center of the NJ State Waterfront Commission, said the hiring hall must be moved from the former Jersey Observer building on Newark Avenue within the next few weeks. This would allow the building to be developed into 117 units of

housing by Applied Housing Associates.

Mayor Steve Cappiello recently offered the top floor of City Hall as a temporary hiring hall.

About 300 longshoremen report to the hiring hall every day for work assignments, said Johansson.

He said the current hiring hall was revised in March 1977, moving from 80 Hudson St. where it had been since 1963.

Longshoremen in the area have protested the move to eliminate the hall in favor of concentrating recruitment in Port Newark, where shipping activity has grown over the past 15 years.

According to Rudy Capello, a spokesman for the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) in Hoboken, a petition calling for maintenance of the hall in Hoboken has collected 800 signatures so far.

A central argument against the move is that most of the longshoremen now hired out of the hall live north of Hoboken and would face financial and transport difficulties if forced to report to Port Newark every day.

"We appreciate the city and Mayor Cappiello giving us this hall to use," said Capello, although he noted that the ILA had not been officially notified of the plan to make use of the top floor in the City Hall.

## Landlord says he'll repair 2 tenements, but . .

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken landlord Daniel Janssen agreed yesterday to a consent order issued by Superior Court Judge Geoffrey Gaulkin to maintain basic services and repair two tenement houses he owns at 213 and 215 Willow Ave. that are slated to be rehabilitated by Applied Housing Associates.

But, after court, Janssen told The Jersey Journal that he didn't see how he could fix the worst problem — flooding in the basement of 213 Willow Ave. This had caused the fire department to order electricity shut off to the remaining seven families in the tenement.

"The city sewer backs up and causes flooding in my basement," he said. "I can't build a new sewer."

Janssen said tenants at 213 Willow Ave. are getting electricity into their apartments through extension wires they have illegally strung up that go into outlets at 215 Willow Ave.

"I'm very confused," said Janssen. "I don't know what to do."

Janssen said he had not been receiving any rent money from tenants in the two buildings for the past two months and added there was no way he could make any major repairs to buildings that were scheduled to be sold and rehabilitated.

Sal Santaniello, Hoboken housing and neighborhood development coordinator, said the city's main concern is that the basement be cleared of water and that the electricity be turned back on in No. 213.

He said the city is willing to let other building violations ride because of the fact that the buildings are to be rehabilitated.

The buildings have hundreds of violations, on everything from broken windows to rats and roaches.

Santaniello also said that Janssen is receiving approximately \$900 a month from Applied Housing Associates in rent money for vacant apartments in the buildings, which should give him the capital to fix the plumbing problem.

He said, as he understands it, the problem is not with the city sewer but in a broken line in the basement of 213 Willow Ave.

Janssen is due back in court on May 30. The city will then testify if he lived up to his agreement.

Eugene Drayton, president of the Hoboken Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, meanwhile, said he took Gaulkin's order to mean that all violations have to be corrected in the tenement houses.

And Drayton said the NAACP will work with the Hudson County Urban League to make sure every single housing violation in the two tenement houses is found and corrected.

Joseph Barry, president of Ap-

plied Housing Associates, meanwhile, said he was concerned that the entire rehabilitation project might fall through. Barry said after court yesterday that Janssen told him he was not going to go through with his plans to sell the buildings to Applied because of the city's action.

Barry said HUD approval on the project is still at least two months away and if everything works out, construction would still not start for six months.

Santaniello said a delay in the project which covers the buildings from 201 to 215 Willow Ave. as well as some buildings on the 100 block, had been caused because his office asked Barry to resubmit a plan to provide more apartments for larger families.

Barry's original plan called for most of the 89 units in the buildings to consist of one bedroom units. But, the revised plan calls for 24 one-bedroom units, 41 two-bedroom units and 17 three-bedroom units.

## Environmentalists feel left out

By Robert Larkins

The spokeswoman for a coalition of environmental units asserted today that her group's proposal for a permanent waterfront agency structure will not be getting an adequate hearing by the panel studying the Hudson River waterfront.

Helen Manogue of the Waterfront Coalition of Hudson and Bergen met yesterday with Kenneth McPherson, chairman of the Hudson River Waterfront Planning, Study and Development Commission, which was created by the governor to make recommendations about the future of the riverfront.

She expressed "dismay" that she had failed to recognize her coalition's plan as a viable "middle ground" between a "regional home rule commission" and a "regional autonomous authority."

She complained that there will be no formal opportunity for the coalition to meet with the commission and discuss its proposal at length.

McPherson told her it could be introduced as a third alternative from the floor at the next commission meeting if sufficient commissioners agreed, and that coalition members could discuss it with commission members at a breakfast session the day of the meeting.

That meeting was tentatively slated for May 15 but might be delayed.

McPherson said he admired the coalition for the work it has done but added he would not "substitute the coalition's judgment for the commission's judgment."

Mrs. Manogue said Sally Aaronson of Hoboken was a commission member and a member of CIVIC, one of the organizations in the coalition. Mrs. Manogue said she didn't know if there would be enough support on the commission for the group's proposal to be successfully introduced for discussion at the commission meeting.

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introduced for discussion at the commission meeting.

Mrs. Manogue said the meeting with McPherson was valuable. McPherson said he hoped he had helped.

"It was very good," she said, "very illuminating to us because we found out a good deal about not only the workings of the commission but his assessment of those workings."

"However, it was to our dismay that Mr. McPherson failed to acknowledge the fact that 19 citizen groups representing 40,000 New Jersey citizens with longstanding interest in the waterfront have come up with a valid and viable plan.

"We should have an opportunity to meet with the commission and have a dialogue with its members. We feel that no other citizen group has come up with an alternate plan. Inasmuch as we are the only group that has come up with a special plan we feel we should be offered the opportunity to have a special meeting."

The commission's executive committee has released only the "regional autonomous authority" and "regional home rule commission" plans for a vote.

"We see those as either-or positions," Mrs. Manogue said, "not recognizing the fact there is a middle ground."

The coalition's proposal would serve as that middle ground, the coalition has contended, because it would have 50 percent representation

of public officials on its large board and 50 percent representation of community interest groups, and because the permanent commission would have power to enforce its master plan but could not initiate a project without municipal approval.

If the meeting is held May 15, it will be at 10 a.m. at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken. McPherson said it may have to be delayed a couple of weeks to give commissioners more time to review the two proposals released by the executive committee Tuesday.

Mrs. Manogue criticized what she considered the excessive power of McPherson and the executive committee in the workings of the commission.

## 20 should hear today of firing

The 20 employees Hoboken has decided to lay off should receive their termination notices by today, according to Edwin Chius, Hoboken business administrator. Chius said the layoffs will take place on June 15.

The layoffs are spread out throughout the various departments, except for the police and firemen, where eight police sergeants, six lieutenants and five fire captains are scheduled to be demoted.

"I'm not very happy that these layoff notices had to be sent out," said Chius. "But given the city's financial condition we have no other choice."

Chius said if the city receives any additional state or federal aid the employees could be rehired by the end of the year.

## Summer in Hoboken may not be so hot for kids

By MARYANN JACOB  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Summer vacation may find youngsters without the wide selection of summer recreation programs they enjoyed last year because of cutbacks precipitated by budget problems.

Although the recreation department's budget for summer activities has been raised from about \$8,000 to \$11,000, a reported cut of about \$35,000 in the Community Development Agency's (CDA) summer budget will make it difficult to offer extensive programming, according to Mary Ellen Gallo, city recreation coordinator.

"We're hoping to work with CDA and supplement each other's work," Gallo said.

"Between the two of us, we don't have much money."

No definite plans have yet been made for the summer program because of fluctuating budget problems, Gallo said.

"We know CDA will not have staff in each park," she said. Last year, the CDA program had a staff of counselors in each of five city parks to work with the children who normally used that park.

Each park had staff to supervise sports and special activities in each park every day, she said.

That program will have to be cut out entirely, she said, although some special events may be staged in the parks periodically throughout the summer.

Money for bus trips has been cut sharply, said Gallo, but the recreation department is considering continuing the program and having the children pay a minimal fee for the trip.

## Row after row goes on, but not in that garden

The saga of the vegetable and flower garden at Second and Garden streets in Hoboken continues.

In the last installment five months ago, the Hoboken Community Development Agency finally had managed, after a year-and-a-half of delays, to purchase about six plants to make the \$1,800 flower and vegetable garden a partial reality.

Members of the First Ward Block Association, who had agreed to maintain the garden once they were given the plants, had complained numerous times about the delays.

Now, the CDA is complaining about the First Ward Block Association.

When asked the status of the project, John Manieri, the CDA's construction site manager, said the First Ward Block Association had not been maintaining the garden as promised and that the CDA has been forced to clean up the lot a number of times.

But Sueleen Newman, a spokeswoman for the association, said one of its members, who lives next door to the garden, has taken care of it. Mrs. Newman said she knew nothing about the CDA cleaning up the lot.

Manieri also said the CDA is willing to plant more plants in the garden but hasn't heard anything from the association. Mrs. Newman said, however, the planting season has just begun and the association expects to ask the CDA to buy some more plants soon.

## PBA's head blasts city, declares it slows arbitration

Hoboken's not acting in good faith, which is causing the delay of arbitration sessions between the city and the police department, Thomas Meehan, president of the Policemen's Benevolent Association local charged today.

An arbitrator on Tuesday held the first session between the city and the police department. The meeting started at 1 p.m. and ended three hours later because Mayor Steve Cappiello had a commitment elsewhere, Meehan said.

The PBA president said it is "ridiculous" to pay an arbitrator \$250 a day — the cost is split between the city and the PBA — when a session is only held for three hours.

Meehan also said that the city's lawyer, Frank Hayes, claimed that he was not ready to fully participate in the arbitration proceedings because he was not aware of what the PBA was asking for.

But Meehan said he had given the union's demands to city officials on April 2 and they could have passed them on to Hayes.

"We are getting closer and closer to a job action with this kind

behavior by the city," Meehan said. The PBA has been asking for a 10 percent pay raise for police while the city has claimed it has no money for any increase.

Another arbitration meeting is scheduled for Monday.

Meanwhile, a meeting between the PBA and the City Council and other city officials over unpaid money in the city budget that the PBA claims could be used for pay raises and avert planned demotions of cops has been cancelled.

Edwin Chius, city business administrator, said Meehan cancelled the meeting and Meehan said Chius had cancelled the meeting.

Meehan said that an audit done for the PBA of half of last year's budget had shown a surplus of \$2 million.

But Chius said that surplus is now down to \$1 million. He said it didn't matter how big the city's surplus was since the state cap law prohibits the city from spending more than 5 percent of what was spent in the preceding year.

Cappiello and Hayes were not available for comment.



# Hoboken's tax rate increase held to \$4

By Tom Golodnik

If Hoboken taxpayers didn't breathe an audible sigh of relief last night, it wasn't the City Council's fault as it announced amendments to the municipal budget that will mean an increase of only \$4 over the 1979 tax rate, not the \$22 originally estimated.

Of that trimming of \$18, about \$8 came from a reduction in the reserve for uncollected taxes, additional outside revenue and a non-cash surplus, all approved by the state's Division of Local Government Services, while another \$6 came from reductions in the municipal costs for 1980.

Reductions in the estimated county tax cut another \$1.50 from the originally projected rate of \$129 per \$1,000 valuation while further cuts to the school budget eliminated \$2.75.

Each \$1 reflected in the tax rate is the equivalent of \$103,000 of municipal spending. There will be no increase in 1980 over the amount needed last year for municipal expenses.

While Council President Walter Cramer was criticized by one member of the public for answering many questions about the budget with "probably" and "possibly," he pointed out that the city still had not received total approval on the measure and figures would not be definite until next week when more amendments suggested by the state get a public hearing at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The council received some flak on planned reductions and demotions in the public safety departments. Cramer explained that any reductions are due to attrition, not layoffs, and that it appeared the demotions "will probably come to pass, though I hope they don't."

As amended, the budget calls for \$5,252,907 to be raised by taxes as opposed to the original figure of \$6,102,143, a reduction of about \$850,000.

An ordinance approving the appropriation of \$1,123,000 for the reconstruction of Hoboken schools

was also approved at the meeting. Although the city must arrange for financing of the bond issue, the entire amount, including interest will be paid by the state.

The council instructed Anthony Amoroso, the city clerk, to begin implementing plans to refurbish the schools now that the bond issue is finalized so that the state funds are not jeopardized.

"This is not necessarily the end," Cramer said of the bond issue. "We know that this money alone cannot do the job. Many of us here realize these schools do need repairs which will make for better education."

Two other ordinances had public hearings with final passage set for next month. These involved agreements with the Hudson County Utilities Authority, which will be taking over Hoboken's primary sewerage facilities under a federal mandate for the regionalization of sewage treatment.

While Cramer said he could only guess at the value of Hoboken's plant,

he estimated the city would be "reimbursed in the millions" for it although that money is "a couple of years down the road, not imminent."

The second ordinance guaranteed the seniority and salary benefits of 20 persons now employed by Hoboken in the plant when they become county employees.

The council approved the plans and specifications for the municipal square park project which calls for construction of basketball and street hockey courts and sitting area as well as an additional 44 parking spaces, all on the old Condenser Service site.

After the budget amendment hearing, Councilman Nunzio Malfetti remarked he thought the present mayor-council form of government provided under the Faulkner Act was too expensive.

"I think you should start circulating a petition to change the form of government then," Cramer told him.

"I might be walking the streets soon," Malfetti replied. "I think it's a good deal."

# Hoboken is seeking developer for site at Grogan Plaza

The Hoboken Housing Authority today is seeking a developer for vacant land within the Grogan marine View complex on Hudson and River streets.

The authority announced last night it would like to develop the tract of land originally selected as site of a Ramada Inn. The developer, Bernard Kenny, had been in negotiations with the authority many months, however, and the authority has given up on the motel idea. Kenny had developed an office building at First and Hudson streets.

Andrew Scherer, authority chairman, also announced that developers will be sought for the construction of low rise townhouses on Adams and Jefferson streets, between First and Second streets.

The authority engaged the architectural and engineering firm of Charles Wolfe to plan for modernization at the Andrew Jackson Christopher Columbus and Harrison Gardens. Waterproofing, sidewalks and general repair will be carried out. The board also awarded a contract to RKD Oil Co., of Ridgefield to supply oil to four projects.

# Hoboken taxpayers: Attention!

The tax situation in Hoboken is far from simple.

The tax you pay per \$1,000 of assessed valuation will be approximately \$6 more per thousand than you paid in 1978 and \$4 more than you should have paid last year if a reassessment of land in Hoboken had not been performed.

Here's how Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius explained it: The tax rate in 1978 was \$106 per thousand.

In 1979, it should have been 107.90 but went down to \$94.19 because of reassessment on all land by the Hoboken Board of Assessors.

The board, however, subsequently cancelled that reassessment.

The tax rate this year should be approximately \$112 per thousand which is about a \$4.10 increase from what the tax rate would have been last year if there was no reassessment of the land.

Although homeowners were paying less tax per thousand when the tax rate was \$94.19, they were still paying more taxes because the assessment on most homes increased.

So technically while homeowners will be receiving a \$16 increase in the tax rate this year, the net effect will only be in the area of \$4.

That will add up to an average of \$125 more in taxes this year than last year.

# Hoboken budget cuts may cause 20 layoffs

By MARYANN JACOB  
Staff Writer

**HOBOKEN**—The city began notifying all its permanent employees yesterday that they may be one of 20 full-time employees laid off June 25.

Twenty full-time employees will definitely be eliminated as a result of City Council budget cuts, according to Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

All departments will be effected except the law department (which has only two civil service employees), the city clerk's office and police and fire departments.

In belt-tightening measures to be imposed throughout the city, the police and fire departments will suffer reductions in rank.

Six police lieutenants will be demoted to sergeant and eight sergeants will be reduced to patrolmen.

Five fire department captains will be reduced to firemen.

The final layoff figure is considerably lower than the estimate of 80 to 100 layoffs originally estimated by some city

officials, when it first became apparent that the city would have to make massive budget reductions.

The city's tax rate increase, which had originally been estimated to be as high as a 25 to 30 percent jump, is also less than expected: the tax rate increase was originally projected to be about 23 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. The actual increase is \$4 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Chius said that the \$4 increase per \$1,000 applied to those whose assessments were reduced, as part of a re-valuation done last year. About 90

percent of the property owners in Hoboken had their assessments lowered at that time, he said.

Although the tax increase and projected layoffs were not as great as originally projected, the crisis is still not over, according to Chius.

"It's still at a crisis level," he said. "Our work force is diminishing, and CETA help is cut down. The employees must be more productive."

The outlook for next year, according to Chius, is one of stability, but said that there will be little new hiring next year.

# Malfetti for government change

Hoboken Councilman Nunzio Malfetti said today that he is laying the groundwork for a petition drive to change the form of government in Hoboken back to a commission one.

"With the current budget problems we're having, why should we pay nine councilmen and six department directors when we would only have to pay five commissioners under the commission form?" Malfetti asked.

"We could save \$300,000 a year or more just by changing the form of government," he said.

"In a mile-square city we don't

need nine councilmen," said Malfetti. "It's ridiculous."

Malfetti said he is currently talking to local residents to get their sentiments on the change and added if their response is positive he will launch the drive.

Twenty-five percent of Hoboken's registered voters would have to sign a petition in favor of the change for the question to be put on the ballot in November.

"I believe the people of Hoboken would go for such a change once it was explained to them," he said.

Edwin Chius, Hoboken business administrator, said, however, the commission form of government is "archaic."

Chius said the legislative and executive branches of government are not separate under a commission form, which can lead to numerous conflicts of interest. He said the commission form of government only works well when there is a strong mayor who can direct the other commissioners.

Union City, West New York and North Bergen operate under the commission form.

Chius said the salary savings are not that great in the commission form of government because assistant directors have to be hired to run the various departments.

The business administrator said, however, a debate could be held between Malfetti and a representative advocating the present type of mayor and council government in Hoboken.

Meanwhile, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto said he would be in favor of getting the question on the ballot and letting the voters decide.

# Demotions of officers protested

# Hoboken PBA threatens job action

By MARYANN JACOB  
Staff Writer

**HOBOKEN**—PBA officials said yesterday they may conduct a job action to protest the demotions of 14 officers mandated by the city as part of its budget cutting program.

"I feel there will be some kind of job action either on or after May 20," PBA President Thomas Meehan said yesterday. A general meeting of the PBA membership is scheduled for May 20 to discuss what kind of action may be taken.

Meehan would not speculate on what options would be considered in the job action, but added he personally could not condone a strike, saying that would be illegal.

Meehan said PBA members are "demoralized" by the cuts — which mandated the demotions of six lieutenants to sergeants and eight sergeants to patrolmen.

"If they don't have the money, it's not our problem," said Meehan. "It's because of their mismanagement."

Public Safety Director James W. Giordano said he knew the PBA was threatening a job action and said he hoped it would not occur.

for the good of the city.

Giordano said the City Council ordered the department to make cuts. The council asked all departments to reduce their budgets 7 percent.

The demotions will be effective June 25, Giordano said.

The demotions would avert layoffs in the department, according to Giordano.

There are now 12 men in the department who have been on the force for less than the one-year probationary period, Giordano said. These men would be the first to be laid off and they could not immediately be reinstated, Giordano said. They would be required to take the Civil Service test again, he said.

There will be layoffs in other departments in the city, according to Giordano.

"I'm sorry it had to happen," he said. "I think it's the best for all involved. I did not want to see any layoffs."

But Meehan said, "It puts a freeze on promotions for the next few years" because the demoted officers must be reinstated before there are new promotions.

Some officers have considered going to other police forces because of the lack of opportunity for advancement in Hoboken, Meehan said.

Patrick Lapicca, lieutenant representative for the PBA, said yesterday, "In 1977 the city of Hoboken through attrition dropped the table of organization from eight captains to four."

"In February of 1980 we were officially notified they were increasing the force by three captains," he said.

The police department agreed to take raises in three phases instead of in one year so the three captain positions could be created, Lapicca said.

"How can they notify us of an increase of three men and now they want to reduce lieutenants and sergeants?" he said.

"I say it is a step to demoralize the police department for reasons unknown to me," he said.

Lapicca said the savings amount to about \$8,000 because the demotions would not be effective until June and would affect only half of the officers' 1980 salaries.

# Tenement owner gets paid

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The job for \$936 although he admitted in court that he would be making a profit.

St. Hilaire said today he doesn't like the idea of Janssen making a profit on the job but said he felt he had no other choice since Janssen offered to do the work immediately at the lowest price.

Janssen today defended his making a profit saying D. J. Plumbing is a separate company from his realty company.

"We only work for profit," he said. "Meanwhile, St. Hilaire has intervened in the city's action against Janssen and is asking that Janssen's buildings be put in receivership because he says Janssen can't maintain them."

And St. Hilaire has launched a countersuit against Hoboken asking that it be compelled to clean out sewers on Willow Avenue.

St. Hilaire said he's taking the action because he does not want Janssen to blame the city for any future sewage problems.

While city officials have claimed it's not their problem, public works crews were at work cleaning out the city sewer yesterday and are expected back on Monday.

Janssen said he is very upset about all the suits against him and said because of it he will not sell 211, 213 and 215 Willow Ave. to Applied Housing Associates which is planning to renovate those buildings.

"Everyone is filing suit at me and is coming at me," said Janssen. "I won't stand for it. The proposal for me to sell the buildings to Applied Housing is dead."

Joseph Barry, president of Applied Housing Associates, had said without Janssen's agreement to sell the buildings the proposal to renovate the buildings would probably be dead.

# Red tape

The Community Development Agency in Hoboken has worked out a complicated system for verification of applications for relocation aid.

When the CDA decides that a person is entitled to a check, the City Council must then approve the check before it is sent to the tenant.

But the City Council meets only twice a month and, sometimes, an individual transaction can result in unnecessary hardship to an individual. One woman, for example, narrowly avoided eviction when a check was a bit late.

Would it be possible to work out a system so that the CDA can have the authority to approve an emergency payment? After all, the City Council action in the transaction now amounts to a rubber stamp on the CDA process. Why not extend the CDA process that one more step that will be so important to everyone involved?

# Budget cuts to slash superior ranks

Eight police sergeants, six lieutenants and five fire captains will be receiving demotion notices today, according to James Giordano, Hoboken public safety director.

Giordano said the demotions will become effective on June 25 and are in accordance with Civil Service rules — on the basis of seniority.

Thomas Meehan, president of the Hoboken Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, again threatened a major job action by police as well as legal action if the demotions take place.

"This is not something I want to do," said Giordano. "But given the situation I had no other choice."

Giordano must slash his budget 7 percent to comply with a City Council decision to cut Hoboken's budget by \$540,000.

Giordano maintains the demotions are better than firing new patrolmen.

He said he hoped the demotions would only be temporary and could be recinded if the city receives additional state aid.

But Mayor Steve Cappelletto has said there is almost no hope of such aid in the near future.

Lt. Patrick Tapicca, president of the Lieutenants Association, said morale will go down to zero if the demotions take place.

Tapicca recalled a day in early February when he and some

fellow superiors were called into Giordano's office and told that the city was considering adding three captains to the police department.

"Everyone in the department was happy," said Tapicca. "Morale was very high. Now this."

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# Hoboken councilman claims Ninth St. parking ban illegal

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. charged today that the city installed illegal no parking signs three weeks ago in front of Columbus Gardens, a city housing project on Ninth Street between Adams and Jefferson Streets.

Wilson said he received numerous complaints from residents about the signs and when he checked, he learned that the state and the city council had not approved the signs as required by law.

"The only reason I could see the city would do this is to benefit a bamboo factory across the street which wanted more room to load and unload

its trucks," Wilson said. "It's a shame that a local company's needs are being put above the residents of the area."

Wilson said the installation of the signs seems especially suspicious in view of the fact that he has been trying to get city officials to install a stop sign at Eight and Jefferson Streets where a fatality occurred less than a year ago.

"Suddenly these no parking signs appear just like that," said Wilson.

The councilman said residents of Columbus Gardens are especially disturbed over the signs because they are afraid to park far away from the project at night. The area around the

projects is an industrial area which is nearly deserted at night.

"I want these signs taken down immediately," said Wilson. "I am going to insist that the citizens of the Columbus Gardens project be treated properly."

James Giordano, Hoboken Public Safety Director said, however, the signs won't come down because they are legal.

He said the signs were put up for safety reasons, not to benefit any company.

Giordano said a 1952 city ordinance granted the city authority to install signs on Ninth, but they have not been up in recent years.

The public safety director said Ninth Street between Adams and Jefferson is a two-way street and in view of the safety hazard presented with cars parking on both sides of the street, it was decided to reinstall the signs.

Thomas Vecchione, Hoboken director of traffic and signals, meanwhile, said all of the city's traffic and no parking ordinances are in the process of being updated and that state approval is being sought for a new ordinance which will prohibit parking on Ninth Street.

Vecchione said the 1952 ordinance still stands while the state is reviewing the city's new ordinance. He said, however, Wilson will have an opportunity as a city council member to vote against the new ordinance.

In the meantime, Vecchione said his crews will start installing no parking signs on the other side of the street across from the project.

Vecchione said a traffic count was just completed at the intersection of Eight and Jefferson Street and that he is awaiting word from the state New Jersey Department of Transportation as to whether a sign should be installed at the intersection.

# Hoboken breaks word on housing for poor

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken's Community Development Agency has failed to live up to a written commitment it made to federal Housing and Urban Development officials in 1978 to find and renovate 80 vacant apartments to offset the relocation of other tenants who lived in buildings to be renovated with federal funds.

The city made that promise in its proposal to HUD to receive funds for the renovation of 500 apartments under the Neighborhood Strategy Area program. HUD subsequently approved the city's plans and awarded Hoboken rent subsidies to go to the developers of the 500 units.

The statement the city made was contained in its 1978 plan to HUD, a copy of which was obtained by The Jersey Journal.

Stephen St. Hilaire, a lawyer with Hudson County Legal Services, said today if the city had lived up to that

plan, then the current problems of poor black and Hispanic families being relocated out of Hoboken could have been avoided.

Hoboken's shortage of apartments forced CDA relocation officials to relocate outside Hoboken a number of families who had been living in buildings scheduled for renovation. This was especially the case where large families were involved.

Sal Santaniello, Hoboken Housing and Neighborhood Development coordinator, said the city had tried to live up to its 1978 plan but failed because of economic conditions.

Santaniello said the city had found 80 vacant units that could have been renovated but he said that they could not find a developer willing to renovate the apartments. He said the city is still trying to find a developer to renovate vacant units and he is hopeful that it will eventually happen.

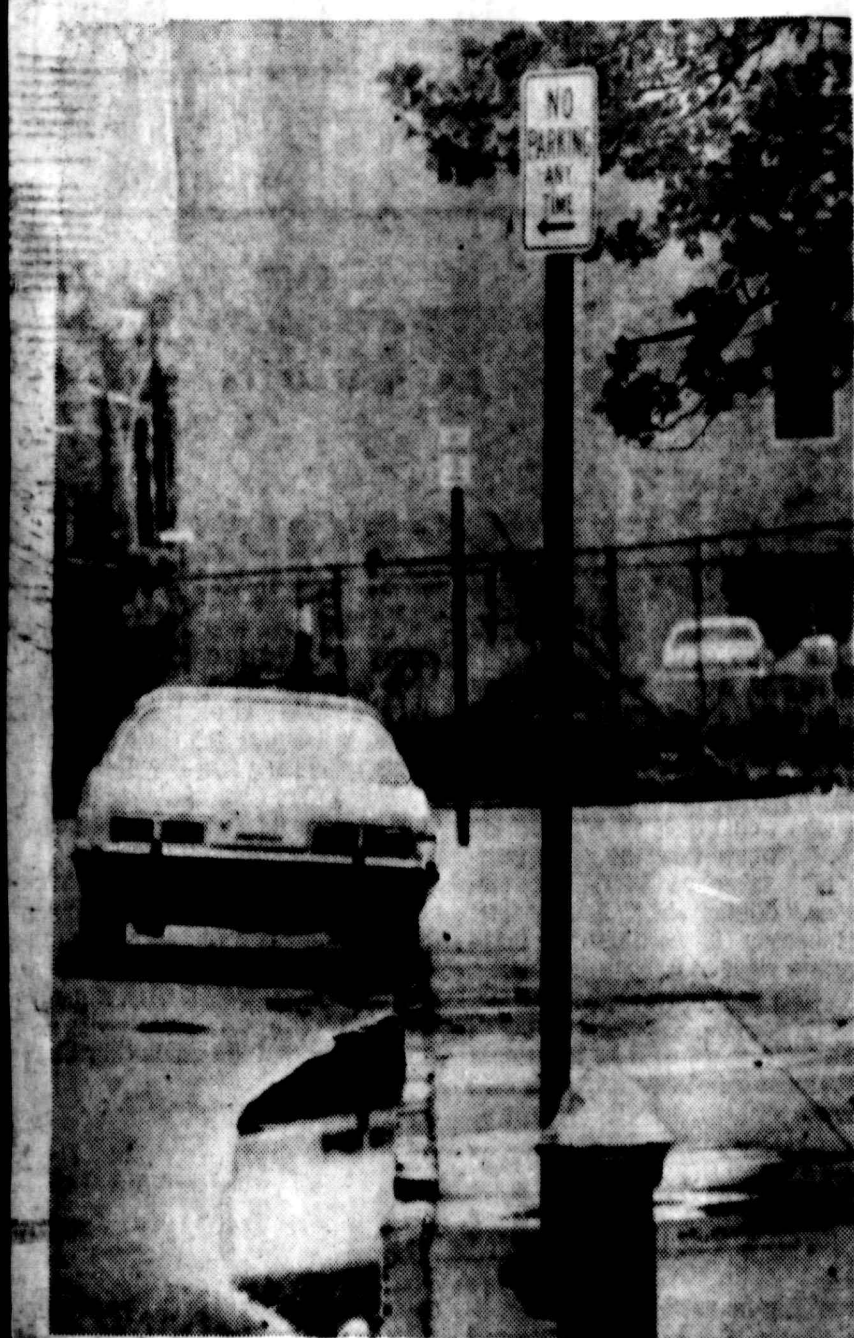
# Bad faith?

According to the Hoboken Patrolman's Benevolent Association, the city is showing "bad faith" in its arbitration sessions with the PBA and in proposing to demote 14 superior officers.

So, the PBA says it will stage an announced "major job action" within the next few days.

That will be a demonstration of good faith?

The time and place for negotiations is at the negotiation table, not by removing police protection from the taxpayers who are paying for it.



Hoboken Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. has charged that these no parking signs in front of the Columbus Gardens Housing Project on Ninth Street were illegally put up by the city three weeks ago.

# She wants her work surrounded by people

By Marian Courtney

"I like to show my work where people hang out," says Nancy Zola of Hoboken.

The artist is exhibiting 30 paintings in mixed media at LeFigaro Cafe in Greenwich Village, where she herself "hangs out" when she is not in Hoboken.

Although the spring weather has drawn many outdoors to sidewalk tables, she's seated indoors, where her work will be shown through May 31, explaining to a visitor why she likes to be part of the cafe scene.

"I like to be shown where people gather to read poetry, listen to music or just talk," she says. "I don't think art should be an elitist preoccupation."

Ms. Zola's last exhibition was at the Beat 'n Path Cafe in Hoboken, another gathering place for poets, artists and musicians.

"Art shouldn't be separated from life," says Ms. Zola, "and I guess that's a political statement. It's like Camus said in 'The Myth of Sisyphus,' an artist caring for people in a commercial society is absurd, but some of us are committed to that absurdity and we just keep trying to push the rock up the mountain. Art for art's sake doesn't mean much to me."

Part of the task for her of pushing the rock up the mountain, she agrees, is dealing with the archetypal figures that emerge on her canvases, arising out of dreams and visions, which she claims are her major source of inspiration.

Fertility figures, tree spirits and mythic images, they people an ethereal landscape of the artist's mind — oceanic in its blue haze. They aim at the core of human existence.

"Dream of a Golden Lake," for instance, was taken directly from a dream, as its title implies. Two nudes — a man and a woman — float in its timeless expanse, seemingly unaffected by gravity, as the golden lake shimmered above them.

"The Shell Gatherer," a woman whose womb is swollen by a myriad of tiny heads, was inspired by a vision. "The heads are all part of herself," Miss Zola says. "She's trying to get her soul together."

The female faces all look like the artist and are self-portraits. Her triangular face, squared off at the chin, is reflected over and over on the walls around her.

Although the work is billed as mixed media, the artist prefers to call it "multifarious media." Its acrylic surface is built up with gesso and modeling paste for a three-dimensional effect and gilded. The colors are primarily shades of blue and gold bathed in a rose hue.

"Those are the colors that were used most often to illuminate medieval manuscripts," she says. "I'm attracted to medieval things. They have a certain alchemy for me."

In "The Virgin and the Unicorn" the unicorn is a medieval archetype, as is the virgin, whose transforming power was attributed to the strength of her purity.

"I've done a number of paintings on this theme," she laughs, "but I'm afraid my virgins are getting seedier. And as I believe less and less in the power of virgins, my unicorns get wilder. Like the golden lake, they reflect a state of mind."

A selfportrait unabashedly reflecting the artist's state of mind is a pen and ink drawing that was reproduced for the invitation to the reception, titled "Spring Thoughts on my Mind." The head on the prone figure, propped by an elbow resting on the ground sprouts branches and leaves that turn out to be people.

When she's not painting or showing her work Ms. Zola is an active Hoboken mother. Her son, Gus Goldman, and his friend, Patrick Ricciardi and Alphonso Gillard, all 13, got up at 4 a.m. to help hang the show the day it opened.

# Hoboken and PBA arbitration session angers both sides

Hoboken laid its cards on the table yesterday in an arbitration session with the Hoboken Patrolmen Benevolent Association and offered police a three-percent pay raise for this year. The PBA has been without a contract since January 15.

Thomas Meehan, PBA president, called the city's offer "criminal" and said city officials deserved to be "in jail" for offering it. But Francis X. Hayes, the city's labor negotiator, said the PBA's own demands were outrageous and said with benefits would add up to a 50-percent pay raise for cops — or \$8,000 a man.

The base salary for a Hoboken patrolman is \$16,000 a year. Meehan would not say what the PBA demands were but a copy of them was obtained by The Jersey Journal. The PBA is asking for a 20 percent pay raise, a reduction in the work week by five hours, free college courses, and an increase in the number of vacation days from 35 to 60.

The PBA is also asking the city to supply them with bulletproof vests

and free offstreet parking near the police station, as well as allow police officers to grow beards while on vacation.

The city, meanwhile, is asking the PBA to allow one-man radio cars on all shifts and allow vacations to be spread throughout the year, with each man guaranteed two weeks during the summer.

Meehan said the PBA is willing to accept the settlement given to New York City Transit workers but he said city officials have been negotiating in bad faith by "not laying their cards on the table until yesterday."

He said the PBA gave the city a list of its demands more than two months ago. Privately, city officials have said they expect the arbitrator to grant an approximately six-percent pay increase to patrolmen.

A final arbitration meeting has been set for May 29 but the arbitrator, Irving Haley, has given both sides until mid-June to submit briefs. He will then have 60 days to make a decision so the contract could remain unsettled until late August.

# Hoboken landlord gets extension

Hoboken landlord Michael Spano got another extension in Hoboken Municipal Court yesterday after he failed to correct all housing violations for which he was cited in a previous inspection.

Ralph DeMarco, Hoboken housing inspector, testified yesterday that Spano had corrected 36 of the 70 violations cited during an inspection he made at 153 First St. on March 5.

Spano was originally scheduled to appear in municipal court's special section to deal with housing complaints on March 26, but the case was postponed by fill-in municipal court Judge Peter Giordano, who said that he was a friend of Spano and that it would be a conflict for him to hear the case.

The regular housing section judge, Chris Pappas, was in the hospital and Giordano rescheduled the case for yesterday.

Pappas yesterday told Spano to be back in court on May 28 after Spano said he was trying to fix the violations as quickly as possible.

After court, Pappas told The Jersey Journal that landlords sometimes have problems in fixing all their violations quickly and that he wanted to give Spano a little more time.

Michael Curcio, Hoboken's chief housing inspector, refused to comment.

Meanwhile, Spano still has not paid a \$400 fine the court levied

against him on Feb. 20, for not providing heat in two tenement houses he owns at 233 and 231 Monroe St.

Spano told Pappas he has made arrangements with Court Clerk Pasquale Della Fave to pay off the fine within 20 days.

Della Fave was out sick yesterday and unavailable for comment.

A hearing on three other summonses against Spano was delayed because of the policeman who gave them did not show up in court.

Assistant Court Clerk Ray Casler said there was an apparent foulup in his office and the policeman was not notified.

Pappas yesterday also granted an extension to Seriale Ltd., the Union City company whose officers include Union City School President John Powers and Union City Commissioner Ronald Dario for sanitary and plumbing violations at a tenement house the company owns at 800 Willow Ave.

Joseph Rivera, a spokesman for the company, said Seriale Ltd. couldn't be responsible for garbage in the backyard outside the building, because everytime it is cleaned up, more is dumped there.

He told the court that trucks come by and dump their contents in the backyard. But a resident of the neighborhood, John Murphy, who lives at the corner of Eighth Street and Willow Avenue testified that Seriale had made no attempts to clean up the garbage in the last five months and said that he has never seen any dump trucks dispose of garbage outside the buildings.

Andrew Amato, meanwhile, Hoboken Public Works director, testified that sewage was backing up outside 800 Willow Ave. but he said the problem was in the city's sewer and that city crews were trying to alleviate the condition.

# 20% pay raise workers' major goal in Hoboken

The vice president of Hoboken's Municipal Employees Association, Jude Fitzgibbons, said today his members will demand at least a 20 percent pay boost this year when contract negotiations begin with the city later this week.

The association has been without a contract since January. "This is our main contract demand and we want it met," said Fitzgibbons. "The municipal employees are the lowest paid among all the city employees."

Fitzgibbons said the municipal employees need the pay raise just to keep up with the cost of living.

"Almost all municipal employees live in Hoboken where the cost of living is even higher than at the shore where some of the police and firemen live," said Fitzgibbons.

The association represents all municipal employees in Hoboken. City officials refused to comment on the association's demands.

Both policemen and firemen, however, have requested 20 percent pay boosts in arbitration sessions and the city has offered them three percent.

# Street shows

Hoboken is permitting street entertainers to perform and to contribute a portion of their take to United Child Services, which, in turn, will funnel the funds to day care centers.

That sounds like a fine way to raise funds for day care centers, but you have to read the fine print.

The entertainers get to keep 90 percent of whatever they get. Only 10 percent of the take goes to the day care centers.

The split is spelled out in the guidelines which must be posted at the collection stations, but who would take the time to read the guidelines? You watch an entertainer do his act and you make a donation and walk away feeling that you have helped day care centers.

That 90-10 split should be emphasized more so that the public doesn't feel it is being ripped off.

# Hoboken, firemen far apart on pay, 2-day work week

Hoboken firemen are asking a 20 percent pay boost this year while the city has offered them 3 percent.

Both figures were laid out yesterday during an arbitration session between the Hoboken local of the International Firefighters Association and the city.

The firemen are also asking that their hours be changed from their current 10 hour a day schedule to a 24-hour consecutive shift with the following 72 hours off.

Edwin Chius, Hoboken business administrator, said he would have to study the idea.

Frank Hayes, the city's labor negotiator, said the pay increase and the change in working schedule were

the only major demands the firemen were making.

"The firemen are being reasonable unlike the policemen," Hayes said.

Michael Bavaro, president of the Hoboken IFA local, refused to comment on the arbitration session.

The Hoboken PBA has presented the city with 20 demands.

The policemen are seeking the same 20 percent pay increase as the firemen. The city also offered the police three percent.

Another arbitration session with the firemen is scheduled for May 29th. Then both sides will have until mid-June to submit briefs. The arbitrator will then have 60 days to make a decision.



## Boss says Hoboken Public Works OK

For the first time ever, a schedule has been devised that tells Hoboken Public Works employees what they are supposed to do on a particular day.

And for the first time ever, all three city sweepers have been operating at the same time including one sweeper operating at night, on occasion, to clean up the city's industrial section.

And yet in another "first" the department's foremen have been told which employees they are supposed to supervise.

"The department is actually functioning smoothly," said Edwin Chius, Hoboken's business administrator.

The changes in the department's operation have all been made by Roy Haack, Hoboken's sewage plant superintendent, who took responsibility over the garage's operations the public works garage.

The superintendent said he expects 100 percent from all public works garage employees and that he won't tolerate any more goofing off.

Two public works garage officials got that message the hard way last week. They both worked two days last week without pay after they were allegedly caught goofing off.

Under the agreement, Hoboken will still use a Civil Service test for hiring but minority members who pass it will get preference. The city also will be required to launch an affirmative action policy to encourage minorities to join the fire force.

## Hoboken calls off police demotions

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken has rescinded demotion notices sent to eight police sergeants and six police lieutenants following an agreement between the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and the city that the patrolmen's clothing allowance check for this year be delayed to 1981.

Edwin Chius, Hoboken business administrator, said clothing allowance checks for \$300 per man are usually issued in December and June of each year but that the patrolmen have agreed to have this December's check delayed until January.

Chius said this will enable the city to save \$20,000 this year. The demotions would have saved the city \$16,000 Chius said.

Thomas Meehan, president of the Hoboken PBA, said the police force was very happy about the rescinding of the layoff notices.

"We're very glad the city is showing good faith," he said.

Meehan said he has put off for now a job action that he said the

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police would have staged in the next few days.

But he warned that the action could still happen if the city continues to negotiate in "bad faith" at arbitra-

tion sessions being held between the PBA and the city.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said he was very gratified that the demotions had been averted. But the mayor said the policemen as well as firemen are going to have to agree to a number of demands the city will set forth to increase productivity of both forces. Cappiello refused to say what those demands were because, he said, he has yet to discuss them with policemen and firemen.

Meanwhile Chius said he expects that the firemen will make a similar agreement as the policemen did to avert the demotions of five fire captains.

## Hoboken will agree to hire 40 percent minority firemen

By Randolph Diamond

The Hoboken City Council is expected to approve a consent agreement tonight with the Justice Department which stipulates that 40 percent of all new firemen hired be minority members.

Hoboken would be the last of 12 New Jersey municipalities to sign the

consent agreement in order to avoid a government suit alleging discrimination in the city's hiring practices. The City Council in Jersey City recently approved a settlement in that city.

The settlement would require that Hoboken hire minority members preference until the fire department reaches a 22 percent minority membership.

Hoboken Fire Chief James Houn said the city won't have to take any special steps initially to comply with the orders since there are a number of minority members on the current Civil Service test list for firefighter who were expected to be appointed.

Houn said, however, he doesn't see any new appointments for the fire department until next May.

There is currently only one minority member — a Hispanic — on the fire force.

Under the agreement, Hoboken will still use a Civil Service test for hiring but minority members who pass it will get preference. The city also will be required to launch an affirmative action policy to encourage minorities to join the fire force.

## Hoboken doctor indicted on drugs

By Special Correspondent

TRENTON — A state Grand Jury has indicted a Hoboken physician, Andres S. LaCap, 53, his assistant, Daniel Gonzales, and the assistant's wife, Margarita Gonzales, both of Jersey City, on 36 charges involving unlawful distribution of narcotics and other controlled dangerous substances to both patients and undercover agents.

LaCap, whose office is at 208 First St., lives in Tenafly. Gonzales, 47, lives on Wayne Street, his wife, 33, on Winfield Ave. in Jersey City.

Based on information developed in the investigation, the state Board of Medical Examiners suspended LaCap's license to practice medicine. The indictment was returned Monday but sealed until the defen-

dants could be arrested. LaCap and Mrs. Gonzales were arrested Tuesday. Gonzales was nabbed yesterday.

Mercer County Superior Court Judge George Y. Schoch set bail for LaCap at \$75,000; \$25,000 for Gonzales and \$5,000 bond for his wife. Judges Maurice A. Walsh Jr., and John J. Grossi Jr. denied their motions to reduce bail.

The indictment charged all three defendants with conspiring between Jan. 1, 1974, and Aug. 23, 1979, to distribute unlawfully various controlled dangerous substances, to maintain premises to which persons could resort to obtain such substances, to maintain motor vehicles to be used to distribute the substances, and failure to keep adequate records concerning

the ordering, dispensing and maintaining of the substances.

The substances included demerol and peccodan, both narcotics, and various amphetamines, barbiturates and tranquilizers.

LaCap and Daniel Gonzales are charged with two counts of unlawful distribution of narcotic drugs; LaCap with 15 counts of unlawful distribution of other controlled dangerous substances; Daniel Gonzales with 12 such counts.

Both men also are charged with one count each of using motor vehicles to dispense the substances; LaCap and Gonzales with one count of maintaining LaCap's office as a drug resort; LaCap with failing to keep proper records; Mrs. Gonzales with

one count of unlawful distribution of controlled dangerous substances.

The Hoboken Police Department provided the information to the state Criminal Justice Division for the investigation. Trial was assigned to Hudson County.

Unlawful distribution of narcotics is punishable on conviction by up to 12 years in prison; a \$25,000 fine on each count; unlawful distribution of other controlled dangerous substances is punishable by up to five years in prison, a \$15,000 fine; improper record keeping, maintaining a drug resort and using a vehicle to distribute controlled dangerous substances is punishable by up to three years and a \$25,000 fine. Conspiracy is punishable by the same penalty.

## Mayor for day, 17, dislikes job



Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, standing, invites Scout John Eyskens to try out the mayoral seat.

Hoboken's acting mayor for a day, 17-year old Boy Scout John Eyskens, says he wouldn't want to be the real mayor.

"He has too many problems," said Eyskens. "He has so many responsibilities and no matter what he does he can't please everyone."

Eyskens was one of 12 scouts who became acting city officials for the day as part of the annual Scout-In-Government Day. The scouts, from various troops in Hoboken, were each assigned to a city official they accompanied for the morning. That was followed by a luncheon at the city's Union Club.

David Carney, 12, was the deputy mayor's aide for the day.

He took a tour of the city health department in the HOPES building where Hoboken Health Officer Patricia Mitten told him her department problems.

She showed him leaks in the ceiling of the health department as well as cracked walls and even a ceiling that had partially fallen down.

Outraged, Carney went to see Hoboken Health and Welfare Director

James Farina to tell him about the conditions he had seen.

But Farina said the building's maintenance was not his department's responsibility but that of Public Works Director Andrew Amato. The director was not available in his office for Carney to see.

Anish Shah, 13, was deputy housing inspector.

After seeing Chief Housing Inspector Michael Curcio at work for a few hours, Shah said he wouldn't want the job under any condition.

"It's a hard job," said Shah. "The phone is ringing every minute and people keep on coming to see him. You have to make a lot of split-second decisions."

The event was coordinated by William Van Wie, the mayor's aide who has handled the day for the last 20 years.

"I think the scouts get a real opportunity to see how government works," he said.

Frank Barry, the director of scouting activities in Hoboken, told the scouts to share the knowledge they gained with their fellow scouts.

## Hoboken trims budget but N. Bergen try fails

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Voting against the \$300,000 cut were Councilmen Cramer and Louis Francane. Councilman Anthony Romano voted "present" and Councilmen Nunzio Malfetti, Robert Ranieri, Bernard Scrivani and E. Norman Wilson Jr. voted for the reduction.

In North Bergen, not only did Mayor Anthony DiVincent want the school costs sliced by \$285,400 in current expenses and by \$50,090 in capital outlay, he also produced written instructions on how to make the cuts, although by state law only the school board can decide where to trim, conceded Township Attorney Joseph Mariniello.

To help bolster the cause, Commissioner Nicholas Fortunato, who has been confined to his bed in Riverside Hospital, Secaucus, following surgery, arrived in a wheelchair at last night's meeting clad in pajamas, robe and slippers to vote for the DiVincent-sponsored resolution.

But Commissioners John J. Duffy, Bernard Bier and George Dolan,

after listening to pleas by board member Lawrence Sinatra and district superintendent Dr. Herman G. Klein not to make cuts, voted against the resolution.

In contrast to the near-empty council chambers in Hoboken, an overflow crowd showed up in North Bergen and, at times, name-calling and shouts of obscenities by members of pro and anti-township administration factions threatened to throw the meeting into turmoil.

But DiVincent's frequent appeals for order, possibly reinforced by the presence of two policemen in the commission chambers, managed to keep the crowd in line.

At one point in the argument between the school board adherents and DiVincent, Sinatra shouted: "You're cheating the children of this town!"

DiVincent just as strongly insisted that, "Not one pupil is going to be cheated by these cuts that my aides and I am recommending. The taxpayers knocked down the (school) budget because it was too high and we're following them on what they wanted."

Nonetheless, even though the voters rejected the school budget at the polls last month, there'll be no reduction now that the effort to cut the budget has failed, both sides agreed.

In his remarks to the commission, Klein said the state Board of Education, in denying the district's request for a \$1,060,000 "cap" spending waiver, advised him that there were enough "local resources to meet all or part of the amount we needed."

Klein said that meant that "the local municipality would support the budget we've presented to this commission."

In siding with Klein, Commissioner Dolan faulted DiVincent "and our commissioners for waiting until last Friday to go over the budget with the superintendent. In the future, we shouldn't wait until the final minute for something as important as this."

With the school budget staying as is, DiVincent figures local homeowners will be asked to pay an additional \$8.86 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation in property taxes, due primarily to increases in the

municipal portion of the budget. The present tax rate is \$38.42 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Hoboken residents, meanwhile, get a chance to talk about proposed municipal budget amendments introduced by the council last night at a hearing set for 7 p.m. on May 7 in the council chambers.

Ultimately, it's up to the school board to determine where to make the cuts ordered by the council. The Board of School Estimate previously mandated a \$220,000 paring of the amount to be raised by taxation, which now stands at \$4,229,773.

Council president Walter Cramer said he wanted to cut as much as \$750,000 from school expenses. "Our school board's total appropriations are about \$18 million," said Cramer. "I can't understand how it could be so high when we have an enrollment of about 6,200 and Bayonne, with an

Hoboken School Board President Robert Wendelken, an observer at the council session, declined to comment on the council's action "until I've talked to other board members."

He said he'd poll the members by phone to determine if a special board meeting will be called.

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## Hoboken PBA approves clothing cash deal

Members of Hoboken's Patrolmen's Benevolent Association have approved an agreement made by their leadership and the city deferring the patrolmen's December clothing allowance check until January.

The agreement, which will save the city \$20,000 from this year's budget, is the reason the city rescinded demotion notices sent to eight sergeants and six lieutenants.

About 50 members of the 100 member PBA showed up at a meeting Monday night to approve the agreement.

Thomas Meehan, PBA president, said he was very happy over the vote.

Clothing allowance checks for \$300 each had been issued twice a year in June and December. They will continue to be issued twice but in January and December instead.

## Hoboken to spend \$100,000 on Elysian Park renovation

Hoboken will be spending \$100,000 to repair Elysian Park under money received under the state Safe and Clean Streets Act.

Edwin Chius, Hoboken's business administrator, said the money will be used to install new lights and rubber matting, plant new trees, put up new fencing, make repairs to the walkways and install a vandal-proof water fountain.

Chius said bids will go out on the park renovation job in late June and if everything goes on

schedule construction should start in late August. James Farina, Hoboken Health and Welfare director, said the renovation job should go a long way toward making Elysian Park a pleasant place to be in.

"The renovation is really needed," he said.

Chius also said the Monroe Mechanical Co. which did a partial renovation job on the park last year will also be required to replace plants that died after they were planted.

## Hoboken fears loss of 5,000 residents

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken officials are worried the 1980 census will show the city has lost 5,000 residents, which could mean the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal funds.

"We were hoping that at first the population might exceed 50,000 but now it looks like it will be in the low 40s," Edwin Chius, Hoboken business administrator, said today.

The population of the city is now listed at 45,000.

Fifty thousand is the magic mark, according to Chius, because when a city reaches that population level it is eligible for a number of federal grant programs. In addition, he said, cities with populations of 50,000 or more are eligible to receive community development money directly from the government. Hoboken is now receiving its money from the county and has to compete with other municipalities in Hudson County for the funds.

Chius estimated that a 50,000 or

more population for Hoboken would mean an additional \$1 million in federal aid a year. The city now receives approximately \$10 million a year in federal aid, Chius said.

He said it would be impossible to estimate how much Hoboken would lose in aid if the population is in the low 40,000s.

Another high city official, who asked not to be identified, said he felt

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## Hoboken fears loss of 5,000

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Hoboken would be lucky if the population hit the 40,000 mark.

"I think we may fall in the high 30,000s," he said.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said a number of rehabilitation projects now going on would add about 2,000 people to Hoboken's population within a year's time but he said that won't help the city for the 1980 census.

Cappiello said he believes the population loss that will show up in the census is due to the number of upper middle class people currently moving into Hoboken.

The mayor said often these people have no children as opposed to many of the poorer families they are replacing which had large families.

## Change

In Hoboken, there is a petition in circulation to change the municipal form of government from mayor-council to the commission form.

It should be remembered that about two decades ago Hoboken changed from the commission to the mayor-council form of government because, at that time, the commission form was considered too antiquated and the mayor-council was considered the more modern form of government.

Hoboken's residents must be told what the advantages of a return to commission government would be. And the political realities should be examined to see if there would be any significant change in office holders or if it would be the same people with different titles.



# Hoboken: from a resort to an industrial town

In 1874 Hoboken had been a city for a short 19 years and was in the last stages of an idyllic existence as the playground for the rich and imaginative east coast and was on the threshold of becoming another chapter in the unstoppable march of the industrial revolution.

Hoboken was considered a far more valuable piece of property than the Manhattan Indians had realized in 1658 when they sold the land to the Dutch governor Peter Stuyvesant for "80 fathoms of wampum, 20 fathoms of cloth, two blankets, six rifles, 12 kettles, one double kettle and a barrel of strong beer."

In 1784, 226 years later, the price tag for Hoboken for the ingenious Col. John Stevens was \$90,000.

Stevens was the leader who laid the foundation of Hoboken's future growth as a waterfront city. He built the city's first wharves in 1804.

In 1811, he started the first ferry between Hoboken and Vesey Street in Manhattan. Before the industrial age began to claim Hoboken, Steven made the city a pleasure resort for the east coast.

Hoboken in the early 1800s was not prospering either with business or population. Stevens built winding walks, broad lawns, arcades and pavilions to set off the beauty of the area. He built a ferry terminal along the waterfront and brought thousands of New York pleasure seekers over for outings. He built the country's first operating steam locomotive and ran it on a circular railway on the green of Elysian Fields.

Stevens built a ferris wheel and picnic grounds. Up until 1855, his pleasure resort attracted thousands of wealthy New Yorkers, including John Jacob Astor who built a private mansion at what is now Second and Washington Streets.

In 1846, the first game of organized baseball in America was played on Elysian Fields and a year later the elite New York Yacht Club built its first clubhouse on the same fields.

But in 1855, the entire complexion of the city began to change and the pattern for what Hoboken is today was established.

In 1855, with a population of more than 6,000, Hoboken was official incorporated as a city. Eight years later, the Hamburg-American steamship line was established in Hoboken and the city's waterfront became a port of entry for the trans-Atlantic trade. Other steam ship lines also located in Hoboken. By 1874, Hoboken's population had grown to 25,000 and it was well on its way to being established as a waterfront port.

The southern part of the city, where the piers were, grew first and rapidly. The northern portion of the city, from about 10th street and up, was still called Elysian Fields but through the late 1800's, it was steadily being chopped up by marine and manufacturing industries.

By 1900, there was nothing left but memories of the fabulous Elysian Fields.

In 1900, one of the fiercest fires in marine history destroyed four piers, killed 215 people and destroyed 18 barges and a large store. Hoboken officials rebuilt. But 21 years later another fire destroyed two more piers but these were never rebuilt. Another fire struck the piers in 1944 with three men killed, 400 injured and damage estimated at \$5 million. The city never fully repaired the pier.

But while the waterfront was growing during the

1800's and early 1900's Hoboken's industry was also developing.

By 1878, 29 manufacturing industries were located in Hoboken. By 1901, the number was up to 42 major industries and by 1950, the number was in excess of 200.

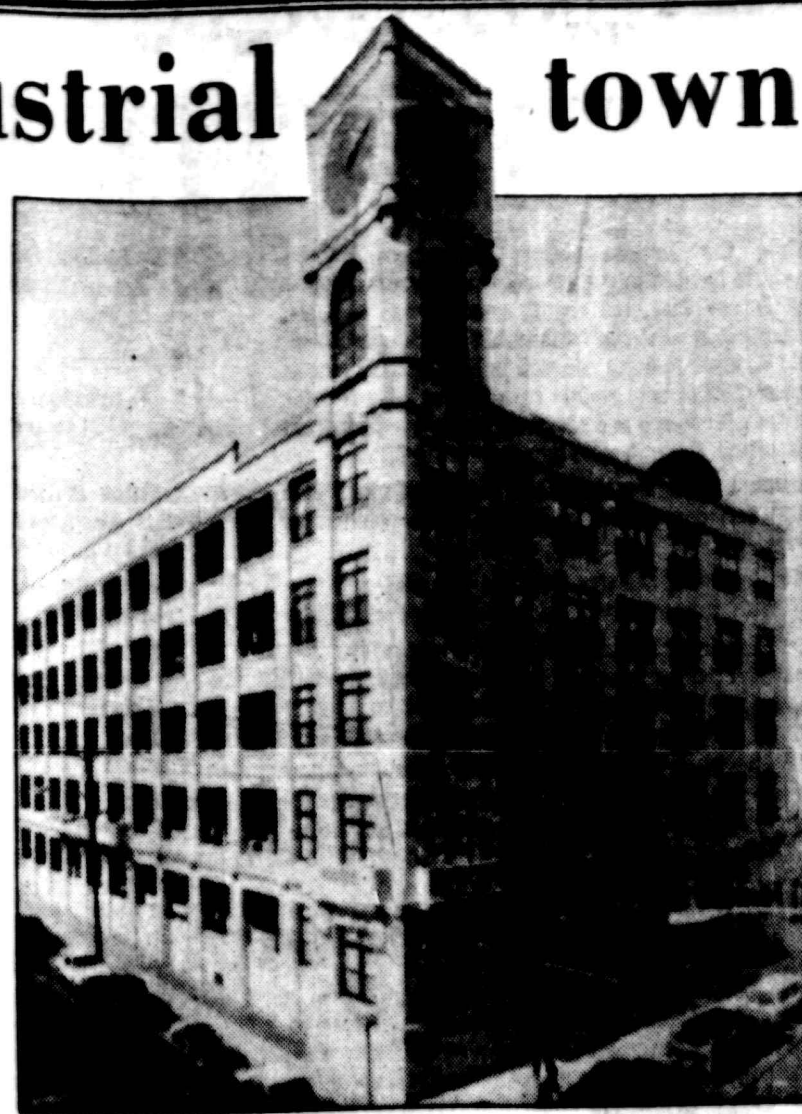
Most of the large industries have left Hoboken because of economical reasons but the city still has about 140 average industries.

The population has changed considerably in recent years, both in size and makeup. The population hovers around 40,000 and in place of the earlier mixture of German, Irish and Italian, the city is now almost 50 percent Spanish with sprinklings of colored and Indian and east Europeans. The city's dwindling middle class is still made up predominately of the Germans, Italian and Irish who have remained.

Many neighborhood improvement projects have brought about renovated homes, low income housing projects are now available to the low income labor market and senior citizen housing is available to the elderly who still constitute nearly 30 percent of the population in Hoboken.

The waterfront, although still active, is no longer the "beehive it was in the early part of the century." But projects and programs are now being considered to improve the waterfront sites.

Hoboken, with its rehabilitation projects, now attracts New Yorkers to the community, residing in the renovated brownstones and two and three family homes.



REHABILITATED FACTORY -- Abandoned 71 year-old factory building that was converted into a 173 unit apartment complex for low and moderate income families. The project, sponsored by the Hoboken Model Cities, was financed under the National Housing Act at a cost of \$4.3 million.

## Magic number

Hoboken is the site of the second busiest railroad terminal in the state. Hoboken is the home of the Stevens Institute of Technology, known throughout the world as an outstanding engineering school.

Hoboken has a growing fame in the New York metropolitan area as a place to go if you are interested in brownstone revival.

And yet Hoboken will lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal funds if the census gives the city a population under 50,000. The present population is 45,000. The city hoped the census would level off at about 50,000, that magic level where community development money flows directly from Uncle Sam to the city involved.

Do a few thousand people really make that much difference? Shouldn't the federal funds go where the need is greatest, rather than being spent by the numbers?

## 'Humanitarian' Hoboken doctor nabbed as dope peddler

By DANIEL M. AKST  
Trenton Bureau

TRENTON—State authorities said yesterday a Hoboken physician described as "a humanitarian" and "a pillar of the community" has been arrested on charges of selling thousands of dollars worth of drugs to patients and undercover agents.

Arrested with Andrew Lacap, the Hoboken doctor, were Daniel Gonzales, his assistant, and Gonzales' wife, Margarita, according to Edwin Stier, chief of the state Division of Criminal Justice.

Stier said all three were indicted by a state grand jury Monday, but the indictment was sealed until yesterday to allow time for the arrests. Lacap and Mrs. Gonzales were arrested Tuesday, while Daniel Gonzales was arrested yesterday.

The 58-year-old Lacap, who lives in Tenafly, and the Gonzales couple were charged with unlawfully selling a variety of narcotics, including barbiturates and amphetamines.

Bail for Lacap was set at \$75,000, while bail for Gonzales was established at \$25,000 and bail for his wife \$5,000.

Hoboken Detective Karl Fause said the physician made bail for all three after

repeated attempts to have the bail reduced were unsuccessful.

"He's a pillar of the community," said Fause, a narcotics specialist. "He's a ghetto doctor, and the poor people go to him. If they have money, they pay him. If not, they can pay him later. He's a humanitarian that way."

But Hoboken police have long suspected Lacap might be running a drug operation from his office at 308 First St., Fause said, and he called in the state police and the Criminal Justice Division, which have the manpower for extended surveillance.

Also, Fause said, he had unfamiliar

law enforcement officers buy drugs from Lacap, who allegedly sold narcotics to undercover agents on several occasions.

"He knows me as well as he knows his two assistants," said Fause, adding that "the last buy alone was for about \$3,000."

A spokesman for state Attorney General John Deane said the physician's license has already been suspended as a result of information gathered during the investigation.

The state police have also seized Lacap's 1979 Mercedes-Benz 450SLC, which law enforcement authorities contend he and Gonzales used in their alleged drug operations.

The 34-count indictment charges all three defendants with conspiring between Jan. 1, 1974 and Aug. 23, 1979 to sell "controlled dangerous substances," including Demerol, Percodan, and an array

of amphetamines, barbiturates, and tranquilizers. Lacap is also charged with failing to keep proper records.

The bulk of the charges are against Lacap and his assistant.

## Public Library to be host site of Advisory Council

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The Hoboken Public Library, 500 Park ave., will be the site for the fifth meeting/workshop of the 1979-80 school year of the Hoboken Title I/S.C.E. District Parent Advisory Council.

In an effort to acquaint all District Council members with the many valuable services offered to Hoboken's youngsters by the Public Library and also to encourage greater use of the Library as a community resource, particularly during the months of summer, the officers recommended that the meeting be held at this location.

The Director of the Library, Mrs. Terry Gano, accepted the suggestion with enthusiasm and Mr. George Korolissyn, librarian, has even generously volunteered to play a major part in acquainting all meeting participants with the procedures, materials, and programs offered by the Public Library. "Summer Reading" will be emphasized throughout the

session by Mr. Korolissyn who will describe the Library's forthcoming summer program. As part of his presentation he will distribute a reading list of books recommended for summer reading enjoyment and which can be readily obtained in the Hoboken Public Library.

Mrs. Virginia Mejias, Chairperson of the Council, invites all parents to join the group on Friday, May 23, at 10 a.m. in the Children's Section, third floor, of the Hoboken Public Library, 500 PARK AVE., Hoboken. A most informative as well as enjoyable session is anticipated thanks to the effort and enthusiasm of Mrs. Gano and Mr. Korolissyn.

## Parking lot will open in Hoboken

A new parking lot with 50 spaces for local residents to use should be open for operation by the end of next week, John Manieri, Hoboken's construction site manager said today.

Manieri said paving of the lot, on Bloomfield Street near Newark Street, should be finished today and that he expects painting and fencing will be able to be done next week.

But still to be decided is whether there will be parking meters in the lot.

Edwin Chius, Hoboken's business administrator, said that will be a policy decision up to the Hoboken Parking Authority which hasn't yet made a ruling.

## State may cut funds for Day Care 100 Center

The state Division of Youth and Family Services is considering cutting off funding for the Day Care 100 Center in Hoboken following a preliminary investigation of the center's operations.

A highly informed source in the DYFS office said it's considering taking the action because of the apparent forced resignation of the center's director, the firing of one

teacher and the elimination of the education director's position by the center's board of directors. Also under investigation, the source said, are alleged improper record keeping and possible discrimination in not accepting blacks and non-Hispanic children for entrance to the program.

Bonnie Pardey, chairman of the center's board of directors, refused to comment.

The center, which serves more than 100 children, is Hoboken's largest and operates with a budget in excess of \$250,000 a year.

The source said DYFS might allow its share of funding for the center (it provides 75 percent and the city the other 25 percent) to go to another day care center which could accept Day Care 100's children.

At least 12 staff members of the

day care center also have sent letters to DYFS protesting the staff changes, saying they were done improperly without giving the personnel a complete evaluation.

Sources in the day care center say the resignation of Sarah Tessler, the center's director, the firing of Rita Samlall, an Indian teacher, and the elimination of position of the education director, Eleanor Walter, all came about suddenly in the last few weeks.

"We were all very surprised because they had been doing an excellent job," said one staff member who asked not to be identified.

Eugene Drayton, president of the Hoboken Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the board of directors eliminated Mrs. Walter's position even though she has a signed contract to the end of June. Drayton said Mrs. Walters was asked to take over classroom duties at a lower pay but said that she has refused.

## Chius gets \$13,500 aide despite budget crunch

By Randolph Diamond  
Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius has hired a \$13,500 administrator to do some of the work he had previously been doing despite the city's budget crisis which has caused the layoff of 20 city employees.

Chius admitted he had hired the administrator last week after being asked by a Jersey Journal reporter about the new man sitting in his office.

A shocked City Council president Walter Cramer said he did not know Peter Belfiore had been hired and said he would ask the city law department to determine whether his appointment is legal.

Councilman Robert Ranieri said the City Council had approved an or-

dinance at its meeting in early May creating a position of Safe and Clean Streets program administrator but never approved anyone for that position.

"We were told by the administration that if they decided to fill the position they would let us have the final word," said Ranieri.

Chius said Belfiore, 28, will supervise all aspects of the city's Safe and Clean Streets programs — aspects he had previously handled.

The state provides half of the funding for the program under which Hoboken employs walking patrolmen and does major projects such as the upcoming \$100,000 renovation of Ely-

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## Chius gets \$13,500 aide

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Chius said supervising that state program amounts to a lot of paperwork which is too much for him to handle. He said Belfiore will free him to concentrate on other duties of his office.

The business administrator said he felt he had the power to hire Belfiore and was unaware council approval was needed.

But Ranieri said he questions the appointment under the city's current budget crisis.

Ranieri said he will demand that

Belfiore be dismissed at the next council meeting.

Chius said Belfiore was one of four applicants he interviewed for the job and was the best qualified and was willing to work for a reasonable salary.

Belfiore has a B.A. from St. Peter's College and has run a funeral home in Bayonne for the last few years.

Chius said Belfiore will only work in matters related to the Safe and Clean Streets program but Belfiore said he was in Hoboken's Multi-Service Center yesterday trying to straighten out management problems there.

The Multi-Service Center has nothing to do with the Safe and Clean program, but Chius minimized his role at the community center saying that Belfiore just happened to be with him while he was at the center.

Belfiore said he wasn't disturbed by Ranieri's comments.

"I buy my furniture in his furniture store," he said. "I can't believe he would say those things. He should know one hand feeds the other."

## Hoboken will gambol on pier fun park

An amusement park will be created on Hoboken's waterfront this summer if everything goes as planned, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

Cappiello said he expects to sign an agreement with the Costa Development Corp. of New Milford in the next few days allowing them to use the Fifth and Sixth street piers and three acres of land around the piers on Sinatra Drive for the amusement park.

Cappiello said, however, that he would only sign the agreement provided that the Costa Development Corp. obtained proper insurance coverage and would allow local residents to obtain concessions.

George Costa, president of the development company bearing his name, said he expected to have insurance lined up for the park by late today and said he would definitely let local concessions operate in the park.

Costa said the park would open by July 1 and would contain 12 amusement rides. He said there would also be shows, concerts and boxing matches scheduled for the park.

"It would be a carnival-like facility at first but we hope eventually to create a permanent-type amusement facility similar to some of the complexes on Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco," he said.

Costa said that kind of complex could contain shops, restaurants, rides and apartments although he emphasized that was a long-term goal.

The development company president said while the rides would be carnival-oriented this summer because of the short time they will

have to set up, he will take extra pains to make sure that the atmosphere of the park is not a honky tonk one.

"We are going to run a class operation," he said.

Cappiello said the agreement with Costa's company would not involve a lease but would be on a month-to-month basis allowing the city to

cancel out on the agreement if the park did not work out as planned or if other plans for the waterfront were decided on.

Cappiello said because no lease was involved he would not need City Council approval to sign the agree-

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But Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri said Cappiello has no right to make a decision concerning Hoboken's waterfront without getting City Council approval.

"From all I've heard about this park it would be a cheap classless operation that would not be in taste with the renaissance going on in Hoboken," he said.

Ranieri said he will ask the city law department to research the issue immediately.

Cappiello said Hoboken would receive \$2,000 a month for the use of

the land as well as numerous benefits from the operation of the park such as increased employment and people from outside of Hoboken coming to the park and patronizing local merchants and restaurants.

Costa said he would employ at least 50 local residents to operate the park at first, with more hired if the operation is successful.

"I think Hoboken would be the ideal place to operate the park because of its convenience to Manhattan and parts of New Jersey by public transit," he said.

## Hoboken agrees to U.S. minorities order

As expected, the Hoboken City Council last night approved a consent order with the Justice Department and agreed to bring to 22.5 percent the number of minority firefighters on the city force.

Had Hoboken, the last of 12 state municipalities including Jersey City to sign the agreement, reneged, the city ran the risk of losing all federal aid.

The agreement calls for 40 percent minority hiring from the Civil Service list, until the force is 22.5 percent minority.

The council also approved a \$8.5-million contract with the Hudson County Utilities Authority for regional takeover of the city sewage system. The contract also calls for sewerage employees to be transferred to the regional commission.

The council also introduced two ordinances that would, in effect, bring back managerial rights to the city in regard to the police and fire departments.

The ordinances, that would allow the city to "organize, maintain, and control" both departments, would not change the numbers of the force. Rank determination would rest with

the mayor and council as "director and financing authority."

Sources indicate that both un-informed forces are opposed to the ordinances, with officials of the fire officers and firefighters union voicing opposition last night.

A public hearing will be held on the proposals during the first week of June.



# Elysian Park due for a \$102G facelift

By DIANE CURCIO  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—As summer approaches, recreation is a top priority on everyone's mind and the city is no exception. City officials are going to spruce up Elysian Park with a \$102,000 state grant.

The state Safe and Clean Neighborhood cash will double the amount of lampposts in the park by adding nine new fixtures. The park encompasses 10th and 11th streets from Hudson Street to the Palisades.

One light fixture will be positioned in the vicinity of Castle Point Terrace and 10th Street while three others will be placed along the northern end of the park walkway adjacent to Shore Road.

Five more lampposts will be erected in the rear of the park in the lot containing the flagpole.

For children's safety, rubber matting will be installed under all playground equipment. The old drink-

ing fountain will be replaced by a new vandal-proof fountain.

The park house and restroom entrances will be secured with steel doors. In addition, a new 6-foot, green anchor chain fence will be installed along the park's Hudson Street side.

City officials plan to plant shrubbery along the park's northern entrance adjacent to Shore Road. Ten mature trees will be planted. Park officials said there was a possibility that some of the dead or dying trees will be removed.

The City Council is expected to adopt the plans and specifications for the renovations at a meeting June 18.

If the plan is adopted, the city clerk will be ordered to advertise for bids. Bids are scheduled to be received July 18.

Business Administrator Edwin J. Chius said renovations should begin in August. Chius said several other improvements are being discussed:

- New benches — Health and Welfare Director James Farina said he will have new benches built for the section of the park overlooking the New York Skyline.
- Litter baskets — Chius will arrange for the purchase of additional litter baskets for the park after the number needed is determined.
- Drainage — Farina and Chius are coordinating the hiring of a sewer cleaning firm to attempt to clear the park's rain water drains.
- Painting of the picket fence along Shore Road — money from the park budget will pay Comprehensive Employment and Training Act employees to paint the fences.
- Future maintenance — park supervisors will write a list of the tools needed for proper park maintenance.

## A new start

Now that Hoboken is about to get a brand new \$19,000 mini-bus for its cross-town service, perhaps there can be a fresh start for the project.

There is a need for cross-town service, but past performance has been infuriating.

The schedule was by guess and by gosh. The bus was in the garage for repairs more often than it was on the streets.

Well, now Hoboken is getting a brand new bus and the prospective passengers are promised that a definite schedule will be prepared and posted.

Well, now that we have a fresh start, let's have a program that makes sure the schedule is followed and that the bus is properly maintained.

## City center's teen discos to be halted

Hoboken's business administrator today announced steps to halt the physical decline of the Hoboken Multi-Service Center, including an end to Friday night teenage disco dances in the building.

Chius said beehived-up maintenance service has been started and that crews from the public works department are now giving the building a complete overhaul.

The business administrator said teenagers attending the disco dances have vandalized the multi-service center and the dancing also has contributed to the warping of the floor in the gymnasium.

Maurice Fitzgibbons, however, the Community Development Agency's teenage recreation coordinator, said he had decided to stop having the disco dances in the building this summer even before Chius reached his decision.

Fitzgibbons said he plans to have the discos outdoors this summer, but he said he doesn't know what will happen in the fall.

He maintained that vandalism was caused not by teenagers attending the discos, but by youths wandering into the building and that the gym's floor has become warped because of poor maintenance and not because of the dances.

The Multi-Service Center is six years old but the city only took it over last August from the Community Development Agency that had previously run it.

## Students' test scores improve in Hoboken

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The statewide basic skills tests are given in the third, sixth, ninth and 11th grades.

From 1978, district-wide reading scores in Hoboken have gone up 11 percent and district-wide mathematics scores have gone up 23 percent.

The scores of 11th graders on the skills test were also up, in agreement with the trend for the other grades, according to the report, reversing the downward trend the 11th grade scores had taken in 1979.

While reading and mathematics scores had gone up in third, sixth and

ninth grades, in 1979, in the 11th grade reading scores tumbled from 66 percent of students above the minimum skill levels in 1978 to 45 percent in 1979 and math scores fell from 63 percent of students above level in 1978 to 53 percent in 1979.

The report states that of 11th graders, 56 percent are now the minimum proficiency level in reading and 66 percent above the minimum proficiency level in math.

The downward trend in the 11th grade last year was a factor found in most school districts and was blamed by educational specialists on the

start that year of procedures for testing absentee students, who had not been tested before, as well as the increased difficulty of the test.

Maier said it is too early to tell how Hoboken's students have done on the skills tests in comparison with students from the rest of the state since most districts have yet to announce their results.

He noted, however, that Hoboken's percentage of growth from 1978 to 1979, with the exception of the 11th grade, far exceeded the average of all other urban school districts in the state.

According to a report issued by Schools Superintendent George Maier, the number of students in the system performing 'above-level' in reading on the New Jersey minimum basic skills test has risen from 43 percent in 1979 to 52 percent in 1980.

The mathematics scores, the report says, have risen from 48 percent of students achieving above the minimum proficiency level to 64 percent in 1980.

"I am very pleased about the results," said Maier. "I believe these results show we've come a long way toward improving the educational system in Hoboken."

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## Loophole in Hoboken rent rule gives landlord big boost despite violations

By Randolph Diamond

A legal loophole in Hoboken's rent control ordinance has allowed a Hoboken landlord to take his building off rent control for 13 months and hit his tenants with a \$140 a month rent increase.

Ivan Silverman, who owns the five-story building at 819 Washington street, has done some renovation, but there are still numerous apparent housing violations.

Broken window frames, cracks in the wall and ceilings, baseboard heating pipes exposed in such sensitive places as bedrooms and broken stairs in the hallway are some of the conditions found during an inspection yesterday by The Jersey Journal.

Under the rent control ordinance, a building is exempted from rent control for 13 months if the owner does renovations which amount to more than half of the assessed valuation.

Silverman's building is assessed at \$25,000. When the assessment was put at 100 percent, the value became \$46,040. Silverman submitted bills in January to the Hoboken rent leveling and stabilization board showing he had spent \$23,753.41 for renovation, making it eligible for decontrol.

"His case was proven," said Bernice Van Carpelis, the rent leveling board's administrator who granted

the exemption in late January. Mrs. Van Carpelis said the case did not go to the rent leveling board itself because the rent ordinance makes 13-month exemption automatic.

"Silverman has done renovations but the building was functional before he did them," said Stanley Baum, an occupant of a fourth floor apartment.

And the renovations he did there was no point because he only did the job half way.

Baum showed a reporter new storm windows that had been installed in five of his seven rooms. And then he showed him the still-rotting window frames.

Tenants in the building say the other "improvements" were replacing adequate kitchen sinks with smaller ones, putting in new toilets, some of which are already malfunctioning, putting in a new hot air heating system which almost caused them to freeze to death this past winter, painting the hallways of the building, and increasing the electrical

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## Drowned men ignored plea not to go fishing

By Randolph Diamond

The sister-in-law of Charles Primatera, who fell off Hoboken's 10th Street pier yesterday morning and apparently drowned, says she tried to persuade him not to go to the pier in the dark, but he wouldn't listen.

Margie O'Brien said Primatera, 27, came to her Washington Street home with his friend, Jose Medina, at 2 a.m. yesterday, woke her up and asked her for some worms and bread so they could go fishing.

"They had a cooler of beer with them and I could tell they had already been drinking," she said. "I didn't have any food for the fish and I told them both to go to bed and sleep it off."

A launch from the New York Police Department's harbor patrol combed the area of the 10th Street pier looking for the bodies of

Car found in river

Hoboken police are waiting for the tide to go out in the Hudson River before they attempt to recover a car found in the river off the 15th Street pier yesterday. Police said they are unsure how long the car has been there or if there is anyone inside.

Primatera and a companion, Daniel Soto, 26, all day yesterday without any luck. The launch is scheduled to

be back today along with divers from the police department's scuba team.

Police said Primatera accidentally dropped his fishing rod into the river at 2:30 a.m. and fell about 20 feet into the water trying to catch it. Soto then jumped in to try to save him but both were pulled away by the current.

Medina ran to Hudson Street and flagged down a patrol car while a fourth companion, Danny Devlin, stayed on the scene.

"The current was abnormally fast yesterday morning," said Hoboken Police Chief George Crim-

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mins Sr. "They didn't have a chance."

Crimmins said while Primatera and Soto were drinking he believes, after conducting a personal investigation, they were not drunk.

"That man Soto was a real hero," he said. "He died trying to save his friend."

Police said Soto worked as an assistant in the X-ray department of St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken while Primatera was a Vietnam veteran on disability.

"It was the war that really changed Charley," said Mrs. O'Brien. "He came back after a year and a half in the service in the early 70s with emotional problems and a diabetic."

"He was accident-prone," she said. "He had numerous accidents where he almost killed himself. Once he shot himself in the stomach and the bullet missed his heart by a half an inch and another time he fell off a motorcycle and nearly broke his neck."

But Mrs. O'Brien said Primatera was loved by everyone in his family. "He did crazy things, but he was

harmless," she said. "He was always joking and laughing about something."

Mrs. O'Brien said Primatera was divorced from his wife, who lives on the Jersey shore with their 3-year-old daughter.

"The whole family has been full of tragedy," she said. "His older brother died three years ago of a drug overdose and he had two other younger brothers that died too."

"You know I could just see Charley swimming across the Hudson River to New York and then playing pinball in Chinatown while everyone is waiting on this side of the river to find his body. It's the kind of thing he would do."

But Mrs. O'Brien admitted that was not much of a possibility. Meanwhile, Medina stared into the ground as he sat next to the pier yesterday where his friends had drowned.

"I wouldn't call them friends," he told a reporter. "They were my brothers. We all grew up in Hoboken. I knew them my whole life."

"They were both great guys, but the war just blew Charley's mind. He started having problems after that."

Medina said that Soto was planning to take training in the fall to become an X-ray technician at the hospital.

"He was really dedicated to his job and wanted to advance," he said. Medina said that Soto was married and had two children and

that his wife was two months pregnant.

"We wouldn't have been at the pier but the police chased us away when we were drinking outside on Washington Street," he said. "So we decided to come to the pier to do some drinking and fishing too. The pier is the only place to drink without getting harassed with the cops."

Crimmins said police cannot stop people from drinking on the pier because it is owned by a private company, the Union Drydock Co. of Weehawken.

And the police chief said he doesn't believe there is anything wrong with someone having a drink and going fishing on the pier.

Crimmins said he also doesn't believe that Hoboken residents should be prohibited from drinking on the streets, but he says the Hoboken City Council seven years ago passed a law prohibiting it and he has no choice but to enforce the law.

Meanwhile, the president of the Union Drydock Co. James Burke, said he wasn't even aware there was an opening in the 10-foot fence at the pier.

"It's terrible what happened but I don't know how to stop people from getting to the pier," he said.

Burke said his company keeps on replacing the fences blocking entrance to the piers but portions of it keep being torn down or broken.

"We keep on spending money repairing it," he said.

## Tenants try to close Hoboken rent loophole

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outage in the kitchen that they admit is an improvement.

"What Silverman did with the heating system is really a rip-off," said Thalia Doukas. "We had radiators and our heat was fine. Now we are cold since he changed the system to individual boilers in the basement. The tenants all believe eventually he plans to charge us for our own heat."

Fifth floor tenant Agnes Garger said she has asked Silverman numerous times to fix a hanging window pane and exposed wiring to no avail.

All the other four tenants said they have had the same problems with Silverman.

The tenants are now paying between \$200 and \$250 a month for their seven room apartments.

Silverman said the rent increase is justified because of the previous low rent and the money he put into renovation.

He said he is trying to correct all the problems as fast as possible.

"Just last week, I put in a \$1,100 hot water heater," he said. Maintaining the building is going to be a continuous process."

Silverman said he hadn't gotten around to many of the problems and others he said he didn't even know about.

Silverman said tenants now have individual thermostats to control their own heat.

But tenants say Silverman had preset the individual thermostats through a master control so they didn't work this past winter.

"The thermostats will only work when we start paying for the heat," said Mrs. Doukas. "It's a neat trick."

Juan Torres, chairman of the Hoboken rent leveling board, said it doesn't matter what renovations a landlord makes as long as the amount meets the law.

"That's crazy," said Mrs. Doukas. "A landlord can put in a \$30,000 chandelier in his own apartment and then get an exemption from rent control," she said.

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## Hoboken to have first night Memorial parade

Hoboken's first night-time Memorial Day parade will be held tomorrow at 7.

"It should be bigger and better than any of the daytime parades we have had," said William Van Wie, Hoboken mayor and one of the parade's organizers.

Van Wie said the parade is being held at night for the first time so more people will be able to attend.

The parade will start at Newark and Hudson streets, go down Observer Highway and Washington Street and end at 11th and Washington streets. The grand marshal of the parade is Alvin Roland.

## Fun park

Plans for an amusement park at the Fifth and Sixth street piers in Hoboken, due to be in operation by July 1, may have to be shelved, at least temporarily, unless the city administration and the Hoboken Environmental Committee settle their differences.

Helen Manogue, the chairwoman of the environmental committee, claims her group is not against the park, but wants certain assurances concerning the park's impact. The committee is concerned about the large number of people who might bring their cars into Hoboken and where they'll park; whether the piers are strong enough to hold rides, people and cars, and the type of people the park will attract.

It is all well and good that these questions have been proposed now and not a day or two before the park is supposed to open. It's still time for all the kinks to be worked out, and for the city administration to come up with the answers to some of the questions.

Let's hope, however, that once the city's rights and responsibilities are protected, that new obstacles are not found to delay or even halt the opening of the amusement park.

The chairwoman of Hoboken's Environmental Committee, Helen Manogue, said today she does not want the mayor to sign an agreement for an amusement park at the Fifth and Sixth street piers until a number of questions about the park's impact are answered.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he won't sign any agreement until he is certain the amusement park will be properly run.

Mrs. Manogue said the environmental committee is concerned about the large number of people who might bring their cars into Hoboken because of such a park.

"Where would they all park?" she asked. "I could just see River Road full of parked cars. I don't think that would be very attractive."

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## Wires short out, darken Hoboken

A section of Hoboken lost electrical power for a few minutes last night when two high voltage wires ignited a pole at 15th and Garden Streets. Hoboken firemen put out the pole fire while a crew from Public Service Electric and Gas Co. restored power.

Firemen also were called to two minor fires yesterday. One was at a factory building on the west side of the Conrail tracks on the Jersey City border. A burning torch reportedly ignited some



## Rent board changes rules, denies Hoboken increase

Against the advice of its attorney, the Hoboken Rent Levelling and Stabilization Board voted last night to deny a 13-month exemption from rent control to the owner of a five-family building that the owner says has been substantially renovated.

Following the unanimous vote, Juan Torres, board chairman, said board members are considering asking the City Council to amend sections of the rent control ordinance that permit such an exemption.

At the same time, the board is also weighing the possibility of exempting owner-occupied buildings with three or fewer units from rent control because landlords from those buildings are filing a majority of the applications being received by the board for "hardship" rent raises, said Torres.

The rent board had previously found that Ivan Silverman, the owner of 819 Washington St., actually qualified for the 13-month exemption because he had proven that nearly \$24,000 had been invested in major repairs to the building — an amount exceeding half of the property's assessed valuation — thereby entitling Silverman to the exemption.

But the building's tenants mounted a legal challenge to the exemption, claiming that "substantial" rehabilitation of a building couldn't be accomplished while the building remained occupied.

Ross London, an assistant city attorney assigned to the rent board, said it was the city law department's opinion that as long as the landlord complied with the exemption formula, he is automatically eligible, no matter whether his building is vacated or not.

But the rent board voted to reject the law department's interpretation, thereby siding with the tenants' claim that substantial repairs can't be made unless a building is vacated, and agreed to deny Silverman the exemption previously awarded.

Board member Michael Mastropasqua, defending his vote, said, "Housing at present is very tight in Hoboken, and while a tenant might in the long run might have to pay a little more money if his landlord, instead, opts for a capital improvement such as a new roof, I'd still like to have control over our buildings."

Silverman, who attended last night's board meeting, said he'd explore all options open to him at this point. These include an appeal through the courts — an admittedly unlikely choice because of legal costs — or filing for increases under the rent ordinance's capital improvement or hardship provisions.

Meanwhile, Silverman can still collect revised rentals ranging from \$200 to \$250 a month based on a 7.5 percent rent increase the board granted him on January 1.

Had the board approved the exemption, Silverman could have imposed \$140 rent increases, effective two months ago, when the tenants went to court to protest the move. Since then, Joyce Booth, an attorney representing the tenants, said the tenants have placed their rentals in a escrow account.

Thalia Doukas and S. V. Baum, two of the tenants who appeared in City Hall last night, said they were "surprised and pleased" by the

board's ruling. In other developments, Hoboken City Clerk Anthony Amoroso and three other tenants of 1014 Hudson St. appeared before the board to protest a hardship rent increase being sought by Frank Monaco, the building's owner.

Amoroso claimed there were "discrepancies" in the landlord's application, such as failing to report as income the rental received from the building superintendent and submitting a \$550 bill for hallway painting. Amoroso says was never done.

"Our big objection, though, is too much heat," said Amoroso. "We want the landlord to adjust his heating system; we get excessive heat in the apartments because there's no proper cutoff. My ceiling was ruined because

the radiator in the apartment above mine leaked. The landlord could reduce his heating costs if he listens to us."

The owner's representative said tenants never mentioned anything to Monaco about a heating problem. He said "we found out about it when we drove by the place and saw all the windows opened in the apartments." He said new windows are to be installed and "a lot of other work is going to be done through the building."

The rent board disallowed a portion of the increase requested but approved a \$20 monthly increase per tenant, effective July 1. The board also approved hardship increases for 736 Garden St., 902 Park Ave., 902 Bloomfield St., 829 Garden St. and 917 Hudson St.

## PBA head, 2 opposing cops have same goal, to mend split

Two Hoboken patrolmen challenging the president of Hoboken's Policemen's Benevolent Association said today they will work on unifying the split between men in the uniformed division and those on special details.

But the incumbent president, Thomas Meehan, said it's something he has tried to do for the last two years.

Patrolmen Jerod Caputo and James Mancuso, who are both opposing Meehan's candidacy for a third

term as PBA president, said unification of men on the force will be one of their main goals.

Caputo said there has been a split between the men in the uniformed division and in the special details ever since he came on the force seven years ago.

"We have men pitted against each other," he said. "I want to end that."

Mancuso, a 10-year veteran of the force, said beside unification he will concentrate on the city's financing of

the police department. "City officials are always complaining as to the amount of money spent on the police, but I want to know how much is really being spent," he said.

Mancuso said he will propose to meet with city officials at least four times a year to see if all the money allocated to the police department is actually going there. Mancuso, a former plant manager, said he believes his management experience will help him lead an effective PBA.

Meehan, who is finishing up his second one-year term, said he has tried to unify the various factions in the police department without any luck.

"I don't believe my opponents will do any better," he said.

Meehan said he has felt he has done an excellent job in representing the PBA the last two years and said that in a number of disputes the PBA had with the city, the PBA submitted the matter to an arbitrator who has ruled in favor of the PBA.

## Refugee seeking her former husband

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Anthony's Church parish refugee center in Union City where the newspaper photographer said the picture was taken, but they were told that there is no record of the man having been there.

She sought the assistance of Union City attorneys Sixto and Mario Macias who in turn checked area refugee centers to no avail.

"I hope someone reads this story and if they know where he is that they'll call your newspaper or the Macias attorneys in Union City," she said.

The Hoboken woman is also awaiting the arrival of her two brothers, Adolfo, 29, and Rodolfo, 27, both of whom she believes are in a refugee center either in Florida or Pennsylvania.

"My brothers called an aunt in Miami to say there were on their way here," said Mrs. Suarez. "That was early this month and now they could be anywhere."

Fernandez said he is also expecting his nephew, Ernesto Munoz Fernandez, 24, and family to appear in Hoboken.

"I got a postcard from Cuba written by my nephew's sister saying to expect a surprise," said Fernandez. "That is all she wrote because of fear of the censors, but I know what she meant."

Meanwhile, refugees like Juan Pablo Mazzara, 30, are still looking for jobs. Mazzara was sitting in the Cruzada: Cuba-Peru headquarters in the West New York luncheonette on 40th Street and Bergenline Avenue

with others hoping to get employment through the many jobs being offered. He was a textile worker in Cuba.

"I came to West New York because I have an uncle, Francisco Ruiz, living here," said the Cuban black man. "My wife, Ana Regla Duany, 25, and my daughter, Noevis, 6, came with me by shrimp boat from Mariel, Cuba, on May 8. We live in an apartment in my uncle's house."

Mazzara said he was a political prisoner and was imprisoned from 1962 to 1971 because he was an avowed anti-communist. He and his family were among those who sought asylum in the Peruvian Embassy in Havana.

"I hated the oppression and tension in Cuba," said the refugee. "They told me that I will find racial discrimination but it has not been a

problem for me here. I feel free here and happier. My parents and brothers were left behind and if I could, I would send for them, but that is out of my hands."

"If the conditions are right and after I have worked and saved for my family, I would like to help free my country, Cuba."

The refugee says he has not had an opportunity to see much of the metropolitan area, staying close to West New York.

"My wife and I took a walk once on that road you call Boulevard East. We can see New York City. A beautiful place to see. It is our favorite place to walk. Maybe after I begin to work, we can see more of this country."

## Refugee seeking her former husband

By Agustin Torres

A 35-year-old Hoboken woman, with the help of her common-law husband, is searching for her former spouse whose picture she saw in a newspaper which accompanied a story about Cuban refugees arriving in North Hudson.

Sonia Suarez said she last saw her husband, Luzio Sanchez Cardin, 47, in March, 1972, when she left Havana, Cuba, for asylum in this country. The Hoboken woman had been a political prisoner from 1961 to 1969.

"I am worried for him and he is the father of my 10-year-old son,

Luzio Jr.," said Mrs. Suarez who asserted she divorced Sanchez after arriving in this country. "He has no family either in Cuba or in this country. There is only his son."

Alfred Fernandez Ruiz, 37, who came by boat in 1967 to this country, is now living with Mrs. Suarez. Fernandez said the missing husband was a friend of his in Cuba and that the two once worked together in a factory.

"I am not jealous or nervous about looking for him," said Fernandez. "I just want to help him get settled and perhaps find him a job in

the Moonachie factory where I work. Just make it easier for him to get adjusted. There is no jealousy. I am just lucky that she loves me."

Their search for the Cuban expatriate took them to the St.

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## Cappiello switches on pier park

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has reversed his position and now says he won't sign an agreement with a New Milford development company for an amusement park at the Fifth and Sixth streets piers without the city council's approval.

The mayor had said last week he was ready to sign an agreement with the Costa Development Co. pending final details. He said he didn't need

the city council's approval because no lease was to be signed. Cappiello said the city was going to rent the piers and the land around them on a month-to-month arrangement to the company.

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the Hoboken Environmental Committee, has voiced concern that the park could increase traffic into Hoboken, create parking problems and not be a "class" operation.

Councilman Robert Ranieri has also voiced concerns over the park, saying he didn't feel it would be in keeping with Hoboken's renaissance. Costa has proposed 12 rides, a number of concessions as well as concerts, shows and boxing matches for the park and has stated that it will be a class operation. He has said, however, that the rides for this season would be of a carnival nature. Costa has been aiming for a July 1 opening.

If it is successful, he said he would seriously consider building a permanent park on the piers with amusement rides, shops and apartment buildings.

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## 2 landlords fined in Hoboken

Two Hoboken landlords were fined \$200 each yesterday in the special section of the city's municipal court dealing with housing complaints.

Judge Chris Pappas fined Seriale, Ltd. of Union City, \$200 for not correcting sanitary violations in the backyards of the buildings that run from 800 to 806 Willow Ave.

The company, made up of Union City school board president John Powers and Union City Commissioner Ronald Dario, had been in court two weeks ago for the offense, but the judge at that time said he wanted to delay fining them until they corrected the problem.

While Seriale officials claim the garbage was put there by unidentified dumpers, a resident of the area said that garbage had really been there for eight months and Seriale never

cleaned it up. The other \$200 fine was leveled against A. Acevedo for violations at 1036 Bloomfield St. dating back two months.

## Hudson man arrested in drug case

A Hoboken man turned himself in yesterday to Union County authorities in connection with a drug conspiracy which police said operated out of two popular go-go bars in Linden.

Harry Vesescu, 50, was identified as the maintenance man for both the Linden Lounge and Plato's East Bar. Sixteen other persons were also arrested in connection with the drug conspiracy during a series of pre-dawn raids Wednesday by Union, Essex and Middlesex County authorities. Police said nearly all of those arrested were employees or patrons of the two taverns.

One of those taken into custody was Pat Colicchio, 25, of Avenel. He was identified as the son-in-law of Linden Mayor and State Sen. John T. Gregorio. Gregorio's son, John Jr., is sole owner of Plato's Place East, according to the State Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

## Search goes on for drowned pair

The New York Harbor Patrol continued to search the waters of the Hudson River yesterday for the bodies of two men who drowned off an old Hoboken pier after being caught up in a swift current early yesterday morning, police reported.

Charles Primatera, 27, of 1202 Washington St., and Daniel Soto, 26, of 1124 Willow Ave., both Hoboken, were fishing with two other men off a former West Shore Railroad pier at about 2:30 a.m. yesterday, when Primatera apparently stepped into a hole in the dock and fell into the water, police reported.

Soto jumped in to help his friend, but apparently both men were swept south by the current. The harbor patrol, other police and firefighters searched the area for two hours, and the harbor patrol alone continued searching later yesterday.

Meanwhile, Hoboken police reported that a car had plunged into about 25 feet of water at the site of the former Todd Shipyard at 15th Street and Park Avenue.

Police Chief George Crimmins said that an employee of the Terry Girl factory on Park Avenue reported he had noticed the roof of a late-model car in the water, which had not been there the previous day, and called police.

But at about 4 p.m. yesterday, when police arrived at the scene, it was high tide, and all traces of the car were covered so that it could not be determined whether there were any occupants in it.

The submerged car is located about 40 feet from the shore, and according to Crimmins, must have been traveling at a high rate of speed to travel that distance.

—MaryAnn Jacob

## Cappiello upset over litter

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he is upset over the garbage and litter he found in the city park behind the Hoboken Multi-Service Center yesterday.

"The park was filthy with beer bottles and soda cans all over," he said.

The mayor said he has instructed Health and Welfare Director James Farina to make sure the men who clean the parks are supervised better. Cappiello said right now there is no man assigned to clean the Multi-Service Center park and he feels there should be.

"I want better accountability," he said. The mayor also said he plans to talk to local legislators to renew his call for a state law barring throwaway bottles and containers.

Meanwhile, Anthony "Tony Mike" DeVincenzo, the Parks Department's supervisor, said his men can't clean the parks any better than they are doing now.

DeVincenzo said his men clean the Multi-Service center park daily as they do other parks but the public keeps on messing them up.

## Rue School may be rehabilitated

Mayor Steve Cappiello announced yesterday he has called a special meeting of the Hoboken Board of School Estimate for 8:30 p.m. Monday. The board, he said, will be asked to include the David E. Rue School in a \$1.1-million rehabilitation program.

Closed for the past two years because of the need for repairs, the Rue School, at Third and Garden streets, was not included in the original list of schools to share the \$1.1 million in improvements.

Originally earmarked were the Joseph F. Brandt, Daniel S. Kealey, A. J. Demarest and Thomas Connors schools. The city will issue bonds for the work and will be reimbursed 100 percent by the state, a spokesman said.

## Influx of Cuban refugees starting to hit Hoboken

The influx of Cuban refugees is starting to hit Hoboken. There are now 35 new Cuban refugees living in Hoboken and the head of the Cuban refugee committee in the city says she expects at least 100 more in the next month.

Graciella McEwon, head of the 15-member Hoboken committee said 90 percent of the residents are being sponsored by Cuban families in the area, while another 10 percent have been given rooms by Cuban landlords.

"West New York and Union City are becoming over-loaded so we now are getting some of the Cubans," he said.

Mrs. McEwon said the Hoboken committee is now working with the new residents to help them find jobs and adjust to the community.

"They are all so happy," she said. "They're glad to be in the United States and out of Cuba."

Mrs. McEwon said members of the committee were a little upset with

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello's statements in the press that he would not welcome the refugees to Hoboken.

But Mrs. McEwon said she believes the mayor is an understanding man and believes he will come around once he understands the whole situation.

Cappiello, meanwhile, clarified his previous statements and said he "more than" welcomes the Cubans who are being sponsored by families.

He said what he is concerned about is an unchecked massive number of Cubans coming into Hoboken, which he said the city just couldn't handle.

Fitzpatrick said he is still seeking a reply

## Cities OK agreements on hiring minorities

Lawyers from Hoboken, Jersey City and 10 other of New Jersey's largest cities are in U.S. District Court, Newark, today, signing a consent decree which officially establishes minority hiring goals for the municipal fire departments.

The signing climaxes a two-year legal confrontation between the cities and the U.S. Department of Justice. The federal government originally had asked the courts to set quotas for each fire department. However, the municipalities and Justice Department lawyers were able to work out the consent decree.

Gerald F. George of the Justice Department said he was pleased that a consent decree had been agreed upon. He said cities entering such an agreement voluntarily and it creates a better atmosphere for compliance than if quotas were imposed by a judge. Instead of quotas, the consent

decree talks about "goals."

The decree requires Jersey City, Hoboken, Passaic and New Brunswick to appoint two out of every five new firefighters from minority groups.

Elizabeth would be required to hire one black or Hispanic for every two white firemen hired. Plainfield, Paterson, Trenton, Camden and Atlantic City must hire one black or Hispanic for every white firefighter while Newark and East Orange must fill three out of five vacancies with minority applicants.

While the consent decree does not force the departments to lower hiring standards or create new job openings, it does make changes in the testing process. The Justice Department closely monitors the testing and recruiting policies, under terms of the agreement.

## Hoboken plans career training

Hoboken Schools Superintendent George Maier said today that he expects a major career education program in the Hoboken school system to be partially introduced in September.

Maier said the entire shop program in the Hoboken schools will be redesigned to make the shops more relevant to preparing students for careers in the real world.

"For example," he said, "our woodworking shop would be redesigned into a heavy construction

shop where students would be taught how to lay concrete and work with steel materials."

"Another program would be in the secretarial field with students not only learning typing as they are now, but also skills in dealing with their bosses and other things they need to know to make it on their job."

The superintendent said ultimately he plans to have programs in 15 different career areas, including com-

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puter science, but he said how soon they are all implemented will depend on the amount of state funds for next year.

Maier described the present shops as giving students "a little of this and a little of that" but he said they don't really give students a major exposure to a career program.

He said he plans to offer the career area shops to students starting in the seventh grade.

Maier also said he expects an introduction to Technology course to be offered to students in the first, second and third grades, also come September.

## Hoboken Library summer program announced

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Mrs. Terry Saxon, acting director of the Hoboken Public Library announced that the Library will sponsor a "Children's Film Festival" every Wednesday at 11 a.m. during July and August. Films to be shown include "Star Trek," "Yellow Submarine," "Flash Gordon" and "King Kong."

Also, for children of grades 2-4, a summer reading contest will be held during these months. Registration will be held at the library from June 10 thru 20. Reading achievement certificates will be given to all children who complete this program. Prizes will be awarded to final winners. Details available at the library, 200 Park St.

## Vests anger cop

Hoboken Patrolman Thomas Fitzpatrick charged today that the citizens of Hoboken who donated money for bulletproof police vests were "deceived" into believing that all members of the force would have a chance at receiving one.

"I don't believe the monies would have been donated by the public," wrote Fitzpatrick in a letter to The Jersey Journal, "if they knew in advance that discrimination was going to be used in the selection of who would receive the vests."

Fitzpatrick said he is still seeking a reply

from Police Benevolent Association President Thomas Meehan, who last week commented that he wouldn't "dignify" Fitzpatrick's charges of discrimination.





Two members of the Hoboken Angels, leader John Quinones, right, and Jose Rosario, left, sweep up 14th Street.

## Street gang helps clean Hoboken

By Randolph Diamond

Two years ago many members of the Hoboken band Savage Angels were in trouble with the law. If they weren't in jail already they were headed that way.

Now, the Puerto Rican gang has changed its name to the Hoboken Angels and are now protecting people from muggers.

And instead of littering 14th Street with beer bottles and cans they are now cleaning up the mess other people create.

"We have the same concerns as everyone else in Hoboken," said 18-

year-old John Quinones. "Just like the other people we don't want to see our elders mugged and our streets dirty."

"We're not animals," said 15-year-old Jose Rosario. "We care about where we live."

Every Sunday for the last three weeks the gang has gathered at 9 a.m. with brooms and brushes supplied by the city and has cleaned up the entire street.

The 50 or so members of the gang also have started patrolling the area looking for outsiders who might want to create trouble or a disturbance and plan to start a formal escort service

for senior citizens afraid to go out at night.

Those who would start trouble, are made aware, in no uncertain terms, that their behavior won't be tolerated.

The Angels had two advisers, Ralph De La Pena, the city's former Hispanic affairs liaison, and Victor Molina, a local resident, who works for a trucking company. They are helping the group members look for a clubhouse so they won't have to hang out on the street.

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The change in the Savage Angels happened about two years ago, according to Quinones, when the members realized that crime wasn't going to get them anywhere.

"There's nothing for anyone in jail," said Quinones.

The Savage Angels continued to hang out, Quinones related, but frustration set in.

"We wanted to help to clean up our area, but we didn't know how," he said.

Then one day, last year, Quinones, who now works as a maintenance man, was on his way to high school when he noticed Molina sweeping the sidewalk outside his house.

Molina and Quinones started to talk to each other and the idea for

Angels to make a positive contribution to the community was born.

De La Pena, who lives in the 14th Street area, and is known also to many of the young people, was asked to help by the youths and he cleared the way for the city to supply the clean-up equipment.

"People can't believe how 14th Street looks after these kids clean it up," said De La Pena. "All of them have received so much pride out of what they are doing."

De La Pena said many people don't believe the change in the youths. "These aren't the kind of kids who go to Sunday mass but they are good people," he said. "They are searching for guidance and leadership and if given it they will make something out of themselves."

"We now have a goal to work for," said 16-year-old Lissette Reyes. Before we would get bored

because we had nothing to do so we would cause trouble."

Pablo Antonio, who runs a grocery on 14th Street, said he's not afraid to stay open at night any more because of the Angels.

"They are there to protect the community," he said. "I feel so much safer."

Molina said what the Angels need is some cooperation from the city.

"There hasn't been a sanitation inspector here once in the last three months giving out summonses," he said. Some merchants aren't going to clean up until they are fined."

Quinones said that the group would like to branch out from 14th Street to the rest of Hoboken—to unite the whole city and make it a good place to live.

"This is my home," he said. "I plan to live here for my whole life. I want to make it a better place for children."

## Hoboken modifies 'illegal' no parking signs

Hoboken Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. claimed a victory today for the residents of his Fifth Ward after city officials modified the "illegal" no parking signs that had been put up on Ninth Street between Adams and Jefferson Street.

The signs now read "No parking between the hours of 1 and 2 p.m. on Wednesday and permit parking at all other times."

The no parking signs, which prohibited parking at any time on the street, had been put up on orders by

Public Safety Director James Giordano a month ago.

Wilson claimed the signs were illegal because the City Council had never passed an ordinance permitting the signs but Giordano said a 1952 ordinance had given the city the authority to post the signs.

But a subsequent check by The Jersey Journal showed there was no ordinance. Giordano refused, however, to take down the signs because he said they were needed because there had been many accidents on the street.

He said the only reason he had put up the signs were safety reason but Wilson claimed it was to benefit a local bamboo factory on Ninth Street that was having trouble loading and unloading its trucks on the street because of parked cars.

Giordano said that because of the controversy he had decided to have the signs modified pending action by the state Department of Transportation as to whether the signs are needed.

If the state agrees with the city that the signs are needed Giordano

said he will then bring the matter to the City Council.

Wilson said, this time, the city is only requesting the signs prohibit parking during the day—not at night.

Wilson had said many of the residents of Columbus Gardens, a city housing project that fronts Ninth Street, were upset because they had to walk long distances from their cars at night that they parked in the largely deserted industrial section near the project, because of the no parking signs on Ninth Street.

## Wants 7-day Hoboken park staff

By Randolph Diamond

The chairwoman of Hoboken's Recreation Commission, Suellen Newman, has asked the Hoboken mayor and City Council to see that park maintenance men are assigned to the city's parks on weekends.

Mrs. Newman said despite "persistent pleas" by the commission, the city's maintenance workers continue to work in the parks only during the week.

Mrs. Newman also said she wants the mayor and council to find out if Recreation Commission members Sam Spinola and Jack Cullinan want

to remain on the commission. Mrs. Newman said the two men have been absent from meetings. She also said that despite the City Council passing a resolution a few months ago appointing teenagers to the recreation commission, none have been named.

Appointments to the commission are made by the mayor.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said he would look into all of Mrs. Newman's concerns and said he couldn't answer the questions right now as to why the teenagers had not been appointed.

City Council President Walter Cramer was unavailable for comment.

James Farina, Hoboken's health and welfare director, said he has only

eight park maintenance workers and couldn't spare them on the weekend.

Farina said the parks are just as heavily used during the week as they are during the weekend and he needs them during the week.

But he said he may be receiving some CETA personnel for the summer and some of them might work on the weekend.

Spinola, one of the two members on the commission Mrs. Newman said doesn't show up, reported yesterday he was recuperating from heart seizure but now is ready to resume normal activities. He notified Mrs. Newman about it yesterday, he said. Cullinan could not be reached for comment. Farina said he feels both men will attend future meetings.

## Longshoremen's hall will remain in Hoboken but at City Hall site

The Hoboken longshoremen's hiring hall will remain in the city, but in a different location, ending longshoremen's fear that the hall would close.

The Bi-state Waterfront Commission will sign an agreement with Hoboken by the end of this week to lease the mostly unused top floor of City Hall for the longshoremen's hiring hall, a waterfront commission spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the commission expects to move the hiring hall, from the old Jersey Observer building on Newark Street (across the street from City Hall) into City Hall by the beginning of August.

The Jersey Observer building is scheduled to be rehabilitated into apartments by Applied Housing Associates along with other buildings on Washington and Bloomfield streets.

Edwin Chius, Hoboken's business administrator, said the commission will pay the city \$15,000 under the

lease for one year, with the option to renew at the same rate for a second year.

Chius said he felt the city would be getting a good deal since the waterfront commission will pay for renovations to the floor, used as an armory.

The commission, he said, plans to paint the walls, put in a new floor and create a number of offices.

While over 300 men shape up daily at the Hoboken hall, Chius said they won't disrupt City Hall operations since it is done between 7 and 9 a.m. and City Hall doesn't open until 9 a.m. for other business.

There had been some concern among the longshoremen that the hiring hall would merge with the Port Newark Hall. Most of the longshoremen, who live in Hudson or Bergen counties, had complained about the long commute they would have to make daily to Newark.

## St. Mary Hospital nursing school ceases operations

By Randolph Diamond

After 52 years of training young women to become nurses, the St. Mary Hospital School of Nursing in Hoboken has closed its doors forever.

Declining enrollment was the reason the Board of Trustees made the decision two years ago to close the school.

"Girls who decide to become nurses now usually go to college, where they receive a B.S. degree in addition to the right to practice nursing," said a hospital spokeswoman. "The guidance counselors tell them not to go to schools like ours."

But the spokeswoman said she believes a three-year program like St.

Mary offered a more personal approach because nurses actually learned through experience in the hospital.

"Sixty percent of our nurses have graduated from our school," she said.

The last class of 15 seniors graduated this past weekend. Before the enrollment decline, the spokesman said the class size had averaged around 25.

The spokeswoman said the school had seven instructors in its last year and most have found jobs elsewhere. She said the hospital has yet to decide what to do with the space the school occupied on part of the hospital's mezzanine.

## Cappiello opposes waterfront fun park after drownings

By MARYANN JACOB  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday he definitely opposes the construction of an amusement park on the waterfront, particularly in light of the drowning last week of two men who were fishing off a pier.

Cappiello said that he would vote against the project, proposed by the Costa Development Co. of New Milford, if a vote was held now.

The mayor said he was influenced by the loss of the two men, who slipped down into the river through a hole in an abandoned pier last week, and by opposition to the project voiced by citizens and council members.

"I think we'll be luring young people to the shelf of the river (with the proposed park)," said the mayor.

Costa Development Co. brought the idea to the attention of the City Council several months ago. The project calls for a temporary amusement park this year which would possibly

be expanded to include a complex with a permanent facility, a condominium, a marina and a restaurant a few years later.

The firm wants permission to rent a six-acre area near and including the Fifth and Sixth Street piers.

George Costa, owner of the company, said yesterday he would like permission to lease the land—for about \$2,000 a month—to operate about 20 rides and 50 amusement stands from the July 4 weekend through the Labor Day weekend.

Along with the amusements, Costa plans to operate show

and concerts on weekends, he said.

"Every weekend there would be some type of entertainment," he said.

"We want the mayor and council to say 'yes' on a temporary basis, and then work on a long-time basis," said Costa.

If the project is successful during the summer, the company would ask for a 10-year lease with an option to buy. A 300-unit condominium, a floating restaurant, a marina and a permanent amusement facility could then be developed, said Costa.

## Street gang promised aid

Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina said today that he will do everything possible to help the street gang, the Hoboken Angels, find a clubhouse and continue to do their good work.

Farina made the comments after reading in yesterday's Jersey Journal how the Puerto Rican gang, whose members were once in trouble with the law, are now protecting the 14th Street area in Hoboken, preventing

muggings and cleaning the street every week.

"I'm very excited about what they are doing," said Farina. "I would like to meet with them in the next few days and try to expand their efforts to the rest of the city."

Members of the Angels have been looking for a clubhouse so they don't have to hang out on the street all the time.

Meanwhile, Peter Falco,

Hoboken's acting sanitation inspector said he was disturbed by comments that were made by an adviser to the gang that they had not seen a sanitation inspector on 14th Street in three months.

The adviser Victor Molina, had said some merchants weren't going to shape up until they are fined.

But Falco said he is on 14th Street frequently telling the merchants to clean up. However, he admitted, he

couldn't be on the street 24 hours a day and it was possible that some merchants broke the law when he wasn't around.

But Falco said if members of the Angels see a merchant breaking the law and they are willing to swear to it, then he would be willing to give the merchants a summons. He said the Angels should contact him at City Hall.

## Church dedicated as historic landmark

A small Gothic Revival building, in constant use as a house of worship since it was built around 1855, has become Hoboken's first locally designated historic landmark. Ceremonies were held on Saturday which marked the dedication of the Iglesia Cristiana y Misionera with landmark status. The church was

originally a synagogue built for the Congregation Adas Emuno, Hudson County's oldest Reform Jewish congregation.

Now in use as a Protestant church and community center, the building retains all of its original exterior architectural features. The early history of the building is documented in

the synagogue's correspondence, which is in the possession of Rev. Fernando Colon, Hudson County's Director of Historic Affairs. The building located at 637-4 Garden St., was recommended for local landmark status by the Hoboken Historic District Commission and confirmed by the City Council.

## Hoboken Council yields to seniors, will revoke bus stop changes

The Hoboken City Council bowed to the wishes of senior citizens last night.

The council, which adopted an ordinance in February eliminating bus stops on every other corner, agreed last night to rescind the action. A delegation of about 12 senior citizens told the councilmen that they have been used to getting a bus at every corner and the change would pose too much of a hardship.

The council decided to revoke the law and will hold a public hearing on the ordinance change at the June 18 meeting. Although the law was passed in February, the alternate bus stop plan has not yet gone into effect.

The council originally acted on a recommendation of the Parking Authority which felt the bus stops on

alternate blocks would create more parking spaces; would speed bus service; curtail air pollution and cut down on fuel consumption.

The council received a copy of a resolution approved by the Board of School Estimate calling on the council to include the David E. Rue School in a \$1.1 million school rehabilitation program. Four other schools were earmarked for improvements and the council would have to amend its original ordinance to include Rue School. The council members agreed to discuss it at a conference to be 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The council approved a resolution agreeing to a change in the labor contract between the city and its police and firemen. It would defer the se-

cond half of a uniform allowance for 1980 until January of next year.

The council's action ratified the agreement worked out by the city and the police and fire unions. By deferring the uniform allowance funds until next year, the city did not have to go through with its plan to demote several superiors in an economy move.

An ordinance giving the public safety director authority to determine the number of men in his department, depending on budget considerations, was tabled. At the recommendation of Councilman Robert Ranieri, the proposed law was referred to the council's Public Safety Committee, headed by Councilman Louis Francione.

## New \$2,000 water pump stolen from Hoboken DPW

Yet another piece of city equipment has been stolen from Hoboken's Public Works Department.

This time it is a \$2,000 submersible water pump that had never even been taken out of its shipping crate.

Hoboken sewage treatment plant officials report the pump was apparently stolen from the plant sometime between last Wednesday morning and Friday morning even though there is a guard posted at the plant 24 hours a day.

"I know don't know how it was

stolen," said Robert Gohde, sewage plant superintendent.

Gohde said the pump had been in the sewage plant's garage for at least 13 months and was due to be installed at the 11th Street pumping station.

Gohde said he usually checks the garage every day but said he had been so busy of late that he didn't check the garage last Wednesday and Thursday.

Hoboken police are currently investigating the theft and said it may have been an inside job.

In April, the son of Public Works Director Andrew Amato and two

other city officials were arrested for allegedly selling public works roofing supplies to a local hardware store and police said they believed thousands and thousands of dollars worth of public works equipment had been stolen for the garage over a period of years.

Recently police expanded their investigation to the stealing of water meters in the water department, along with the possible tampering of the meters to give certain customers low water bills.



## They'll ballet 'On the Waterfront'

By Randolph Diamond

A ballet version of the movie, "On the Waterfront," in which city officials play some of the heavies, will be presented in Hoboken next week.

The ballet features jazz mood music composed by Leonard Bernstein, and will have a cast of more than 180, including 80 children.

It is being produced by Tracy Everitt, director of the Everitt Dance School on Washington Street in Hoboken. This is the first time a dance performance of the movie, which was shot in Hoboken, has ever been done.

The 1954 movie featured Marlon Brando as its star and depicted his battle with a mob that controlled the waterfront. Among the city officials in the performance will be Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina and Community Services Director Peter Beronio.

Farina will play the part of a longshoreman who gets a job on the docks by kicking back part of his salary to the union. Beronio will play a family man who can't get a job on the docks. Pierre Maneri, Hoboken's construction site manager, has been understudying for a number of the parts and has also done lighting for the show.

Everitt said he got the idea for the ballet last summer when a friend suggested to him that a musical version of the movie



Three of the people who are putting on the ballet, "On the Waterfront" — Pierre Maneri, left; Tracy Everitt, center, and Dale Andre, right, rehearse a scene from the movie.

would be something everyone in Hoboken would like to see.

"Once I heard the idea, I lined up leads and started rehearsing right away," he said.

Everitt said the 45-minute

play will consist of two parts, the first showing the characters in the ballet as children and the second act which Everitt said is essentially a remake of the movie.

The show will be performed

at 8 p.m. on June 13 and 14 and at 4 p.m. on June 15, at Hoboken High School. Tickets are \$3.50 and will be available at the door or in advance at Everitt's School of Dance at 400 Washington St.

## Crime on upswing in Hoboken; officials blame youths, narcotics

By Betty Hayes

Crime is up in Hoboken. And some city officials believe the problem is linked to youths and narcotics use.

According to the police blotter, from May 10 to May 30 last year, there were 31 reports of petty larceny. Last month,

however, there were 100 incidents in a 30-day period as opposed to a 20-day period from the year before. Figures for last May 1 to 9 were not available.

Lt. Paul Tewes, Hoboken detective commander, attributes the cause to the nation's economy. "It's the recession — people are un-

employed," Tewes says, adding: "There is no normal number of crimes per month. It's not supposed to be 30 or 60 or anything like that."

Tewes stated his case by referring to a number of theft reports in 1972. "There were 112 burglaries in May of that year," he declared.

"The rate goes up right after people pay their taxes," joked a detective in the background.

Tewes' opinion was not shared by others associated with public safety in the city, however.

A uniformed superior officer who wished to remain unidentified said the theft rate is "the worse I've ever seen." He suspects the culprits are drug addicts. "I think it's two or three groups," he said, pointing out that most of the incidents happen during the day and have the same modus operandi.

Mayor Steve Cappiello's opinion is a middle ground. "Of course when things get bad in the economy, things get bad all over, including crime," he said. "In any case, narcotics and

youth offenders, he said, are a concern of his.

"I've asked Giordano to do some beefing up and reallocate personnel to this area," he added.

Public Safety Director James W. Giordano sees drugs and youth as a large part of the crime picture.

"I would more than likely point to drugs because we received word from federal drug enforcement people that there is a strong flow back into the country," he said, adding, "I'll send orders to Capt. Totaro, head of the anti-vic squad, to put more men on burglary detail."

Many of the thefts have occurred in apartment dwellings. Forced entry was gained through a window or door.

## School band member to tour Scandinavia

A Hoboken High School senior will spend part of this summer touring Scandinavia with the Youth Orchestra of the International Council for Understanding.

Nancy Tortorelli, a clarinetist, won a place with the musical group in a competition with many other applicants from the Northeastern part of the United States.

The young student, who played in the high school band, won a place with the North Jersey Area Band last

December and with the All-Hudson County Band this year.

Superintendent George Maier said he was pleased to note that all of the girl's musical training had been received in the Hoboken public school system.

Nancy will join the band which will arrive in Copenhagen, Denmark, on July 5. The young musicians will remain in Denmark until Aug. 1, presenting a series of concerts and touring the countryside.

## More realistic

Changes in the curricula of schools do not always strike the public as beneficial, but the revolutionary redesign of Hoboken's career education program announced by Superintendent George Maier should draw no criticism in Hoboken.

The occupational courses in the city's schools are going to be made more useful to the students by training them in the skills they really need to hold a job.

For example, the traditional woodworking shop will become a heavy construction shop where boys will be taught how to work with steel and concrete.

For girls, the emphasis will no longer be on shorthand and typing only, but on how to cope with the boss and on other skills they will need as working secretaries.

It is reassuring that the schools are coming around to a more realistic approach to job education.

## Comeback

Hoboken has been on the way up for a number of years. Not in everything, but in its housing stock and its attraction for young couples as a place to move to from all over the metropolitan area.

Recognizing the upsurge in the city's vitality, the Newark Episcopal Diocese has assigned a fulltime rector to the Church of the Holy Innocents.

This impressive French Gothic edifice was erected by the Stevens family in 1872 at a time when the name Stevens was almost synonymous with Hoboken. During the 20th century, the congregation went into a steep decline as the ethnic mix of the city changed.

Since taking over at Holy Innocents recently, the Rev. Geoffrey B. Curtis has doubled the size of the dwindled congregation and has also reactivated an even older Hoboken Episcopal church, St. Paul's.

Under his leadership, Hoboken has been designated as a youth center for all the Episcopal churches of the diocese.

The city will benefit by the rejuvenation of the parishes of these two historic houses of worship.

## Hoboken's Rue school gets OK on face-lifting

The Hoboken Board of School Estimate has endorsed the repair and renovation of the David E. Rue School, closed over two years because of crumbling brickwork, and has asked the board of education for estimates on the cost of retying the school for students.

Yesterday's action more or less kills any plans for the construction of a new school in the southwest section of the city, a plan that was part of the school board's original program modernizing the system's buildings.

The Board of School Estimate formally asked the Board of Education to complete some of the Rue School work with the \$1.1 million state rehabilitation grant, believing, according to Mayor Steve Cappiello, that the building is sturdier than some now in use.

"We'll sit down later and work with the board of education to determine what money will be needed to do the program they want," Cappiello said, adding that the action more or less meant "there will be no new school construction." Cost of the new school had been pegged at \$8 million.

Right now, Cappiello said, the Board of School Estimate is interested in obtaining estimates for the cost of the repairs to the Rue school since the City Council will want to discuss those figures when they deal with the building's rehabilitation and how it will be paid.

The Board of School Estimate is composed of Cappiello, Councilmen Salvatore Cemelli and Bernard Scrivano and School Board President Robert Wendelken and Trustee John Pope.

## Plan on police, fire force sizes opposed

Two ordinances that would give the Hoboken Public Works Director James Giordano the authority to determine the size of the police and fire departments, instead of leaving that decision with the council, may be tabled or rewritten by tomorrow's council meeting.

At last night's caucus, Council President Walter Cramer said he "would hope the council will table the ordinances or order them withdrawn. They are not well written. They require the council to give up some of its power."

Cramer said that the Faulkner Act, under which Hoboken's government operates, gives the council the authority to create the departments.

"Here you have the council voluntarily giving up this power over the executive branch," Cramer said. "Is it legal? If it is not legal, is it within the spirit of the Faulkner Act?"

"I don't like it. I don't like it at all," Cramer told his fellow councilmen. He was critical of Giordano for failing to attend the meeting to answer questions from the council on the two ordinances.

While Cramer wanted to see the measure tabled or dropped, Councilman Robert Ranieri thought it could be salvaged by rewriting and being resubmitted to the council for consideration.

The council will consider an

agreement with the Hoboken Police Benevolent Association that would change the schedule for clothing allowances from June and December to June and January.

The 85 policemen each receive \$300 twice a year for the allowance and the change from December to January will mean the second payment can be charged to the 1981 budget at a savings of \$25,500 in the present budget.

This will mean that threatened demotions will be eliminated, according to Edwin Chius, business administrator, who said it was the patrolmen who suggested the arrangements. He added similar arrangements are being discussed with firefighters and fire officers.

The council also plans to review complaints about bus service along Washington Street. Cramer said some residents were stopping at alternate corners, despite the fact a recently passed ordinance providing for this has not yet received approval from the state Department of Transportation and has not gone into effect. Also eliminated stops at 10th and 11th streets may be reinstated.

Also on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting is the adoption of the 1980 budget. It needs five "yes" votes to pass.

## Mayor urges regional purchasing agreement

By MARYANN JACOB Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Mayor and Hudson County Freeholder Steve Cappiello, a longtime advocate of regionalization in Hudson County, urged other county freeholders to join in a regional purchasing agreement which would supply communities with needed items at a reduced cost.

Municipalities could save money by banding together to purchase—in quantity—road repair machinery, rock salt and other items used throughout the county, Cappiello argued.

Cappiello suggested yesterday the county purchasing department set up a meeting with purchasing agencies in the county to discuss ways towns and cities could coordinate their buying efforts.

Such efforts could be beneficial to the individual communities "if we use the expertise of the county (purchasing department) and the combined buying power of the cities to continue the consolidation process," said the mayor.

However, Freeholder Chairman Morris T. Longo pointed out the mechanism for such a regionalized approach to purchasing has already been in place for the last three years.

In order to make purchases under a

county-made contract, a community only has to pass a resolution indicating its desire to do so, said Longo.

Kearny has used the system occasionally, said Longo, but none of the other communities in the county have taken advantage of it. Meetings could be set up to revive the concept of coordinated purchasing practices, he said.

Cappiello said the consolidation of the purchasing would be especially helpful for some of the smaller towns, which do not have the expertise or buying power of the cities.

The county would also be aided by the participation of the individual communities, because added numbers of consumers and larger quantities of items purchased would fix prices at a cheaper rate.

Items commonly used by all communities and the county could also include tires and even police cars, the mayor suggested.

He added machinery with a price so prohibitive smaller towns could not afford it could be purchased and shared by more than one town.

The mayor suggested a meeting be set up among interested communities and the county, coordinated by Warren Fuhr, county purchasing agent.

## Hoboken cops split on shirt shade

By Betty Hayes

Now that Hoboken policemen have received their semi-annual uniform allowance, ideas for a change of summer outfit have entered the heads of some force members.

Patrolman James Mancuso suggests that officers wear a light blue shirt with the navy-colored trousers. He says the dark blue shirt

they wear now absorbs too much heat from the sun.

"With a bulletproof vest underneath, the heat is too much," declares Mancuso.

He also says that "more than a handful" of officers are for the idea. However, a quick check with officers at the station reveals that many are against the lighter-colored shirt. Some say the difference of opinion is

between younger members of the force and the oldsters.

In 1956, Hoboken policemen wore a pastel-colored shirt, but it was canned after one year.

"The men just didn't like them," said an unidentified 24-year veteran of the force.

Well, it may be news that back

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## Hoboken's First Street shop area to be revitalized

Hoboken's Community Development Agency is going full steam ahead on a plan to revitalize the primarily Hispanic First Street shopping district.

Fred Bado, Hoboken Community Development director, said he ordered his staff to proceed with a plan to revitalize the area after looking over survey results from local merchants.

The merchants had been asked if they would be willing to participate in a renovation plan for the area and whether they would be willing to renovate their storefronts if the CDA paid some of the cost.

Bado said the response was overwhelming.

"Almost all merchants said they wanted to participate in the plan," he said.

One of the CDA's other plans for the area, Bado said, would be to create a flea market on First Street.

Bado said his staff is currently applying for an urban action block grant to help with the renovation and he said the application should be complete by July. He said the CDA would know if it could get funding by July.

Bado said it hadn't yet been determined how much money the CDA will apply for.

then, and now, the city's crime deterrents, spokesmen for law and order, are more appearance-conscious than many would suspect.

"The lighter-colored shirts get dirty and it shows up more," says Capt. Anthony Rinaldi.

"What about perspiration?" asked another officer. "After sitting four hours in a patrol car, how'd you like to see a big circle of sweat down your back?"

Countered another, "What about blood? We encounter that, you know."

Laundry costs for the navy shirts are too much now, said one force member.

"Besides," says Rinaldi, "the public can get us confused with private security employees, many of whom wear the light blue."

Proponents of the light blue say that policemen in Union City, Weehawken and even New York City change to the light-color shirts in summer.

"It's the young guys who want the change," said an officer planning to retire this year. "Pretty soon," he mused, "they'll want shorts, too!"

U.S. mail carriers did it, didn't they?

## Meehan wins new term as PBA president

Thoms Meehan won the presidential seat of the Hoboken Police Officers Benevolent Association for the second time last night.

Meehan beat Jimmy Mancuso and Jerry Caputo by a 3-to-1 margin. Uncontested winners were Charles Kosbab, vice president, Vincent Lombardi, treasurer, Cecil Vincent, secretary. State delegates were Augie Saterri and Walter LaBrink.

## Garbage charges dismissed

Eighty-nine summonses issued to the Hoboken Housing Authority last February for garbage and litter violations outside authority buildings have been dismissed due to a technicality. The Hoboken policemen who gave out the summonses, it turns out, never gave authority officials a required warning, acting Municipal Court Judge Chris Pappas explained.

Pappas said garbage and litter can be put in front of a building by anyone and is not necessarily the landlord's fault so the law allows him

a chance to clean up the condition. "It's only fair," he said.

Authority officials also told Pappas that the problem has since been resolved. At the time the summonses were given, garbage cans were often lying outside the authority buildings all day because garbage trucks would pass by the project before the maintenance men went on duty at 7:30 a.m. and put out the garbage.

The trucks now come after the maintenance men go on duty.

## PBA says city stalling on lifesaving equipment

The president of the Hoboken Police Benevolent Association charged today that the city is "stalling" on the purchase of three 100-foot rope lines (used for hauling water-accident victims to safety) and three life preserver vests to be kept in patrol cars.

Thomas Meehan, the organization's president, said he spoke with Mayor Steve Cappiello and James W. Giordano, director of public safety, about the equipment needs last Friday. According to Meehan, both officials agreed the purchase would be a good idea.

"It's such a nominal thing," said Meehan. "It shouldn't cost more than \$200."

Meehan cited the five drownings that have occurred this year, declar-

ing, "Do we have to wait till another person drowns to get the lines?" He added, "More people will be using the area around the piers now that summer is coming."

Not only are accident victims a concern, said Meehan, but also the lives of fellow officers. "A policeman can tie the rope around his waist when he attempts to save someone," he said, adding, "Do you know how strong the current is? The body found last was by the Verrazano Bridge."

Mayor Cappiello, who wrote the items on a piece of paper, said, "We should have them in a few days."

Shortly thereafter, Cappiello said he had a sample vest for policemen to look over, as they will be choosing the type they want purchased. Giordano was not available for comment.

## Waterfront

Not much was lost when the proposal for an amusement park at the 5th and 6th street piers in Hoboken faded out. Not that an amusement park was such a bad idea, but the location has the potential for bigger and better use.

The future of Hoboken's mostly-idle waterfront is still about as hazy as it was when the Hudson River Waterfront Planning Study and Development Commission was formed.

There will be no specific recommendations when the commission meets in Hoboken June 19. That meeting is to be devoted to the format of the regulatory agency about which there has been so much talk and maneuvering.

The regulatory agency — whatever its format — will then belatedly have to deal with the specifics for Hoboken and the other riverfront communities.

Construction of highrise apartments still appears to be a practical and advantageous use of parts of the Hoboken shore. There is some merit in the argument that these structures would block the view of the river and the New York skyline.

But it is not necessarily true that they would intensify the city's parking problem. The growing success of the parking garages accommodating highrises nearby is ample proof that developers of highrises on the riverfront could easily handle the parking needs of their own tenants and more.



## Schools get bad marks on safety

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Hudson County Superintendent of Schools Russell Carpenter has sent to each of Hudson's 14 school districts his office's annual report of its monitoring of that district.

The reports are requirements under the state's "thorough and efficient" education law. Each Hudson district (including the 12 municipal school systems, the North Hudson Jointure Commission and the Hudson County vocational school board) must reply by July 1.

Some recommendations applied to more than one district.

Virtually every district with a high school was told to improve safety conditions by changing procedures or equipment in its vocational or industrial arts classes. Jersey City is the area cited for some of the same things for which it had been criticized in the June, 1979, monitoring report.

Jersey City received the most criticisms for the conditions of its buildings. Hoboken was second, but far behind.

North Bergen, Weehawken and Jersey City were each faulted for its desegregation plan or its implementation.

Some of the specifics in the report are as follows:

• East Newark must schedule a public meeting to discuss implementing its goals and objectives, with advance public notice.

• Guttenberg had no deficiencies at all.

• "It is assumed that the district will continue its excellent progress," the report said.

• The Harrison "Board of Education must establish efficient administrative procedures pursuant to laws and regulations."

Based on the basic skills tests of

last year and the year before, Washington School will probably need a review in reading and mathematics and Lincoln School in mathematics.

Jersey City schools listed as in probable need of review in either reading, math, or both were Dickinson, Ferris, Lincoln and Snyder High Schools and Schools 3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, 24, 28, 29, 30, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41 and 42.

As with all the districts, those listings were not based on this year's test, and could be appealed later this summer.

The report found many city schools in need of repairs for windows, peeling paint, leaks or other physical problems. It said at School 25 pupil enrollment was beginning to exceed capacity. It said there was a problem with the use of substitute teachers at School 28 and 30. At some schools, including Schools 3 and 22, students didn't receive 150 minutes of health, safety and physical education classes weekly.

• In Hoboken, the trainable mentally retarded must receive a high school diploma when they complete their prescribed program; classes in Connors School were held in the basement without county-level authorization.

• "Brandt School," the report said, "needs comprehensive facility

repairs and refurbishment. There are potential safety hazards due to poor state of repair."

Plaster was falling from the auditorium at Leinhardt School.

Probably requiring a review based on basic skills levels will be Hoboken High School, Demarest Junior High School, Rue, Kealey and Leinhardt School in both reading and math, Brandt in reading and Calabro School in math.

• Kearny must develop a program for exceptionally gifted and talented students. It also must identify all students whose native language is not English, and make most efficient use of bilingual and English as a Second Language staff. Its Lincoln School may no longer use Trinity Church for its gym and kindergarten classes. Washington School will probably need a review for math.

• Secaucus must set up an acceptable procedure for employment of athletic coaches.

• The North Hudson Jointure Commission must appoint an administrative principal.

• Weehawken should have more vocational counseling, add an assistant superintendent and assign staff now functioning as assistant to the principal to a legally recognized title. Its Roosevelt School will probably need a math and reading review.

• North Bergen faces "general overcrowding in the high school," and its Fulton and Lincoln Schools will probably need review for math.

"Efficient administrative procedures," the report said, "must be adopted by the district board of education, which include sound district and school fiscal operations and effective management procedures."

The report cited "deficit spending" and late or incomplete audits and reports.

• Bayonne "must provide bilingual and ESL service to limited English speaking students."

Robinson, Roberson and Roosevelt schools will probably need a review in mathematics. The gym lights at Roosevelt School were listed as loose and in danger of falling.

• The vocational school system must get its affirmative action plan for employers it contracts with approved by the board and the state Office of Equal Education Opportunity.

It must also develop a policy consistent with state guidelines for evaluating tenured teaching staff.

• Union City must correct potential safety hazards due to broken windows and the condition of the floor at Hudson School.

Edison, Gilmore, Roosevelt and Waters Schools were listed as probably in need of review for reading and math, and Hudson and Washington Schools for math.

## Hoboken, PBA at odds over radio room manning

Hoboken and the city's PBA have disagreed over their interpretation of an arbitrator's ruling on the manning of the police department's radio room.

Public Safety Director James Giordano had scheduled only one man to answer the radio and phone calls during the midnight to 8 a.m. shift as opposed to the two men manning the radio room during other hours. The PBA filed a grievance.

The arbitrator said both sides agreed there will be two people manning the radio room.

But Giordano said he did not concur in the decision.

"It doesn't say anywhere in the decision that we have to man the radio room 24 hours a day," said Giordano.

Meanwhile, the arbitrator ruled

in the PBA's favor in another grievance that the city wasn't answering complaints within 10 days.

Meanwhile, Thomas Meehan, PBA president, has filed two other grievances, one charging he was switched from his job as a traffic cop to a walking beat for retaliation for his union activities, the other was that a CETA employee working with the city's sweeper wore a police department patch.

Meehan said he was transferred three times by a superior officer in Giordano's office that if he didn't stop making strong contract demands for the PBA he would be switched to another duty.

## PBA head claims harassment in transfer

By MARYANN JACOB

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—PBA President Thomas Meehan, re-elected Tuesday night to a third term as president, claims the city has harassed him by recently transferring him from radio car duty to walking a beat.

In a grievance filed last week, Meehan told Director of Public Safety James W. Giordano, "I feel that

somehow your issuance of this special order (transferring Meehan and several other patrolmen to walking beats) is directly related to my recent 'run-ins' with a superior who works out of your office who has harassed me on three separate occasions, threatening me with the very same action which you have now taken."

Meehan claims the superior officer — whom he declined to name — questioned him regarding his actions, when Meehan said he was on PBA business.

Giordano said yesterday, "He's not being harassed." He said Meehan's superior is within his rights to question him. "If he thinks harassment means his immediate superior can't issue him an order, he's mistaken," said Giordano.

Meehan said his new three-block walking post severely limits the mobility he had previously when assigned to a patrol car. That mobility, he said, is necessary for him to fulfill his obligations and duties as PBA president.

The police contract gives the president the right to conduct PBA business during his regular working hours, said Meehan, and he must provide information to men on their posts, and must also go out of town on PBA business.

"This new assignment will clearly hamper my efforts, by restricting my mobility and therefore directly interfere with my duties as PBA president," he said in the grievance.

Giordano said, because of budget problems, some policemen had to be transferred to the Safe and Clean Streets program, which requires a number of on-foot policemen. In this program, the federal government pays half the salaries of each patrolman the city supplies.

Meehan was one of those scheduled to be reassigned, said Giordano, and was given a three-block post closest to City Hall.

By being close to City Hall and police headquarters, Meehan would have easy access to the location where most of his everyday PBA business is carried out, the director said.

Giordano said there is little PBA business in which Meehan would be required to visit patrolmen at their posts, and which could not be handled while they are at police headquarters.

Meehan also clashed with Giordano in a letter saying the city has ignored an arbitrator's decision which mandates the city to provide two men in the dispatcher's switchboard area on all shifts. On the midnight shift, only one dispatcher is available, Meehan said.

Giordano, however, said that Meehan had "misinterpreted" the arbitrator's decision. The director said the arbitrator had made the switchboard assignment a "managerial prerogative" as to how many men are to be assigned to switchboard detail.

Meehan claims the lack of one man at that position seven days a week is a dangerous situation because the post's duties are too numerous for one policeman.

The PBA president also filed another grievance, complaining that non-police personnel in the Safe and Clean Streets program have been wearing police department arm patches, which he feels should be reserved for policemen.

Giordano said yesterday non-police personnel will probably be issued Public Safety Department patches.

## Environment Committee donates books

By MARYANN JACOB

Staff Writer

The Hoboken Environment Committee has purchased 30 books on home repair, home maintenance, furniture restoration and building restoration and donated them to the Hoboken Public Library. The books, which were bought with funds raised by the annual Hoboken House Tour, were accepted by Acting Director Terry Sasso of the Library.

Ms. Sasso has indicated that the books have been placed in the reference section of the second floor. They circulate for 14 days to anyone holding a library card.

The following books were selected by Ruth Rejals, a Hoboken author and member of the Environment Committee's Executive Group:

Basic Carpentry Illustrated; Basic Plumbing Illustrated; Basic Wiring; Buying and Renovating a House in the City; Care and Maintenance of Furniture; Complete Guide to Home Repair, Maintenance and Improvement; Easy-to-Make Furniture; Floors and Stairways; Heating and Cooling; How to Make Bookshelves and Cabinets; Ideas for Storage; The Kitchen Book; Paint It Yourself; Practical Guide for Home Restoration; Reader's Digest Complete Do-It-Yourself Manual; So You Want to Fix Up an Old House; Space and Storage; Tools and How to Use Them.

## Hispanic Counseling Service gets director

Hoboken's Hispanic Youth Counseling Service finally has a new director but she doesn't speak fluent English and conducts her counseling sessions in Spanish even though most of the center's Hispanic clients use English while at the agency.

But Juan Garcia, executive director of Citizens United for New Action (CUNA) which runs the agency, said Anna Burgos is working out just fine.

Garcia said Ms. Burgos, 26, was graduated from the University of Puerto Rico three years ago with a degree in sociology and at that time moved to the United States and settled in Hoboken.

He said Ms. Burgos had been out of work ever since she came to the United States because of her language difficulties and no social service agency was willing to give her a chance. Garcia said Ms. Burgos had been collecting welfare because she couldn't find a job.

Ms. Burgos replaces Rosa Velesquez, who left the agency last January after she had a number of disputes with Garcia over the operation of the counseling agency. Garcia had been serving as acting director of the youth agency.

While most of the center's Hispanic participants use English as their primary language, this does not hinder the counseling process, Garcia said.

He said the youths are learning more about

Hispanic culture from Ms. Burgos. In addition, he said, the participants in the program are helping Ms. Burgos to speak more effective English.

"She understands when English is spoken but she doesn't always happen to know the right words to speak back," he said.

Garcia said the same thing can be said of the youths in the program who do have some knowledge of Spanish but can't speak it fluently. Garcia said what caused him to hire Ms. Burgos was what he saw as her warmth with people.

"She is like a big sister to the girls she counsels," Garcia said. "She was a truant when she was in high school and had adjustment problems," he said. "But she got over those things and went to college."

Ms. Burgos said she tries to offer support and show the girls who come for counseling that they too can make something out of themselves.

Garcia said there are more than 100 youths enrolled in the program and said Ms. Burgos primarily counsels the girls. He said he will counsel the boys pending the hiring of another counselor.

Ms. Burgos is being paid \$12,500 a year and the center's total budget is \$30,000. Most of that is funded by the state Division of Family and Youth Services with the Hoboken Community Development Agency contributing a share.

## OK for once

By MARYANN JACOB

Staff Writer

Credit the Hoboken Police Benevolent Association with helping the city administration stagger through its budget crisis.

The policemen suggested that the city postpone paying their next semi-annual clothing allowance from December, as scheduled, until January, thus eliminating \$25,000 from the 1980 budget, loading it on to the 1981 budget instead.

As a general rule, it is poor practice to put off paying one's obligations in the hope that better times will make it easier to pay later. Here, however, the alternative was to demote police superiors to save money during the rest of 1980.

There will be another budget crunch next year, there always is, of course. But now the mayor and council have almost a year's breathing space to get the 1981 budget in shape . . . and that includes provision for making up the deferred December clothing allowance.

Let's not get into a bad habit.

## Hoboken city workers are going into uniform

By MARYANN JACOB

Staff Writer

A number of Hoboken municipal employees will be wearing uniforms for the first time on July 1.

Edwin Chius, Hoboken's business administrator, said today that as part of Hoboken's contract with municipal employees, public works, public safety and some health and welfare workers will have to wear the uniforms.

Chius said public works employees will wear brown pants and shirts, parks workers will wear green pants and shirts, housing inspectors will wear blue pants and shirts and public safety workers will wear blue pants and navy blue shirts. He said each employee will wear a badge or shield, identifying himself as an employee of the city of Hoboken.

Chius said each worker required to wear the uniform has received a \$200 clothing allowance.

The business administrator said he believes the uniforms will make the Hoboken work force more readily apparent to the public and will also clearly establish the identities of the workers.

Jude Fitzgibbon, vice-president of Hoboken's Municipal Employees Association said he thinks the uniforms will be a good idea.

"It will show the public that municipal employees are doing a good job and are not goofing off," he said. "The age of the no-show employees is gone. Everyone is pulling part of the load."

## Hoboken acts on water safety

By MARYANN JACOB

Staff Writer

Hoboken has purchased three 100-foot rope lines two life rings and three life preserver vests to be kept in patrol cars to help prevent future water accidents.

Thomas Meehan, president of the

Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association had charged last week that the city was stalling on the purchases of the equipment and even though city officials agreed such a purchase would be a good idea.

## Ambulance corps give first aid to each other

By MARYANN JACOB

Staff Writer

The Union City, Hoboken and Weehawken ambulance corps have signed a mutual aid agreement, setting down guidelines for assistance, and opening the possibility of joint training, purchasing and communications by the three squads.

Under the mutual aid agreement, ambulance corps from the three municipalities cover for one another if one community's ambulances are out on a call or out of service.

"There was no formal agreement (previously), since we had been working the last 10 years in a verbal agreement," said Jeffrey Weiz, president of the Weehawken Ambulance Corps.

Although the three belong to East Bergen Mutual Aid, they are most likely to call upon each other when assistance is needed because of their proximity to each other, Weiz said.

The three ambulance squads — which have seven ambulances — are seeking to have North Bergen, which also belongs to East Bergen Mutual Aid, sign the pact, Weiz said.

He said that by signing the agreement, the squads have created an atmosphere in which they may explore joint training, purchasing and communications.

Currently, each squad is responsible for training its own members, although East Bergen Mutual Aid offers certain courses to squad members throughout the district.

The agreement would allow Hoboken, Weehawken and Union City to possibly cut costs by operating joint programs, Weiz said, instead of traveling to Bergen County or carrying on separate training

programs.

Weiz also said the squads could save money by jointly purchasing ambulances, squad supplies and added that they could consider using a separate radio frequency for the Hudson County municipalities, to coordinate emergency operations and eliminate the need to use police channels.

The Weehawken president stressed that the mutual aid agreement does not mean regionalization of the corps, which has been a sore point among ambulance squad members in the area who fear loss of their independence.

"Each squad will operate independently," he said. "The normal daily operations are not affected. . . . Each squad will maintain its identity."

Copies of the agreement signed last week by the squads will also be distributed to police departments, which are responsible for alerting the ambulance squads.

Hoboken, Weehawken and Union City have also joined together in coordinating another branch of emergency service fire communications.

Officials in all three towns have decided to explore the regionalization of fire communications, with a central control console located in one of the three towns to co-ordinate communications among the three when assistance is needed.

Weehawken — centrally located between the other two towns — is likely to be the headquarters for the new control console.

However, officials have emphasized that this move does not call for merging the three fire departments into one unit. Each of the three fire departments is expected to maintain a separate identity.

## Waterfront planning hearing

By MARYANN JACOB

Staff Writer

The Hoboken Community Development Agency has invited community groups and individuals to express their views on the development of the Hoboken waterfront at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the city council chambers. At that time the agency will present preliminary findings in a study of the development potential of the waterfront area including the Erie Lackawanna terminal and the adjacent Hoboken-Port Authority piers. The study is a cooperative effort by the agency, the Port Authority and the New Jersey Department of Transportation/New Jersey Transit.

## Hoboken academy seeks building funds

By MARYANN JACOB

Staff Writer

The Academy of the Sacred Heart, a Hoboken girls' high school, has started a \$250,000 fund-raising campaign to change the third floor into sleeping quarters into classrooms and to create new sleeping quarters next door in a private house.

A spokesman for the school said school officials would like to create a classroom and two resource rooms from the sleeping quarters and a renovate a vacant house for new sleeping quarters.

The spokesman said a committee has been formed and will meet in early July to plan a formal fund-raising campaign.

Mayor Steve Cappiello will serve as honorary chairman of the campaign.

## Get operator, Hoboken told

By MARYANN JACOB

Staff Writer

TRENTON — The Division of Water Resources, State Environmental Protection Department, announced yesterday it issued an administrative order to Hoboken for failure to employ a properly licensed operator for its potable water treatment and distribution facilities.

Division Director Arnold Schiffman stated the order requires Hoboken to secure the services of a full-time, properly licensed operator within 30 days of the receipt of the order.

Schiffman added the city is subject to civil monetary penalties should it fail to comply with the order.



THEY'RE TOPS — Joseph Buda, principal of Hoboken High School, and two students, Nancy Tortorelli, left, and Paula Piccolo, admire trophies for outstanding achievements. Miss Tortorelli, a clarinetist, will tour Denmark with the Youth Orchestra of the International Council for Understanding this summer. Miss Piccolo was named "Miss New Jersey Talent Teenager of 1980."



## 70-100 buses added to lessen commuter clog

By John Watson,  
Thomas O'Keefe  
and Thomas Peterkin

Triple the normal number of buses were to be pressed into service on shuttle runs today between New Jersey and New York to ease the plight of 80,000 commuters who found PATH trains idled for a second day by a strike.

New Jersey Transit said between 70 and 100 buses were joining a fleet of 30 that shuttled riders

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yesterday between Hoboken and Canal Street and the Port Authority bus terminal in Manhattan.

NJT said it hoped that the shuttle plan, which was used successfully to cope with a 1973 strike on PATH, would alleviate some of the massive delays that were experienced yesterday, the first day of the walkout by 177 members of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen.

There are no talks scheduled in the strike which was called at 12:01 a.m. yesterday after the union voted to reject a three-year 25.5 percent wage offer.

Port Authority officials said there were some "behind the scenes" exploratory discussions with "friends of the union," about resuming the negotiations.

Encountering massive delays yesterday when they went to work, commuters found that last night's rush went "pretty well," according to bus dispatchers in the Journal Square terminal.

They felt things would be going

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Commuters at the PATH transportation center in Journal Square board shuttle bus.

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smoother as soon as the commuters affected by the strike settle in and figure out the bus platforms. A Transport of New Jersey dispatcher said there were ample buses and "we're moving the people."

The first full day of the PATH train strike may have made some commuters reconsider their opposition to the often proposed but always defeated 50-cent PATH fare.

Long delays were reported at the Holland Tunnel yesterday as some former PATH riders opted to drive into Manhattan. Thousands of Manhattan-bound commuters from North Jersey suburbs clogged the Erie Lackawanna station in Hoboken as board New York buses and overburdened local Jersey City buses crossed the Hudson River for the first time.

Picketing members of the striking union said the strike was having the "desired effect" on the public. "This is what they (PATH management) wanted," one picket said. "After these people get tired of waiting and paying a dollar to get to New York, 50 cents is gonna look mighty good."

A spokeswoman for PATH said the fare increase, which was last proposed early this year, "has nothing to do with the strike."

Jersey City and Hoboken commuters suffered the brunt of the strike effects. In Jersey City, the increased number of cars using the Holland Tunnel caused traffic backups that at one point in the morning stretched more than a mile west.

Port Authority officials said the morning rush hour traffic increased nearly 15 percent.

The Lincoln Tunnel suffered only minor delays as traffic increased 1.3 percent, according to the spokeswoman. A minor accident was reported in the tunnel's crowded bus lane, but no injuries were reported.

Commuters waiting for special buses to transport them from PATH stations in Jersey City at Grove Street and Journal Square to New York often complained about the wait but were generally resigned to cope.

Cab drivers in Jersey City and Hoboken were conscripted by some commuters for the ride to New York. Some riders claimed the cabbies charged too much. Hoboken regulations fix the fee at \$15 per trip. Some riders claimed the cabbies charged \$8 per person and filled the cab before leaving.

Jersey City regulations allow cabbies to set their own prices for out-of-town trips.

Some cabbies said they did not make money by making trips to Manhattan because the time delays made them miss other local customers. Some New York cabbies were reportedly spotted in Hudson County trying to pick up fares for the return trip across the Hudson after bringing New Yorkers here.

The PATH spokeswoman said new negotiations with the union have not yet been scheduled but federal mediators are expected to call the parties together shortly for renewed talks.

## Youth gang offers city a park deal

One of the advisers to the Hoboken youth gang, the Hoboken Angels, said today he will ask Hoboken Community Development Director Fred Bado for the \$10,000 he has left over in his budget so that a mini-park can be created in the 14th Street area.

Ralph De La Pena said the Angels would be willing to guard the park to make sure once it was created it would not be vandalized as other city mini-parks have been.

De La Pena said the park would

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be an ideal place for the gang who do not have a place to hang out. He said the park also would brighten up the 14th Street area and could be used by all different segments of the area.

The Angels, a former street gang who sometimes had trouble with the law, have channeled their energy as of late into helping their community. The group cleans up 14th Street every Sunday and patrols the area to make sure there is no trouble.

## All paths seemed to lead to delays

By Randolph Diamond  
and John Kampfe

Many Hoboken residents felt yesterday that they fared worse on the first day of the PATH strike than the thousands of suburban commuters who caught buses at the Erie Lackawanna Terminal.

At Journal Square, many commuters said they had made no special plans because of the strike and sympathized with the striking railway carmen.

The Hoboken residents waited on Washington Street yesterday morning for any bus to New York and were continually passed up as full buses went by.

Joan Stone's story was typical of that of many Hoboken residents.

"I waited a half-hour from 7:30 to 8 a.m. at 10th and Washington streets for any bus to New York and about 20 full buses must have passed us by," she said. "So I decided to take the Washington Street bus down to the

train terminal where the New York buses started from."

"But there was mass confusion there," she went on. "One Conrail policeman told us we couldn't get right on the buses because we would have to go all the way into the train terminal where was a line of about 1,000 people waiting to get on the bus."

"But, when we got to the end of the line in the train terminal another

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While he claimed he did not have any problems, he said some people who did not know that the strike was on only had the 30-cent PATH fare with them.

"People had to borrow the \$1.05 bus fare from strangers to get to work," he said.

Elmer Rowan, a railroad worker from Jersey City, said more buses should have been provided.

"Between TNJ and the Port Authority," Robert Gallagher of Jersey City chimed in, "the transportation is stinko" Gallagher said he

believed that PATH workers should get a pay raise.

"Management is making enough money already," he said.

Some Hoboken residents have also decided to alter their plans to go shopping in New York because of the strike. Carol McLaughlin, a local resident, was going to go in tomorrow to buy a dress for a wedding she is to attend next week.

But, Mrs. McLaughlin said she won't go if she can't take the PATH trains.

"I won't take a bus to New York and then a subway," she said. "The subways are too dangerous. I'll buy the dress in a mall around here if I have to."

## Hoboken will rehire 53 school teachers

By John Kampfe

Fifty-three non-tenured Hoboken teachers who were originally laid off by the Board of Education will be rehired for the upcoming school year now that the city has secured a \$1.2 million federal grant, it was announced at the board's monthly meeting last night.

According to board member Steve Block, the layoffs are normal procedure, done as a precautionary measure until confirmation of the Title I aid is received by the board.

"The board doesn't learn what its

award from the federal government will be until late May or early June," he explained.

However, Block noted, there are still 22 teachers, laid off for economic reasons, who must wait for additional federal money before they can be rehired.

Included in the group of 53 teachers are five who originally were fired on charges of poor classroom performance, but were rehired after their cases were reviewed by the board.

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In other business, the board tabled a proposal by a committee of parents and teachers from Calabro School that would set policy for student admissions there.

The board decided that differences between themselves and the committee concerning two points in the proposal should be ironed out in a meeting between the group and a board subcommittee.

The proposal calls for the establishment of a lottery system for applicants if there is a larger figure of children applying than there is space in the school, which is the only one in the city that subscribes to the open-classroom philosophy of education.

According to Joseph Della Fave, co-president of the school's Parent, Teacher and Student Association, the group's proposal says that all applicants names are pulled from a hat and that each child is given a number. Those perspective students that there is no space for are placed on a waiting

list in sequential order, he said. When there is an opening, the next child on the list is picked.

However, board member John Pope said he would like those remaining students who could not get into the school because of a lack of space to go through a lottery again when an opening occurs.

Also, the committee said that all children who wish to enter Calabro must talk to their kindergarten teacher with their parents. Those going to private schools who wish to attend the school must do the same thing, but, must also submit a letter to Calabro from their teacher.

Block disagreed on this point saying that private school children who wish to attend Calabro should not have submit this letter if those in public school do not have to.

The board also announced that commencement activities for Hoboken High School will take place today at 5:30 p.m. at Kennedy Field. In case of rain, the ceremonies will take place in the high school gym.

There will be a special board meeting on June 30 at 6 p.m. it was announced.

Discussed at the meeting will be the transfer of operating funds for the rest of the school year and the contracts of non-certified personnel, such as transit officers and custodians.

Meanwhile, the Board of Education's Title I program will hold a public hearing at 10 a.m. Thursday to give residents a chance to present their views on the operation of the program and the development of an application for the 1980-81 school year.

## House tour

The Hoboken House Tour is scheduled for Sept. 28 from noon until 6 p.m., according to a spokeswoman for the Hoboken Environment Committee, which sponsors the popular annual outing.

Proceeds from the tour are used for local beautification projects and to support urban ecology programs.

More information is available by writing to the House Tour Chairman, Hoboken Environment Committee, Box M-252, Hoboken, N.J. 07030.

## CDA finds bids too high for park

Officials of Hoboken's Community Development Agency have struck out for the third time in a row in their attempt to get an acceptable bid that falls within their budget to build the second phase of Municipal Square Park. They may decide to scrap the project.

The third set of bids just received by the agency has come in higher than the second set of bids, which was

higher than the first set.

CDA officials re-advertised the bids after they felt the initial bids were too high. They also made changes in the park's design that they thought would lower the cost, Fred Bado, Hoboken Community Development director, said.

The park is supposed to be constructed on a plot bordering Observer Highway between Garden and Bloom-

field streets.

The park would consist of a hockey rink, plaza area, basketball courts and a 4-car parking field. Phase I of the park, which also contains a parking field as well as a tennis court and running track, has already been constructed.

Bado said the budget for Phase II of the park is \$250,000 and the latest low bid was \$340,000 from the C and R Construction Co. of Westwood. The first low bid for Phase II of the park received nine months ago was

\$297,000 and the second low bid came in August at \$338,000.

"We are going to have to make a decision in the next few days if we are going to go ahead with the project or scrap it," Bado said.

Bado said if more changes are made in the park's plan work to brickwork in the parkway's path it might be possible to get the \$340,000 bid down to \$280,000. He said the CDA might be able to spend \$30,000 more than anticipated to construct the park.

## Rue School repairs voted by council

Closed more than two years ago because of the need for repairs, the David E. Rue School will be rehabilitated and reopened, members of the Hoboken City Council ruled last night.

Six members of the council conferred at length with School Superintendent George Maier, who wanted the school repaired.

"We reached a happy solution and a tentative agreement," said one councilman.

The council has already approved a bonding ordinance making \$1.1 million available for repairs to the Joseph F. Brandt, Daniel S. Kealey, A.J. Demarest and Thomas Connors schools. The city will be reimbursed by the state for the work.

The Board of School Estimate had recommended repairs to the Rue School but a council spokesman said last night the bonding ordinance will

not be amended to include Rue. This indicated that some other means will be found to carry out the improvements. At the present time Rue students share the Demarest School building.

The spokesman said full details of the plan agreed on last night will be announced after Mayor Steve Cappiello and three other members of the City Council are briefed.

Taking part in last night's discussion with Maier were Council President Walter Cramer and Councilmen E. Norman Wilson, Robert Ranieri, Salvatore Comelli, Thomas Kennedy and Bernard Scrivani.

## Investment

At a time when private schools throughout the country are feeling the economic squeeze, it is indeed heartening to see the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Hoboken launching a \$250,000 fund drive.

That girls' high school is planning to create a classroom and two resource rooms in what is now the nuns' sleeping quarters and to provide new sleeping quarters in a nearby house.

In other words, the Academy of the Sacred Heart is investing in the future of Hoboken and those who cooperate in the fund drive will be investing not only in the future of the Academy, but in the future of the city.

And, because the Academy students come from all over Hudson County, the investment in the Academy expansion is truly an investment in the youth of the county and that means an investment in the future of the county.

## New ballfield causing problems

The new ballfield created by the city of Hoboken at Third and Hudson streets has turned into a dustbowl, Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri said today.

Tanieri said that every time the wind wicks up, topsoil that was laid down to create the temporary field flies up into the air and either lands on the terraces of residents in Grogan-Marineview Plaza or in the city's parking garage on cars.

"I've had numerous complaints from local residents and from parking authority officials about the situation," he said. "This has become like everything else in Hoboken. It was a good idea to create a field for the kids, but its not being maintained

to prevent the topsoil from flying off."

However, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said the city is looking into buying a chemical that would prevent

the topsoil from flying off. In the meantime he said he will order city workers to water down the field every day. He said that should keep the topsoil in place as a temporary measure.

## Hoboken Council wants report on repairs to sewage station

An inquiry by Councilman E. Norman Wilson into the status of the Fifth Street sewage pumping station has led to a Hoboken City Council committee taking a second look at a \$73,000 repair job in early 1979.

Wilson last night asked a caucus meeting on how the station is performing. He was told the pumps there were replaced when the station broke down and raw sewage flowed into the Hudson River. The city received a \$65,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Administration to help pay for the repair work.

Council President Walter Cramer asked Councilman Robert Ranieri, chairman of the water and sewerage committee, to have his group make a study of why the station broke down, how it was repaired and how it has been performing since.

Ranieri said he and Councilmen Louis Francione and Anthony Romano, also members of the committee, will gather data. He also invited Wilson to join the committee. He said his group would talk with consulting engineers, city officials and

attorneys.

In other business last night the council prepared to approve an ordinance tomorrow night which would lease land on Bloomfield Street, between Observer Highway and Newark Street, to the Parking Authority. Part of the area will be developed for public, metered parking. Part of another ordinance calling for alternate corner bus stops will also be rescinded. It met with objections from senior citizens.

The council tomorrow also is expected to approve the reappointment of Rudolph Naddo as municipal court judge for a fifth three-year term. Mrs. Mary Gaspar also is expected to be reappointed as a trustee of the Public Library.

Councilman Nunzio Malfetti asked the council to consider assisting residents of Washington Street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, who have a backup problem in their sewer line. James Caulfield, consulting engineer, discussed the problem and Cramer asked for cost estimates for the work.

## Thief grabs CETA payroll from Hoboken cop's wife

A Hudson County CETA employee who had just cashed checks for 15 fellow workers in Hoboken, lost the \$2,400 in cash yesterday when a short, slender man snatched an envelope from her hand as she returned to CETA headquarters at 71 Adams St.

Mrs. Mary Romano, a supervisor, said she was about to enter the door when the man snatched the envelope and ran. As she screamed, several guards ran after the thief and, although one of them grabbed him, he managed to break loose.

Mrs. Romano, wife of Hoboken Police Lt. Rocco Romano, said she has been cashing the checks of fellow workers for some time. Detectives said the robbery may have been committed by someone who knew the Friday routine.

Since the checks were already cashed, CETA officials said there was no way to replace the stolen money. However, fellow workers emptied the office sunshine fund which enabled everyone to go home with about half their normal pay.



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# Oil spill fouls Jersey City water

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concentration of fuel oil was not considered dangerous by water company or state officials.

DEP environmental engineer Barker Hamill agreed, estimating the pollution level at 10 parts per million, enough to create a "taste and odor problem," but posed "no immediate toxic problem."

The announcement of a spill, however, rolled like shockwaves through the affected communities.

In Jersey City, the assistant manager of the A&P on Kennedy Boulevard reported a run on bottled water.

"It was like nothing I had ever seen. I couldn't get the cases open fast enough when the bottles were gone," he said, estimating he went through more than 30 cases of water in less than 30 minutes.

At Greenville Hospital, associate administrator Lawrence Ward reported staff members were sent to local supermarkets to purchase 100 gallons of bottled water. An emergency plan involving the National Guard bringing a water storage tank to the hospital never materialized, he said, because officials were unable to contact National Guard officials.

Greenville, hardest hit of the three Jersey City hospitals, can continue its operation through the early part of today, Ward said. "After that we won't be able to handle it."

Christ Hospital and Jersey City Medical Center officials said they had been able to secure water and saw no difficulties if the problem persisted.

In Lyndhurst, a municipality of 25,000 people, the health department was making plans to send people with water cans to nearby North Arlington and Rutherford, but as of last night, the shuttles had not begun.

By 1 p.m. Jersey City Public Safety Director Raymond Maloney said arrangements had been made to get water from the Passaic Valley Water Co. into the Jersey City pipes.

Despite the fresh water, city and water company officials were unable to predict how long it would take before the water was free of oil.

DEP's Hamill said it could take as long as two days because the contaminant was present in the mass of local delivery pipes that service homes. As the water flows at a slower rate in the smaller pipes, it will take longer to flush them, he said.

In Jersey City, the hardest hit area was along Summit Avenue where the 72-inch main from the Parsippany facility hooks up with city pipes.

The run on bottled water reported throughout Jersey City left some late starters looking at bare supermarket shelves.

After searching through two stores in vain, Jennie Dehicki, a 70-year-old Jersey City resident, decided pollution or not, the search wasn't worth the effort.

"I already drank it today, I drank it with my pills," she said. "If it is only a bad smell, I'm not going to let it bother me. I can't smell much any more anyway."

By ROY KAHN  
Staff Writer

Fuel oil from a spill at the Jersey City Water Co. treatment plant near the Bonton Reservoir seeped into a primary water main yesterday and left more than 300,000 people without drinking water.

The leak was not considered toxic, however.

Word of the contamination, released by Jersey City water officials around 10 a.m. yesterday, sent police in Jersey City, Hoboken, Lyndhurst, North Arlington and West Caldwell into the streets warning residents not to use their tap water for drinking or bathing.

There were no reports of water-related illnesses. Hospitals in Jersey City reported bottled water was being used for drinking and cooking, and operating schedules had not been affected.

The only major closing attributed to the pollution was the Maxwell House plant in Hoboken which relies heavily on water in the production of coffee products. A company spokesman said the plant was shut down at 10:30 a.m., but workers were kept on standby pending a resolution of the problem.

By late yesterday afternoon, investigators from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Jersey City Water Co. were still puzzled as to what caused the estimated 90 to 250 gallons of No. 2 diesel oil to leak into the aqueduct. Initial reports from the Parsippany-Troy Hills pumping station had attributed it to a malfunctioning fuel filter.

But as the investigation continued, DEP and city officials began focusing their attention on two 20,000-gallon fuel tanks that feed an emergency generator and appeared to be leaking.

"We opened the caps on one of the tanks and it was covered with oil. The other one was covered with water," said Marshal Saltzman, water specialist for the Jersey City Water Co. "If everything was right, these tanks should have been dry."

Saltzman, who charged that the leak was indicative of generally poor quality work at the 2-year-old facility, said "Obviously, in a new facility like this we shouldn't be having these problems."

According to Saltzman, the leak was discovered around 6 a.m. by a plant manager who noticed some diesel fuel on the floor of the small pump room adjacent to the generator.

"Further investigation found fuel oil seeping out along the side of the building. And when we started digging in the ground, we found it had permeated through the sand and gravel and entered the aqueduct," Saltzman said.

By 10 a.m., officials in the four communities serviced by the line had been notified of the spill and told to warn customers not to drink the water. But in a pipe that carries 60-70 million gallons a day, the

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## PBA chief 'outraged' by PATH strike duty

By Randolph Diamond

The president of the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association, Thomas Meehan, said today it is "outrageous" that Hoboken continues to use five policemen, including himself, to direct passengers outside the Erie Lackawanna Terminal to commuter buses and to do traffic duty because of the PATH strike.

Meehan said he estimates the city had spent \$5,000 so far on the salaries for the policemen to patrol the area outside the station during the morning rush hours. Up to a few days ago there had been seven men on duty.

Meehan said New Jersey Transit, which has been providing the commuter buses since the strike started, should either hire its own security

guards or hire off-duty Hoboken cops. "Anything else is a waste of the taxpayers' money," Meehan said. "The city is experiencing financial problems and yet it has to provide cops at its own cost to patrol the station area due to the strike."

Meehan said the cops on station duty would normally be patrolling Hoboken and are not doing that now, which is also making the police department less efficient.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Capriello said he appreciates Meehan's concern but said he has already brought up the matter to state Transportation Commissioner Louis Gambaccini who said he would talk to the governor about it.

Capriello, however, said he has gotten no response from the governor and will talk to Gambaccini again.

## Hoboken blaze keeps firemen through night

Hoboken firemen remained through the night wetting down the ruins of a three-alarm fire at a two-block long warehouse near the Jersey City line on Observer Highway.

The blaze that destroyed the old Railway Express Agency building at 317-333 Observer Highway yesterday afternoon flared up again last night bringing firefighters back to the scene.

A Jersey City fireman, Stephan Kearns, 37, was treated for heat exhaustion at St. Mary Hospital.

The blaze that erupted shortly before 1:30 p.m. in the 130-foot-long building forced the closing of

Observer Highway and the rerouting of thousands of PATH commuters using buses during the carmen's strike. The street remained closed during the night.

More than 65 firemen from Hoboken and Jersey City battled the smoky blaze for nearly three hours before it was declared under control. However, shortly before 7 p.m. firemen returned when it reignited.

The second fire was put out in a half hour, officials said.

The entire area was covered with gray smoke fueled by bags of sugar, paint pigments and titanium powder used in the making of alloys. Officials said the materials were not toxic.

## Jersey City insists the water's fine

Jersey City's tap water presents "absolutely no health problems," officials said today, although some areas are still experiencing an oily taste and odor.

"If it's palatable, there's no reason not to drink it," according to Assistant Business Administrator Robert Hackel.

The city is still using water from the Newark system and the Passaic Valley Water Commission while in-

vestigation continues as to the cause of an oil leak at the Bonton Reservoir, which is Jersey City's main

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source. Water from Bonton also services Hoboken, West Caldwell and Lyndhurst.

Hackel said it will be at least

several days before Jersey City starts using water from Bonton again.

While a filter in an emergency generator is suspected as the source of the leak which sent an undetermined amount of fuel oil into the Jersey City water supply, extensive tests are also being performed on two 20,000 gallon tanks to make sure they had no cracks.

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## Ballfield 'dustbowl' is cured by chemical

Workers from Hoboken's Community Development Agency have laid down calcium chloride on the ballfield at Third and Hudson streets that Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri said was turning into a dustbowl.

A spokesman for the CDA said the calcium chloride should prevent the topsoil from blowing away and landing on cars in Hoboken's parking garage and on the terraces of apartments in Hoboken's Grogan Marineview Plaza apartment complex.

Parking Authority Executive

Director Joseph Hottendorf had threatened to recommend that the city's parking garage on Hudson Street between Second and Third streets be closed because of the problem.

Ranieri, meanwhile, had said he had received numerous complaints.

The CDA spokesman said he believed the chemical had alleviated the problem and said his agency was glad the ballfield was finally functioning properly.

The temporary ballfield had been opened last month.

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Meanwhile, Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith said he wants aides to determine if poor construction or planning of the three-year old \$40 million water treatment plant at Bonton is in any way responsible for the incident.

City officials said there was a marked reduction in oily odor and taste in water samples taken yesterday, although they could not say how long those might linger in some parts of the city.

Health officials have emphasized throughout the crisis that the water was not hazardous, despite its aesthetic unpleasantness.

Area stores continued to report heavy sales of bottled water, and city officials said they had received several complaints of sharp price increases for that product.

For the second day, however, there were no reported illnesses resulting from drinking tap water, Hackel said.

## Bad water blamed on shoddy concrete

By ROY KAHN  
Staff Writer

Damage done by an oil spill that fouled water supplied to Jersey City and five other northern New Jersey communities has been blamed on shoddy construction and inadequate inspections, said investigators at the accident site yesterday.

Officials, who began reconstructing the accident when it happened Sunday night, said a concrete vault protecting an opening in a 72-inch diameter water main was poured improperly, and the concrete was porous enough to allow the oil to seep through.

Fuel cleanup a possible cause of Hoboken water main break. Page 2.

The spill, at the Jersey City Water Co. facility in Parsippany-Troy Hills, contaminated the main aqueduct carrying drinking water to more than 300,000 people in northern New Jersey.

Plant Manager Chester Bronowski charged responsibility for construction quality lay with the contractor, Schiavone Construction Co. of Secaucus, and the New York-based project engineer and designer, Metcalf and Eddy.

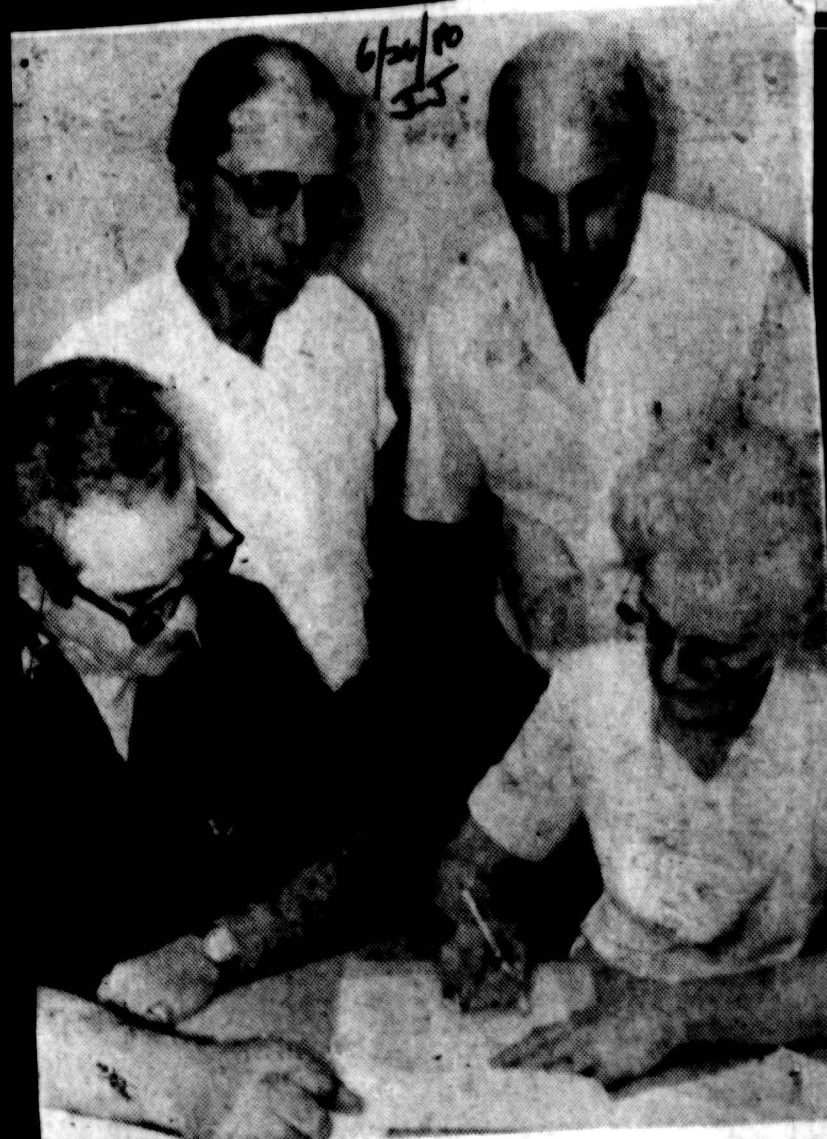
"We didn't have anyone on the site during construction," Bronowski said. "We relied on them."

Bronowski said improperly poured cement was discovered at "a couple of locations" in the vault and had raised serious questions concerning the quality of other concrete structures in the \$60 million facility.

Some of them were minor, he said, but at least one — a filter bed area — could face major problems if the concrete was porous.

"If it is the case, water would seep down to the foundation," he said, conceding that over a period of time portions of the filter bed could shift.

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INITIAL SIGNATURE — Marcello Stupin of Hoboken, right, is the first to sign a petition being circulated by the Mafietti Society to change the city's present form of government to one directed by commissioners. Witnessing the event are, clockwise, Councilman Nunzio Mafietti, standard bearer of the organization, and Committeemen Thomas Cerbo and Nicholas DeTrizio.

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Meanwhile, inspectors seeking the cause of the spill reportedly discovered that a key valve in the emergency generator fuel supply system, where the leak originated, was missing at the time of the accident.

The absent valve apparently confused fuel sensors and allowed an automatic pumping system to send the oil from two 20,000 gallon storage tanks to the generator, where the oil leaked out of a faulty oil filter canister, sources said.

Bronowski, who claimed to have heard the missing valve theory "second hand," did not know if Jersey City personnel or a representative from the unit's manufacturer, a subsidiary of International Harvester, had removed the unit. It was believed to have been taken out last winter to resolve a different problem plant

workers were having with the machine, sources said.

Officials from Schiavone, which has been paid all but \$500,000 of its \$29.9 million construction contract for work at the pumping station, would not comment on the workmanship problem.

"I don't know what happened, I wasn't up there and I shouldn't even comment," said company vice-president Albert Magrini. "We just built it (the emergency generator), showed them (the city) how to use it and left. I am not familiar with the problem." Magrini said he has not tried to contact Jersey City Water Co. officials, and that water company officials have not called him.

James Anderson, the Metcalf and Eddy project engineer for design and assistant project

manager for construction of, among other things, the faulty vault, would not comment on the problem either.

"Our job is simply to help our client," he said. "Our primary concern is getting the oil out ... I cannot make any comment." Anderson did say all design and construction work was "in accordance with applicable codes."

As a result of the leak, residents in Jersey City, Hoboken, Lyndhurst, Passaic, Newark and West Caldwell were sent racing to stores for bottled drinking water after their water was tainted with a non-toxic but highly noticeable kerosene smell and oily taste.

As of last night, workers at the Parsippany-Troy Hills facility were supposed to have completed digging a trench around the concrete vault and filled it with an impervious clay to

protect the bad concrete walls from further oil leakage.

A spokesman for Jersey City Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith said water was expected to begin flowing through the pipeline to the six municipalities by yesterday evening.

Since late Monday, water from the Newark Water Department and the Passaic Valley Water Commission has been diverted into the Jersey City Water Company line to both clean it and provide water to the company's customers.

As of yesterday, however, Passaic Valley reported it had to drop out of the aid program because the drain was too much for its system. Newark is expected to remain on line.

The mayor's spokesman said it was possible residents would experience a temporary drop in water pressure.

HOBOKEN FIREFIGHTER Michael Lisa opens a fire hydrant on Observer Highway to purge the city water system Bonton Reservoir yesterday.

## Problems nothing new at water plant

By HUDSON BAND  
Staff Writer

PARSIPPANY—The spilling of fuel oil into a drinking water aqueduct was merely the latest in a series of mechanical problems that have plagued the new \$60 million filtration plant here, a plant official charged yesterday.

The facility — designed to filter and purify water from the Bonton Reservoir before it is used by residents of five northern New Jersey communities — was brought on stream in May

1978 and was the most expensive capital project ever undertaken by Jersey City.

But shoddy workmanship, understaffing and poor management have all contributed in causing one equipment malfunction after another at the site, according to Marshal Saltzman, a principal water specialist.

Saltzman, who last week led Jersey City Councilmen Anthony Cucci and Gerald McCann on a three-hour tour of the plant, said yesterday the fuel leak did not take him by surprise.

"This is only indicative of problems we've been having for some time here," he asserted.

The same emergency pumping device that leaked the No. 2 fuel oil into drinking water lines yesterday has repeatedly frozen and broken down during winter months, Saltzman said.

"The equipment cost \$500,000," he said. "It will not run when the temperature drops below 32 degrees. It may not run even above 32 degrees."

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Councilman Cucci said Saltzman showed him 22 "deficiencies" at the plant during the tour with McCann last week. He said many of the problems were "very obvious even to the layman."

In one pump room at the plant, for example, leaking chlorine gas has eaten into the motor of an overhead crane and made it inoperable, according to Cucci.

"You can distinctly smell chlorine when you walk into the room," Cucci said. "You can see how the door handles have oxidized from the chlorine."

The councilman said he also was told that the devices known as traveling bridges, that scrape sludge from the bottom of settling basins, frequently are unusable in freezing weather.

Other city officials reportedly have become increasingly concerned about the mechanical integrity of the filtration plant.

Because of the spate of mechanical problems, Jersey City has refused to pay a final \$500,000 bond payment to the plant's builder: Schiavone Construction Co., of Secaucus.

The city signed a \$29.9 million contract with Schiavone for the construction of the \$40 million filtration plant, but has refused to accept the facility as officially completed.

An engineering firm, Metcalf and Eddy, has been authorized by the city to correct the plant's mechanical problems and recommend changes in its management structure.