

Family planning clinic provides special care for pregnant teens

By Laurie Grodberg

Teen patients at the Hoboken Family Planning Multi-Service Center learn, among other things, that saying "no" is a method of birth control, according to Mrs. Betty Fitzerider, social service supervisor at the clinic.

"We have the only teen clinic in Hudson County. It is different from the adult clinic because we have total care and counseling for the adolescent," she said.

"Teens are under such tremendous peer pressure to say 'yes' to sexual intercourse, which is why the rate of teenage pregnancy is so high," Mrs. Fitzerider said.

According to the Department of Health, in 1979 there were 554,179 births to mothers under 19 nationwide. In New Jersey for that year, there were 12,124 teen births, with 803 in Hudson County.

There are different reasons for these growing numbers, according to Mrs. Fitzerider. One is that youngsters are not taught sex education in school. This, however, will be remedied by the sex education mandates which will require every kindergarten through 12th grade class to teach some form of sex education beginning in September, 1983, she said.

"We need to educate all people on every aspect of sexuality, including parenting and overall family life," said the supervisor.

At the clinic, the teen patient receives the extra physical and emotional care she needs, for she is usually immature in both ways.

In many ways, the youth's own body has not fully matured, and the pregnancy proves to be very strenuous.

The teen mother is also at high risk because of poor nutrition. These risks can be overcome with proper prenatal care, something few pregnant teens get.

Emotionally, she is forced to mature quickly as she is faced with the responsibility of another's life and well-being.

"Teenage pregnancy and high school dropouts are definitely related," said Mrs. Fitzerider. "Most of the girls never finish school, which, in turn, affects their employability."

In Hudson County, Jersey City has the highest rate of teen births. Hoboken's rate is also high. Both cities tripled their numbers between 1976 and 1978. According to the State Department of Health and Human Services, Hudson County is high in the number of babies born to teen mothers compared to other parts of the country.

Although there has been an increase in teen births over the last few years, there has been a decrease in teen marriages — the girls are going it alone. An estimated 90 percent of the girls keep their babies, said Mrs. Fitzerider.

The pregnant girl is not only one "in trouble." The whole of society is affected, according to Mrs. Fitzerider. The financial costs toward a community are tremendous. The teen and her child may be forced to go on welfare, and many children born to young mothers wind up as delinquents.



Betty Fitzerider explains the reproductive system to a teen patient at the clinic.

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A Rutgers professor looks at Hoboken

Hoboken's revitalization is the result of "housing, not private urban renewal by individual newcomers - expatriates from New York who are buying the city's old brownstones and making them into elegant townhouses."

"Despite the improving housing situation, it still has serious economic problems."

"Housing revitalization has not substantially changed Hoboken's economic base."

"Its future is unclear. Its future will be played out among a number of contending forces."

So concludes a report on the mile-square-city, soon to be released, as seen through the eyes of a Rutgers professor.

In the report of Professor Martin Bierbaum of the Department of Urban Studies, entitled "Hoboken-A Comeback City", he points to the Puerto Rican Community as a future "potential and political force".

Largely disorganized, at present, they number close to 40 percent of the population, he says.

He sees upper-income newcomers trying to limit the amount of subsidized low-income housing in the city and market pressures gravitating against housing for the poor.

"But, local politicians are ambivalent about the influx of affluent newcomers," Bierbaum says. "On one hand, they are proud that the city has attracted their attention. On the other they recognize that such a population is a less pliant political commodity than their traditional ethnic mainstays."

Professor Bierbaum acknowledges the change in the

political climate in the mid-1980's as an aid in the city's growth, and says that politicians may attempt to slow pressures in the housing market in the future.

Bierbaum, whose main purpose seems to debunk the brownstone theory, says that this image was created largely by popular and superficial reports over the past 10 years, which are highly inaccurate.

He says that in his analysis that "much of the media attention has focused on the influx of the upper middle class newcomers engaged in a kind of 'private urban renewal'."

Bierbaum, says, "Actually, revitalization has been much more complicated. At least five years of public policy programming by the Hoboken Model Cities Agency, for example formed the basis for private renewal."

The agency's five point plan of strategy, he says, included major "gut" rehabilitation of tenements, conversion of the Keuffel and Esser Factory into low and moderate-income housing, a home improvement plan, a tenant rehabilitation program and a carefully-planned information program designed to appeal to a more affluent clientele looking for jobs in Manhattan.

"There seems to be a general improvement in confidence in the area by newcomers and incumbents," Bierbaum says adding there is little evidence of a "back-to-the-city movement" here.

"It still has a substantially low-income population and efforts in subsidized housing will keep it that way for a considerable time," he says.

Bierbaum concedes the change in political climate in the mid 1980's did have some influence on the change.

"The city's political administration sought outside professional aid, obtained commitments from the state and federal government and became more attractive to private investment."

Bierbaum said that because of Hoboken's size, it makes personal relationships important. Yet it possesses municipal powers capable of tapping outside sources of funding in ways not available to neighborhoods or small sections of the cities."

Chius criticizes excess fraternizing

There is apparently too much fraternizing between Hoboken City Hall employees of different departments to suit Business Administrator Edwin Chius so he posted a memo warning city workers of possible disciplinary action should the practice persist.

Chius warned the city hall employees against constant personal rest breaks, coffeekes or other

events which allows them to socialize with workers in other offices.

He calls it "a reasonable management prerogative to maintain production and a semblance of order and discipline."

Chius also reminded the city hall employees that this summer is a period of vacations and that many of them will be doubling up their duties to cover for those on vacation.

Consumers petition Mrs. Borg's return

Audrey Borg, who was dismissed last month from the Hoboken payroll when city officials abolished the Office of Consumer Affairs, a post she held for eight years, says some of the consumers she helped in the past are circulating a petition seeking her reinstatement.

Mrs. Borg, who is vacationing in New York State, said the petition drive began a few days before her last day in office, June 26.

"About three consumers looking for assistance and who I helped once

before said they were starting the petition drive," said Mrs. Borg. "My returning depends on whether the city can find the money to continue the office."

The Hoboken consumer advocate had held the Office of Consumer Affairs for five years as a volunteer and for the last three years she had a \$5,400 annual salary. Mrs. Borg has been credited with saving consumers \$100,000 in her last year on the job. City officials said the abolishment of the job was a money-saving measure.

Get set for reviews, 22 schools warned

By Robert Larkins

The office of the Hudson County superintendent of schools has told 22 schools in four school districts to prepare for a comprehensive program review. The schools were picked on the basis of their students' minimum basic skills test scores.

In a comprehensive program review, a team of five educators from outside the school district will visit the schools in question — in Jersey City, Union City, Hoboken and Harrison — for a few days this fall.

The team then will recommend to the county superintendent's office and the state Education Department what changes in program or administration each school should make to raise their students' scores.

All the schools notified according to Vincent Russomanno, program coordinator for the county office, have test scores in computation and oral communication skills that are low and have remained static or been declining over the past three years. Schools with low scores that have

shown consistent improvement have not been listed, he said.

The districts will have until Aug. 15 to submit convincing reasons why their schools should not be required to submit to such an outside review.

"That can be predicated on demographics," Russomanno said, "turnover in personnel or administration, or anything that might have

adversely affected their school."

A typical five-person review team, selected by the state commissioner, would include someone experienced at the policy-making level, a reading specialist, a math specialist, a local school administrator and someone to work with the community.

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Directors tell Malfetti to 'tell it to the council'

By Randolph Diamond

Three Hoboken department directors, accused by Hoboken Councilman Nunzio Malfetti of working half-days, say they want the councilman to document his charges before the whole Hoboken City Council.

Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina, Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato and Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius said Malfetti should call for a city council investigation on the matter and then testify and document his charges.

Malfetti, an opposition councilman, says he would do just that but the problem is that most of the other city council members, who are allied to Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto, are not interested in such an investigation.

"I have already told my fellow council members that the matter should be investigated but the matter

was just dropped," said Malfetti.

Malfetti had said yesterday that Farina and Amato often can't be found in their offices in the afternoon and Chius can't be found in the morning. The councilman also said that their secretaries don't seem to know where they are.

Farina and Amato both denied the charges and said they worked in excess of their normal work week, while Chius had refused to comment.

But today Chius said he also worked in excess of his normal work week and said when he wasn't in his office he was often out on city business.

While admitting he sometimes came in late, Chius said he always made up the time by staying at the end of the day. The business administrator also said he had worked many weekends without receiving any extra pay.

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The following schools are listed for comprehensive program review in communications only: Washington School in Harrison, Waters School in Union City, and Ferris High School and Schools 17, 41, 30, 23, and 15 in Jersey City.

Those listed only for math are Schools 42, 2, and 18 in Jersey City.

Those listed for both reading and math are Hoboken High School and Leinhardt School in Hoboken, Lincoln and Dickinson high schools and Schools 5, 24, 35, 37 and 38 in Jersey City, and Edison School in Union City.

The comprehensive program review is part of the increasing state presence in education as a result of the state Thorough and Efficient Education law.

The county superintendent's office also is reviewing the July responses by each district to the June 1 monitoring report by the superintendent's office. The superintendent's office will make recommendations later this summer about classifying each district.

Russomanno, who has been reviewing Jersey City's July response, said it was several days late in arriving and was the last of any district responses to arrive at the county office.

He would not comment on it in detail.

Many of the county superintendent's criticisms of physical facilities have not been corrected, but officials said the review would take into account the recent commitment by the board to a long-term plan for physical improvements.

However, in some cases—such as criticisms regarding lack of clerical help in several schools—the only board response was that more money would be requested in next year's budget.

Dr. Michael Ross, superintendent of Jersey City's schools, conceded that in most cases that was not an adequate response. He said principals and administrators should aim at reducing paperwork and making better use of the people they do have so they can get the job done with the funds that are available.

The city school board's response did include some specifics. It noted that Ross had published a detailed guide for safety standards and safety education in vocational programs in the schools. It said female students would be actively recruited for pre-vocational classes and that the addresses of School 25 students, where the county had warned about overcrowding, would be checked to make sure that those enrolled there are not faking addresses in that school's district to get in.

Riverfront compromise may displease environmentalists

Environmentalists may object to a last-minute compromise recommendation that the Hudson River Waterfront Planning, Study and Development Commission will consider tomorrow concerning the selection of a permanent agency to oversee development of the waterfront.

The session is to take place at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken at 10 a.m. It is tentatively scheduled to be chaired by the Rev. Edward Glynn, S.J., president of St. Peter's College, Jersey City.

In a previous meeting, on July 11, the consensus was that of the dozen civic, minority and environmental members on the 27-person committee, seven would be chosen by environmental groups while the other five would come from non-environmental groups.

While the written proposal drawn up by staff director John Weingart includes that consensus, it also includes an alternate suggestion that the governor appoint the members after they are nominated by environmental

groups.

Audrey Zapp of Jersey City, who has at times represented state Sen. Walter Sheil in commission deliberations, objected to the inclusion of that alternate proposal.

"This might be a stumbling block," she said.

Weingart said he expected the commissioners to go over the written proposal section by section, as they did with the July 2 statement of goals for the waterfront.

Another area of controversy will

involve Edgewater Mayor Thomas Tansey, who refused to approve the compromise plan worked out by all the other participants at the July 11 informal session. He is expected to ask that Edgewater be excluded from the jurisdiction of any permanent agency.

He has repeatedly expressed concern that the environmental restrictions imposed by a regional agency could hinder his borough from increasing its tax revenues by economic development of its waterfront.

Tomorrow's meeting will show how much support Tansey's cause will garner from Bergen County's other elected officials.

The compromise plan Tansey is expected to object to calls for a permanent commission to push for a linear walkway along the entire waterfront and a waterfront park in each municipality. Aside from those specifics, the commission could not push through a project over a

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municipality's veto, but could ban a municipality's projects if they were inconsistent with the master plan the commission would develop.

There would be 27 votes on the commission, with representation for mayoral votes, state officials, civic

and minority representatives and environmentalists.

"Assuming a final decision will be made tomorrow," Weingart said, "it will probably take four to six weeks to finish the final report. Then it will be formally presented to the governor, prior to the legislature reconvening in September or shortly after it reconvenes."

Kenneth McPherson, who presided at previous commission meetings, resigned rather than be in conflict with new Casino Control Act rules regarding unpaid state jobs for lawyers who represent Atlantic City casinos.

"The governor will designate an acting chairman," Weingart said. "It will probably be Father Glynn."

The Waterfront Coalition of Hudson and Bergen sent a mailgram to the commission asking that tomorrow it plan informational evening sessions in Edgewater and Hudson County to explain its final recommendations to the public. Helen Manogue, co-director of the coalition, said the request does not reflect any disagreement with the compromise plan expected to be recommended tomorrow.

"That plan is exactly what the coalition has been asking for," she said.

Hospital expanding program

St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken, is expanding its medical fellowship program — the next step in medical education for doctors who seek to sub-specialize in an aspect of medicine — in the fields of intensive care, pulmonary care and oncology/hematology.

St. Mary will staff two intensive care unit fellows and a pulmonary fellow while an oncology/hematology fellow from St. Michael's Hospital, Newark, will rotate

through St. Mary. During their one-year fellowship, doctors will work under their respective department medical directors and take on many of the responsibilities of a regular staff physician.

Welfare fraud unit tuned in for tips

By Laurie Grodberg

A newly formed Fraud Unit, operating out of the Hoboken Welfare Department, is reinvestigating all current welfare cases to try to determine people who are receiving welfare illegally, according to Lt. Steve Darago from the Hoboken Police Department.

The unit, which was formed three weeks ago, receives most of its infor-

mation from informants on the streets, said Darago. People who are legally receiving welfare benefits inform the unit of those who are illegally getting money.

"People tell on other people for various reasons, such as revenge," explained Darago.

Darago was unable to tell how many people the unit has identified,

explaining that information must be kept confidential.

"People are unaware that they can't get welfare if they have any sort of income, including Social Security or unemployment," said Darago.

The unit consists of Darago, Lt. Patrick Lupika, Lt. Rafael Cruz and Lt. Edmundo Garcia, all of whom belong to the Hoboken Police Department.

Federal fund-cut ends Hoboken teen program

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken's teen-age recreation program, which now serves more than 130 youths on a regular basis, will be terminated on Aug. 8 because of a cut in federal funds.

The program has been in existence for the last two years and has provided discos, field trips, sports activities and groups for teen-agers during both night and day.

With the end of the program, the city's teen-age recreation coordinator, Maurice Fitzgibbons, will be fired.

Peter Beronio, Hoboken Community Services director, called the termination of the program "a real shame," but said there was nothing that could be done about it.

While Hoboken received \$70,000 in funding for recreation in the fiscal year ending this October, Beronio said the city will receive only half that in the coming year.

And the city decided, Beronio said, that all of the \$35,000 will go toward operating recreation programs in the Jefferson Street Recreation center, which should reopen next spring.

That decision, Beronio said, was part of an agreement that the city made with the Boys Club of Jersey City, which will run the programs in the center after renovation is finished.

Beronio said there will be teen-age programs offered by the Boys Club when the center is reopened.

Fitzgibbons, meanwhile, said the end of the current recreation program for teen-agers is a "tragedy."

"We're supposed to be making progress in Hoboken but not with our teen-age program," he said. "We will now be the only city in Hudson County without such a program."

Fitzgibbons said he feels the real

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reason the teen-age program is being terminated is a lack of concern among city officials.

"It may be true there's a cut in the funding but when it comes down to it, no one really cares."

But Fitzgibbons said that at least with the termination of the program he wouldn't have to continue to work for the city.

"I would never take this kind of job with the city even if officials were all of a sudden to reinstate the program," he said. "You come up with

all these ideas to improve recreation for teen-agers and the city officials in charge just don't listen."

Fitzgibbons, however, said he would consider taking the position of Health and Welfare Director James Farina. Farina's department runs the city's recreation programs.

"He is in charge and has decision-making power," Fitzgibbons said. "If I could be in that kind of position where I could have an impact then I would take it."

Farina was unavailable for comment.

Many played role of midwives in Hoboken rebirth

By Agustín Torres

To say that Hoboken has been reborn through the efforts of white-collar refugees from Manhattan and other areas who bought old brownstones at bargain prices and turned them into elegant townhouses tells only part of the city's revitalization story.

According to a report prepared by Prof. Martin Bierbaum of the Rutgers University Urban Studies Department in Newark, much of the credit for Hoboken's transformation goes to the early positive actions taken by local government.

Bierbaum said the influx of affluent residents may account for 20 percent of the revitalization, but that many of the city's longtime residents who had faith in the community have been just as responsible.

How did Hoboken begin its renaissance?

The Rutgers studies point to a change in the political climate in the mid-1980s. It discounts claims that Hoboken's location — its proximity to Manhattan — was the sole reason for its rebirth. That explanation does not account for the doldrums of the 1950s and 1960s.

Bierbaum said that in the mid-1980s the political administration sought outside professional aid, obtained commitments from the state and federal governments and became more attractive to private investment.

This led to the Model Cities Agency's five-point strategy for Hoboken, the professor explained.

First, private developers, working closely with Model Cities, selected key large tenement buildings for major gut rehabilitation.

Second, the Keuffel and Esser factory building, bordered by Third, Fourth, Madison and Jefferson streets, was converted into low- and moderate-income housing. The project, now called Clock Towers, added 173 units to the city's housing stock without displacing or relocating people.

Next came a home improvement program, to counteract redlining by private financial institutions. Public money was used to subsidize the home improvement loans and to reduce the interest rate to the borrower.

Bierbaum said a tenement rehabilitation program that operated similar to the home-loan improvement program was directed at absentee landlords but was less effective because it was limited in scope and visible impact. He said it did not provide sufficient incentive for absentee landlords to become involved.

Finally, there was a carefully planned information program designed to appeal to more affluent people in New York and people in other metropolitan centers who were looking for jobs in Manhattan. The professor said that although the campaign may have attracted more affluent residents to Hoboken's new housing population, the effects of public-policy programming "cannot easily be discerned because of the changing nature of the Manhattan housing market and its spillover effect on Hoboken."

Bierbaum said he tried to establish how much "gentrifying" ac-

tivity took place in Hoboken. The term "gentrifying" relates to how many low-income residents are displaced in a neighborhood by high-income people. It was found that less than 30 percent were new arrivals — people who had moved to their homes in the past four years.

He said there is little evidence of a "back-to-the-city" movement in Hoboken, but that there has been a general improvement in confidence in the area by newcomers and longtime residents.

Several other factors have been working in the city's favor. Its housing stock, of brick and stone, although obsolete and substandard, is essentially sound, a factor that led to interest in the discovery of old houses, said the Rutgers report.

Also, Hoboken's close proximity to Manhattan was an advantage because of the spillover effect of the housing market in New York and its proximity to substantial white-collar employment in lower Manhattan.

Bierbaum said Hoboken is actually an "urban village." Its size makes it a place where personal relationships are important. Yet, it has municipal powers capable of tapping outside sources of funding in ways not available to neighborhoods or small sections of the cities, he said.

The Rutgers study said Hoboken's future depends on many emerging factors, some involving low-income residents.

Bierbaum pointed out that the city still has a substantial low-income population and its efforts in subsidized housing will keep it that way for a considerable time to come. He said upper-income newcomers may want to limit the subsidized low-income housing in the city.

The study claims local politicians are ambivalent about the influx of upper-income residents because while they are proud of the attention the city receives, they recognize "that such a population is a less pliant political commodity than their traditional ethnic mainstays." Bierbaum also reported that housing revitalization has not substantially changed Hoboken's economic base.

"There is a substantial and potentially potent political force in the Puerto Rican community, which numbers close to 40 percent of the city's population, but remains largely disorganized," said the report.

The report also said persistent economic problems continue to "shadow" Hoboken's future. The housing market that has been transforming the city from a formerly busy seaport into another Georgetown or a residential suburb of Manhattan is brownstone bargains — and they are evaporating.

Median prices of brownstone houses in Hoboken have risen sharply: from \$17,000 in 1988 to \$40,000 in 1997. The report said some brownstones are now selling for in excess of \$100,000 and that these prices are far beyond the means of most longtime residents. Both tenants and first-time homebuyers are feeling the effects of Hoboken's improved market situation.

The study concludes that politicians may attempt to slow pressures in the housing market but that the future is unclear.



Despite the heavy renovation and rehabilitation of Hoboken brownstones, there are still many more in need of repair.



David Cuthrell does some touch-up work on his brownstone along Bloomfield Avenue in Hoboken, as his wife relaxes with a book.

Shame!

As Peter Beronio, Hoboken Community Services director, says, it is "a real shame" that he believes there is nothing that can be done about the termination of the city's teenage recreation program.

And we agree with Maurice Fitzgibbons, the city's teenage recreation coordinator, that the death of the teen program is a "tragedy."

The problem is the curtailment of federal recreation funds. Only \$35,000 is available and all of that has been committed to the Jefferson Street Recreation Center, which is scheduled to reopen next spring.

Instead of allowing the teen program to die for eight months, Hoboken should plan some emergency program. Anything less would be abandoning the city's teenagers.

That would indeed be a shame and a tragedy.

Hoboken board OKs compact for gym floor

The Hoboken Board of Education awarded two contracts at its meeting last night, one for repairs to the gymnasium floor and the other for food services, both in the local high school.

Awarded to the firm of Dextox Inc. was a contract for \$57,500 for the installation of a synthetic gym floor in

the high school, with work to begin within the next week.

Board president Robert Wendelken said the project should be completed within eight to 10 weeks.

Also awarded was a food services contract for the high school to the A.R.A. Co., White Plains, N.Y., which will act as manager of the cafeteria.

Hoboken businesses will be asked what it is they like, dislike

With the help of the Hoboken Retail Bureau, the Community Development Agency has begun surveying local businesses to determine how the city can help promote shopping and to learn what retailers dislike about doing business in Hoboken.

A spokesman for the Community Development Agency said staff members will meet with the retail bureau Aug. 6 to inform it about the questionnaire that will be circulated to the city's businesses.

With the date provided by the survey, a special Hoboken Shopping Guide could be issued by this fall and circulated to promote local interest in the city's retail establishments.

The spokesman explained that some statistical information exists showing that not all of the "disposable income" of the average Hoboken family is spent in the city and that there is a wide gap between these funds and the total volume of local sales. Disposable income is the money a family has to spend on

clothing, food and other items after rent, taxes and other fixed costs are deducted.

"In effect, 30 cents of every shopping dollar is not spent in Hoboken," said the Community Development Agency official. "This is considered a big gap, and we want to change it."

Meanwhile, a similar survey of 120 of the local industrial companies is underway and is expected to give the city an idea of what problems local industries would like to see eliminated. The study, called an Industrial Retention Survey, is also being done in Trenton.

By learning what problems industry would like to see corrected, the city could remove the reasons for a firm's decision to leave the municipality, said the spokesman.

This study is a project of the Make Jersey Work Roundtable, with the help of its main participant, New Jersey Bell, and the cooperation of the Community Development Agency, Chamber of Commerce, and the city.

City ban on fraternization angers Hoboken workers

A recent memo circulated in Hoboken City Hall offices by Business Administrator Edwin Chius warning municipal workers against fraternization while on the job has drawn an angry response from the president of the city's employee union.

"Does he not want me to say hello to an old friend of 20 years just because there's not supposed to be any talking between employees of different departments?" asked Jude Fitzgibbons, president of the 200-member Municipal Employees Association. "City employees have a right to say hello to each other."

disciplinary actions against municipal employees for talking to their fellow workers would only create a "stagnant and sterile" working climate.

"We do our jobs and we do it well," said the union president. "I can't let a memo like this go by without commenting on it."

Chius reminded the municipal employees that the memo was issued to ensure productivity and that it was "management's prerogative." He said there was too much talking on personal breaks and employees who insist on talking in departments other than their own are not allowing work to be done.

Open hydrants causing water shortage

Union City and Hoboken were the North Hudson municipalities hardest hit yesterday, as thermometers reached 102 degrees and youngsters went into the streets to seek relief under open fire hydrants. Union City's fire chief issued a warning to residents about the illegal opening of hydrants.

The condition was so bad that the Hackensack Water Co., which supplies water to Secaucus, North Bergen, West New York, Weehawken and Guttenberg, in addition to Union

City and many Bergen County communities, asked customers to conserve water.

The firm has suggested an odd-even use schedule for lawn sprinkling

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and other outside chores. Homes with odd-number addresses would do watering on odd days, and even days would be reserved for those with even numbers.

Hoboken suffered from the large

number of hydrants open in Jersey City, from which it gets its water. Pressure in Jersey City dropped to half of normal during the hottest part of the day, and that affected Hoboken's supply.

The Passaic Valley Water Commission has requested Harrison officials to ask their residents to refrain completely from watering lawns and washing cars.

Dean C. Noll, executive director of the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, which has the

state's largest reservoir system, Wanauque Reservoir and emergency pumping facilities at the Ramapo River, said he will talk to Kearny and Bayonne officials about conservation methods.

"We are normally just wholesalers and leave it to individual customers as to how they want to conserve water supplies, but in this case I will contact our Hudson customers," said Noll.

Various municipal officials in Hudson County say the water pres-

sure situation will continue to worsen if high temperatures continue. Lower temperatures should cut down on the number of open hydrants and bring water pressure back to an acceptable level and some needed rain would help replenish reservoirs. Jersey City's Boonton reservoir is operating at less than 80 percent capacity, said local officials.

The improper opening of hydrants can often turn a one-alarm fire into a three-alarm, warned Union City Fire Chief James Moran. While the

resulting low water pressure is a key factor, he said other considerations are also important.

He noted that two damaged fire hydrants at the site of an early morning two-alarm blaze caused "a precious amount of time" to be lost in firefighters' efforts to control the fire.

Firemen responding to a fire in the supply room of a gas station at 477 12th St. found that the brass valve

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Cappiello fears the loss of urban aid Hoboken to challenge census results

By JEFF KISSELOFF
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HOBOKEN—Some city residents may soon be seeing a familiar face knocking at their doors and asking questions about their families.

With preliminary census figures showing an approximate 15 per cent drop in the Hoboken's population since 1970, the city is in danger of losing valuable aid. So, Mayor Steve Cappiello is recruiting teams of city employees to go into the neighborhoods and check the figures.

One of the recruits will be Cappiello himself.

"We are trying to put together some of our

people to see if we can go out and do some of the challenges ourselves. I will be going out too."

As he spoke, the mayor and Public Safety Director James Giordano were studying a map of their neighborhood, which they plan to canvass along with Councilman Sal Cernelli.

The area, which is enclosed on its east and west boundaries by Grand and Jackson streets and on the north and south by Fifth and Seventh streets, showed a count of 740 persons.

"Now, we live in that neighborhood, and we think that's low," said the mayor, who explained

that the city has 10 days to make a documented challenge once the official figures come out. They should appear sometime next week.

"Both Pittsburgh and Trenton have come back with figures that are 30 per cent under 1970. That's big," he went on. "I want Hoboken to come in with less than a 10 per cent drop."

Cappiello's complaint is one that will be heard from many cities as the census returns start filtering in. Cities have everything to gain by showing higher census totals.

"We are in danger of losing 15 per cent of

revenues from sources like revenue sharing, safe and clean streets, and urban aid, all of which are based on trends in the population," he said. He blamed the apparent undercount partially on the West New York census office, which he said had personnel problems, and on the form itself, which he said was confusing. Cappiello added that the city had a large amount of poor people, who he said just threw the form away, and many illegal aliens who were afraid to fill out.

Asked what kind of difference his challenges might make, he said, "I have no idea. But every little bit helps."

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stems of the nearby hydrants had been chewed up by wrenches during unauthorized openings.

"The wrench they had used has teeth on it that can chew the hydrant stem to a pencil point," said Moran.

Fortunately, the spray company had a 500-gallon booster water tank on its pumper and was able to handle the fire "without too much of a delay."

Moran's appeal to Union City residents could well serve the entire

North Hudson area.

He asked all residents to contact the city Department of Parks and Public Property to find out what sites offer public showers. He also said residents could call police and fire officials to obtain spray caps for hydrants.

Use of a spray cap can cut water use at a hydrant by just under 90 percent, with only 250 gallons being used in the same time that an uncapped hydrant would spill 2,000 gallons.

DEP cites Conrail for oil spills

By ROY KAHN
Staff Writer

A nearly-completed study by the State Department of Environmental Protection has reportedly uncovered evidence of environmental code violations in 20 of 21 Conrail facilities in New Jersey.

The survey, spearheaded by the DEP and aided by Conrail, says the apparent violations stem from oil spilled during the refueling of locomotives, and oil and cleaning detergents which drip to the ground during engine maintenance, said DEP Chief of Special Projects David Longstreet.

He added that based on the preliminary results, there was no indication the violations posed an immediate threat to public health or safety.

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oil a day seep into the Hudson River, Croton Yards in Secaucus, and the Conrail yard in South Amboy.

The sole location which posed no problems at all, said Longstreet, is a field office in Bridgeton where there are neither refueling nor maintenance facilities.

There are indications that ground water and waterways have been polluted by the runoff oil.

Coast Guard Lt. Timothy Mallon, assistant water pollution response officer, who has been

involved in previous efforts to get environmental code compliance from Conrail, explained the problem was not a new one.

For more than 50 years, he said, long before the current wave of governmental concern over oil spillage, the facilities now operated by Conrail were spilling oil.

He admitted most of the oil which is now being tracked is not the result of recent spills, but charged Conrail and the New Jersey Department of Trans-

portation, which subsidizes the railroad's commuter operations and owns a number of the yards, have been slow to take remedial steps.

"There is no other organization in the Port of New York and New Jersey with a monumental problem like this, which is not taking action to address it," Mallon said.

Within the last six months, he said, Conrail has been addressing the oil problem at South Amboy and has finally, after tangling with it for more than three years, agreed to do tests to determine how bad it actually is.

"It isn't that they aren't doing anything, they are in effect in compliance with the letter of the law ... but you have to keep hitting them in the head to get action on even minor matters."

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Hoboken banks vital to First Street rebirth

Hoboken's chief planner, Miriam Koehler, says she is optimistic that Hoboken banks will support a plan to revitalize the city's primarily Hispanic First Street Shopping district.

Without the banks' approval and their money the plan wouldn't get off the ground, according to Ms. Koehler.

The planner held a meeting with executives from four local banks yesterday. She explained that Hoboken has applied for \$300,000 in federal grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development but HUD wouldn't give out the money unless Hoboken banks are willing to give out loans totaling \$1 million to merchants and tenement house owners in the First Street area for renovation.

The loans would be low in interest, in the area of 3 to 5 percent, Ms. Koehler said, with Hoboken subsidizing the difference between the banks' regular loan rate and the special rate.

Attending yesterday's meeting, held in Hoboken's Union Club, were executives from the Washington Savings Bank, Haven Savings, Hudson United Bank and the Trust Co. of New Jersey.

Ms. Koehler said executives from the banks seemed to like the plan to revitalize the First Street area but said they wanted more time to think it over.

She said the city must have the banks' answer by September, the deadline to apply for the federal grant.

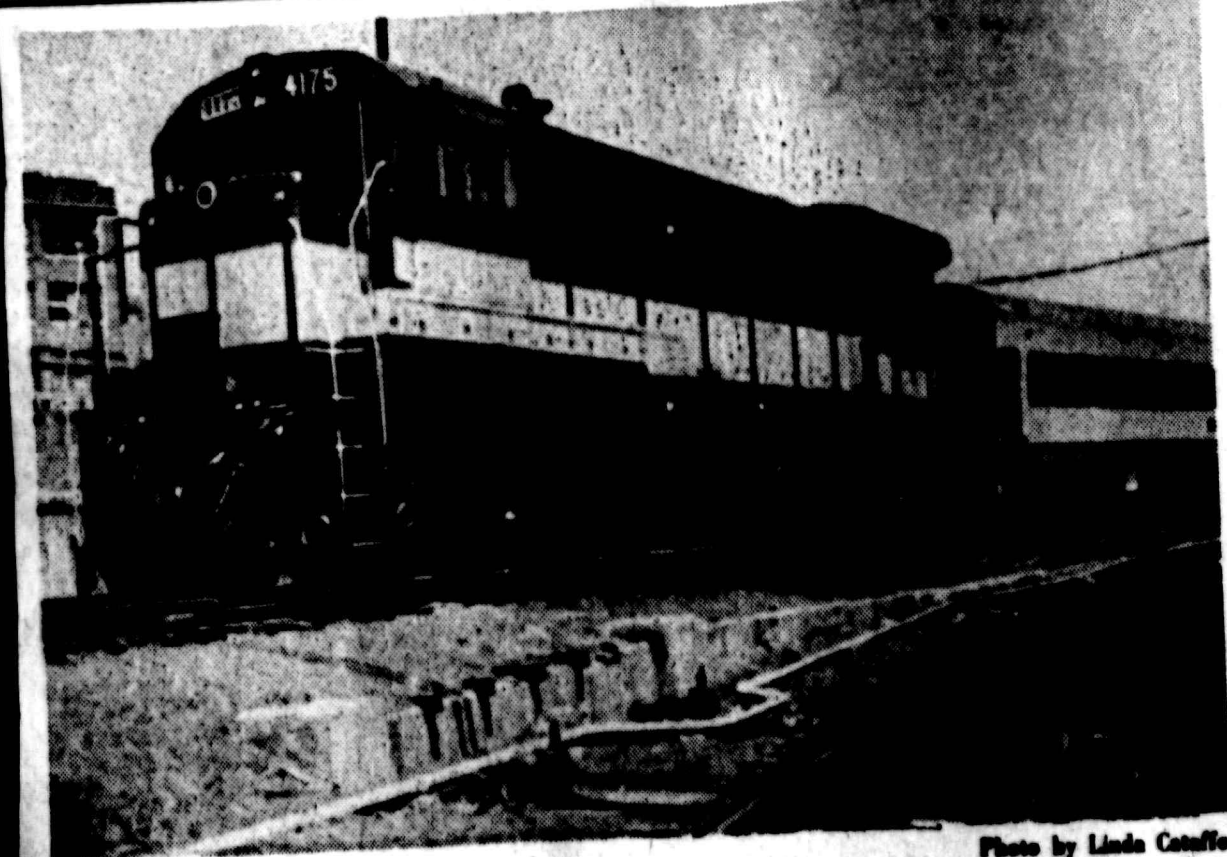


Photo by Linda Catello

A train leaves the Conrail yards in Hoboken yesterday.

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Mallon said his battle about the cleanup at the Hoboken Yard was typical of the problems he has encountered.

After being cited for environmental violations dating back before 1977, Conrail, with state financial backing, planned a \$6 million pollution abatement project designed to end the spill problem and eliminate the oil seepage into the Hudson River.

Until the project was completed, the Coast Guard requested the railroad put temporary drip pans under the engines to prevent additional oil from leaking into the ground.

It was 1979 before construction began and will be 1981 before it is completed, but Conrail and the state DOT have refused to install the pans or change operating procedures to control the spillage in the interim.

Local Conrail officials refused to comment on the matter, transferring questions to the railroad's Philadelphia office. A spokesman there said he could not answer questions either.

But DOT Assistant Manager for Ways and Structures, Rudolph Geurts, said the request was overridden because it was not cost effective.

"It doesn't make sense to do it now," he said. "Why spend another \$40,000 to \$50,000 for a temporary effort when we are just going to have to tear it up in another three months?"

Many of the problems, said the Coast Guard and the DEP, could be alleviated through the implementation of better waste disposal procedures.

But a DOT official who asked not to be identified said implementing improved procedures, no matter how elementary, has been impossible.

"Conrail has a housekeeping problem," he said. "They are sloppy and it is hard to break old habits."

"We take our requests to the management and they shove them down to the local supervisors but they don't get implemented."

He also said it has been difficult to put pressure on the railroad because any fines slapped on a commuter terminal would place the bills in the lap of the state.

"It doesn't make any sense to fine us, Conrail is pretty protected," he said. "If it is passenger-related, they just pass it on to us."

But enforcement by the DEP, the Coast Guard and EPA seems to have been weak even in the non-passenger facilities.

Part of the blame may fall on the DEP itself.

Longstreet admitted it was only recently that his department has had enough people to take on the railroad as well as other major projects.

Violations reportedly seen on DEP tour of Conrail yards

Department of Environmental Protection officials and representatives from Conrail have toured 21 Conrail facilities in the state during a 30-day period, discovering apparently widespread violations.

The tour involved visual inspections of ground conditions as well as procedures in maintenance and refueling areas. In every facility but a field office in Bridgeton, what appeared to be violations of the state Spill Compensation and Control Act were discovered.

The Conrail yards studied were in: Atlantic City, Bay Head, Cape May, Ocean City, Raritan, Phillipsburg, Paulsboro, Salem, Camden, Pavonia, Elizabethport, the Meadows in Kearny, Port Reading, Red Bank, Bridgeton, Millville, Hoboken, South Amboy in Newark, Lindenwald and the Croton Yard in Secaucus.

Since he joined the agency in 1973, the staff has grown from three to 60, with most of the growth occurring within the last six months. Even so, he said, "The more we go into problems, the more problems we find. Right now we are only acting on 25 percent of all reports we get."

The additional manpower, however, has been felt. Geurts confirmed it "has only been in recent years that the DEP and the EPA has been getting on everyone's case."

That pressure, Mallon said, has had its effect. At a meeting of state, railroad and federal officials in March, Mallon said, "Conrail officials were expressing a new attitude. They said they were now going to go through their facilities and deal with the situation on a case by case basis. They asked for a list of priorities."

Until now, Mallon said, talk of that nature was almost non-existent. Instead of cooperation, requests were often met with claims of "no money for pollution projects," or reactions to problems which were not overly effective or well-planned.

Of the 30 sites documented in the upcoming report all the problems have existed for more than 10 years and clean-up efforts exist in only six.

Mallon cited a filter issue, installed in the Conrail South Amboy facility to trap the oil coming out of the ground into Raritan Bay.

"The filter has to float on the water in order to work, but when the tide went out it was sitting on the ground," he said.

He added the fence and some additional filtration equipment were doing some good but noted the issue wasn't "removing the oil at the outfall. The point was to remove it before it got to the outfall."

Hoboken holds to project for gifted

Despite state cutbacks in funds, the Hoboken Board of Education has decided to go ahead with its own program for gifted and talented students, according to Superintendent of Schools George R. Maier.

Maier said the state cut nearly \$100,000 from its budget for gifted and talented programs in various districts, but it was decided that the pilot program which began last year should be continued. He said planning and training sessions for teachers in the local program have already begun.

He said ten teachers, who have

been serving on a local gifted and talented committee, took part in a two-week workshop which included presentations from consultants in the field. This was followed by a two-week seminar at Columbia University, where 175 educators from around the country and abroad met to discuss all phases of gifted education.

The superintendent said that the local program has budgeted for two "itinerant" teachers, Patricia Pope and Rocco Romano, who will lead the training sessions for teachers in the elementary schools for those 125 stu-

dents in the program. Maier explained that the program will be enforced in each school at least one period each day be a liaison teacher in the building who will extend the instruction.

A spokesman for the school district said the teachers will be compensated for the extra period of instruction.

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Each of the cited schools and make recommendations for administrators to correct deficiencies.

Also singled out for a special review is the Leinhardt School, where the number of students achieving a basic proficiency on the minimum skills test in the sixth grade in reading declined 15 percent. In math, the decline was 24 percent.

The superintendent said he will not challenge a special review set for that school. The review will be done in September.

Hoboken school chief challenges state review

By Randolph Diamond

Declaring that academic standards at Hoboken High School are improving, Hoboken Schools Superintendent George Maier said today he will challenge a program review set by the state Department of Education.

Hoboken High School is one of 22 schools in Hudson County picked for the special review because its scores in mathematics and reading were low, have remained static or have been declining over the last three years.

But Maier said the state, is only including the reading and mathematics scores of students in the 11th grade, which he says have declined nationally, and not those in the ninth grade.

Although students in the ninth grade were tested and their test

scores on the minimum skills test went up, their scores were not included in the high school average, Maier said.

Instead, he said, the state included the ninth grade scores with the averages of Demarest and Brant schools, which had a ninth grade up until June 1979. But Hoboken's schools were reorganized in September 1979 and a ninth grade was added to Hoboken High School.

Maier said the number of students in the ninth grade achieving minimum proficiency went up 4 percent in reading and 6 percent in math.

"Our educational program in the high school is improving and we don't need this special review," Maier said. The review team is composed of five educators who are to make tours

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Hoboken, PBA talks will resume amid pessimism

Contract talks between the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association and the city are expected to resume again tomorrow at 2 p.m., but police union officials are pessimistic about a settlement in the near future.

"We are ready for the meeting," said PBA President Thomas Meehan, "but with the city you never know."

Meehan is annoyed at the slow pace the contract negotiations have been taking since the last pact with the city ended Dec. 31.

Mayor Steve Cappiello blamed the snail's pace of the salary discussions on a heart attack recently suffered by the arbitrator, Irving Halevi,

and illness affecting city labor attorney Francis X. Hayes.

Hayes helped hammer out a new pact between Jersey City and its firemen and police officers several weeks ago.

"What is important is that we are trying to establish communication with the police and we plan to do the same with the firemen," said Cappiello.

The city's initial offer to the Hoboken police local did not represent good communication, according to Meehan.

"A 3 percent raise in this time of inflation and with the dangerous work

we do in this city is ridiculous but that was the city's first offer," said Meehan.

"I want for my union membership at least what Jersey City got. What was that? A 9 percent increase? We have the same crime here and we should get at least the same pay."

Cappiello refused to discuss the negotiations themselves saying that both parties agreed not to make the terms of the salary talks public. He did say that it may become a necessity to have the contract coincide with the municipality's fiscal year to determine in the future how much money is in the city coffers.

New comptroller for housing

Yesterday was the first day on the job for Hoboken's new Housing Authority comptroller Ted Zielenka. Zielenka is replacing the retiring Carmen Frii, said Joseph Caliguire, Housing Authority director. Frii's last day will be next Friday.

Frii, who is married with four

children, has been the Hoboken Housing Authority comptroller for the past 30 years.

"It's more advantageous for me to get out now instead of waiting a couple more years," said Frii.

Frii explained that he will be receiving a full pension because he meets both criteria—having worked at the housing authority for 30 years and being older than 55.

Frii said he may work for a government service now or go back to commercial accounting for himself. Before taking the job of comptroller, Frii worked in his own private accounting firm in Hoboken.

Zielenka, who was picked over eight other applicants, comes from an independent accounting firm in Elizabeth. He will be permanent

employee under civil service, said Caliguire.

Zielenka will have complete control of all accounting affairs in the housing authority projects. He will have bookkeepers and cashiers working with him, said Caliguire.

Caliguire said the Manville resident was picked because he is familiar with federal procedure in accounting. Zielenka has worked for various other housing authorities, including Hoboken's, according to Caliguire.

Four towns pledge \$50,000 each for initial step toward regional fire fighting

By Betty Hayes, Agustin Torres and Tom Golodnik

A regional fire communication system for Hoboken, North Bergen, Union City and Weehawken may be operational by Jan. 1 — perhaps sooner — since the four municipalities have agreed to kick in start-up money.

Representatives from the four communities have agreed to put up \$10,000 each by November and in January they will each add another \$40,000.

"While it (the regional system) may possibly come about this fall, it would be safe to say that the merger will actually begin by the end of the year," said Union City Public Safety Commissioner Arthur Wichert.

Weehawken Mayor Wally Lindsey agreed with Wichert. "The regional communications commission should be operational by Jan. 1," he said. "We have crystallized the agreement. Engineers and electricians have been working on the mechanics and will continue to get specifics."

The system will operate out of the Weehawken Township Hall. It will consist of three consoles, two for daily use and a third for backup purposes. It will operate on three radio channels.

Wichert said that representatives from the fire department of each community have been constantly meeting and they have nearly completed a preliminary proposal.

"We are trying to do this without

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any legal problems and by making sure of the legality of the merger, it has taken time," said Wichert.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said that the financial problems of his city make the merger "all the more imperative" and he would like to see

all efforts "speeded up." Officials said the joint purchasing of universal equipment will be the next step before ultimately merging the total operations of the departments.

The consolidation will operate with ten employees, about half of what the four communities now have. However, none of the present

employees will lose their jobs. Extra employees would be phased out through attrition and reassignments, said Raymond Laux, communications supervisor for Weehawken.

In addition to the four communities, West New York has recently shown interest in the system but has not made any commitments.

Illness slows Hoboken contract talks

By JEFF KIBBELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Contract talks scheduled for today between the city and police and firefighters unions is expected to produce little results with the business administrator, the city negotiator and the arbitrator ill and not expected to attend.

Mayor Steve Cappiello reported that business administrator Ed Chius, was out sick and probably will not be at today's bargaining session. With Chius joining arbitrator Hal Levy and city negotiator Francis X. Hayes on the sick list, today's 2 p.m. meeting is not expected to produce a breakthrough in the talks.

The departments have been working without a contract since January, but despite the slow progress toward an agreement, neither department has threatened a job action.

Both sides are remaining tight lipped about the substance of negotiations.

Police Benevolent Association president Thomas Meehan admitted, that his proposals are somewhat influenced by the settlement won by Jersey City's police and firefighters. That agreement produced a 25 percent across-the-board pay hike over a 30 month period.

"Certainly that is a factor," he said. "Just like New York City is influenced by negotiations in other municipalities, I would say that these negotiations are too."

Meehan said that the men were prepared to sit down for around-the-clock negotiations to hammer out an agreement. "I'd like to settle it tomorrow," he said. "I'm ready to go 24 hours. I'm ready to go 48 hours. They're the ones who are slowing things up."

For his part, Mayor Cappiello said he was not ready for any marathon session. "I can't

stay up that long. I'm not as young as they are," he said with a laugh.

He said that progress could be impeded by the official release of preliminary census figures, which is expected to occur either today or tomorrow.

"I hope to have that paper in my hand when we talk," Cappiello said. "That could mean everything."

He expects the population figure to be about 40,000, which would represent a loss of approximately 5,000 from the 1970 census. Consequently, the amount of federal funds available to the city would be lower. In turn, he said, that would mean the city would have less to offer during negotiations.

When asked if that would mean a solution would fall into the hands of an arbitrator, Cappiello said, "I can't answer that. If I said yes, they wouldn't bother to talk at all."

Feds invite Hoboken to seek another grant

By Randolph Diamond

The federal Department of the Interior, which has already given Hoboken a \$325,000 grant to renovate the downtown recreation center, has invited city officials to apply for another grant to renovate another recreational facility.

Peter Beronio, Hoboken Community Services director, said he was surprised to get a phone call yesterday from a Department of Interior official who told him that the department was so pleased with Hoboken's plans to renovate the downtown recreation center that it wants the city to apply for another grant.

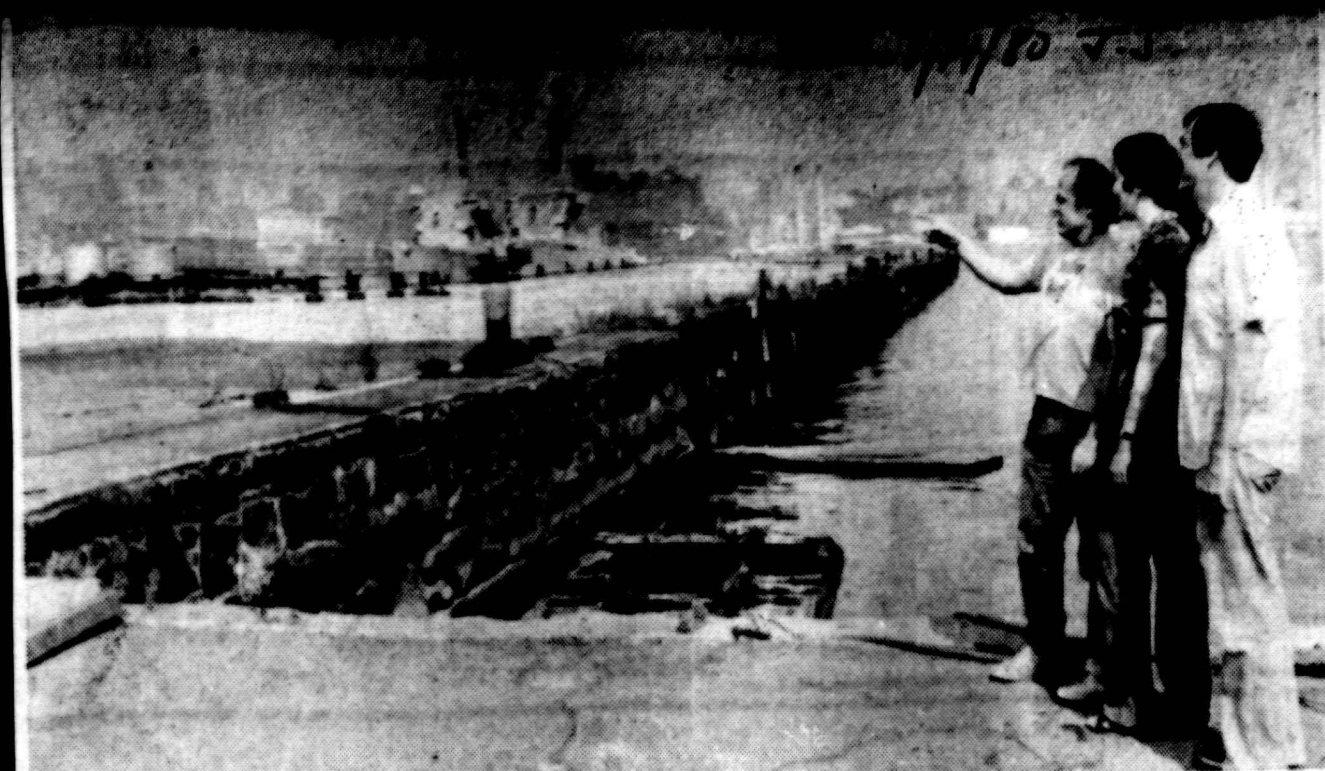
Beronio said he has ordered his staff to proceed "full speed ahead" in

finding a suitable recreational facility in Hoboken that could be renovated. He said under the grant the federal government would pay 75 percent of the renovation cost with the city paying 25 percent.

Two likely possibilities, Beronio said, would be a renovation job of the Hoboken YMCA or an expansion of the Hoboken High School field to include an indoor recreational center.

If the YMCA were renovated, however, Beronio said YMCA officials would have to guarantee that the center be open to the public a certain number of hours each week.

Beronio said the city will have until October to submit its proposal. He said he expects the city to apply for a grant in the area of \$250,000.



Planning for the River City Fair in Hoboken, are from left, Don Cotter, chairman; Peggy Finnerty, assistant coordinator, and Steve Finnerty, coordinator of arts and crafts, as they inspect the Fifth Street Pier where the fair will take place August 16 and 17.

River City Fair Aug. 16, 17 to be nights for Hoboken fun

Planning is at full speed on Hoboken's River City Fair to be held in the Mile Square City on Saturday and Sunday, August 16-17.

"Things seem to be going really well," reports Don Cotter, a Hoboken resident serving as volunteer head of the planning committee. "We have been getting a lot of cooperation from everyone we asked for help."

Cotter says attractions lined up so far for the festival, which will be held on Hoboken's Fifth Street pier, include a flea market, an arts and crafts fair, rides, shows, bands, sailing ships that will dock at the pier and — hopefully — a boat to take children on tours of New York harbor.

"We're still trying to line up someone with a boat who's willing to help us out for free," Cotter said.

"And we're also looking for more bands — especially one to open up the festival."

The festival is being sponsored by Hoboken's Community Development Agency, the City of Hoboken and the Hoboken Environmental Committee.

Some 30 citizens have been serving on the volunteer committee that is planning the festival.

He's a 'human' cop

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"This area brings so much despair that they don't feel it's worth it. I tell them they've got to stay in school — not to give up and try and do something with their lives."

Mancuso says it is especially hard for many of the youths to get support because they have no father in the household.

"I was an orphan myself," he says, "and I understand many of

these kids are really alienated."

One problem recently in the First Street area, Mancuso said, is the number of outsiders.

"The merchants are afraid," the patrolman says. "They know the local teenagers but not these people with the New York plates."

Mancuso visits Raul Silverio, who runs a women's clothing store. The front door to his shop has been locked for the last two months.

I'm afraid," says Silverio in broken English. "You don't know who is hanging out on this street nowadays."

Silverio is glad to see Mancuso. "It's good to know the police are around," he says.

The workers in the La Especina grocery store down the street are also glad to see Mancuso as he passes by. "Jim has helped us out a lot," says one of the managers of the store. "The basement was flooded after Tuesday's rain and the pump broke. He got one of his friends to fix the pump."

Mancuso tells the reporter that's just part of the job.

"I'm here to serve the people and I try to do my best," he says. But I'm human, too. Sometimes the tensions build up and you get angry at people. You blow up at them when they call you a pig or curse you out. I have feelings, too, I'm human."



Winners in the Hoboken Public Library summer reading contest are, left, Tanvi Patel, second place winner, and for right, first place winner Rosary Ann Van Ingen. Behind the winners stand Mrs. Terry Sasso, acting director, and George Korolozyn, children's librarian.

Girl, 11, wins library contest in Hoboken

Rosary Ann Van Ingen, has won a Hoboken Library contest by managing to read 55 books in seven weeks. She won a \$50 U.S. Savings bond.

The 11-year-old prize winner received her bond at a ceremony at the Fifth Street Library yesterday from acting library director Terry Sasso and children's librarian George Korolozyn.

Also receiving prizes were Tanvi Patel II, the second prize winner who received a \$25 gift certificate. Tanvi read 38 books. Third prize winner Rita Jain, 12, who won a canvas gym bag, read 20 books, while the fourth prize winner, Mona Shah, also 11, read 18 books.

The object of winning the contest was to find the hidden planet on a blank "star chart." As the youngster finished a book their name and the name of the book they read were placed on the chart. The more books a contestant read the more tags on the chart and the greater the chances that they would find the hidden planet.

Yesterday the coordinates of the hidden planet were taken out of the

top secret envelope and located on the chart, revealing the prize winners. While the person who read the most books would get the savings bond he or she might have won the \$25 gift certificate.

"The object of the contest was to encourage the children to read," said Sasso. "All the children who entered won a gift certificate. The library also threw a party for the youngsters, complete with cake and candy."

Rosary Ann, who is in the sixth grade at St. Francis elementary school, said her favorite books are mystery stories.

Rita said she also likes mysteries. Rita is a seventh grader at the Salvatore Calabio school.

Mona Shah said she enjoys biographies and fairy tales. She attends the Joseph F. Brandt School and is a sixth grader.

Tanvi Patel starts the seventh grade this year and likes reading mysteries and biographies. She attends the Hudson School.

He's a 'human' cop on an Hispanic beat

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Patrolman James Mancuso walks down First Street — the heart of Hoboken's Hispanic shopping district — looking at the decaying tenement houses that surround him.

"These houses aren't fit for humans," he tells a reporter who accompanied him on his beat yesterday.

"I often find kids who live in the tenements with their families hanging out on the streets at 3 a.m. during the summer. But I don't chase them away. If I lived in one of these buildings with all the bugs and roaches I would do the same thing."

"Hi, Jim," says a group of 12-year-olds as Mancuso passes them by. He chats with them.

"It's a shame," he says. "All a lot of these kids do is sit around and get bored and that leads to trouble. There is hardly any organized recreation around for them."

Mancuso, 43, remembers his own days growing up in the First Street area.

"There wasn't much organized recreation back then either but at

least we could play stickball on the streets," he said. "Now there's too much traffic for the kids to do that."

Mancuso says he realizes that city officials just don't have the

money to provide the needed recreation programs, but he comments the kids don't understand that.

"A lot of them are frustrated and they have nothing to do," he says.

The storeowners and residents flock to him with their problems.

"It's simple," says Mancuso. "I treat people with respect and I don't have any problems back, for the most part."

Victor Garcia, 15, sits at the corner of Park Avenue and First Street and greets Mancuso warmly as he walks by.

"Jim's a great guy," he declares. "I can talk to him about my problems and he tries to help me out. He's not like some of the other cops who just yell at you when you're doing something wrong."

Mancuso continues to walk along First Street and says he's worried about the neighborhood youths.

"They're good guys but it's easy for them to start getting into trouble. First they steal something from a local store and find out it's easy to do it. The next time it could be an armed robbery."

"The teen-agers often ask why they should hang in there," he says.

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Hoboken Patrolman James Mancuso stops to chat with Yicla Mentora, the owner of a store on the officer's beat.



READING CONTEST WINNERS - Final winners of the Summer Reading Contest at the Hoboken Public Library were announced recently. In picture at left, Rosary Ann Van Ingen, center, winner of Most Books Read, receives a \$50 Savings Bond from Mrs. Terry Sasso, acting director of

the library, as George Korolozyn, librarian, looks on. In photo at right, George Korolozyn, librarian, presents prizes to Tanvi Patel, Rita Jain and Mona Shah. Photos by Bernie Feddersen.

Guarini may ask Congress to order new census count

By Peter Weiss
Anger and dismay is the reaction of leaders of Hudson County municipalities to preliminary 1980 census figures, with one mayor already threatening to sue the federal government for a recount and at least one congressman apparently willing to back him.

A spokesman for Jersey City Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith said court action is likely in the wake of reports that the census figures put that city's

population at 217,000, a drop of 43,000 from the last census 10 years ago. Jersey City still has not received an official census report.

"We'll definitely be able to produce people who were not counted by census workers," said mayoral aide Eugene Scanlon.

Rep. Frank J. Guarini of Hudson County said he is seriously considering asking Congress to scuttle the 1980 census and to start the whole thing all over again.

He said the operation has been botched from the beginning with administrative and personnel problems.

The congressman said he began to take an in-depth look at the operation in his home district last June when he received numerous complaints from census workers.

"Cuban refugees have been pouring into West New York and Union City," Guarini said, "and the census people have the audacity to tell us the population in those two communities has declined. Ridiculous."

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complete report of the follow ups: How many were made, and by how many enumerators.

"It doesn't seem to me that we would have dropped that many," said Bayonne Mayor Dennis P. Collins, whose city's population went from 72,743 in the last census to about 64,000 this year, according to reliable reports.

Collins has scheduled a meeting for 2 p.m. tomorrow to discuss the preliminary census results with aides. He said municipal housing statistics indicate there has been no dramatic increase in vacancies or abandonments which would have reflected a population decline.

George Crimmins Jr., director of the CETA program in Hoboken, said he thought that city's population had actually increased in the past decade.

"We have to have at least 45,000 residents in the city," said Crimmins.

who is directing a census by municipal workers to challenge the census bureau's figures. The Census Bureau claims Hoboken's population declined from 45,380 in 1970 to 38,572.

Crimmins said there are at least as many dwelling units in Hoboken now as in 1970. He said the census effort he is directing has already uncovered many people who never filled out census forms and were not counted by the federal census workers in follow-up canvassing.

Union City officials were initially told they had sustained a 14.5-percent population drop, but that turned out to be a computer misprint, later corrected to 7.1 percent.

"However, I'm still unhappy about this," said mayoral aide Donald Scarinci. The Census Bureau shows Union City's population dropping from 37,305 in 1970 to 33,141 now.

Scarinci said the city's Complete Count Committee will meet tomorrow night to consider whether to challenge

the preliminary figures. The group estimates the city's current population at more than 70,000, due partly to this year's influx of Cuban refugees.

Scarinci noted that there are 863 more housing units in Union City now than in 1970.

"This will improve our credibility in challenging the population figures," he said. "How can housing be up and our population down? Our last resort would be to sue, but we're still only talking preliminary figures."

"The best we can do now," he continued, "is to keep handing out the 'be counted' forms and hope people realize the value of the count to the city."

Mayor Anthony DeFino of West New York said he anticipated the official population would drop, but not because there are less people in his town.

"When census workers who don't have knowledge of the area are supposed to count the people, that's what happens," said DeFino, upon getting the news that the official West New York population dropped from 40,827 to 38,102.

"It's a disaster," said mayoral aide Michael Caliguro. "We were expecting an increase. We estimated a figure in the neighborhood of 30,000."

West New York officials said housing vacancies are 3 percent this year, compared to 8.8 percent in 1970.

an indication that the population has increased.

Assemblyman Robert Janiszewski of Jersey City, who headed a committee there to try to insure an accurate count, called upon Hudson County leaders to join in an effort to have the Census Bureau re-evaluate its procedures and adjust its figures upward.

He said the preliminary figures are "ridiculously low" and confirmed the fears of local officials who felt that the Census Bureau's rejection of their offers of assistance would hinder an accurate count.

"This issue transcends political differences," said Janiszewski. "Everyone in Hudson County is hurt by this."

Fabian Sanchez, Jersey City and Bayonne district manager for the Census Bureau, confirmed that Jersey City and Bayonne had population declines, but said he could not release the figures.

"It must be remembered that these numbers are not official and cannot be legally used," he said.

Sanchez said he expected the official numbers to be released around the end of November.

Susan Hescamp, North Hudson census district manager, declined to comment on the population figures for that area.

No census figures are available yet for the West Hudson area, Weehawken or Secaucus.

Unexpected tax bills stun many in Hoboken

By Randolph Diamond

Some Hoboken residents are in shock after receiving tax bills that are in some cases hundreds of dollars more than they expected.

This is due to a decision by the Hoboken Board of Assessors not to roll back all homeowners' land assessments to their 1978 levels. The board had reassessed all land in Hoboken in 1979 but then cancelled the reassessment when Chief Assessor Woodrow Monte accused Mayor Steve Cappiello and the city council of renegeing on an agreement for full-scale revaluation.

City officials, in announcing this year's record \$111.94 per \$1,000 valuation tax rate, one of the highest in the United States, said in actuality the tax rate was actually only going up approximately \$4 despite last year's tax rate of \$94.19.

As city officials explained it, the city's 1978 tax rate before the reassessment was \$106 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. In 1979 it should have been \$107.90 but reassessment cut it to \$94.19.

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.

With the cancellation of the reassessment, however, homeowners' assessments reverted to the 1978 level.

But Monte said today that "I never said everything was going back to the 1978 level."

And Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius, one of the city's administrative officials who made numerous statements to the press that the Hoboken taxpayers wouldn't be paying that much more

this year, said today he was only talking about most taxpayers, not everyone in the city.

Cappiello, meanwhile, was reported on vacation on the Jersey Shore and unavailable for comment.

Monte said only 75 percent of Hoboken homeowners had their land assessments rolled back to the 1978 level.

Streets where the assessments were not rolled back are Hudson Street, Castle Point Terrace, portions of Washington Street, Hoboken's main shopping drag, and Bloomfield Street, according to the chief assessor.

He said this is because the assessments of the houses on those streets were so "out of whack" with what the real value is that in good conscience he could not roll back the assessments.

Furthermore, Monte said, even if the land reassessment had never taken place, he still would have made the same adjustment on the streets.

Almost the length of Hudson Street is being assessed at the 1979 level, a check by The Jersey Journal revealed.

The land at one house, assessed at \$4,800 in 1978, is now assessed at \$9,000, its 1979 level. The actual sale price of homes on Hudson Street has been averaging in the area of \$100,000.

Meanwhile, Bloomfield Street, especially in the uptown section of Hoboken is considered by many Hoboken residents to be on a par with Garden Street and Park Avenue. Much of those three streets are made up of brownstones of the same design and style.

But the Board of Assessment

granted a partial rollback of the assessments on most of Bloomfield Street.

And on Garden Street and Park Avenue, almost all the assessments were rolled back to the 1978 level.

For example, one house on Bloomfield Street, according to assessment records had its land assessed at \$2,700 in 1978 and raised to \$5,700 in 1979. In 1980 the land was assessed at \$4,500.

Monte said Bloomfield Street is considered much more desirable than Garden Street.

He said he felt the rolling back of the land assessments to the 1978 level on Garden Street and Park Avenue did not leave the land values there "out of whack," but they would have been if he did that on Bloomfield Street.

Monte has long called for a full revaluation of all Hoboken property saying it was desperately needed to set Hoboken's tax rate within reason and to reflect the true value of Hoboken property. Hoboken property is currently being assessed at 54.88 percent of its true value though the state calls for property to be assessed at 100 percent.

Meanwhile, secretaries in the city tax and assessors offices, say they have been flooded with phone calls from local residents complaining about their tax bills. And Hoboken Councilman Nunzio Malfetti said he has received so many complaints that he will hand out tax appeal forms in his clubhouse at 700 Willow Ave. from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Appeals must be filed by Aug. 15th.

NOTICE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZE SENIOR OR DISABLED CITIZENS DEDUCTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY TAXES TO ANY ELIGIBLE OWNER-OCCUPANT OF A DWELLING HOUSE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 21, 1980
By Senators HAMILTON, DWYER, WEISS, J. RUSSO, PARKER,
GAGLIANO, REBEL, RESSE and YATES

Referred to Committee on Revenue, Finance and Appropriations
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 1, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the General Assembly concurring):

1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution is hereby agreed to:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
Amend Article VIII, Section 1, paragraph 4 of the Constitution to read as follows:

4. The Legislature may, from time to time, enact laws granting an annual deduction from the amount of any tax bill for taxes on the real property of any citizen and resident of this State who is 65 years of age or more, or any citizen and resident of this State less than 65 years of age who is permanently and totally disabled according to the provisions of the Federal Social Security Act, residing in a dwelling house owned by him which is a constituent part of such real property or residing in a dwelling house owned by him which is assessed as real property but which is situated on land owned by another or others, but no such deduction shall be in excess of \$100.00 and such deduction shall be restricted to owners having an income not in excess of \$5,000.00 per year exclusive of benefits under any one of the following:

a. The Federal Social Security Act and all amendments and supplements thereto;

b. Any other program of the Federal Government or pursuant to any other Federal law which provides benefits in whole or in part in lieu of benefits referred to in, or for persons excluded from coverage under, a, hereof, including but not limited to the Federal Railroad Retirement Act and Federal pension, disability and retirement programs; or

c. Pension, disability or retirement programs of any state or its political subdivisions, or agencies thereof, for persons not covered under a, hereof;

provided, however, that the total amount of benefits to be allowed deduction by any owner under b. or c. hereof shall not be in excess of the maximum amount of benefits payable to, and allowable for, exclusion by, an owner in similar circumstances under a, hereof.

The surviving spouse of a deceased citizen and resident of this State who during his or her life received a real property tax deduction pursuant to this paragraph shall be entitled, so long as he or she shall remain unmarried and a resident in the same dwelling house situated on the same land with respect to which said deduction was granted, to the same deduction, upon the same conditions, with respect to the same dwelling house which is situated on land owned by another or others, notwithstanding that said surviving spouse is under the age of 65 and is not permanently and totally disabled, provided that said surviving spouse is 55 years of age or older.

Any deduction when so granted by law shall be granted so that it will not be in addition to any other deduction or exemption to which the said citizen and resident may be entitled, but said citizen and resident may receive in addition any homestead rebate or credit provided by law. The State shall annually reimburse each taxing district in an amount equal to one-half of the tax loss to the district resulting from the allowance of tax deductions pursuant to this paragraph.

2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally agreed to, pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it shall be submitted to the people at the next general election occurring more than 3 months after such final agreement and shall be published or less once in at least one newspaper of general circulation published by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than 3 months prior to said general election.

3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the people at said election in the following manner and form:

There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at such general election, the following:

a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a legend which shall immediately precede the question as follows:

"If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X) plus (+) or check (✓) in the square opposite the word 'Yes.' If you are opposed thereto make a cross (X) plus (+) or check (✓) in the square opposite the word 'No.'"

b. In every municipality the following question:

Cappiello 'surprised' at land assessments

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that Hoboken Chief Assessor Woodrow Monte and Hudson County Tax Administrator Stanley Kosakowski told him that almost all land in Hoboken this year would be rolled back to the 1978 assessment levels, with only a few minor exceptions.

"I was very surprised to find out this has not been the case," said Cappiello. Many Hoboken residents were shocked last week when their tax bills were considerably higher than they had been led to expect.

But Kosakowski said he never said anything like that to the mayor and it was up to Monte and the rest of the Hoboken Board of Assessors to make any decision on land assessments in Hoboken.

Monte said he wouldn't comment on the mayor's statement except to say, "I'm trying to do my best and now I'm going to let nature take its place."

Cappiello urged any taxpayer who feels wronged by the assessments to file a tax appeal. Residents on some streets received tax bills based on the

1978 assessment while residents on other streets got higher bills.

Assessments on Hudson Street, Castle Point Terrace, portions of Washington Street and on Bloomfield Street were not rolled back to their 1978 levels.

The Hoboken Board of Assessors had reassessed all land in Hoboken in 1979 but then cancelled the reassessment when Monte accused Cappiello and the city council of renegeing on an agreement for a full-scale revaluation.

Monte said yesterday that 75 percent of Hoboken homeowners had their land assessments rolled back to the 1978 level, while 25 percent had not.

On Hudson Street, the Board of Assessors for the most part left the land assessments at the higher 1979 levels, while on other streets, such as Bloomfield Street, it had partially rolled back the assessments to the 1978 levels.

Monte yesterday defended what he did, saying the assessments on the houses on the streets he did not roll back to the 1978 levels were con-

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siderably "out of whack" with their real value.

Those homeowners who did not have their land assessments rolled back are facing record tax bills — hundreds of dollars more than they thought in many cases.

This is because this year's tax rate is a record \$111.94 per \$1,000 of

assessed valuation, one of the highest in the United States. Last year's tax rate was \$94.19 but city officials had told taxpayers the increase in the tax rate would in effect be only \$4 because of the rollback in assessments they would receive.

Cappiello said today there was nothing he could do about the Board of Assessors' decision because he does not have power over the board.

Fraud unit cuts Hoboken welfare list by 160

In its first five weeks of work, the Hoboken Police Department's Welfare Fraud Unit has cut Hoboken's welfare rolls by approximately 160 persons. All were found not to be living in the city even though they had given Hoboken addresses.

In addition, 50 of the 125 people who applied for welfare in the last month were found ineligible by the unit because they had also given phony addresses.

James Giordano, Hoboken public

safety director, said the unit had already saved the city \$25,000 in welfare payments.

"They're doing a fantastic job," he said.

Hoboken Police Lieut. Steve Darago said the unit has now knocked down Hoboken's welfare rolls to approximately 120 persons and is now starting phase two.

That phase, Darago said, will involve locating recipients who are now currently working or collecting other

benefits while they are collecting welfare.

The welfare unit made one arrest last month when a local resident was found to be collecting unemployment and welfare at the same time but Darago says it's nearly impossible to arrest the people who are giving phony addresses.

"We can find out someone's not living at an address and ax them off easily from the rolls but to prove that they intentionally decided to defraud

the welfare department is another thing," he says.

Darago says the person can always claim he or she just moved and was not aware it was mandatory to report the change of address.

"For the unit to prove otherwise would take a major investigation and we don't have the manpower," he said.

The welfare fraud unit is com-

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Hoboken landlords seek tax hike passalongs

HOBOKEN—Every action must have an opposite and equal reaction, said Isaac Newton, who must have had his tax bill in hand when he said that.

Landlords here must have the old English scientist in mind the way they flooded the rent leveling board office with phone calls during the past week with requests to pass their tax hikes on to their tenants.

"I'm going bananas," said board chief Bernice Van Carpies. "Since last week, between

in-house visits and phone calls, I have dealt with about 100 requests."

Van Carpies said that, under the Rent Stabilization Law, landlords are allowed to pass on the surcharge when the tax rate is higher than the 1972 level. This year qualifies with a rate of \$111.94 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Then, by using a specific formula, the maximum surcharge is computed, which can then be passed on to the tenants following 30 days notice.

So far, the increases haven't been too large. Van Carpies said, and she doesn't expect to see any much higher.

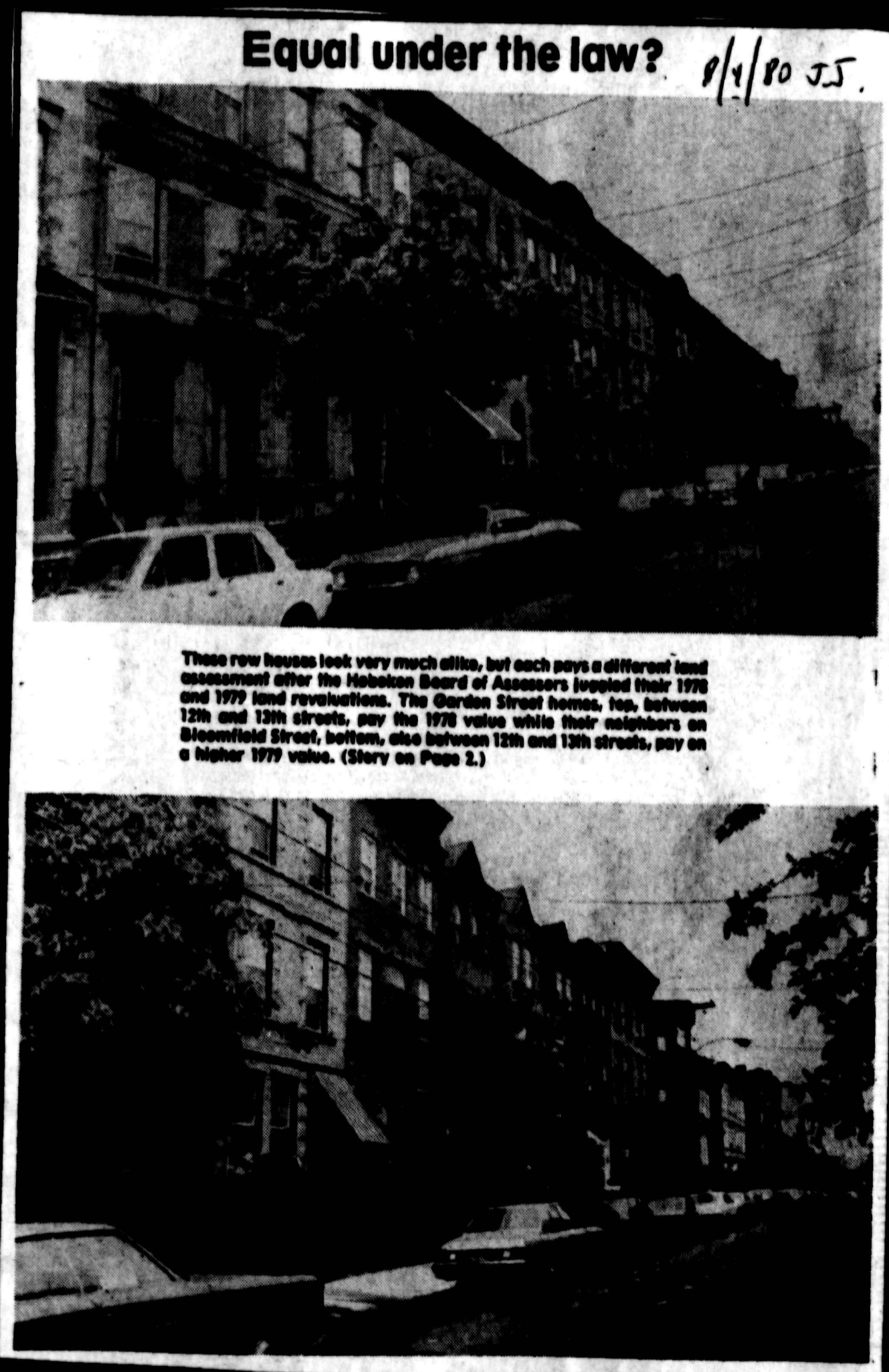
"It doesn't look too bad," she said. So far, the increases have ranged from \$1 to \$11 a month.

She said that one landlord, who owns two pieces of property, came in showing her his tax bill with a total increase of \$1,200. "But when we figured it out, it averaged out to only a \$5 raise a month," she said.

She said that a lot of landlords have called to obtain an increase only to find out it is so low that it isn't worth it to them.

Van Carpies, who pointed out that "this happens every year," said several landlords call to figure out what they can get, and then don't pass on the hikes because they are so low.

"A dollar ninety four — that's all!" she recalled one saying. "I'm not even going to bother." —Jeff Klesseff



These row houses look very much alike, but each pays a different land assessment after the Hoboken Board of Assessors jumped their 1978 and 1979 land revaluations. The Garden Street houses, top, between 12th and 13th streets, pay the 1978 value while their neighbors on Bloomfield Street, bottom, also between 12th and 13th streets, pay on a higher 1979 value. (Story on Page 2.)

Hudson reeling from impact of census count

By JEFF KISSELOFF

Staff Writer
Preliminary results from the 1980 census continued to bring bad news for communities across Hudson County.

Yesterday, the larger cities such as Jersey City, Bayonne, and Hoboken all reported sharp decreases in population figures as did smaller areas such as Secaucus and Weehawken, drawing howls of protest from officials who fear the effects the downward trend will have on their municipality's future financial stability.

One of those disturbed by results was County Executive Edward Clark. The

county as a whole also stands to lose if estimates that the population will dip below 600,000 hold up, as they are expected to. Then, the county would lose its "first class" status, which carries certain financial benefits that are not available to counties with lower class designations.

"So far, it seems to me that there are large distortions in the census figures," said Clark. "But the question for now really is the best way we can approach it."

Most of the municipalities are hastily preparing challenges through surveys of their own, that according to law must be

handed in 10 days after the preliminary figures are released.

In Jersey City, where the decrease was most dramatic, figures showed a 16.5 percent decrease to 217,480 from the 1970 level of 253,350. Planners there have found 41 of 65 enumeration districts showing decreases of more than 500 people. "They didn't count right, or people didn't respond to the questionnaire," said assistant planner Wendy Wilson.

Bayonne reported an 11 percent drop from 72,743 to an estimated 64,000. "I don't feel that that's accurate," said the city's senior planner, Mickey Sweeney. "We will compare our lists with theirs,

and if there's a big gap, then it's obvious someone goofed."

In Hoboken, the city which was perhaps best organized for a challenge, the downturn was not nearly as sharp as expected.

Figures pointed to a drop of more than 10 percent, however, the city still managed to hurdle the crucial 40,000 mark, which is one of the cutoff points for state and federal aid.

"I'm not happy with it, but it's less than expected," said coordinator George Crimmins, who had been working nearly two years in preparation for the census.

"They also said we have 17,000 units of housing and over 11 percent vacancies," he went on. "But we don't have that many vacancies. I'm sure those figures are going to be updated."

Vacancies seem to be the major point of contention in Secaucus, according to Town Clerk Daniel Amico, who noted that the figures showed a net gain of only 180 to 13,418, while the housing stock jumped from 3,500 units in 1970 to a present level of 5,475.

"That's a change of 52 percent and our

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CETA workers, cops join forces to boost census

By JEFF KISSELOFF

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Standing inside the sweltering alcove of a Park Avenue apartment house, William Earle pulls out his handkerchief and sponges his brow. It is an action he has repeated so often the last two days that it has become a reflex.

A police officer, Antonio Julve, is with him. Nobody has done anything wrong. The two are one of several teams of cops and CETA workers circulating throughout the city in an effort to challenge preliminary figures released by the Census Bureau Monday.

They have already visited the building several times, and all but two families have been counted. This trip is for the last two.

In a minute the buzzer unlocks the door. Earle glances at his clipboard then looks wistfully up the steep flight of stairs. Julve, with beads of sweat covering his forehead, doesn't

look too happy either. It has to be done, so up they go.

While Earle and Julve climb steamy stairwells in search of more numbers, census coordinator George Crimmins Jr. directs his troops from an air-conditioned office in the city's multi-service building on Clinton Street.

Crimmins has done his share of street work over the past two years in preparation for the census, and now it's his job to coordinate the 10-day challenge which he hopes will save the city several hundred thousand dollars over the next 10 years.

He picks up a stack of forms that Earle and others have been handing out to residents that claim they had not been contacted by a census taker. The pile is about 8 inches high. "This is only from one day's work," he said. "I would say there are about 300 here."

At that pace, the city could claim about 3,000 more residents when the 10-day period is over,

putting the population close to 44,000.

Since the city has already hurdled the 40,000 mark it is in no danger of losing federal and state aid that are cut back once it dips below that level. However, the count is still crucial to the city.

"Mayor Koch did a study in New York City which showed that for every person that isn't counted the city loses about \$200 in aid."

Crimmins found that three thousand more residents at that rate would give the city about \$600,000 a year, or \$600,000 until the next census.

CETA is paying for the challenge which is costing about \$40,000, so the city has everything to gain by the effort. Actually, even if there wasn't an undercount the city is almost forced to make the challenge.

"But," he said, "there is always an undercount."

Pulling out the census map, Crimmins mused over some of the problems with the

figures. "Each enumeration district is supposed to have something like 300 housing units," he said. "But in one E.D. all there is, is a junkyard. There are no residents there unless someone is living in a '57 Chevy.'"

There are no such problems in Earle's enumeration district, 1340, which encompasses Park Avenue and Garden Street between Eighth and Ninth streets. It is perfectly average in housing, with 300 units, and with a population of 746. Starting out early Monday morning, he and Julve, who is there to act as a neighborhood guide, reached over 90 percent of the residents by yesterday afternoon.

Unfortunately, the two residents in the Park Avenue building still eluded them, and they will have to return again. "Sometimes you have to go back for a week before you get everybody," said Earle, 33, who has a film degree from Jersey City State College. "But we've had a pretty good turnout. Most people are fairly cooperative. The only problem we have is their availability."



D. Francis Mazzeo, foreground, adjusts one of his paintings at exhibit with assist from Peppe Vellanti, president of North Hudson Art League.

Art is up on bank's walls

The North Hudson Art League has an exhibit of the works of D. Francis Mazzeo, a Hoboken artist and associate member of the league, at the Garden State National Bank branch at 78th Street and Broadway, North Bergen, for a month during bank hours on weekdays.

According to Peppe Vellanti, president of the league, Mazzeo is showing abstract expressionistic paintings. Vellanti said: "To give dimension, Mr.

Mazzeo painted many of his subjects on three panels of screens in acrylic, and his spontaneous brushstrokes of ballet dancers gives on the feeling that they had just finished dressing behind the screen."

Mazzeo is a former fine arts director and chairman of the Jersey City Museum and is the recipient of numerous awards. His last showing was at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.



Getting in physical shape and improving coordination are two important elements of Hoboken's handicapped children's program. Instructor Thomas Fitzgibbons, right, helps Luke Terminiello chin up while other children look on.

Handicaps here no handicap

By Randy Diamond

Twelve-year-old Eddie McLaughlin says he's always looking forward to that recreational program he goes to in Hoboken's Calabro School.

There are basketball, group games, arts and crafts and even swimming at a local pool.

While there may seem to be nothing special about the program, there is.

For Eddie is mentally retarded and the other 18 children in the program are all handicapped too. Some are brain-injured, others emotionally disturbed and some have other disabilities.

The program in the Calabro School is the only organized recreational program for handicapped children in Hoboken and has been in existence since the spring. The children range in age from grade school age to the early teens.

"It was long overdue," said Mary Ellen Gallo, the city's recreational coordinator. "Many of these children were not getting any recreation outside of school."

Thomas Fitzgibbons, the special education teacher, in charge of the program, feels even more strongly than Mrs. Gallo about the need for the program.

"Many of these children were wasting away," he said. "It was a terrible shame."

Fitzgibbons says he believes enrollment would be even greater in the program but says some parents are ashamed of their handicapped children.

"They feel like hiding them in closets," he said.

Carol McLaughlin, Eddie's mother, has always tried to involve her son Eddie in many different activities — so he can have a normal life as possible.

She says the recreational program is one of the best things that has happened to Eddie.



Ramon Rivera, one of the children who attends Hoboken's handicapped children's program, gets some helpful pointers on how to improve his brush technique from instructor Linda Bermudez.

"He really loves it," she says. "The teachers give so much care and attention to him and the other children. I feel that he is in safe hands."

Mrs. McLaughlin says Eddie has proved his skills in swimming, basketball and other sports and activities in addition to learning how to relate better to other children.

In addition to Fitzgibbons the program is staffed by one other teacher, Belinda White,

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population increased only 1.4 percent. That's pretty stupid," he said. "They are saying our vacancy rate is 11 percent which is one out of every nine apartments."

"We did a study two years ago which found that Secaucus had a vacancy rate of 1.7 percent. People here are fighting each other for apartments," he went on. "I don't know how they could come up with 11 percent unless they included Harmon Towers, which is pretty dumb."

In hard-pressed Weehawken, where officials hoped the population would reach 15,000, the numbers came in at 12,068, a 3.8 percent drop in 10 years. The 15,000 mark is another important cutoff point for federal and state aid, so a successful challenge is especially urgent here when the township faces the specter of possible default at the end of the year.

"I'm sure there are more than 15,000 residents living in this town," said Mayor Wally Lindeley. "It seems to me we must draft an army to prove it."

Unfortunately, while officials anticipated problems with the census, no plans were made for an eventual challenge. Thus city officials find themselves starting from scratch with crucially needed funding at stake.

Weehawken's low numbers also surprised members of Rep. Frank Guarini's office staff. "We expected to see a rise there, but we didn't," said the congressman's press secretary, Robert O'Brien. "There have been several new highrises built there during the last 10 years, so we'd like to think that it was because the census people didn't do a good job," he said, noting that the West New York office has had its share of personnel problems over the last few months.

"At one point, the census takers didn't get paid for four weeks," he said. "How could you expect them to do a good job?"

O'Brien also indicated that the congressman is apparently backtracking from a statement on Saturday that he is considering asking Congress for an entirely new census. "That would take an order of Congress, and it could cost over a billion dollars to do it again," O'Brien said.

In the long run, the biggest loss may be to Hudson County, which among other things could suffer a reduction in representation in Congress because of the population decline. "We used to have two congressmen representing the county," said Clark. "Now, with one of the districts split with Bergen County, we only have one and a half, which could now go down to one."

The county's population was estimated in 1970 to be slightly higher than 554,000, according to the Bureau of Demographics and Economic Analysis in Trenton, so the downturn is not a surprise. Still, the reduction in status will hurt, but how much is not yet clear.

According to Sam Allio, who heads the Office of Legislative Research in Trenton, a final report on the matter will not be ready until February or March when the final census statistics are in.

Allio said that a computer would be needed to apply the more than 500 laws that govern county status and that until then no kind of prognosis can be made that could definitely pinpoint what exactly would be lost.

However, he did add that some of the reductions might be not only in congressional representation but also among the number of freshkeepers serving the county, and in salaries of various administrative positions.

He also said there was a solution. "The legislators could change the rules so that a first-class status could be obtained by a county with 500,000," he said. "That way, Hudson County and other counties with populations below 600,000 wouldn't lose their first-class status."

Crackdown ordered on tenements

A crackdown on the decaying conditions in a group of tenement houses on Park Avenue has been ordered by Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Cappiello said he has ordered all city inspectors to check conditions in the group of tenement houses that run from 805 to 821 Park Ave. The tenements were the subject of a Jersey Journal article last month which revealed the conditions the tenants in the buildings were living in.

Tenants also reported they were being terrorized by a youth gang that hangs around the buildings. The buildings' owner, Hoboken Plumber Joseph Pini, has maintained that it is the tenants themselves who have caused many of the decaying conditions in the tenements.

Among the problems tenants face are broken windows, water leaks, electrical outlets that don't work, rats and roaches and holes in the walls and ceilings of their apartments.

Cappiello said he and other city officials have been meeting with a group of tenants of the buildings and the area around them hearing their gripes.

He said he wants all city inspectors, from sanitation to housing to check out the buildings and serve notice on Pini to correct any and all violations.

Cappiello said he has also met with the police department to try and get better police protection for the area so the youth gang won't hang out in the buildings.

Crosstown

After all the fuss about the crosstown bus in Hoboken, you would think the city would be able to get it straightened out.

No way. Two years ago the crosstown bus was launched with an old vehicle that was in the shop more often than it was on the street.

When it was rolling, no one knew when to expect it because there was no schedule.

Three months ago Hoboken got a brand new bus and a brand new start was made on the crosstown service. It was announced that a regular schedule would be maintained and posted.

That hasn't happened. No schedule has been maintained or posted. The other day, a Jersey Journal reporter discovered the bus driver quit 40 minutes early. That was a surprise to the city. Why should it be a surprise?

Isn't someone in the city checking on that bus? Obviously no. Why not?

Power failure darkens Hoboken

Public Service crews were still working early this morning to restore power to an 18-square block area in the center of Hoboken. Power failed last night when a main feed line fell.

All electric service to 350 customers — affecting hundreds of residents — went out about 9:15 p.m. in the area between Seventh and Ninth and Madison and Bloomfield streets, a largely residential area.

Public Service crews responded quickly to a police call. No immediate word on the cause of why the power line fell was available.

Vandals scuttle Hoboken fireboat

Vandals have inflicted \$3,000 worth of damage on Hoboken's only fireboat, leaving it inoperative, Hoboken Fire Capt. Carmen Gullo said today.

"The fire pumps were thrown into the Hudson River as were the ropes, anchors and paddles," he said. "The wires running to the engine were pulled out, leaving the boat inoperative. The whole boat was totally vandalized."

The fireboat is anchored at Hoboken's Fourth Street pier and someone would have to climb two 12-foot fences to get to it.

"It had to be kids, he said. "I

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would say a group of four to five of them."

Gullo said the soonest he could put the boat back into operation would be in two weeks and he said he is very concerned of what will happen if there is a waterfront fire in the meantime.

"I've been putting out about one minor fire a week on the waterfront," he said, "but without any fireboat a minor dock fire can become a major one."

With Hoboken's fireboat in operation, the response time to a fire on the Hoboken waterfront is about two minutes. But now Hoboken would have to wait for a New York fireboat to arrive, which he said would take at least half an hour.

Erie Lackawanna terminal will get \$7 million face lift

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Economic Development Director Kenneth Pai today revealed plans for a \$7-million rejuvenation of the area outside Hoboken's Erie Lackawanna train terminal that he has been secretly working on with state and federal officials for the last two years.

Pai said he already has definite word from the state Department of

Transportation that it will spend \$2 million to renovate the old Transport of New Jersey bus station outside the train terminal.

He said there is a very good chance Hoboken will receive at least \$5 million in additional funds to create a park outside the train station's main entrance, to knock down the warehouses that front Observer Highway leading up to the station, to create traffic dividers along the sta-

tion and to build new entrances to the Hoboken PATH station.

Pai, who is leaving the Community Development Agency at the end of this week to become director of planning for the Port of Seattle, said the city should be notified by September if it's getting the rest of the grants. Full construction could be under way by January on all aspects of the project and completed by mid-1982.

Informed sources meanwhile said Jerry Primo, new director of New Jersey Transit, would be briefed on the entire plan to rejuvenate the train station area in Trenton late this afternoon.

The sources also report that already the owner of a private parking lot outside the train station that leases his land from the state, has

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Hoboken merchants plan to print a shopping guide

Hoboken merchants plan to work with Hoboken's Community Development Agency to better promote themselves.

About 10 merchants, all leaders in Hoboken's Retail Bureau, attended a meeting yesterday afternoon with Hoboken Economic Development officials and were very enthusiastic about a plan to develop a shopping guide.

Ken Pai, Hoboken Economic

Development director, said the city would pay for the flyer, which he said would be distributed throughout Hoboken and in New York before the Christmas shopping season.

Joseph Herbert, president of the Retail Bureau, said he feels the flyer would greatly aid merchants.

The economic development officials also handled out surveys to the merchants to ask how they feel the

city can help them increase their business.

The merchants at the meeting said they would distribute the flyers to their fellow merchants.

Merchants at the meeting said they would also like to work on getting their fellow merchants to all stay open late Thursday and Friday nights.

This, they say, would increase the number of Hoboken shoppers.

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been notified that there is a good chance this lease will be terminated in the immediate future.

The state Department of Transportation had awarded Corral two years ago \$4.5 million to renovate the inside of the decaying Erie-Lackawanna train terminal, and Pai reported that work on the structure is nearly half complete. He said renovation of the total interior of the station should be completed by mid-1981.

Renovation inside the station includes replacement of the roofs in the station area, new skylights in the station and terminal area, repainting of the terminal area, and new men's and women's restrooms.

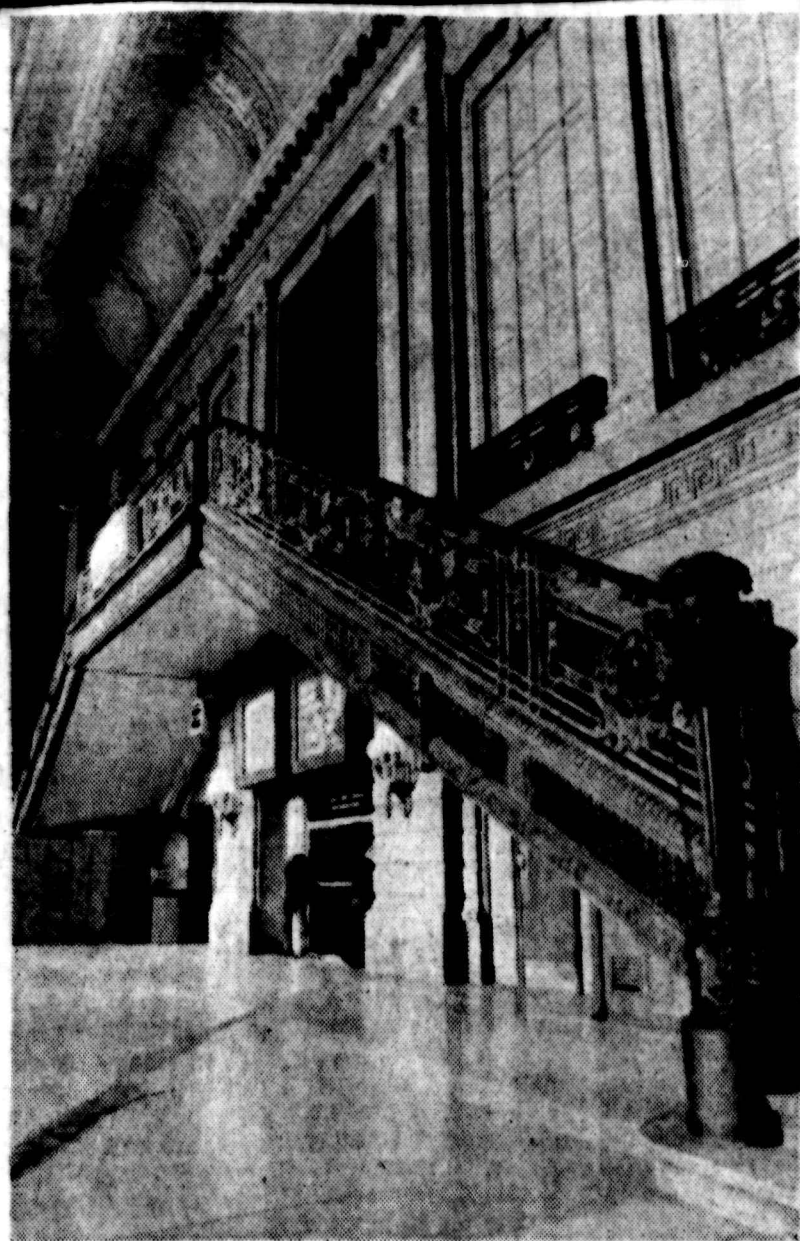
Pai said the park area outside the train terminal would cost at least \$4 million to complete but that he has firm assurances from state Department of Environmental Protection of-

ficials that Hoboken would receive at least \$2.2 million in Green Acres funds. The difference, he said, could be made up with some type of federal funds.

He said an additional \$3 million in Urban Initiative funds would be used to tear down the warehouses on Observer Highway and rehabilitate that area. Pai said Hoboken will have to apply in conjunction with the Department of Transportation for those funds, but he said he has received word that it is likely they will be awarded.

In place of the warehouses, Hoboken would like to see some commercial type of operation built, but one that would not interfere with the esthetic quality of the area, Pai said.

Eventual plans for the terminal itself call for some type of shopping mall on the now mostly unused second floor.



The waiting room of Hoboken's Erie-Lackawanna train terminal is scheduled to be pointed shortly as part of a \$7 million renovation program.

Mayors Council seeks united census action

With all its mayors angry over preliminary census figures being released for their respective communities, the North Hudson Council of Mayors is exploring ways of collective action against the figures.

"The mayors agreed at yesterday's council meeting to bring their municipal attorneys together next week to devise some sort of united action on the census figures. The mayors also agreed to send objection letters to the federal census bureau objecting to the figures within 10 days as required."

"We're all doing various things in our towns to review the figures," Union City Mayor William V. Musto said. He pointed out Union City had reviewed five districts believed to have been miscounted and has already discovered 3,000 more people in those districts than were originally counted.

"Coordination is what we want," Musto said. "While they continue to do reviews on the figures, we'll do reviews too."

"With this count, Hudson County could become a second-class county for federal and state aid," Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said. Musto said that if the count put the county's figure below first-class status, the council would consider legislative ways to alleviate the problem.

"This is a matter that can't help but be very provincial in scope," Musto said. "Each community should do what it can at the moment about the figures before we decide on ways to work collectively."

Preliminary census figures had several communities seeing large drops in population. In towns where population went up, like Secaucus, the rise was not nearly as much as officials had anticipated.

The census count is a very important figure for municipal officials as it reflects the amount of aid a municipality is provided. "Every resident counted is worth some amount of federal and state aid," Musto explained.

Farina says office doesn't have workers to handle welfare load

Clients who apply for assistance in Hoboken's welfare office often have to wait hours, and then are told to come back the next day because the office is so short-staffed, James Farina, Hoboken Health and Welfare director, said today.

Farina said there are only three caseworkers to serve the over 1,200 Hoboken residents on city welfare.

"We need at least five or six," he said. "The paperwork is just too much for the current office staff."

Five Hoboken CETA workers, who have served as caseworkers, were laid off last year. The city later rehired two of them and put them on the city payroll.

The health and welfare director also said he is very happy about the program the Police Department's welfare investigation unit is making

in cutting off persons who are illegally collecting welfare.

But he said eventually the unit's duties will have to be transferred to the welfare department.

He stated the welfare department's one investigator can't do the job and needs at least three more investigators.

"Before the four-man unit started two months ago a number of persons were illegally getting onto the welfare rolls," he said. "We're going to go back to square one if more staff is not hired."

Farina said he realizes there is no surplus money in the city's budget this year and that a number of workers have been laid off. But he said he will stress to Mayor Steve Cappiello the importance of hiring additional staff for the welfare bureau.

Railroad wants to build Hoboken shopping center

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has told the city council that principals of the old Jersey Shore Railroad would like to build a 50,000-square foot shopping center on land the railroad still owns between 14th, 16th, Bloomfield and Hudson streets.

Cappiello told the council that Seymour Heller of Jersey City said the railroad would like to build the shopping center, which would include a supermarket, a number of stores and a parking lot.

Heller would like the city, however, to give a portion of a street at 15th Street and Park Avenue to the railroad so it could create an entrance to the shopping center, Cappiello said.

In exchange, the mayor said, the railroad would give the city a piece of

its property in the area of the shopping center.

The city council would have to approve the land swap and Cappiello has invited Heller to speak before the council on Aug. 26 to present a full plan on the shopping center.

Cappiello told The Jersey Journal the shopping center would be the first new retail construction in Hoboken in a decade.

The mayor said he wants to see the full proposal for the shopping center before making any comments, but said he was very encouraged by the whole idea.

"We must make a place for new retailables in Hoboken," he said, "and this shopping center could bring in the retailables."

NJ board OKs sex ed in schools

By JAMES MANDON
Associated Press Writer

TRENTON—Despite angry — and at times unruly — objectors, the New Jersey Board of Education voted yesterday to require sex education classes in public schools by 1983.

The vote was 7-1. Board member Ruth Mancuso objected, claiming she endorsed the program, but did not agree with the state mandate to the local boards.

The board approved the mandate after it had been amended to guarantee parents a chance to preview all instructional materials.

"I think the program will be implemented very carefully and very sensitively by the local boards," said board president P. Paul Ricci.

The rules also make the programs optional to children whose parents believe conflict with moral or religious teachings.

But several parents attacked the board with verbal blasts, decrying what they described as a state infringement on parental responsibilities and ignoring pleas from board members to remain calm.

One woman, who identified herself as Catherine Dank of Woodbridge Township, belittled the board constantly and had to be restrained at one point by State Police officials from continuing a tirade against the proposals.

Proponents, however, insisted the regulations will help children avoid unwanted pregnancies and venereal disease while developing a healthy attitude about themselves sexually.

The board deleted a requirement that the courses be taught in every grade from kindergarten through high school. Instead, districts may choose one of the upper grammar school grades to begin the courses which will continue through the completion of high school.

"We all know this kind of education should go on in the home, but we also know it's not going on there," Ricci said.

The board action directs local school boards to set up committees to devise programs with the assistance of clergymen, doctors and parents.

A local policy for developing the courses must be completed by September 1981.

Some opponents claimed the courses would offend Catholics. But the proposal received the endorsement of the New Jersey Catholic Conference.

Provided there is a "close partnership" between parents and school officials, the Catholic bishops of New Jersey "strongly favor" family life programs, said Edward J. Leadem, executive director of the Catholic Conference.

Objectors also claimed it was unconstitutional to mandate the programs and urged the state to leave them up to the local school boards.

Those welfare clients who often must wait hours to get assistance from the Hoboken Welfare Department will have to continue doing so.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today there just isn't any money in the city budget to hire additional workers for the welfare department — or for any other department.

"Everyone comes up here asking

Cops seek suspects in brutal slaying

By DAVID NEUSTADT
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Police said yesterday they have no suspects and no motive in the brutal murder of a man found strangled to death in a lot here late last week.

The body of Luis Sanabria Sr., 46, of 4639 Broadway, Union City, was found early Friday morning with a rope around his neck and his hands tied behind him by Daniel Suter, 34, an employee of the Foley Fence Co., 62-10 Jefferson St. in West New York, police said.

Suter, who was working in the area, flagged down George Husted, a city employee, who then called police, according to reports.

Police Captain Russell Sweeten said the body was identified through a driver's license found in a shirt pocket. The wallet, money and any other identification were missing. Sweeten said that robbery was a possible motive since Sanabria had been paid the day before. However, he said there were no suspects at this time.

Despite the brutality of the murder, Sweeten said there was no indication of any organized crime connection. Sanabria was married and had a job.

The body was found lying face down in a lot near Pier nine and Sinatra Drive.

Born in Puerto Rico, he spent the past 20 years in Union City. He served in the Army in the Vietnam War.

Surviving Sanabria are his wife, Rosa (nee Morales), three sons, Luis Jr., Ricky and Ronnie, all of Union City; and two daughters, Sandra Mundo of West New York and Asnee, of Union City.

Fuerraria Rivera in North Bergen is handling arrangements.

Detectives have no leads in Hoboken strangulation

HOBOKEN—Detectives are still in the dark about events surrounding the brutal murder of a man found strangled to death late last week.

There are no suspects in the slaying of 46-year-old Luis Sanabria, of 4639 Broadway, Union City, who was discovered early Friday morning among the weeds in a lot at Pier Nine and Sinatra Drive here, said Hoboken Police Capt. Russell Sweeten.

Sanabria was found with a rope around his neck and his hands tied behind his back, police said.

Sweeten said the only motive currently being considered is robbery, since Sanabria's pockets were turned inside out. His wallet, money and all identification, except a driver's license, were missing. Police also are looking for a

vehicle stolen from the scene.

The car, described as a blue 1973 Dodge Dart with a black vinyl top, was loaned to Sanabria by his estranged wife, Sweeten said.

According to Sweeten, Sanabria, a Union City resident for 20 years, was last seen in a Union City tavern around 2:45 a.m. Friday. He had borrowed his wife's car for the week and was planning to return it to her Friday, police said.

Sanabria, a warehouse laborer, served in the army in the Vietnam War. His body has been flown back to his place of birth, Puerto Rico, for burial.

He is survived by his wife Rosa; three sons, Luis Jr., Ricky and Ronnie, all of Union City; and two daughters, Sandra Mundo of West New York and Asnee, of Union City. —Betty M. Liu

Historic group balks at bank bid

The Hoboken Historic District Preservation Commission at a specially convened meeting last night denied by a 4-0 vote a request by the Washington Savings bank to demolish a building at 111 Washington St.

According to commission chairwoman Helen Manogue, the permission was denied on economic and preservation grounds.

She explained that the bank, which wants to build a parking lot on the site, would not be meeting with the board's goals of preservation by destroying the structure.

Also, she said, the bank would be taking a very viable building off the tax rolls and the parking lot wouldn't bring in as much money.

In related action, the board resolved to send a letter of appreciation to Hoboken Patrolman James Meehan, who last month saved the building from destruction.

Meehan, she claimed, notice a crane at the property and asked the crew for a demolition permit, which it did not have.

"Through his actions," the chairwoman said, "the building is still standing."

Good and bad

In Hoboken, like everywhere else, there is good news and bad news.

The good news is that Economic Development Director Kenneth Pai has been working for two years with state and federal officials to latch on to a \$7-million rejuvenation of the area outside the Erie Lackawanna train terminal.

He already has definite word that the State Department of Transportation will spend \$2 million to renovate the old Transport of New Jersey bus station and there is a good chance the city will get about \$5 million to create a park, knock down warehouses, build traffic dividers and new entrances to the Hoboken PATH station.

That's about the end of the good news.

The bad news is that Pai is leaving soon to take a new job in Seattle and the city has yet to make any motions toward actively recruiting a successor.

After two years of secret negotiations, it would be frustrating indeed if all now goes to naught. Whoever succeeds Pai should have a thorough grounding in economic development, in funding applications, and in the byways and bypaths of the state and federal bureaucracy.

This is a great opportunity. Let's hope it becomes something more than a headline.

PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING ON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
ACTION GRANT
PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF
HOBOKEN WILL BE HELD ON:
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13th
AT 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
HOBOKEN, N.J.
AND
WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 20th AT 7:00 P.M.
MULTI-SERVICE CENTER
2nd & GRAND ST.
HOBOKEN, N.J.

Pursuant to Federal Guidelines, there shall be a Public Hearing open to all residents of the City of Hoboken concerning the City's application under the Urban Development Action Grant Program.

The purpose of said meeting is to inform all City residents of the City's Urban Development Action Grant Program Application and to receive comments and recommendations from the residents as to proposed activities.

Mayor and City Council of the City of Hoboken

Hoboken's welfare line won't get shorter

Those welfare clients who often must wait hours to get assistance from the Hoboken Welfare Department will have to continue doing so.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today there just isn't any money in the city budget to hire additional workers for the welfare department — or for any other department.

"Everyone comes up here asking

for a job, but we don't have any to give out," the mayor said. Yesterday, James Farina, health and welfare director, said the welfare office is so short of staff that clients often must wait hours for help. Farina had said the department needs at least three more caseworkers, as well as three more investigators, to function properly.

That unit, made up of four Hoboken policemen, has cut down Hoboken's welfare rolls by more than 200 persons.

Farina said investigators are especially needed because the city's police department welfare unit investigation squad, formed two months ago, isn't permanent.

The welfare department, now has only one investigator.

James Giordano, Hoboken public safety director, today confirmed that the police unit will eventually phase itself out.

But Cappiello said, "The welfare department is just going to have to make do with what they have."

City aid denied evicted families

Three Hoboken families are living on the street after the city padlocked their condemned tenement house but refused them relocation help.

"I'm very scared," said Maria Rosario, who has been living outside 603 First St. with her four children, who range in age from 8 to 13, for the last two days.

"I have the money to pay the rent for another apartment but no one wants children," she said. "I've spent days looking for an apartment in Hoboken. I even went to Jersey City but there are none. We're just going to have to continue to live here."

With her are Mona Vallejo, who also has four children, and her adult daughter and her little grandchild.

The three families were the only occupants of the tenement.

The city condemned the tenement house last month, calling it a structural hazard. Normally the families would have been relocated at the city's expense.

But the three families received notice of the eviction for non-payment of rent in early July, before the building was condemned, releasing the city from having to relocate the families, according to informed city sources.

The families all claim they were told by a worker in the city's revenue and finance office not to pay their rents for June and July and they said they followed his instructions.

When they were taken to court they said they did not understand what was going on and did not realize they were being evicted.

They said they knew something



Three Hoboken families sit in the place they now call home — the doorstep in front of their padlocked dwelling. They are in the bottom row from left, Marisol, 9, and Rosa Vallejo, 13, and George, 8, Linda, 10, and Jose Rosario, 13. In top row from left: Nellie Vallejo and her mother Maria Vallejo, Maria Rosario and her daughter Carmen, 11.

was wrong on July 26 when the worker came down to the tenement and said they had to be out in a few days.

A Hoboken city official, who asked not to be identified, verified the three families' account of what happened.

Martin Corrado, Hoboken's chief

relocation officer, said he didn't know the facts on the case, but said the families weren't entitled to relocation benefits because of the eviction.

"The woman came here and we tried to help them, but there aren't any vacant apartments in Hoboken," he said.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, after being informed by The Jersey Journal that the families were living on the street, said he would investigate the situation.

"I just hope it doesn't rain," said Ms. Rosario. "We have enough problems as it is."

5,000 enjoy river festival, sloop, fireworks add to fun

By Randolph Diamond

More than 5,000 persons jammed the Hoboken waterfront over the weekend for the city's first riverfront festival in six years.

It was called the River City Fair and there were six ships to board and inspect, including Singer Pete Seeger's Hudson River sloop Clearwater, continuous music all day with local bands, a flea market, various educational displays and food and beer galore.

"It's just great, what else can I say?" declared Hoboken resident Ellen Levine.

"You can say we should have this every weekend," said her boyfriend Greg Stone. "It's funny. I've lived in Hoboken all my life but I've never really been aware of the waterfront — that I live in a riverfront city. This starts me thinking about what we should do with our waterfront," it was added.

"I think it's worked," said Helen Manogue, chairwoman of the Hoboken Environmental Committee and one of the festival organizers. "Everyone is telling me how aware they've become of the waterfront."

Greg George, 17, of Hoboken said a permanent park should be built on the Hoboken waterfront.

But Jersey City resident Walter McDermott said he believed a mixed use of industrial, commercial and residential would probably be best.

"You need recreational space in Hoboken but at the same time the town desperately needs new rentals," he said.

Waterfront or not, it didn't matter to one vendor from Westwood who had already sold 500 pounds of hot sausages by late Saturday afternoon. "This is the best I have ever done at any festival," she said.

Festival organizer Don Cotter said he was very happy at the turnout.

Among the highlights of the festival — for the 100 people that were able to obtain one of the sought-after ducats that were sold out weeks in ad-

vance — were the nightly three-hour tours of New York harbor on the Clearwater.

"It was an experience," said Barbara Gross, a secretary from New York. "Being right out on the Hudson River on an old-time sailing ship."

The festival opened with a parade down Washington Street, Hoboken's main thoroughfare Saturday morning and closed with a fireworks display last night and a vow from the promoters.

"We're starting to plan next year's festival tomorrow," said Cotter and Mrs. Manogue. "It's going to be bigger and better."

"And, maybe, we'll even have it more than once a year," said Mrs. Manogue.

Ranieri rejects explanation for selective tax rollbacks

Members of the Hoboken City Council's Revenue and Finance Committee are not satisfied with an explanation by Chief Assessor Woodrow Monte as to why the Board of Assessors did not roll back the land-value of all properties in Hoboken to their 1978 levels after the board cancelled its 1979 land revaluation. Councilman Robert Ranieri said the committee did not accept Monte's explanation.

Ranieri said Monte told the committee he did not roll the land values back to the 1978 levels on Bloomfield Street, Hudson Street, Castle Point Terrace and portions of Washington Street because the actual worth of those homes is well above their assessment.

While Ranieri said that may be true, the committee feels the board's action is still discriminatory because only a certain number of taxpayers

had the assessments rolled back. Monte was unavailable for comment.

Ranieri said the value of land has risen almost everywhere in Hoboken and especially on Garden Street and Park Avenue, where many of the houses are of similar value to the ones on the four streets where the values weren't rolled back.

Unfortunately, Ranieri said, the only option homeowners have is to file a tax appeal since the board of assessors cannot legally change assessments once they are made.

But Ranieri said the committee will recommend that the city council become more involved in the operation of the board of assessors.

Ranieri said the committee will present a full report on its meeting with Monte to the City Council on Wednesday.

Business no longer beating PATH to merchants' doors

By JEFF KINSELOFF Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Jim McSharry's Irish eyes aren't smiling! Standing on the sidewalk across from the boarded-up PATH entrance, he shook his head sadly when asked how business was at his bar down the block since the carmen walked off their jobs.

"Oh, it's terrible," he said in a voice that held more than a touch of brogue. "We're off more than 50 percent. We're just starving to death."

The McSharry Irish House isn't alone. It doesn't matter if it's a bar, habitory, restaurant or newsstand. If it's located near the PATH terminal, the story is the same.

With the trains idled, service has been provided by the slower, less comfortable buses. Consequently, what used to be a short ride on PATH can now take up to an hour, and commuters are rushing to make their connections. They no longer have time to browse in the shops or tie a few on in the local watering holes.

"It's dead as hell right now," said Vic Olsen, who owns a newsstand only feet away from the PATH entrance.

"Business is cut in half," said Betty Repetti, a cashier at the Paper Boutique across the street.

"It's dead all day," growled the manager of the Hudson Spa, snapping a napkin container shut with the same bad-humored clap.

Yesterday was Olsen's first day at the newsstand since he bought the business this summer. He seemed to have a lot of time to dust off the magazines on the shelves.

"I was working at a stand inside the terminal for five years. My father owns The Dugout," he said referring to one of the larger concessions inside the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal. "They've laid off two people. They used to have three working the counter. Now they only have one."

Walking to the front of the stand, he picked up a pile of copies of The Dispatch. "They sent me 40. I have 34 left, and they're cutting back allotments like crazy," Olsen complained.

The Paper Boutique is basically a card store, but much of its business is in the numbers game — the legal variety run by the state Lottery Commission. With its location directly across from the terminal, the store attracts many bettors from New York, who hop a PATH train, place their bets, then head right back across the river.

"We have people in from New York who bet \$50-\$100 every week. We don't get many of them anymore," said Repetti.

But as she spoke, one of "them" walked into the store to place his bets. "I live in midtown Manhattan," said Richard Attreante, a middle-aged man in blue jeans, plaid shirt and an Army camouflage hat. "This is my lucky store. I won 10 grand here the first six weeks of the year. So I have to come here."

"Now it costs \$1.70 for me to get across. But that's secondary. It's the inconvenience."



Photo By Bill Boyer

VIC OLSEN stands idle at his newsstand by the Hoboken PATH Terminal yesterday. He just bought the stand, but says the lingering PATH strike is killing his business.

He lays down \$80 and leaves. Another man enters the store carrying his belongings in a ripped shopping bag. "Bingo, lottery, Pick 4, Pick 6," says Repetti. "You name it, they get a way to take your money." He places his bets and leaves. Someone else comes in. Business is down, she says, but gamblers are evidently a hardy lot.

There are five late-morning customers in the American Hotel Bar. They appear to be workers from around town and the language is salty to say the least. The bartender, Roman Bush, knows the situation. "Most of the bars that are catering to the commuters are hurting. It's the same with the restaurants."

He was asked if the customers who do struggle in talk much about the strike. "No," he answered. "For most of them, it has become part of their daily routine. I think they're at the point where they realize that there is nothing they can do."

The local barber shop is always a good place for information. At Al's on Newark Street, the proprietor, Al Prodoma, says some after-shave lotion on the balding noggins of one of his customers.

His business has not been hurt much, he says. But he has talked to others. "They've been hurt pretty bad," he said.

On the street again, cars line the walls of a nearby parking lot. The space in the middle is empty. "It's usually full," said Mike Hanley, who runs the lot with his father.

Up on Washington Street, proprietors of the Schmoking Bake Shop and the Fotomat also say that business has slumped. But

none seem to have been hurt as hard as the one at No. 119, the Hoboken Parking Authority.

Inside the office where Parking Magazine is tops on the reading list, and a lamp made from an antique parking meter sits on a table, Director Joseph Hottendorf completes the monthly losses on his calculator. Hanley's problem is one that the municipal garages are also facing.

"We are losing nearly \$600 a day. That's about \$40,000 since the strike began," he said. Hottendorf explained that the losses come from commuters, who park their cars in the garages by the hour, and also from New Yorkers, who take advantage of the cheap rates and their close proximity to the PATH terminal, and park there by the month. Now they don't bother.

"What I don't understand is why New Jersey Transit makes money on this, the Port Authority also does better, and Hoboken takes a beating," Hottendorf said. "I think they should write the city of Hoboken a check for our losses." He dismissed \$40,000 as an insignificant sum for PATH and New Jersey Transit to pay.

Curiously, the anger expressed by Hottendorf and others is mild compared to their situation. "I can't blame the unions for wanting more money, and I can't blame the PA for not wanting to give it to them," said Olsen, whose response was typical of those who were approached. Many of them believe that the PA is deliberately holding off until September before it settles.

"That's what I heard," said Hanley. Jim McSharry said he heard the same thing. "But if it keeps up any longer than that," he said, "I'll just shut and go." His eyes still weren't smiling.

NJ culture council awards \$117G to arts in Hudson

By DANIEL M. AKST

TRENTON—The New Jersey Council on the Arts has awarded \$117,000 in grants to organizations and artists in Hudson County, the council announced yesterday.

A total of \$68,800 in grants for fiscal 1981, which began July 1, was awarded to the following groups:

• City of Jersey City/Studio for the Arts, \$7,500.

• Friends of Music and Art of Hudson County, Jersey City, \$9,000.

• Girgus's Pantomime Theatre, Jersey City, \$8,000.

• Hoboken Community Development Agency, \$3,000.

• Hudson County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, \$18,000.

• Jersey City Cultural Arts Commission, \$40,000.

• Jersey City Free Public Library, \$3,000.

• Jersey City State College Community Orchestra, \$4,000.

• Jers Co. Inc. of Kearny, \$10,000.

• Luba Opera Co., Guttenberg, \$8,000.

Individual grants went to the following people:

• Choreography: Judith Konopacki, Jersey City, \$2,000.

• Graphics: Timothy Daly, Hoboken, \$1,500.

• Painting: Paul DiZolfalo, Hoboken, \$2,000; Werner Grosshans, Weehawken, \$2,500; Michael Porcelli, Hoboken, \$1,500; Norman Turner, Hoboken, \$2,500; and Frank Zabachowski, Hoboken, \$2,500.

• Poetry: Herschel Silverman, Bayonne, \$2,000.

• Tom DeHaven, Jersey City, \$2,500.

• Sculpture: Brendan Haugh, Hoboken, \$2,500; and Livio Sagante, North Bergen, \$2,500.

Rue School repair costs up to council

It's now up to the Hoboken City Council to decide whether to go along with the original \$750,000 cost to renovate the vacant Rue School building in Hoboken or to increase it to \$900,000 as the school board wants.

Yesterday afternoon, the Board of School Estimate approved both proposals giving the City Council the option to decide between them.

Mayor Steve Cappiello and Councilmen Bernard Scrivani and Salvatore Cemelli voted for both options but board president Robert Wendelken voted against the \$750,000 proposal, saying it wasn't realistic any more.

Wendelken claimed that the school board had learned that the \$750,000 would not be enough to renovate the school. He said a replacement of the building's roof and plastering work would not be done for \$750,000.

And Otto Hottendorf, a school board member, who spoke before the Board of School Estimate said the \$750,000 wouldn't be enough for each floor.

But Councilman Robert Ranieri said "it would be absolutely outrageous to spend more than the \$750,000 that the school board already agreed to."

"A consultant that the board hired had said last month all was needed to renovate the Rue School was \$550,000," he said. "Then they said they needed \$750,000 and we informally agreed to that. Now they want even more."

Cappiello tells city to help evicted group

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he has directed city officials to try to help the three families living outside their condemned tenement on First Street to find an apartment.

"We're going to do everything we can for them," the mayor said.

But the mayor said he did not know if the city could provide relocation aid for the three families, saying that would have to be looked into.

Last month, the city condemned the tenement house where the three families were living at 603 First St. Calling it a structural hazard. Normally the families would have been relocated at the city's expense.

But the three families were served eviction notices for non-payment of rent in early July, before the building was condemned, releasing the city from having to relocate the families, according to informed sources.

The families claim they were told not to pay their rent by a worker in the city's revenue and finance office and they didn't understand what was happening when they were taken for court for eviction proceedings.

Bank will appeal ban on building demolition

Hoboken's Washington Savings Bank will appeal a decision by the city's Historic District Commission denying the bank permission to demolish a landmark building next door to its main office on Washington Street.

James G. Pinto, bank president, said the five-story building at 111 Washington St. is an "eyesore" despite its landmark status and should be torn down as soon as possible.

Pinto said, in addition, the building is in poor condition and a hazard because children could wander into the structure and get hurt.

The Hoboken City Council has authority to overrule the Historic District Commission and Pinto said the bank's attorney will take the case to the council shortly.

The building falls within Hoboken's Southern Historic District

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and all buildings in that district have landmark status.

Pinto said the bank, if given permission to demolish the building, would create a parking lot temporarily but eventually plans to construct an addition to the bank's main office.

The building was almost torn down last month by the U. O. Tillio Contracting Co. of Paterson. The company had a crane and a wrecking crew in place when Hoboken Patrolman Thomas Meehan stopped and asked the crew for its demolition permit.

When the crew could not provide such a permit, the city building inspector was called and work was stopped.

Pinto said today the bank was under the impression that the demolition company had obtained a permit.

Patricia Florio, Hoboken Historic Preservation specialist, said it would be a great loss to Hoboken if the building is demolished.

Ms. Florio said the building was built at the turn of the century and has cast-iron piers on the ground floor, original window designs that are still intact and a cornice that still exists.

The Fair

Today and tomorrow there is a treat in store for all who visit Hoboken's River City Fair from 10 a.m. until dusk both days.

There will be food and fun, education and entertainment . . . and it's close to home.

The Fair — the first in five years — is an attempt to focus attention on the waterfront as a potential site for commercial, residential and recreational development.

Go see it and have fun!

Growing up at City Hall



Mayor Steve Cappelletto checks over the work of Martha Tota, center, as Roseann Branda watches intently.

High school students Martha Tota and Roseann Branda tomorrow finish up an experience that they say has pushed them into the world of maturity.

The two 17-year-olds have been working in Hoboken City Hall the last six weeks as assistants to the executive secretaries to the business administrator and the director of health and welfare. They were employed under the Hudson County CETA youth program.

Martha, 17, said her experience in the business administrator's office was "one of the most fantastic things that ever happened to me."

"I really learned how to deal with people and to calm them down when they're upset," she said. "I never realized it but people come up to City Hall with all different types of problems and you have to direct them to the right place so they can get a solution to their problems."

Before Martha worked in City Hall she said she never thought about city government.

But the attractive 17-year-old said that has now changed.

"I just become so involved that I want to know everything that goes on," she said. "I would never buy a newspaper

before I worked in City Hall but now I buy The Jersey Journal every day to find out what's going on in Hoboken."

Martha will be a senior in Hoboken High this year and had planned to go to college to major in fashion design.

But now, she said, she's seriously thinking about changing her plans to prepare herself for a position in government.

For Roseann, one of the most important things she learned in City Hall was how to type.

"I feel very self-confident that I've learned this skill," she said. "It increases my self-confidence in general."

Roseann said she also feels her vocabulary has improved since she started working in City Hall because she has to choose words precisely when speaking.

Roseann, too, said she's considering working in city government some day.

"I would have to give it some more thought but it was an interesting experience," she said.

Both girls said working with the people in City Hall was "just the greatest."

"Everyone was so nice," said Martha. "They were always trying to help us."

Laugh at Hoboken And You Laugh At the Real U.S. of A.

By Rita Christopher



make a return visit to the city of his birth. Even that cannot dampen local spirits.

Immigrants continue to stream in, not only from across the ocean but from across the Hudson River. New Yorkers have discovered Hoboken's solid turn-of-the-century brownstones. And the newest migrants, with admirable adaptability, have mastered such lost urban arts as stoop sitting, an activity that commences at the first sign of good weather. Some people carry out folding chairs; others simply plunk themselves down on the concrete steps. No dyed-in-the-wool Hobokenite risks sitting in the backyard and missing all the action on the street.

Kids still use sewer covers and catch basins as stickball bases, and women shout classic messages like "Terence, your mother wants you!" at a volume well above the persistent wailing of disco radio.

Neighbors temper their curiosity with discretion but local news still travels at a speed that the post office would do well to emulate. Whatever vital information is lacking can usually be picked up at the corner store where trade in matters of neighborhood interest rivals the sale of penny candy, chips, and soda.

On a hot summer day, a Hoboken block resembles nothing so much as a fading sepia portrait of a 1940's street scene, just waiting the Bing Crosby to stroll out of the parish house on the corner.

Hoboken, in fact, not only looks like the 1940's but in some respects preserves the best of those years. And you don't have to be a nostalgia buff to recognize that the decade embodies some virtues that have disappeared in much of America. Street crime in Hoboken is infrequent, and despite our diverse ethnic backgrounds we observe the old rule of live-and-let-live. Our sense of neighborliness and community loyalty is remarkably high, and our children, in the traditional but now half-forgotten phrase, "mind their parents." If that's Nowheresville, I suspect a lot of Americans would like to be going nowhere right now.

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No August doldrums in Hoboken

By THERESA DUL
Staff Writer

If you think that meetings, hearings, even newsletters, cease just because it's August and everyone is headed south for some relaxation, you're wrong.

A case in point: the Hoboken Environment Committee. The committee has been working harder than ever recently, putting the finishing touches on one of this summer's highlights, the River City Fair, which will be held tomorrow and Sunday along River Road. This event, last held in 1975, is jointly sponsored by the Hoboken Environment Committee, the city of Hoboken and the Community Development Agency.

The theme of the fair, "Re-create the Waterfront," is a main goal for the committee, which has been telling people for 10 years to wake up and notice the beauty of Hoboken.

Helen Manogue, founder and chairwoman of the committee, says, "Basically we want to improve the quality of life in Hoboken and the environment. We want the community to cherish the old buildings in Hoboken

and we want to teach them the fascinating history of Hoboken."

The Hoboken Environment Committee, which was started in 1970 with 12 persons, now has a membership of more than 400. It is one of the few non-profit citizen's groups around.

"We banded together to fight a proposed oil refinery back in January of 1971," says Manogue. "By July of that year, the project was withdrawn and we won. We actually fought city hall and won and the people were impressed with us."

The following year, the committee was brought together a second time to successfully fight a planned 18-tank oil storage facility.

"It took us three years, but in the end, as a result of our work, and after protesting at all levels of government, the state refused to give the company permits that were needed," Manogue says.

The committee's current projects touch on more than simply the preparations for this weekend's fair. It is also involved in a recycling/beautification project that uses money made from the recycling to beautify

the city. The beautification project began in 1973 with the committee giving out 200 shrubs in redwood tubs to community members for the fronts of their houses.

Flower boxes for windowills followed in later years and now a replanting project has been started to keep those boxes filled.

"Most of the houses in the city have the shrubs or flowers to decorate their property," said Manogue. "You can't walk down a street without seeing a sign of our work."

Another activity of the committee is the annual house tour, a popular attraction for residents of the metropolitan area. Last year more than 1,700 took part in it. This year, Manogue hopes attendance will pass the 1,800 mark.

"Anyone fulfilling the goals and objectives of the organization is able to join," said the chairman. "They don't have to be a resident of Hoboken or the county."

For further information on any aspect of the Hoboken Environment Committee, contact Helen Manogue at 963-6853.

Cops arraigned in extortion of woman's former employer

By JIM DWYER
Staff Writer

A Hoboken police sergeant, a Passaic patrolman and a Haledon woman were arraigned yesterday in Clifton on charges of extortion and conspiracy.

Sgt. Michael Lipowski, Patrolman Darrell Squeeze and Marilyn Carey were charged with conspiring to extort Carey's former employer, Pino Anguilli. Lipowski said Carey, whom he described as his "girlfriend," had signed a complaint of sexual harassment against Anguilli on July 28.

Lipowski, of Haledon, and Squeeze were arrested around 2 p.m. Thursday in the Parkway Diner in Elmwood Park. Passaic County Prosecutor Joseph Falcone reportedly said money was exchanged in the diner, but no figure was given.

"In all candor, all I can say is on the surface it does look bad," Lipowski said yesterday after the arraignment. "There are many extenuating circumstances which haven't been revealed. There's no question that ultimately we'll be completely exonerated."

Anguilli, the owner of Milan Auto Painters in Clifton, refused to speak with a reporter, but his son, Tony, said, "My father has always been an honorable man. People in the community know he wouldn't do these things."

Anguilli said Carey was employed by his father for 14 months and left the firm about three weeks ago.

"She started asking for money after we said no, then she left," Anguilli said. Following another request and the complaints, he said, "my father got in touch with the police and then came the arrests."

"She wanted to get money any way she could," Lipowski gave a different version.

"Carey had filed complaints against this man — three counts of sexual harassment — and the next thing I know is these charges," he said.

A conviction on loansharking charges against Lipowski was overturned in federal appeals court in 1977. He and a Hoboken patrolman won their appeal after testimony of the federal prosecutor's chief witness was discredited.

Council may OK daytime meetings

The Hoboken City Council tonight is expected to discuss a revision of its own meeting procedure that currently requires all sessions to be held at night. The change would allow for one daytime meeting a month.

The revision was introduced by Councilman Bernard Scrivani, who said it would allow residents and senior citizens who cannot always make the night meetings, especially during the winter months, an opportunity to attend a council session.

The council will caucus at 6 p.m. in the council chambers and will hold its regular meeting immediately following the caucus at 7.

Scrivani's measure would result in the council meeting, scheduled on the first Wednesday of the month, being held at 10 a.m. The meeting held on the third Wednesday of the month would continue to be held at the usual time — 7 p.m.

In other business, the council will be presented with a letter from an attorney for the Washington Savings Bank asking that the council overrule

a decision of the Hoboken Historic District Commission, blocking the bank's attempt to demolish a building at 111 Washington St.

Clare Walters, a member of the Commission, said her group is preparing a formal statement to be submitted to the council regarding the decision.

"We feel we were mandated by the City Council," she said, "to preserve the historic buildings in Hoboken. If the council votes to override that mandate, they are voting to overturn their own ordinance creating the Commission."

The bank wants to tear down the structure and build a parking lot, but, because the building is in the city's historic district, the approval of the commission is needed. At its last meeting, the commission, while deferring a final decision, refused to approve the demolition.

Also on the council agenda is a resolution to award contracts for the restoration and improvement of Elysian Park.

Sacred Heart raises funds

For the first time in the history of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 713 Washington St., Hoboken, a major fund-raising campaign has been undertaken.

A goal of \$250,000 will enable the 112-year-old institution to make building renovations, meet operational costs, provide better teaching salaries and offer financial aid to families.

Mayor Steve Cappelletto and the Hoboken city council have given their support to the effort.

The school curriculum will continue to consist of a college preparatory core with options in business and vocational areas. Basic skills, life skills and academic skills are all considered components of learning and are balanced at the various grade levels.

All freshmen will be given the Cherry Hill Study Skills program dur-

ing their first semester. Juniors will study consumer education as a requirement and some may elect a course in creative writing. Seniors will be required to study parenting and child care; some will be invited to join an experimental seminar for math and science. At every grade level, students will be exposed to

computer science techniques in regular mathematics classes.

The public is invited to visit the Academy on Sept. 26 as part of the Hoboken House Tour and at a date to be decided in October at an open house for eighth grade students and their parents.

One of sweepers back in operation

One day after a Jersey Journal editorial on the confusion in the Hoboken Department of Public Works that idled the city's two street sweepers it was announced that at least one of the machines was back in operation yesterday.

Andrew Amato, public works director, said new drivers have been assigned to the sweepers but added that one machine may have broken down and could be out of commission, at least for today.

Amato said he got a call this afternoon informing him that one sweeper may need some repairs before it can be put back on the street.

Yesterday The Jersey Journal commented on the machines being

idled because two drivers are on vacation and a third was assigned to night work.

"There always seems to be something wrong with our sweepers," Amato said. "They're really not built to work in the city. They're more for use on a highway."

Amato admitted receiving a number of complaints last week when the machines were not operating.

"I think we've cleared that problem up," the Public Works director said. "I think from now on we can handle the personal problem but the machines are a headache in themselves because they're always needing repairs."

Hoboken census finds 1,300 more

Hoboken city census workers said he has forwarded the city's results to the Census Bureau and he expects an answer in four weeks as to whether the Census Bureau will accept the city's figures.

The Census Bureau had estimated Hoboken had 40,662 residents, down 9 percent from 1970 figures.

George Crimmins Jr., who has been directing the city's census count,

River City Fair returns

Hoboken's waterfront will spring to life this weekend with the River City Fair at the Fifth Street pier. A parade starting at 10 a.m. tomorrow will march down Washington Street to the pier and kick off the weekend.

Singer Pete Seeger's Hudson River sloop, "Clearwater," and eight other boats will be available for boarding and inspecting.

Refreshment stands will include the traditional foods of many cultures

that are part of the melting pot that is Hoboken.

Educational, civic, cultural and fraternal organizations will have displays and musicians from all over the area will provide two days of live entertainment. There will be a flea market for buyers and browsers.

The City's first River City Fair was held in 1974. It was so successful that a second one was put on the following year. Admission to the pier is free throughout the weekend.

Hoboken cop arrested in extortion

A Hoboken police sergeant, who was cleared of federal loansharking charges three years ago, has been suspended following his arrest on extortion charges.

Sgt. Michael Lipowski and Passaic Patrolman Darrell Squeeze were arrested yesterday at the Parkway Diner in Elmwood Park on a charge of extorting money from Clifton businessman Pino Anguilli. Police also arrested Marilyn Carey, 32, of Haledon on charges of extortion and conspiracy. Lipowski, 36, and Squeeze, 30, both also live in Haledon.

Passaic County Prosecutor Joseph Falcone said the three in-

itiated the shakedown of Anguilli last week in Clifton and that some money was exchanged at the diner. Police and the prosecutor would not specify how much money was involved.

Lipowski, Squeeze and Carey were released on \$2,500 bail each and will be arraigned in Clifton today.

The trial will take place in Bergen County where the arrests took place, said Falcone.

Lipowski was suspended from pay

and duty around 6:30 last night, about three hours after his arrest.

In 1974, Lipowski and fellow Hoboken Patrolman James Mancuso were charged in a federal indictment with loansharking.

In October 1977 the charges were dismissed. Departmental charges against both police officers were also dismissed and Lipowski and Mancuso were entitled to approximately \$45,000 in back pay.

2 prices set for Hoboken school repairs

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—In an unusual move, the Board of School Estimate yesterday adopted a pair of resolutions setting two different price tags for repairs on the David E. Rue School.

Except for the costs of the project the resolutions are worded identically. One calls for \$750,000 in funds, the other seeks \$900,000.

Of the four members present at the meeting, the only dissenter was Board of Education President Robert J. Wendelken, who voted against the lower resolution. He reportedly argued that the amount was insufficient to do the necessary work on the school, which has been closed for two years.

The board drew up the two resolutions despite the City Council's rejection of the higher figure during a closed-door session on Aug. 6. Apparently, the board is hoping the council will agree to the higher proposal at Wednesday's meeting.

"They prepared two resolutions because the school board has indicated that they need more than the \$750,000," said Mayor Steve Cappiello, who voted in

favor of both resolutions.

However, yesterday's action was blasted by Councilman Robert Ranieri, who charged the school board agreed on Aug. 6 that the price be set at \$750,000.

"It is illogical and irresponsible, and I fault the mayor's leadership," he said. "They are not living up to their responsibility. They are there to make a decision. They are not there to vacillate and equivocate, and they should not bow to the board of education." He insisted that the full council will reject the higher figure on Wednesday.

Councilman Sal Cernelli was another member who voted for the two resolutions. "I was satisfied with Wendelken's argument that they needed more money," he said. "They're the experts." Asked if he knew of the previous agreement between the council and the board, Cernelli replied, "No, I wasn't there, so I don't know anything." He wasn't told of the agreement either, he said.

Cernelli added that the extra money was requested to do work on the interior of the building. The school was closed in 1979 because some bricks on one of its outer walls were found to be loose, and board of

education officials declared the building a hazard.

However, Ranieri said he believes there are other reasons for the closing. "In my opinion, the closing of the school was a ploy to loosen the shakels for a \$32 million plan."

He said that the loose bricks were "in one corner by the courtyard," and added that the hazard was not nearly as serious as it was presented. But, he said, following the closing, the board with the help of Mayo, Lynch and Associates of Hoboken drew up a \$32 million dollar plan to rebuild the school system. "They closed the school as a satellite for the multi-million dollar plan," Ranieri said.

The figure was rejected by the council, and the numbers were eventually pared down. At one point, a plan calling for nearly \$4 million, also drawn up by Mayo Lynch, was presented for repairs on the school.

"You know what the state said to that?" asked Ranieri. "They said for that money, they could build a brand new school of equal footage."

The figures were again reduced until the \$750,000 figure was arrived at. "They had advice from other experts also, who said that \$650,000 would do the job," said Ranieri.

Hoboken council votes \$900,000 for school work

Hoboken's city council last night approved a \$900,000 bond ordinance to be used to renovate David E. Rue School. Councilman Robert Ranieri protested that various city officials had agreed during a private caucus two weeks ago that the ordinance would be for \$750,000. That ordinance was also voted on last night and rejected.

Ranieri said members of the Board of School Estimate and Mayor Steve Cappiello, who heads the board, together with members of the city council and representatives of the superintendent schools, made a "gentlemen's agreement" at the meeting to go for the \$750,000 bond ordinance.

"I'm strongly in favor of the \$900,000 bond ordinance," Cappiello told the council last night before the vote, "because of anticipated cost increases due to inflation."

He explained that both ordinances

were put before the council last night because if one was voted down, the city wouldn't lose time in starting work on the school.

"Do you realize the dilemma you put the council and board of education in by sending two ordinances?" Ranieri asked the mayor.

"If the Board of School Estimate had performed its function and said 'this is our opinion' and passed it on to the city council, we wouldn't be in this position tonight."

Cappiello explained that between the time the groups met the architects for the project, Mayo, Lynch and Associates of Hoboken, determined that even \$900,000 would hardly do the job.

Ranieri then charged that every job that the architects have handed for the city has wound up costing more than originally anticipated.

After the meeting, Ranieri said he thought the council voted with a closed mind on the bond ordinances.

Towns may trade bus shelters

One community's loss may be another's gain in a trade-off of bus shelters involving Hudson County municipalities.

Of the 101 fiberglass, illuminated shelters expected to be installed by New Jersey Transit in Hudson County by late fall, about half will go to Jersey City, while the rest will be spread over seven other towns.

Weehawken is considering soliciting proposals from private firms instead.

Meanwhile, Kearny — coincidentally — applied for 14 shelters but neither the state paperwork nor local Town Council resolutions designating the shelters' locations reached the county planning office or NJT, according to Councilman Thomas McKean, who still hopes to win the designations by mid-September when the job is to be put out to bid by NJ Transit.

In Weehawken, John Riepe, a mayoral aide, said it's "not impossible" that the township would turn down the 14 shelters it initially sought from New Jersey Transit if the governing body opted to bring in an outsider to put in the shelters and pay the township a dividend from any revenues derived from placing commercial advertisements on the shelters.

"If we accepted the shelters from the state and allowed the state to maintain them, they'd also put advertising on the shelters but we wouldn't get any money from them," said Riepe. "The state would just use the money to offset maintenance costs."

Riepe said that "some residents do oppose advertising on the shelters, but this is a commuter's town and we need these bus shelters."

The Kearny Town Council has

already voted to reject the placement of advertisements on any shelters the town may get, so the town will accept the responsibility of maintaining those shelters, explained McKean.

Jersey City, which is getting 52 shelters, is likely to accept New Jersey Transit's offer to maintain them "because we just don't have the manpower to take care of the 24 shelters we have now," said Susan Mack, city planner.

"We get a lot of complaints about the condition of the 24 and the public works department tries to keep up as best they can," said Ms. Mack. She said the city did price the cost of installing shelters with ads by the private sector but rejected that idea as impractical.

Bayonne, which is slated to receive 10 shelters, plans to "let the state handle the maintenance and see

how they hold up, at least for now," according to city engineer Kenneth Rakowski.

"There may be a very high maintenance cost involved and rather than undertake that risk blindly, we'll see how the state does the job before we commit ourselves to taking them over," he said.

Hoboken business administrator Edwin Chius says that "personally," he's "against" advertising, but he says he'd hesitate committing the city to maintaining the seven designated shelters unless he felt they were of "good quality." But Chius is quick to say that "there's a need" for the shelters, "particularly on cold, winter days."

In West New York, designated for just two shelters, Mayor Anthony M. DePino said, "I don't want any advertising on any shelters that might be placed along Boulevard East."

Cappiello has his way on school repairs

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A battle between a councilman and the mayor was just one of the highlights of last night's City Council meeting, which turned out to be one of the busiest of the season.

Last week, with Mayor Steve Cappiello's support, the Board of School Estimate handed the council two resolutions calling for identical repairs to the David E. Rue School. The only difference between them was that one called for \$900,000 in repairs while the other asked for \$750,000.

Cappiello supported the former, while Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri said even the latter was too high. Two weeks ago, the council apparently agreed with Ranieri, and at that time it was decided among the council and the school board that only the lower figure would be introduced.

But last night, with the two resolutions at hand, Ranieri, who last week boasted confidently that the council would support him, found himself virtually alone in a face-to-face argument with Cappiello.

"The gentlemen's agreement has been thrown into a state of chaos," he declared, rising from his chair and his voice rising in indignation.

The mayor responded by saying that he was satisfied that the extra money was needed to do the necessary repairs on the school. By a 5-3 vote, the mayor won out.

"It was the full political strength of the mayor that did it," Ranieri said afterward. Asked if the mayor had lobbied the council on behalf of the board of education, which Cappiello denied, he responded, "He obviously did. The council's mind

was made up beforehand."

In other business, the council gave final approval to a set of ordinances which would allow the public safety director to set the table of organization of the police and fire departments. Both ordinances were opposed by the fire and police unions.

The council also adopted by a 5-3 vote a procedural change that will have it meet at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

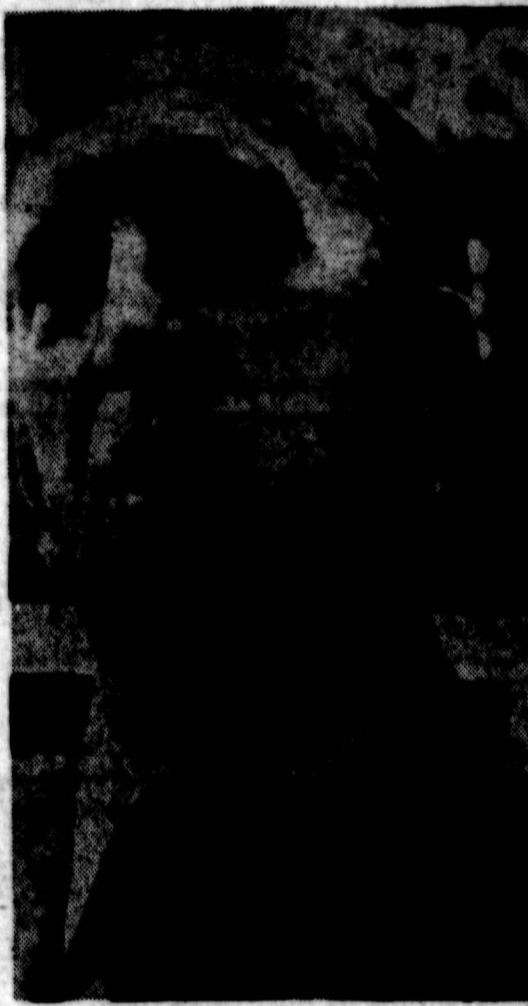
The time of the second meeting of the month will stay the same.

Faced with a water bill of nearly \$370,000 for the months of June and July, the council adopted a resolution to pay only a portion of the bill, some \$200,000, which would be the average over that two-month period.

Apparently the extra usage was caused by the water crisis in June and also the water main break at Fifth and Garden streets, both of which conditions, the City Council believes, were the fault of Jersey City, where the city gets its water from.

The City Council also heard a proposal which may affect a controversial question in neighboring Weehawken. A plan to build a Pathmark supermarket at a site near 10th and Bloomfield streets was shown to the members. The site is not far from the Hackensack Reservoir in Weehawken, where another proposal has been made to put a Pathmark to the opposition of many local residents.

A representative of Supermarkets General Corp., which owns Pathmark, was at last night's meeting. Asked if this would affect the Weehawken proposal, he responded with a big smile and a "no comment."



Steve Cappiello
Wins verbal battle with Ranieri

Dangerous flour sacks to be removed from Hoboken

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello got his way.

State officials said yesterday that several hundred sacks of flour sitting in a burned out Hoboken warehouse will be removed by the first week of September instead of in a month, as originally scheduled.

A spokesman for the New Jersey Transit Authority which shares ownership of a group of warehouses along Observer Highway, said a contract to remove the flour from the fire damaged Oliveri warehouse at 375, Observer Highway, should be awarded by next Thursday.

"Work on removing the flour and

demolishing the warehouse should begin by Sept. 2," the spokesman said.

The change in the demolition schedule came after the state officials were informed of Cappiello's concern about the flour remaining for an additional month, continuing to create a health hazard.

Earlier when the NJTA was contacted they said it would take at least a month before the sacks could be removed.

"That particular piece of property belongs to Conrail," the spokesman said. "We share some of the property along that section of Observer Highway with them. Conrail

was waiting for its insurance claim on the building to clear. That happened last week and now they're ready to bid a demolition contract on the building."

"Those sacks are drawing vermin and rodents and they are beginning to smell," Cappiello said. "The fire happened almost two months ago," by now the sacks should have been removed.

The warehouse burned in a three-alarm blaze that broke out during the rush hours, shortly before 6 p.m. on June 27.

Hoboken fire officials are still investigating the origin of the fire.

Hoboken paper box plant closes Sept. 1

A cardboard box manufacturer, located in Hoboken for more than 50 years, will be shutting down operations in the city on Sept. 1, an official for the company reported.

Management of Westvaco, which operates a number of other plants besides the one in Hoboken, has decided to phase out the corrugated box manufacturing business in the city because the high overhead makes the operation unprofitable.

The plant currently employs about 40 persons in the manufacturing end and many of these will probably

find jobs with other companies in Hudson that manufacture paper and cardboard products.

The spokesman said that a number of these firms have already expressed interest in hiring Westvaco's Hoboken employees.

The company is one of the largest paper firms in the nation. The Hoboken plant is located between Ninth and 11th streets and Madison and Monroe streets.

Hoboken officials were not available last night for comment on the shutdown.

Mercado says Capt. Sweeten harasses him

In a complaint filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, acting Hoboken Police Lt. Mario Mercado is charging that he has been continuously harassed by the commander of the city's detective bureau, Capt. Russell Sweeten, and that he and his wife were the targets of verbal abuse by Sweeten.

While Sweeten declined to comment on the charges, Hoboken Public Safety director Frank Giordano said that at the request of his office the city Law Department investigated an official complaint lodged with the police department in May by Mercado.

"The law department's report found there were no grounds for the allegations," Giordano said.

Mercado, who supervises the city's public safety garage, is being supported in his claim by the Hudson County Hispanic Law Enforcement Association.

Mercado claims on May 1 Sweeten, before a group of detectives and uniformed officers, verbally attacked him, using racial slurs and derogatory references to his wife. Mercado said he was not present at the time of the incident but several of the officers, who were reportedly there at the time, informed him.

Head of union seeks equitable overtime plan

A controversy concerning overtime for Hoboken Public Works employees continues with the president of the city's municipal employees union declaring that he will ask public works officials to come up with an "equitable plan for assigning overtime."

Jude Fitzgibbons, the president of the Hoboken Municipal Employees Association, said yesterday he wants to see overtime handed out on a seniority or rotation basis.

"I want everybody to get a shot at it," Fitzgibbons said.

The union president's statement comes several days after a squabble concerning overtime given out to some public works employees during the weekend, erupted at the public works garage.

Public Works director Andrew Amato said Wednesday he feels the amount of overtime in his department should be cut and seemed to favor Fitzgibbons' position that the overtime assignments should be spread out more evenly among the work force.

According to Amato, about \$1,000 in overtime was earned by ten men during the weekend. Much of the work involved cleaning up after the annual River City Fair.

Amato said he was contacted by Councilman Louis Francione, who voiced concern at the amount of overtime the city paid out during the weekend.

Amato claimed he does not make out the overtime assignment and claimed they are handled by the public works superintendents.

"The way things are now men who have worked for the department twenty years are being passed up when it comes to overtime," Fitzgibbons said. "I think that's wrong."

Hoboken police, firefighter talks at impasse

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Contract negotiations between the city and its police and firefighters have reached an impasse, and an arbitrator may return to help reach a settlement.

The word came from a letter written by the unions' attorney, David Solomon, to the parties involved in the discussions. "There have been several attempts at resolving the contract negotiations," said the letter dated Aug. 11. "However, no agreement has been reached, and it is now necessary to set down a final date for completion of these proceedings."

An arbitrator, Irving Halevy, was appointed several months ago. However, he suffered a heart attack and has not taken an active role since. It is not clear right now if a new arbitrator will be appointed or Halevy is well enough to resume his duties.

"We have not come to terms," said Mayor Steve Cappiello last night. "I think that we're not too far away except for the other amenities that they're looking for."

Cappiello, who has conducted several negotiating sessions since Halevy's illness, refused to divulge the terms of the offers made by the

city. However, one source put the wage offer in the range of a 10 percent yearly hike broken down over two six month increments.

The city's last offer was put on the table last week, and was rejected by the union, thus apparently prompting the letter from Solomon.

Neither PBA head Thomas Meehan or the fire officers' chief Bill Bergen could be reached for comment. However, Meehan said some time ago that he expected the talks would go to arbitration in September. He added that his men were not threatening a job action at the time.

The Hoboken Community Development Agency has received a \$30,000 grant from the Department of Community Affairs that will enable the agency to retain two of its planners who otherwise would have been laid off, Fred Bado, Hoboken Community Development Agency director, announced today.

Bado said he is happy the planners, who were primarily working on obtaining grants for the agency, will be able to continue on the payroll.

"I think the fact we obtained the grant speaks well for the work the CDA has been doing," he said.

While the CDA, Bado said, has received the grant for the last two years, the word was this year that there was no money. However, Bado said, the CDA changed its mind.

Bado said as a condition of the grant, Hoboken will be required to work with other cities in New Jersey to show them how they can deal more effectively with grants.

Cop arrested in extortion case placed on desk duty

A Hoboken police sergeant, who had been suspended last week following his arrest on extortion charges, was ordered returned to duty by Public Safety director James Giordano yesterday.

Giordano said Sgt. Michael Lipowski will be assigned to desk duty pending the results of his trial on charges that he and a Passaic patrolman, Darrell Squeeze, extorted money from a Clinton businessman, Marilyn Carey, 32, of Haledon,

was also arrested on charges of extortion and conspiracy.

Lipowski had been suspended without pay over three years ago when he and a fellow officer, James Mancuso, who was also suspended, were indicted on a federal charge of loan sharking. In October 1977 the government charges against both officers were also dropped.

"Sgt. Lipowski hasn't been found guilty of anything and there's no

reason he should be deprived of the right to work and earn a living to support his family," Giordano said.

Lipowski's suspension was ordered by Police Chief George W. Crimmins last week when the charges against him were made public. Crimmins is presently on vacation. Giordano sent his order, lifting the suspension, to the acting police chief, Capt. Anthony Rinaldi.

Giordano also pointed out if Lipowski is found innocent of the

charges, the department might have to pay him back pay for the period of his suspension.

"There is no hard and fast rule concerning suspensions," Giordano said. "The decision is more or less up to the department superiors."

Lipowski, Squeeze and Ms. Carey have been released in \$2,500 bail each. According to Passaic County Prosecutor Joseph Falcone, the three had initiated a shakedown of the businessman.

CUNA group ready for block fete Sunday

By Earl Morgan

The Community United for New Action agency in Hoboken will hold its annual block party on Sunday, an event some of the group's members see as proof they're "still going strong."

The agency, which boasts of being the only grassroots Hispanic organization in the city, will use most of the proceeds from Sunday's affair to buy equipment for boys' and girls' basketball teams.

The block party will be held from noon to midnight on Willow Avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets. A special donation will be solicited to offer a reward for information about the hit-and-run driver of a car that

killed 18-year-old Maritza Lopez of Hoboken last month.

There will be food, raffles and other games of chance offered at the block party, said Juan Garcia, CUNA director.

"We will also have a dance contest and offer trophies to the winners," Garcia said. "In our raffle we will be giving away a 10-speed bicycle," he added.

The music will be supplied by four separate bands that will play from noon to 6 p.m. The music for the rest of the evening will be Salsa and disco, Garcia said.

Working out of a renovated, former fish market at 920 Willow Ave.

since it was organized eight years ago, the organization has grown to a multi-faceted operation that offers youth counseling and tutoring for high school students as well as recreation. The agency also runs an information and referral service.

The group receives a \$53,000 grant from the state Division of Youth and Family Services for the youth counseling program and another \$30,000-a-year from Hoboken's Community Development Agency to operate the information and referral service.

"Our activities are geared toward emphasizing education and breaking the dependency cycle," Garcia said. "We want to encourage the youths to

get a skill and an education."

Garcia points to classes in typing the agency offers as a further example that the emphasis is on training.

"Our typewriters were donated by the Leslie Products Corp., which make matchbox toys," Garcia said. They also donated calculators and toys to us for Christmas."

Garcia and his staff of five also operated a lunch program this year and employed 21 youngsters from the Hudson County CETA program to work for them during the summer.

The agency director said there are plans to offer arts and crafts and cooking classes to the community in the coming months.

Hoboken firemen due to reach pact within two weeks

Hoboken fire unions are expected to reach a contract settlement with the city within the next two weeks, it was announced by city Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Although an exact date for the continuation of negotiations has not been pinned down, and announcement of the next negotiating date is expected before the end of the week.

"We are very close to an agreement and we hope to wrap things up within the next two weeks," Chius said.

A spokesman for the firefighters union corroborated Chius' statement.

"While there are still some things that have to be settled concerning shift hours and a few other items I would say we're close to an agreement," the spokesman said.

Negotiations between the city and the police seem to have hit a snag and police are asking that the talks move into binding arbitration.

According to a spokesman for the Policemen's Benevolent Association, the talks have bogged down over the issue of fringe benefits and "givebacks," items the city is asking

be changed in a new contract. According to PBA officials, the most outstanding giveback the city wants is to renegotiate the matter of mandatory two-man patrol cars on night tours. There are also differences over medical benefits.

The city has offered both the uniformed services a 20 percent increase in salary over the next two years that would be paid in four steps and be retroactive to January.

According to the firefighters union spokesman, the new shift arrangements the union is asking for would amount to two 24-hour shifts per man during the week, with three days off in between.

"This is the same arrangements that's been worked out for firefighters in Union City, North Bergen and other Hudson County communities," the spokesman said. "It's not something completely unknown."

The city has put a counter offer on the table that would substantially offer the same hours with a different schedule.

Cappiello hopes to find tenant to fill vacancy

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said he is willing to listen to suggestions from anyone in finding a new tenant for the building a cardboard box manufacturing firm will abandon when it leaves the city next month.

The management of the Westvaco Corp. Container Co., located at 550 Ninth St., announced earlier this week that it will shut down the plant on Sept. 1. The closing will put the company's 40 employees out of work.

While a spokesman for the firm said other cardboard manufacturers have expressed an interest in the employees Cappiello said it will be difficult to find another occupant for the building.

"The value of a building like this tends to drop considerably when a company moves out," Cappiello said. "After all, it has a limited use and unless another box manufacturer takes it over it will have to be redesigned to suit any other type of operation."

The mayor said while he was disappointed to see the firm move after 50 years of operating in Hoboken, he is hopeful that a way to utilize the building will be found.

The company, which is one of the largest paper firms in the country claims the high overhead it has sustained has made the corrugated box operation unprofitable.

Amato wants DPW overtime slashed

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato said if overtime in his department is not substantially reduced within the next few weeks he will take the matter before the public works committee of the City Council.

During the week of Aug. 10 the department paid \$1,684 in overtime and during another August period, the overtime bill came to \$1,300 for a week.

"I don't believe we should be paying any overtime except in emergency situations," Amato said. "I would rather hire a few extra men and put them out to do the additional work we're paying for in overtime."

Last week a flap developed at the city's public works garage among workers over who is and who isn't getting overtime. Amato said he was contacted by Councilman Lois Fran-

cone, who voiced concern about the overtime being given and the way the assignments are being handed out.

Hoboken municipal employees' union president Jude Fitzgibbons said he intended to ask that a more equitable plan for assigning overtime be devised by public works officials.

Yesterday, if Fitzgibbons said he was satisfied that a better system of assigning overtime, based on

seniority and in rotation, is being utilized.

But, Amato said when Public Works supervisor Roy Haack returns from his vacation next week he wants to sit down with him and discuss ways of eliminating the need for overtime.

"At the rate this is going we could pay out nearly \$2,000 this year just in overtime. I've got to think of the tax payers and what this is costing

them," Amato said.

The Public Works director also said his office spent \$1,000 last week in overtime for workers in the water department.

"But, that was an emergency situation," Amato claimed. "That money was paid to guys who worked to repair a broken 16-inch main at Observer Highway and Garden Street."

"Spending money for overtime in an emergency situation like that is understandable."

Hero fire captain again pulls two from river

Hoboken Fire Capt. Carman Gullo has again saved a resident from drowning in the Hudson River.

Gullo, who doesn't like to talk about his feats, quietly fills out a report after it happens and files it away, so few people usually know about it.

The 57-year-old's latest waterfront rescue took place Saturday afternoon about 600 feet off the

Fourth Street pier in Hoboken, when he pulled two youths out of the water. Gullo made two other rescues earlier in the year, saving the lives of four persons.

First there was a sailboat that capsized and Gullo took the city's fireboat and jumped into the water to save two men. Then he rescued two youths who got caught in the high tide of the Hudson River outside the Maxwell House plant.

Saturday, Gullo was doing some repair work to the Fourth Street pier, which will be used by the city for the River City Fair in two weeks.

As he went about his work he noticed two youths about 600 feet from the pier apparently caught up in the high tide.

While one youth seemed to be holding his own the other, Juan Soto,

17, had a leg cramp and was barely keeping himself up.

Gullo grabbed the city's fire boat, parked at the pier, threw a line to Soto and rescued him and then the other boy.

"It was really nothing," said Gullo when asked by The Jersey Journal about the incident. "I'm just doing my job."

And doing a good one at that.

Amato gives sweepers brush-off; both out again

By Earl Morgan

Like most other Hudson communities, there will be no street sweeping in Hoboken on Labor Day. That's just as well, since the city's two main sweeping machines are back in the garage for the third time in the past two weeks.

Public Works Director Andrew Amato would like to replace the machines with either humans mowing brooms or a different type of sweeper.

"I think the street sweepers are

useless," Amato commented after being told the machines are once again out of commission. "I think we would be better off if we took the money we spend to repair the sweepers and hired 30 men to clean the streets with brooms," Amato said.

The director said the sweepers are too "delicate for use in the city. Those machines are for use on highways or parkways," Amato said. "Here in the city there are too many potholes or cans and bottles that can throw the sweeper out of whack, mess

up the machinery."

Amato said a different type of sweeper could answer the city's needs.

"The sweepers we use now clean the streets by creating a vacuum to suck up dirt and rubbish. If we're going to use machines, I think we should go to the sweepers that are equipped with a large cylinder-like brush attached on the back of them."

While the two main sweepers are being repaired the city still has one small sweeper operating that Amato

said is adequate to handle just a small portion of the city.

In addition there are six men with brooms on a street-cleaning detail. Amato said he thinks it is worth giving some serious thought to expanding the number of men pushing brooms and retire the sweepers.

"I don't have an exact figure on just how many times the sweepers have been broken down in the nearly eight years we've had them," Amato said, "but right from the beginning they've been nothing but trouble."

Meter maid fleet proposed

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The streets may soon be patrolled by a special police force concerned only with the city's metered parking spaces.

Meter maids will be coming to Hoboken if Parking Authority Director Joseph Hottendorf has his way.

An ordinance creating the force of "special police" operating under the authority is in final stages of preparation. The ordinance was actually introduced before full council at last week's caucus, but was withdrawn because of a technical error in the wording.

It will be reintroduced next week, and if the council goes along with the idea, the meter readers should be on the streets by October.

The force, which will only have the power to ticket vehicles, is expected to save the city some money.

"It will free the police for other things," said Hottendorf. "What they have budgeted for \$15,000 will cost the Parking Authority only \$7,000."

He explained that about 150 hours a week have been budgeted for the project, which should cost less than \$30,000 a year. There will be one full-time position with an annual salary of \$7,000, with the remaining time filled by part-timers.

Hottendorf emphasized that they will not have the power to order cars towed away.

"The legal term is special police, but they are meter maids with only the power to enforce parking violations," he said. "They can do nothing else but that."

Hottendorf also said that another resolution aimed at creating a special fund to build some badly needed parking lots in the city will also be considered soon by the council's parking committee.

The ordinance will seek to divert some \$65,000 in funds from the city's parking meters, which now goes toward the authority's debt service.

Instead the money could be put into a special account, so that if land does become available, cash would be available for at least a down payment on the property.

Hoboken cops want binding arbitration

By Earl Morgan

The Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association plans to seek binding arbitration to settle current contract negotiations with the city.

PBA Vice President Charles Kosbab confirmed yesterday that he has instructed the union's attorney, David Solomon, to ask the state Public Employment Relations Commission's assigned arbitrator, Irving Halevy, to set a date, late next month, for an arbitration session.

Kosbab said the matter might have gone to arbitration sooner but the arbitrator had suffered a heart attack.

"Now that he's well, we're ready to move for binding arbitration," Kosbab said. The late September date was requested to give union president Thomas Meehan time to come back from his vacation.

Kosbab said fringe benefits and "givebacks" the city is asking for are the main stumbling blocks, rather than the wage package that has been offered to the city's cops. Kosbab indicated the city wanted to renegotiate the matter of mandatory two-man patrol cars on night tours and some

questions concerning medical fringe benefits have not been resolved.

"We tried to reach some agreement with the city during the summer on these matters but we didn't get anywhere," Kosbab said.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, replied, "I'd like to have Utopia, too. Remember, we're still in the process of negotiating with the fire-fighters bargaining units and I have to have a settlement that will be agreeable to the city council."

The city has offered both the police and fire unions a 20 percent increase in salary over the next two years. That would be paid in four steps and be retroactive to January.

The uniformed services would receive a raise of \$884 in January 1981, and \$928 in January, 1982. Also there are two retroactive payments of \$797, from January, and another \$836 from July of this year.

The firefighters have not yet responded to the offer. None of the representatives of the Hoboken local of the International Association of Firefighters was available for comment yesterday.

Overtime given to privileged few?

According to Hoboken Public Works director Andrew Amato 10 of his employees, who worked overtime last weekend, collectively earned \$1,600.

Amato said he feels that the amount of overtime in his department should be cut and the overtime assignments that are given out should be spread throughout the work force.

A squabble reportedly broke out at the city's Public Works garage on Monday between public works employees over who is getting overtime assignments.

"I did hear there have been some arguments concerning overtime," Amato said. "I was contacted by Councilman Louis Franccone, who said he is concerned about the amount of overtime we're paying in the public works department."

Amato said he supported Franccone's contention that the Public Works Department is paying too much in overtime.

Amato said much of the work done last weekend involved cleaning up after the annual River City Fair. One employee earned \$297 in overtime pay. The highest overtime check was for \$387 according to Amato.

When asked why, if he doesn't support the department's overtime policy, he approved the payments, Amato said he does not make overtime assignments.

"Except for a couple of emergencies I have never made an overtime assignment," Amato said. "That is done by the public works supervisors."

Amato said if there is a need in some instances for overtime it should be shared among the entire work force to stop squabbles similar to the one that occurred Monday.

"I think everyone who wants it should be given the opportunity to earn some overtime if we are going to allow any," Amato said.

Wilson wants rules to govern block parties

Hoboken Councilman E. Norman Wilson wants to see formal rules and regulations instituted to govern the obtaining of permits for block parties in the city.

The councilman has requested the city law department to draw up rules aimed at regulating the hours and the volume of noise generated at block parties.

Wilson said his action was prompted by an affair held in the Wallace School yard during the weekend.

"I received several calls from people complaining of the noise," Wilson said. "The affair started at 12 p.m. and continued for about 11 hours. Many people complained they were having trouble getting their children to sleep."

Wilson said much of the problem is caused by "loud amplified music that's played at the affairs. I believe affairs of this type violate the hospitality of the people of Hoboken and should be regulated," Wilson said.

According to the councilman, the only thing a group wishing to have a block party need do at the present is notify the city's Department of Public Works and the police.

"I think there should be some check made on the sponsors of the block party to make sure they are residents of the neighborhood," Wilson said.

Mustard Seed plans for its second year

The Mustard Seed Christian School, Hoboken, an independent educational institution for students from kindergarten through sixth grade, will begin its second year with more than 150 percent increase in enrollment.

The school, operated by a private corporation — the Palisades Christian Ministry — opened last September with a total of 19 charter students. It will open next month with more than 50 students registered.

Housed in the former Martha Institute, Sixth Street and Park Avenue, owned by the Hoboken Community Church, capacity attendance is set at 60 students.

"It has been an incredible year," said a spokesman for the corporation, "with individualized instruction and

much outside school activity." To handle its enlarged classes, more teachers have been hired. A sliding-scale tuition fee will be continued. In addition, tuition aid is available.

Guided by headmaster Larry Litman, formerly of San Clemente, Calif., the curriculum offers a heavy academic emphasis on reading and mathematics along with science, music and fine arts.

Studies of music and art are followed by field trips to various museums and concerts in New York and the vicinity. A session on colonial history was concluded during the year with an overnight trip to Washington, D.C., and Williamsburg, Va.

Hoboken bike path at dead end? 8/30/80

By Earl Morgan

"After six years of planning and working, hopes for a bicycle path on Sinatra Drive are at an end," Councilman Robert Ranieri of Hoboken said yesterday.

But other city officials disagreed, claiming plans for the bike path haven't been scuttled — just put on a back burner for a while.

The councilman said that in conversations he's had with state Department of Transportation officials he was informed a decision by the Hudson County Transportation Advisory Committee to use state funding for another project virtually killed off the bike path.

But Joseph Hottendorf, Hoboken Parking Authority director, and a

member of the Hudson County Transportation Advisory Committee, as well as Mayor Steve Cappiello, said they think the bike path could still be constructed.

Instead of the bike path, funds will be used to put new traffic lights up in the city as part of a push for more vehicular and pedestrian safety throughout the county by the Hudson County planning office.

"The way I understood the situation, because of a substantial reduction in state and federal funding the county is going to restrict all projects it approves to traffic safety," Hottendorf said.

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dorf said. "I don't think that eliminates the possibility of the bike path, it's just being held in abeyance until the funding picture changes."

Cappiello, who is also a freeholder, essentially echoed Hottendorf's comments. "The funding picture has changed drastically in the past few months," he said. The number of dollars received by the county has been drastically reduced but I don't think the bike path is dead, it's just been sidelined until more money can be found.

Beginning with a \$30,000 DOT grant, funds for the bike path project that was spearheaded by Ranieri

were increased to more than \$130,000 last year.

Under recent DOT regulations, approval of all programs involving funds from that agency must be given approval by the Hudson County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) before matching funds granted the county by the state agency can be released. "If the TAC says no, that means no matching money and no project," Ranieri said.

A spokesman for the county planning office that coordinates projects involving DOT and other federal and state funds, said most of the cost figures for the bike path were coming in very high at the same time state

and federal dollars are on the decline.

While Cappiello and Hottendorf felt the program may be funded sometime in the future, Ranieri said he's been told that the money will revert to the DOT for use in some other city that wants a bike path.

"I am obviously very upset," Ranieri said. "This is a project I worked hard for, persuaded the city council and the mayor to approve, got the funds from the state only to have it end like this."

Ranieri said the hit and run killing of a Hoboken girl on Sinatra Drive last month underscored the need to improve safety along the roadway.

"The bike path," Ranieri said,

"would provide for a divider that would have made space for bikers, joggers and baby carriages to travel along that road. The plan was to make it attractive to plant a row of hedges that would separate the bike lane."

The issue of the bike lane has been hotly contested in the city almost since it was suggested by Ranieri. For the past five years the measure has been through a number of revisions. In March of 1978 plans were announced for a ribbon cutting ceremony opening the path to bikers during the summer of that year. Engineering and architectural studies delayed the project.

Advisory positions may soon be filled 9/21/80

After a full year of inactivity, Hoboken's Community Advisory Council may be meeting shortly.

Fifteen of the 18 members of the council, which advises Hoboken's Community Development Agency on its various projects, resigned in the summer of 1979 after a \$50 pay stipend that had been paid to members for attending the twice-monthly meeting was discontinued.

Fred Bado, Hoboken Community Development director, said today he will submit the names of six representatives to sit on the board to Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Bado said they were picked from 20 applicants. One was picked from each ward.

The CDA director said he is only submitting six names to the mayor, even though there are still nine vacancies on the board, because most of the applicants were white males.

Bado said the federal government wants at least nine members of Hispanic origin on the board and at least one black.

Bill may solve Hoboken sidewalk sale ban

By JEFF KISSELOFF

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Relief could be on the way for city merchants who have complained that their businesses suffer because of fire department standards that force them to remove goods from in front of their stores.

City Councilman Robert Ranieri, who owns a furniture store on Washington Street, said yesterday that he may introduce legislation to the council which

would allow the merchants to keep goods in the vestibules, and at the same time satisfy the standards set by the fire department.

The merchants are upset after receiving warnings from the fire department informing them that they will be fined if they do not discontinue the practice.

The fire department maintains that the practice of putting goods in the vestibules is in violation of the city's fire code. However, the merchants claim the prac-

tice is a necessary one in order to attract customers into their stores.

A bit of semantics seems to enter into the fray, as the fire code cited by Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo is not clear as to the extent the vestibules must remain clear. Article 11, Section 11.1 B says only that the exits must not be obstructed. Both Gullo and Fire Marshal Ray Falco interpreted the law to say that the entire vestibule must remain free of any goods.

"As far as I'm concerned anything in the vestibule is an obstruction," said Gullo. Ranieri disagreed, saying he thought it was a question of degree and if the goods were not blocking the doorway itself they did not necessarily present a hazard.

Ranieri was asked if he would support a bill that would allow merchants to continue using the vestibules if the goods were far enough away from the exits so they would not present a hazard.



Islamic influence is evidenced in the painting by artist Arline J. Lederman, pictured with her husband, Dean Edward A. Friedman, in their home on the Stevens Institute of Technology campus. Dr. Friedman is serving as senior vice president of the Afghanistan Relief Committee Inc., and his wife is an advisor to the Relief committee.



Tassels which adorn camels or tents in Afghanistan special occasions are held by 10-year-old Kerim Friedman, shown being outfitted by his mother with head gear worn by Afghan boys. Mrs. Friedman, known professionally as artist Arline J. Lederman, studied native crafts of Afghanistan under a Fulbright-Hayes grant.

Their hearts are heavy over Afghanistan 8/8/80

By Catherine Laux

The hearts of the Edward A. Friedman family are heavy these days as they think of the plight of their numerous friends in Afghanistan.

Dean of the undergraduate college at Stevens Institute of Technology, Dr. Friedman went to Afghanistan to teach in 1965 and was part of an American consortium formed to develop Kabul University's engineering college. His concern about his Afghan friends has led him to his present volunteer work as senior vice president of the Afghanistan Relief Committee Inc. His wife, known professionally as artist Arline J. Lederman, studied Afghan crafts under a Fulbright-Hayes grant and serves as an advisor to the Relief committee.

The Colonial home which the Friedmans occupy next door to the Stevens Center houses many Afghan artifacts, and the couple and their two sons have found memories of moments shared with their Afghan counterparts.

"There is an identification between the Americans and Afghans," Dr. Friedman observes. "Both value human dignity and individually. There is a similar sense of humor and a playfulness with children."

The Stevens dean notes that the Afghans were trying to establish an open, democratic society prior to the Soviet invasion. "The king ruling the country was voluntarily relinquishing his power to a parliament."

Dr. Friedman's wife, who camped with her children in outlying districts to study native crafts, got to know a great deal about the Afghans through their arts.

"There are varied racial types, a synthesis of Central Asian people," he declares. "Twenty-two languages are spoken and there are 17 tribal divisions." Persian is the major language, followed by Pashto spoken on the Northwestern frontier, she adds.

Until 1967 the Afghans promoted English as the major foreign language learned in the schools, the couple recalls. The Soviets now plan to make Russian the major tongue.

Carpets, embroidery and jewelry are among the traditional art forms, notes Mrs. Friedman, who, as Arline Lederman, is assistant professor in the Department of Fine Arts at the School of Fine and Performing arts of Montclair State College and director of art education at the college. She created the first art history course at the School of Architecture at Kabul University.

"Art is woven into the lives of the people," she explains. "Embroidery is a part of the daily dress, not just for special occasions."

Jewelry is not only an art, but a status symbol and investment. The

women gravitate toward showy silver and carnelian jewelry.

Among the Friedmans' treasured mementoes of Afghan days are ornamental tassels hung on camels for such special occasions as a bridal procession or on tents of newlyweds. "Today you might see them on a new truck belonging to a business," Friedman declares.

Mrs. Friedman has tender memories of a talented son of a Khirgiz chief who came down with the mountain with his paintings. She arranged an exhibition of his work. His tribe was located in a cold region high in the mountains, where natives lived in round felt tents and wore layers of clothing. Her young protegee and his fellow tribesmen are now among refugees belonging to a tribe that has settled in a very cold region.

In fact, there have been suggestions made that the entire tribe migrate to Alaska, where they would find the climate to their liking, Mrs. Friedman reports.

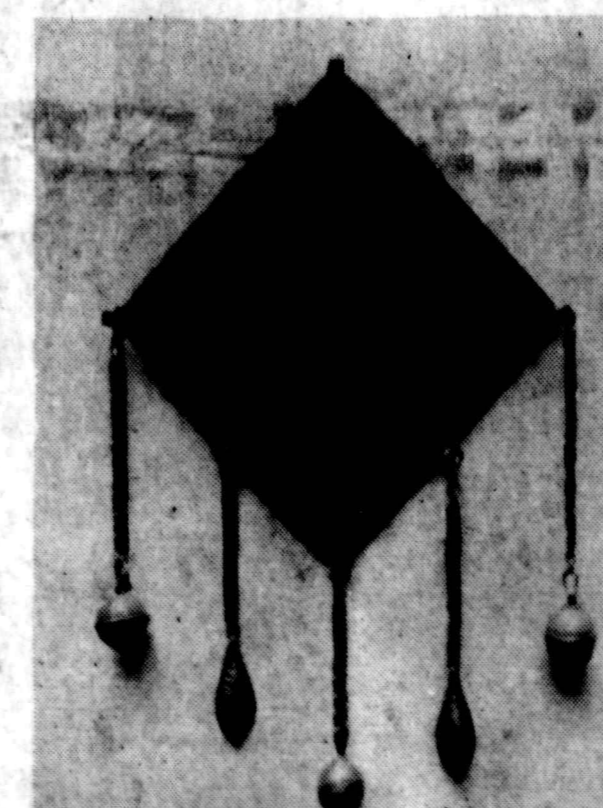
Actually, the Afghans want to go no place but home, she adds. "Students studying abroad had a low rate of attrition and returned to their homes," the Friedmans reports. "The Afghans refugees have a fierce devotion to their country."

The relief work conducted by Dr. Friedman's committee, is concentrated in Pakistan, particularly along the Afghanistan border area. "This is a very sensitive area," Dr. Friedman reports. The refugees are situated in a number of camps in this desolate region, where there is little food and fuel, he notes. There are thought to be a million Afghan refugees in Pakistan; numbers in Iran cannot be calculated.

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Treasured artifact from the family's stay in Afghanistan is held by artist Arline J. Lederman, whose husband, Dean Edward A. Friedman of Stevens Institute of Technology was instrumental in the development of Kabul University's engineering college there.



Jewelry from Afghanistan adorns a wall of the Hoboken home of the Edward J. Friedman family on the Stevens Institute campus.

Laid off aide volunteers to run disco 8/23/80

Hoboken's laid off teenage recreation coordinator, Maurice Fitzgibbons, has volunteered his services to hold discos for teens.

Mary Ellen Gallo, the city's recreation coordinator, said that Fitzgibbons is concerned that there are currently no recreation programs in Hoboken for teenagers.

"He decided to volunteer his services because he wants the teens to have something to do," she said. "It's a very heart-warming thing for him to do."

Mrs. Gallo said the first holiday disco is scheduled for Halloween night.

Runners race to wish Hoboken a happy 125th 9/19/80

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A five-mile race through the Mile Square City will highlight Hoboken's gala 125th birthday party on Saturday, Sept. 27.

The race will be just one of several special attractions planned for the day-long festivities, says the man running them, Parking Authority Director Joseph Hottendorf.

Hottendorf said the party will begin at 8 a.m., when Washington Street from First to Seventh Streets will be closed off to traffic. Filling the streets will be ethnic bands and dancers, the works of local artists, booths, and, says Hottendorf, "half the people of Hoboken."

"We don't have a big budget (\$2,000). But you do the best you can. I'm always amazed at the turnout. Of course, we

always have perfect weather for the day. I order it that way," he said with a laugh.

Hottendorf added that a rock and roll band called "Pegasus" will also be entertaining in Stevens Park. Students of the Tracy Everett Dancing School will perform at 3 p.m.

The five-mile race is being coordinated by Health and Welfare Director James Farina, who said yesterday that the exact

route is still being planned. He did say that it will start at City Hall and take the runners along River Road with its scenic view of the Manhattan skyline.

Registration for the race is \$1, and \$3 with a T-shirt. Runners can register at the Uptown Recreation Center at 12th Street and Willow Avenue or the firehouse at Fifth and Grand Streets. The Hoboken Jaycees will be donating trophies and medals for the winners.

Law hinders T-shirt sale 8/19/80

Hoboken purchased 400 T-shirts at \$4 each to sell at Hoboken's 125th anniversary celebration Saturday but recreation officials, who ordered the shirts, were able to sell only a few.

It seems that James Farina, Hoboken Health and Welfare director, was unaware that the shirts couldn't be sold at the festival because of a new ordinance prohibiting street sales.

When a recreation worker set up a stand at Fifth and Washington street to sell them she was stopped by police who told her it was illegal. Farina said he was unaware of the ordinance but said 75 shirts were sold before the police stopped the recreation worker from selling the shirts.

PATH riders are guarded by 'angels'

By Demmick Peace

Is the PATH system in need of extra police protection? The New York-based Guardian Angels think so. But the Port Authority isn't so sure.

According to Curtis "Rock" Sliwa, the leader of the organization, there are two main reasons for the group's move.

"We have many volunteers coming from New Jersey, from Jersey City, Hoboken and Newark, and instead of them coming all the way into the different boroughs of New York City, they could be of use in the PATH system."

"Also the PATH system is not a high crime subway and we believe our presence will make it even safer."

Jersey City Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith commented on the move: "I applaud any citizen participation in the apprehension of criminals."

"As far as the Guardian Angels are concerned, though, I would like to see them more closely tied in with the Port Authority Police. I'm sure the passengers would be more comfortable with this group being trained and supervised by the authorities."

Peter Monahan, of the Port Authority's public affairs department declared, "As long as these young people are paying the fare and riding the trains as normal passengers, there will be no problems."

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The Guardian Angels are now riding the PATH trains in the hopes of helping police protect the riders. The riders and the Port Authority have mixed feelings.

Guardian Angels ride PATH to keep it safe

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"We do not appreciate their presence on the trains as a protection patrol. We have enough manpower to handle any problems that would occur. If the Guardian Angels are spotted riding back and forth on the trains as if patrolling, they could be arrested for loitering, the same as civilians."

"We received the same argument from the New York City Transit Police," said Sliwa. "After we proved ourselves, the Transit Police became more receptive."

There has been no confrontation to date concerning the patrolling. The Angels have been riding back and forth since the end of the PATH strike Sept. 1. Sliwa stated.

"Just prior to the strike we started orientating groups with the PATH system. Since we've been patrolling we have not had any negative reactions from the PATH police... of course there has been no positive response, either. The PATH police seem to be a bit confused about our presence."

Sliwa went on. "Our organization has been in existence for a year and a half and we've taken part in 88 New York arrests. While on the PATH trains we've helped in two arrests, one in Newark (a pickpocket) and one in the World Trade Center (a purse snatching)."

Lt. Frank Carcich of the PATH police stated, "We are not condoning their activity. But we appreciate any help we can get from private citizens."

"I believe that the Guardian Angels give passengers a false sense of security. Their presence may precipitate trouble instead of preventing it."

"Last weekend the Angels did observe a purse snatcher and held him until the PATH police came to arrest him, but this could have been

done by a private citizen." The Guardian Angels are now nearly 500 strong and the ages of the men and women are between 15 and 38. The school-aged are required to be attending school and all others are to be gainfully employed. They first came into existence a year and a half ago for the purpose of helping to protect commuters on the New York subway system.

The volunteers are first tested physically then emotionally to weed out the ones who are hot-headed or cannot take directions from superiors.

According to "Rock", "The people who want to join are either adept in some sort of self-defense or we train them. Our members are not allowed to carry any form of weapons."

"If one of our patrols runs into a situation where an attacker is carrying a gun or a knife and they are threatening a rider, we will not jump out like superheroes in order to stop him. That would only startle him. We would wait until the victim was safe then we would pursue the attacker."

Passengers were asked for their reaction to seeing the "Angels" on the New York/New Jersey trains. It was split, some said, "This is New Jersey we don't have the need for extra protection." Others said, "The 'Angels' are a familiar sight, the added protection can't hurt."

Jersey may get co-op library networks

You're doing research on a school term paper and you need a magazine article but neither your school library nor your local library subscribes to that magazine.

You want to take out a book from an out-of-town library but you can't until you get a library card.

You'd like a recording of a Shakespearean play but it's not available through your library and nobody knows where you can get one.

These are some of the problems investigated by New Jersey's County and Municipal Government Study Commission, headed by State Sen. William V. Musto of Union City.

The commission published a report on "The Development of Libraries and Networks: Prospective Roles and Responsibilities" which offers general recommendations to solve those problems.

Trenton's legislative services office is preparing a draft bill that will seek to put into action those proposals and that bill should be ready in a month, according to Samuel Alito, the office's research director.

Jersey City Library Director Ben Grimm says the commission is pushing for the creation of "voluntary regional library cooperatives" under which the various libraries in an area would contract to operate under nonprofit corporations.

Each library cooperative would hire an ex-

ecutive director and staff to oversee library services for that region. Local library directors, however, would be retained. Whether additional state aid would be required to fund such a setup isn't yet clear.

Such a cooperative system could tie into the same reference "network" not only the various municipal libraries but also the private collections maintained by schools and colleges in the region.

As a result, a book or periodical unavailable at any Jersey City library branch might be traced to a branch in Newark, elsewhere in the region or, ultimately, in whatever region that has the material being sought.

In certain cases, it may be possible for the local library to obtain a reprint of an article from a magazine and thereby save the applicant a trip out of town.

Another improvement Grimm says the cooperative system might bring about is the introduction of a uniform library card that can be used throughout the state, thereby eliminating some of the red tape delaying a prospective borrower.

In its June 1980 report, the Musto study commission expressed particular concern about a statewide "decline in new book purchases" by public libraries.

This lag the commission felt was even more distressing "at a time when publishing companies

are continuing high levels of publication of new materials... The purchase of less library material in the face of its greater availability is not a good sign.

"Since the ongoing purchase of new library materials is the core of library services, the current trend toward fewer new purchases can, in time, mean a lowering of library service levels..."

The commission believes that the trend toward fewer new materials must be stopped, if not reversed... Generally there needs to be a greater emphasis upon promoting investment in the basic services of bookborrowing, reading and reference," the report says.

Implementing the voluntary cooperative system, through which state library aid would be funneled, could give the region's public libraries improved buying power and direction in filling shelves with those needed new books, magazines and records, the commission contends.

Ex-restaurateur still bakes

By Maureen Nolan

When Rudolph and Lydia Schaefer sold their Hoboken restaurant back in 1972, it didn't signal the end of Mrs. Schaefer's days as a baking specialist.

Instead of retiring from the baking scene, the North Bergen resident continued to turn out mouth-watering desserts for a privileged few — her family, which includes husband Rudolph, daughters Evelyn and Barbara and grandchildren Lydia, Jennifer and John and the lucky participants in the annual North Bergen Folk Festival held in North Bergen's Scheutzen Park.

As a member of the Fritz Reuter Altenheim Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Schaefer has supplied the festival with her delicious German apple cake and other tempting treats for the last six years. Now, as president of the auxiliary, she spends much of her leisure time organizing charitable events to raise funds for the Fritz Reuter Home.

When she's not busy with her club work, Mrs. Schaefer enjoys taking care of home and family and one of her favorite tasks is keeping her clan happy at mealtimes, a job which presents no problem for Mrs. Schaefer. "I love to cook and to bake," she states. "I really enjoy both tremendously."

It's no wonder, since she has been doing both with exceptional skill since she was a little girl watching her mother whip up dinners and desserts in the family kitchen.

Later, when she married and began cooking for her growing family, and then for the family restaurant, her early training paid off. Her baked goods were always the biggest sellers.

Here is Mrs. Schaefer's recipe for German apple cake, perhaps her most popular dessert.

German apple cake

Three-quarter pound butter
One and one-half cups sugar
One teaspoon vanilla
Six eggs
Two cups flour
One-quarter teaspoon baking soda
Six large apples, peeled and sliced
Cinnamon sugar

Blend butter and sugar until fluffy. Add vanilla and eggs, one by one. Mix well.

Add flour and baking soda. Mix until dough is creamy.

Spread evenly in a 12x16 inch pan. Lay apples on top. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.

Bake for 40 minutes in preheated 350 degree oven.



Water limits put on Jersey City, Hoboken

By DIANE CURCIO
Staff Writer

Gov. Brendan T. Byrne yesterday extended the mandatory ban on non-essential water use to 11 more northeastern New Jersey communities, including Hoboken and Jersey City, where the drought and unchecked consumption are also sapping supplies to critically low levels.

The governor announced the order following a meeting with the Emergency Water Task Force yesterday. Byrne said the ban was expanded because conservation efforts are falling short. "I am advised we could be saving twice the amount of water that conservation measures have produced so far without any real hardship," Byrne said in a prepared statement.

On Saturday the governor issued a ban to 88 communities served by the Commonwealth and Hackensack Water companies. The new directive concerns Hoboken and Jersey City, which are served by the Jersey City Water Co.; and Lyndhurst, Pequannock, Belleville, Bloomfield, Nutley, West Caldwell, Wayne, Elizabeth, and Newark, which are fed by the Newark Water Supply. The order bans such non-essential water uses as lawn sprinkling and car washing.

Moreover, for the first time the governor urged residents throughout the state to begin voluntary water conservation.

The governor said conservation measures

have had some impact on the low water supplies but not enough. The task force reportedly advised the governor that curtailing industrial and commercial use may become necessary soon if citizens do not cooperate with the order and more rain is not forthcoming.

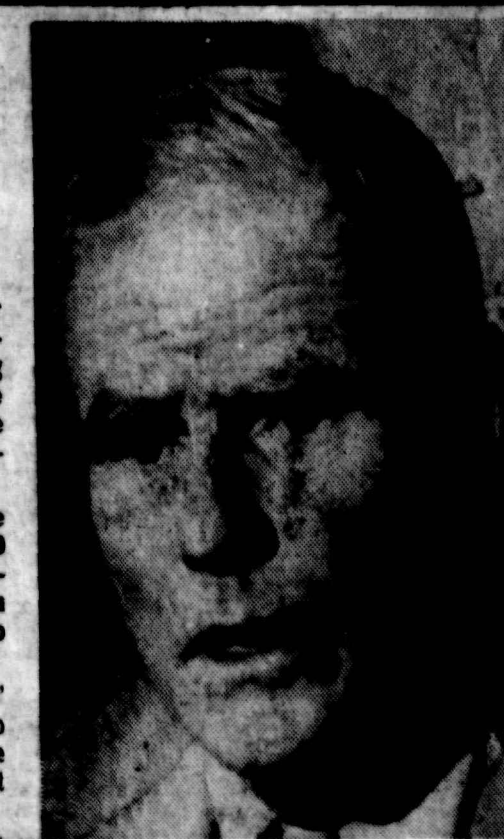
Martha Green, a spokeswoman for the Hackensack Water Co., which services 800,000 customers in North Hudson and Bergen counties, said conservation reduced water use on Tuesday to 87.5 million gallons, compared to a high of 136.2 million on Sept. 2.

She said the cutbacks are "encouraging" but rain is essential to resolve the crisis. Two of the Hackensack Water Co.'s reservoirs are dry while the other two are at 30 percent of capacity, Green said.

The Newark Water Supply is at 45.6 percent capacity at its Pequannock reserve, according to utility Manager Dan Berardinelli. He said the Wanaque reserve, 40 percent owned by Newark, has dipped to 50 percent of capacity.

Officials from the Jersey City Water Co. could not be reached to discuss the situation last night.

Berardinelli said 10 million gallons are already being diverted daily from the North Jersey District Water Supply to the Hackensack Water Co. to alleviate the shortage. He said Commonwealth, which services 125,000 customers in the northeastern portion of the state, receives 5 million gallons daily from the Elizabethtown Water Co.



Gov. Brendan T. Byrne
We could save twice as much

The redistributing plan was put into effect this week by the Emergency Task Force. The task force is composed of representatives from the Board of Public Utilities, Department of Environmental Protection, the Attorney General's Office and the State Police.

25-story apartment planned for Hoboken

By Randolph Diamond

A development firm, owned by the Reynolds Aluminum Co., has proposed constructing a 25-story apartment building and a 54-unit low-rise garden apartment complex in Hoboken.

Under the proposal by the Presidential Development Co., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reynolds Aluminum, the 25-story building would be constructed at Second and River streets and the garden apartment complex would be built on land bounded by Grand Street, Second Street, Newark Street and Jefferson Street. Neither site is being used.

The 25-story building would consist of 175 units. Most would be rented for market rates starting at \$500 a month and the rest would be subsidized for low and middle income persons, according to Frederick Jackson, director of the planned project.

All the units in the high-rise building, he said, would be one and two-bedroom units. The garden apartment project would consist of three three-story buildings and two two-story buildings, Jackson said. The apartments would all be rent subsidized. There would be 38 two-bedroom units, eight three-bedroom units and 10 one-bedroom units.

Jackson, city officials and city council members are scheduled to meet today to formally discuss the proposal.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto said he was very optimistic about both projects and said he feels the availability of the subsidized units in both projects could help alleviate the problem of Hoboken residents, especially seniors, being relocated out of Hoboken because their rents are being driven up due to the current city renaissance.

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Both sites are now owned by the Hoboken Housing Authority. The Presidential Development Co. has offered to pay \$170,000 for the site at Second and River streets and \$21,000 for the site bounded by Newark Street, Grand Street, Second Street and Jefferson Street.

A high rise Ramada Inn had been planned for Second and River

streets for a number of years but that deal fell through.

The Presidential Development Co. has proposed both projects in conjunction with the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, which would make the development company eligible for federal funding.

Joseph Caliguire, Hoboken Housing Authority executive director, said the project was "very promising."

Caliguire gave credit to Andrew Scherer, chairman of the hous-

ing authority board of directors, for interesting the development company in the proposal.

"It was entirely his work," said Caliguire.

Jackson said his company is definitely committed to the project and feels construction could start by mid-1981 if everything goes on schedule.

He said the proposals were preliminary ones and that Presidential was willing to be flexible in

modifying the projects if city and housing authority officials want any changes.

Jackson said the Presidential Development Company is 20 years old and has developed more than 20,000 apartment units throughout the United States. The company is based in Syracuse, N.Y.

One of its latest projects, he said, was the recent completion of a 107-unit senior citizens complex in Dover.

Hoboken taking second crack at census

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Less than three days before the preliminary census figures are due to arrive, the city is determined that it will not get caught with its numbers down.

Unofficial numbers released last week indicated that the city's population figure had fallen considerably from the 1970 level of 45,000. As a result, the cuts in federal and state contributions would put a serious strain on an already-stretched budget.

Yesterday, the first teams of police

officers and workers paid with federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act funds were dispatched into the neighborhoods to prepare for an eventual challenge of the figures.

The teams will have 10 days once the numbers are released to come up with proof that there was undercount, and CETA chief George Crimmons Jr., who is coordinating the operation in confidence, the effort will be successful.

"We've been in this ballgame before. We challenged them successfully before. We expected this to happen. That's why we're prepared," he said.

"We've already contacted people in different neighborhoods and found that a lot of people haven't been approached by the census takers."

Persons who have not been contacted by the census bureau are asked to call 420-2126 so they can be counted by the city.

Crimmons said approximately 30 areas around the city are targets for rechecking. "These are areas that are older or rundown or have a lot of new housing," he said, noting that some of the areas that will be checked in the survey are Willow Avenue and Madison, Monroe and Jefferson streets.

The use of police officers to help with the challenge met with some early opposition from the department. That situation was quickly straightened out during meetings held earlier in the week.

"It is good for the men," said Public Safety Director James Giordano. "They'll get to know their neighborhoods and the people better, and they will still be on duty if they have to answer a call."

Giordano said firefighters will not be used in the recount effort. If there is fire, he said, the communications system is not equipped well enough to summon them back to headquarters in time.

Parity sought by municipal union

Talks between the Hoboken municipal employees' union and the city are scheduled for today and the union president says he wants the same wage package for his membership the city is offering other bargaining units.

Hoboken Municipal Employees Union president Jude Fitzgibbons,

would not give any specifics of the wage package being sought but he said, "we're looking for the same wage agreement other city unions have been offered."

The city made an offer to both the police and the fire unions of a 20 percent increase in salary, spread over a

two-year period.

Municipal employee union representatives are scheduled to meet with business administrator Edwin Chius and Councilman Robert Ranieri in Chius' City Hall office today at 6:30 p.m. for the bargaining session.

The union has been working

without a contract since Dec. 31. Fitzgibbons said as part of the new contract the union is seeking for a paid eyeglass plan and another paid holiday.

"Dan Vaienti, whom I appointed, will act as captain of our negotiating team," Fitzgibbons said.

8 schools don't need comprehensive reviews

Eight of the 23 schools in Hudson County selected last month for comprehensive program reviews don't need them, the Hudson County superintendent of schools office disclosed today.

Each of the 15 schools that do need a comprehensive program review will be visited this fall by a team of educators, selected by the state, who will recommend changes each school should make to raise the test scores of its students.

The 23 schools that had been originally selected were chosen on the basis of static or declining low scores

in the state basic skills test. But school districts were allowed to submit arguments by Aug. 15 why the original selections were wrong. Eight of the local rebuttals were accepted by the county office.

One argument, by the Hoboken Board of Education, that was accepted said that Hoboken High School's test scores couldn't be compared properly because only last year was the ninth grade assigned to the high school. In past years it had been at a junior high school.

Theodore Sanchez, program coordinator

for the county, said the other seven successful rebuttals argued that the schools showed improvement on other tests, such as the California Achievement Test and California Test for Basic Skills, even if not on the state test.

The other schools removed from the original list were Leinhardt School in Hoboken, and School 35 in Jersey City, both originally selected for a comprehensive program review in both reading and math; and Washington School, Harrison, and Schools 34, 23, 30 and 6 in Jersey City,

all originally selected for a comprehensive program review in reading only.

The 15 schools that will be subject to a comprehensive program review are:

• Jersey City Schools 42, 28 and 18 in math only.
• Waters School, Union City, and Jersey City Schools 17, 41 and 15 and Ferris High School in reading only.
• Edison School, Union City, and Jersey City Schools 38, 37, 24 and 5 and Lincoln and Dickinson high schools in both reading and math.

Hottendorf sees residential parking lots OK'd

The executive director of the Hoboken Parking Authority said today he is optimistic that the City Council will approve funds for the construction of residential parking lots in the city.

Joseph Hottendorf said he feels the council will approve funds for the badly-needed residential parking facilities.

At last week's council meeting an ordinance proposing the City Council authorize \$65,000 for the authority to build the lots was sent back to the transportation and parking committee.

But Hottendorf said he has had in-

dications that the council will act on the ordinance — if not the next meeting then at the one following.

A second ordinance that would create a special police force of meter maids under the authority's jurisdiction was also introduced at last week's meeting but withdrawn because of problems with some of the language in the measure.

Hottendorf said he believes the main concern of the council revolves around where the funds will come from.

"The authority's recommendation is that we utilize money from the increased revenues we've been get-

ting," Hottendorf said. Then, he added, "Whether the council will decide to do it this way or not I don't know. But our revenues are up \$65,000 a year since 1974."

Hottendorf said in 1974 the authority's revenues were \$30,000. Last year the agency had revenues of \$95,000.

"In the first six months of this year we realized \$55,730 and we're projecting end of year revenues at \$111,000," Hottendorf added.

"The Parking Authority director attributed the boom in rehabilitation of housing in the city for creating the need for residential parking." The

problem which used to be confined to only a small area of the city is beginning to spread and the demand for residential parking is growing," he said.

According to Hottendorf no fixed number of meter maids is being projected. "We would like to make that a part time job," he said. "Walking around town for 40 hours a week and taking the abuse that meter maids take is not easy."

"The ordinance only stipulates 150 hours of work for the meter maids and we don't yet know how that will be broken down," the parking agency director declared.

Chius: Fire union contracts almost at hand

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Contract negotiations between the city and the fire department unions are close to a settlement, Business Administrator Edwin Chius said yesterday.

"I'd say we're very close to an agreement," he said. "I expect it will be ready to be signed by the end of the month."

Chius said talks with the police department were proceeding more slowly. One of the problems there, he said, was that PBA President Thomas Moohan has been on vacation and is not expected back until mid-September.

Representatives of the firefighter and fire officer unions, which have been working without contracts since Jan. 1, confirmed that the two sides were close to settling.

"Yeah, I would say Chius' statement is accurate," said Captain Bill Bergin, who heads the fire officer union. "We're making some good progress. There are a few points that still have to be ironed out, but nothing that we can't accomplish."

Michael Bavaro, who heads the firefighters, also said they were close but he insisted that an arbitrator might still be necessary to finish out the negotiations.

"We're close, but we're caught on some issues that could tie up the whole package. It could very well be that we will have to go to an arbitrator. We're keeping that option open."

One of the sticking points in the negotiations apparently centers around shift hours. The firemen are believed to be asking for two shifts of 34 hours each during the week, with three days off in between. The city is offering a different schedule but with the same hours.

There are other differences centering around wages, but Chius emphasized that at this point the two sides are not far apart. When asked if the talks could be wrapped up during the next few sessions, he replied, "I would believe so."

Curiously, the latest reports of progress come right on the heels of a letter written by the union's attorney, David Solomon, to arbitrator David Halevy, which said that the talks had reached an impasse.

"That was before we made a substantial new offer," said Chius.

Bergin agreed. "That was more for the police," he said. "They went in on the seventh. They had a problem. We went along with it because we want to have a schedule with the arbitrators just in case."

Crosstown bus schedule drawn

The long-awaited new schedule for the Hoboken crosstown bus should be in effect by next week, according to Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

"Beginning Sept. 2 the buses should be leaving from the corner of Newark and Washington streets every half hour," said Chius.

Chius said there are still a few wrinkles that have to be ironed out but he expects the service to be considerably streamlined and improved by the new schedule.

Service on the line had become increasingly erratic and earlier this month Chius suspended, for one day, the day driver, Jack Carbone, after it was reported that he drove his bus into the public works garage 40 minutes early and skipped his last run for the day.

Chius had promised almost four months ago that service on the bus line would be overhauled but said earlier this month he hadn't had the time to clock the bus through different periods of the day to design an accurate schedule.

Repair Hoboken main break

Working through the weekend, Hoboken Department of Public Works employees managed to complete repairs on the 16-inch water pipe that ruptured two weeks ago, collapsing a portion of ground along Observer Highway and leaving residents on several blocks without water for nearly an hour.

Public Works director Andrew Amato said a crew worked on Saturday and Sunday to replace a section of the damaged pipe. Amato gave no

reason for the break. According to a spokesman in the city's water department, the pipe was reported broken at 5 a.m. on Aug. 11. A large gaping hole developed where the pipe broke on Observer Highway and Garden Street.

A public works crew that arrived on the scene had to shut off watergate, controlling the flow in the pipe, leaving residents for several blocks without water for nearly an hour.

Safety Office grant will buy 5 motorcycles

Hoboken has been awarded a \$28,940 grant from the state Office of Highway Safety to purchase five motorcycles for better surveillance in areas with high accident rates.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said yesterday that a resolution, approving acceptance of the grant, is on the agenda for next week's city council meeting.

Chius said the grant application was prepared by Public Safety Director James Giordano's office.

"We were given the grant to develop a program to reduce the number of accidents in areas of the city that show a high rate of traffic and pedestrian accidents," Chius said.

"We must also set up a system that will maintain a constant surveillance in areas that have the potential for a high accident level."

"We are hoping to have the program in operation by January," Chius said. Sgt. John Aiello will function as the project director for the program, according to Chius.

Hoboken seeks state grant of \$59,000

Hoboken is seeking an additional \$59,000 in state funding for the Safe and Clean Streets program that will be used to pay the salaries of certain police, improve Stevens Park and demolish abandoned and burned out buildings.

Edwin Chius, Hoboken's business administrator, said today the requested amount is in addition to the \$711,000 the city has already been granted.

"With the matching share the city is to provide for the program it will bring the total to \$1.4 million, Chius said.

Chius said he is confident the city will be given the increase by the state Department of Community Affairs that funds the Safe and Clean Streets program.

"We've already had a pre-application meeting with the department and our proposal was favorable to the officials in DCA," Chius said.

The funds will pay the salaries of 40 patrolmen for the final six months of this year and 31 police officers next year as well as 23 public works employees.

"In addition," Chius said, the salaries of five superiors, four sergeants and one captain will be paid with funds from the program. The fringe benefits the officers earn will also be paid with Safe and Clean Streets money.

One hundred thousand dollars of the money will be used to pay for the installation of lights, rubber matting around the playground and possibly some landscaping and sidewalk repair at Stevens Park at Fourth and Hudson streets.

"There are also the 23 Department of Public Works employees whose salaries will be provided for out of this money and we have \$50,000 written into our application for funds to pay for some needed demolition of some of the city's abandoned or fire damaged buildings," Chius said.

Hudson School serves area's gifted pupils

The Hudson School, Hoboken, established in 1978, is Hudson County's only co-educational independent school offering a full-day program for gifted and talented children.

Located at 506 Park Ave., the school is open to children from throughout Hudson County and accepts students from any race, national or ethnic origin for grades five through eight.

According to Suelen Newman, director, the community as a valuable educational resource and its authenticity is Hudson's key concept and a major reason for its success.

Parents seeking information about the school and its entry requirements may contact Mrs. Newman by writing to the school or by calling 420-2048 or 792-5888.

Approved by the State Board of Education, the curriculum is both academically rigorous and diversified.

Students study English, mathematics, science, history, philosophy and French or Spanish, as well as cooking, dance, photography and circus arts. Many classes are taught in professional studios or workshops within walking distance of the school.

In addition, all students take part in regular physical education, music, art and health classes and spend three days at an environmental center. They may elect from such courses as theater arts, chorus, macrame, pottery, puppetry and urban gardening.

The educational program offers an opportunity for students with demonstrated ability or largely hidden talent to "unfold" under the guidance of interested teachers. The staff includes certified teachers, professionals and artists, committed to the development of the educational alternative.

The school is supported in part by contributions of private foundations, businesses, individuals and by tuition.

During the past school year, 50 percent of the enrollment received some form of tuition aid. Hudson will continue to offer financial assistance to qualified children from families unable to meet full tuition responsibilities.

Council to hold day meetings in Hoboken

By a 5-to-3 vote, the Hoboken City Council decided last night to hold both day and evening council meetings, while their commission counterparts in Union City discussed the matter during their meeting, but took no formal action.

The Hoboken council voted to hold regular meetings at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month and at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday. The council has been meeting at night.

In Union City, the question on meeting times was embroiled in a sometimes heated debate between Libero Marotta, a longtime foe of Mayor William V. Musto, and Ronald Dario, a commissioner favoring a schedule similar to Hoboken's.

"A vast majority of Union City residents work during the day," shouted Marotta. "And you, the commissioners, by holding day meetings prevent the citizenry from having their say." He wants all night meetings.

The commission, which has been meeting days, started night meetings as an experiment in May.

Dario countered, saying everyone is given a chance to address the governing body with a split schedule, since some residents work the second shift and "therefore could not attend any night meeting."

Marotta accused the commission, meeting last night without the mayor or commissioner Robert Botti, of holding meetings when it is convenient for you and so people won't be here.

In other action taken by the Union City Commission, three bids for improvements along Hudson Avenue, from 32nd Street to 40th Street, were accepted for review. The bidders and their quoted prices were: A.J. Pignatello Inc., Verona, \$227,840; C.F. Malanka and Sons, Union City, \$207,365, and Bergen Asphalt, Whippany, \$192,798.

The commission also approved an amendment to the current rent leveling law, changing the procedure for landlords applying for tax surcharges and also introduced an amendment banning public drinking, to be voted on Sept. 4.

Crackdown on drinking effective

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today the crackdown on public drinking in Hoboken that he ordered last month is having the desired effect.

While Cappiello said complaints about drinking in public have diminished somewhat, "I will urge the police to be vigilant in continuing to enforce the ordinance."

The mayor ordered the crackdown after his office had received a number of complaints concerning people drinking late at night in the city parks and on the streets. "It's not only the drinking," Cappiello said. "Along with the drinking we get the littering and the violence."

Since much of the litter is caused by discarded bottles that are often broken, the mayor supports a movement among both municipal and county officials and state officials to reinstitute deposits on bottled soft drinks and beer bottles.

"That could be one way of eliminating some of the problems," Cappiello said.

Last month more than 250 summonses were issued for violating the city ordinance prohibiting the drinking of alcoholic beverages on the street.

Council approves Rue School repairs

HOBOKEN—In a closed door meeting on Wednesday night, the City Council gave tacit approval to a \$750,000 bond issue to refurbish the David E. Rue School.

The school was closed two years ago when inspectors found that loose bricks on the school's outside walls created a hazard for the student.

Originally, the price of renovating the structure was put at \$3.5 million. That was later pared down to \$1.23 million. Then Wednesday night, City Board of Education

officials approached the council and asked them to vote on a resolution authorizing a \$900,000 bond issue.

According to Councilman Robert Ranieri, after the board members asked the council to vote on the matter, the school officials were informed that they had to go through certain technical procedures before the proposal could be formally acted upon. Ranieri said the school officials would tell their request was too high.

According to Ranieri, the two groups

agreed to the \$750,000 compromise figure, and the Superintendent of Schools George Maier was instructed to draw up the proposal for approval by the full Board of Education.

Once the board approves the proposal, it then goes to the Board of School Estimate, which is composed of the mayor, and two members each from the Board of Education and the City Council. Only after that board accepts the bond proposal can it go to the city council for a vote. —Jeff Kisseloff

Due for funds to keep firm in Hoboken

The Hoboken City Council was scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. today to pass a resolution authorizing Mayor Steve Cappiello to complete a mortgage agreement that would direct federal funds to a local firm that had considered moving.

The resolution would permit Cappiello to complete a mortgage agreement with the Universal Folding Box Co. using some \$300,000 from an action grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Councilman-at-Large Robert Ranieri said he expects the resolution to pass unanimously as a result of the council's discussion during a caucus last night.

The mortgage has a 20-year term at 5 percent interest. The company will be investing five times the amount of the grant to expand and buy more equipment, Ranieri said.

Company executives had been considering leaving Hoboken if they were unable to expand. If the council passes the resolution as expected the company will expand its warehouse space by 30,000 square feet and purchase a new cutting and folding machine.

The council was considering taking action on the proposed price increase for the service of tax consultant Hugh McGuire at today's meeting. McGuire had been paid \$10,800 annually, according to Ranieri, but has submitted a new contract price of \$18,000. Council members requested explanation for the increase and are expected to take some action after the explanation is presented.

The council was expected to approve an agreement with the state office of Highway Safety that provides the city with \$28,940 to buy six more powerful motorcycles for the Police Department.

The council discussed the \$380,000 water bill delivered by Jersey City two months ago and was reportedly going to authorize payment of \$260,000.

Ranieri said the council had derived a formula what would deduct from the bill the cost of the damage caused to Hoboken's pipes and customers

when oil seeped into the Jersey City water supply. A number of Hoboken water mains were broken when water pressure fluctuated as Jersey City engineers tried to flush the oil out of the pipes. Ranieri said the issue probably would wind up in court.

Agency officials to seek grants for 2 recreation facilities

Hoboken Community Development Agency officials have decided to apply for grants to renovate two recreational facilities in the city instead of just one as previously was planned.

Officials from the U.S. Park Service, happy with how Hoboken was proceeding with money the Park Service had given the city to renovate the Jefferson Recreation Center last month, invited Hoboken to apply for another grant.

At the time officials had planned to renovate either the high school field or the Hoboken YMCA with about \$250,000 that was expected from the federal government.

But Peter Beronio, Hoboken community services director, said today that he has talked with state and federal officials and the CDA feels it can get additional grants totaling \$1 million to renovate both sites.

Beronio said renovation of the high school field would include removing some of the stands to create another baseball diamond, redoing

and expanding the clubhouse area to include an exercise room.

The community services director said Robert Wendelken, school board president, has told him he would approve of the project.

The full school board, however, ultimately would have to approve the project, though Beronio does not feel anyone will be opposed to it.

The school board will have to agree to allow the facilities to be open a certain number of hours each week to the public.

Beronio said a meeting will be held with YMCA officials this week to see what they would like renovated in their building. The YMCA board of directors would have to approve the plan and also guarantee that the Y be open a certain number of hours a week to the public.

Beronio said the formal application for both projects would have to be submitted to the various governmental agencies by October and he said he would know by January if funding was forthcoming.

City employees to get ID cards

Photo identification cards for Hoboken city employees will be issued in January, Edwin Chius, Hoboken's business administrator, announced today.

Chius said currently only the city's policemen and firemen have the cards and he feels all city employees should be able to identify themselves if needed.

Chius said the cards also will come in handy in case the city decides to set up a security system

in city hall one day with a guard checking everyone who enters. He said he's unsure of the exact cost of issuing the photo ID cards, but he said it should be minimal.

Hoboken gets school repair aid

By Special Correspondent

TRENTON — The State Education Board today approved \$1,123,000 in state building aid for the Hoboken Board of Education for substantial reconstruction of four elementary schools.

They are Joseph F. Brandt School, 9th and Garden streets; Daniel F. Kealey School, 5th and

Adams streets; A. J. Demarest Junior High School, 4th and Garden streets; Thomas G. Connors School, 2nd and Monroe streets.

The work will be financed by bonds issued by the Hoboken board under an ordinance approved by the City Council last spring. The state assumes the debt service, the principal and interest, on the locally-issued

bonds to lower the costs in the \$7,380,000 program.

Authorization came under a 1976 statute providing for aid geared to urban districts.

Hoboken's student population was listed at 6,864, Sept. 30, 1976.

Hoboken school board officials were not available to tell when the reconstruction work would start.

Amato fights to regain control of Public Works from Haack

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato said today he will take action to regain control of his department.

Amato said he has ordered the immediate termination of what he called an "overtime bonanza" for public works employees who are friends of Roy Haack, the city's sewage plant superintendent.

Amato charged that Haack had been allowing his friends to gather a total of more than \$1,000 a week in overtime payments when some of the services they were performing were not needed.

Second, Amato said he will seek to send Haack, who has been serving as acting head of the public works garage since last spring, back to the sewage plant.

Haack had been put in the garage by Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello because the mayor said Amato could

not properly supervise the men in the public works garage.

Amato said he will first talk to Cappiello about Haack. He would not say what he would do if the mayor refuses to allow him to remove Haack.

Haack said he would answer Amato's charges point by point but first wants to read them in print.

Cappiello was unavailable for comment.

The Public Works director said Haack has spread himself too thin by serving as garage head.

"The sewage plant and the pumping stations have been falling apart and what has Roy Haack been doing?" Amato asked. "Neglecting those areas."

Amato said a recent report obtained by a city consultant showed that the 11th Street pumping station suffered \$18,000 in damage because

no one ever bothered to grease certain mechanisms.

"I have nothing against Roy," said Amato, "but he can't do everything and he is needed at the sewage plant."

"The sweepers weren't running for two weeks because he said the two sweeper drivers were on vacation," Amato said. "You mean to tell me there are only two men who know how to operate the sweeper? I don't believe it."

Amato said much of Haack's overtime payments to men is for sending a water truck at night around the streets of Hoboken to make them look clean the next morning.

"All the water pressure does is push the garbage onto the sidewalk," Amato said. "And then the next day people throw the garbage back onto

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\$900G OK'd for school job

HOBOKEN—Meeting in its first morning session in more than a year, the Hoboken City Council yesterday gave its final approval for a \$900,000 ordinance to rebuild the Rue School.

As expected, Councilman Robert Ranieri was the lone dissenter in a 6-1 vote. Councilman E. Norman Wilson, who had earlier assented the move to approve the higher figure, was unable to vote yesterday because he is a patient in St. Mary Hospital here. The ordinance will become law in 30 days, after which a bond issue will be floated to finance the repairs on the school, which has been closed for two years.

The ordinance had been the subject of some controversy since the Board of School Estimate passed two resolutions calling for identical repairs on the school. The only difference between the two was that one said \$750,000 was needed to do the work properly, while the other asked for \$900,000.

In addition, in a closed City Council meeting, the school board members had agreed to submit only the lower figure. Thus Ranieri argued that the board went back on its word when the \$900,000 resolution was submitted to the full council two weeks ago.

However, despite Ranieri's objections the higher resolution passed easily (with only Wilson joining Ranieri in dissent), apparently largely because of the mayor's lobbying efforts on behalf of the measure.

By a unanimous vote, the council also passed on first reading a bill to ban sidewalk sales in the city except

Cappiello wants P.A. cash for River Street repairs

By Earl Morgan

Now that the PATH strike is over, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he expects to resume negotiations with the Port Authority for money to resurface River Street in Hoboken.

While the city received \$30,000 in Safe and Clean Streets' funds from the state, that, Cappiello said, would only pay to lay a coat of asphalt on the roadway.

River Street is used by many trucks going in and out of Port Authority facilities. The street is badly pockmarked with potholes.

"It would make no sense to try to put an asphalt top on the street in its present condition," Cappiello said. "That would only be a waste of money."

Cappiello said since the Port Authority makes such heavy use of the street it is only right that it should share the burden of making repairs. The mayor estimates it would cost approximately \$300,000 to repair the street.

"I have already spoken to Alan Sagner (Port Authority chairman) directly and he told me he wanted to wait until the strike was settled and then we could sit down and talk about the matter," Cappiello said.

Hoboken was granted a delay in the state funding application because of the PATH strike. During the strike a portion of River Street, by the Hoboken Terminal, was the staging site for buses that transported commuters to New York during the strike.

Await more Hoboken tax appeals

By John J. Farrell Jr.

Hudson County Tax Commissioner John J. Barry said today he will not make any rulings on Hoboken property owners' appeals from 1980 assessments until all appeals are filed.

Barry, who heard yesterday some 20 appeals by Hoboken taxpayers who filed almost as soon as they received their tax bills, explained he expects many more appeals to be received by the board by an extended deadline of Sept. 15.

Property owners from five Hudson municipalities filed by the regular Aug. 15 deadline, but Hoboken was among seven other municipalities given deadline extensions until Sept. 15 because their tax bills were sent out late.

Some of the Hoboken homeowners at yesterday's hearing appeared confused on land valuations.

It was explained that the land on Bloomfield Street and Castle Point Terrace was assessed at \$200 a front foot in 1978 and increased to \$500 a front foot in 1979. However, the county board reduced the assessors' land valuation in those areas last year to \$400 a front foot.

The board must decide what to do about adjustment of land values for 1980 throughout the city, some rolled back to 1978 figures, others increased to the higher 1979 valuation and others adjusted to in-between figures.

Some owners complained yesterday, but the assessors defended the assessments as fair.

One thing appeared certain. Many houses in Hoboken are selling at high prices, particularly due to the influx of people from New York City. In one

Hoboken vandalism displaces gym class

Hoboken school officials are hoping the good weather continues. If it doesn't, high school gym classes will have to be called off.

The gymnasium floor at the high school, which was completely ruined when the school's swimming pool overflowed and water flooded the gym this summer, has yet to be replaced.

Hoboken School Superintendent George Maier said today the job of replacing the floor is taking longer than expected and a new floor

wouldn't be in place until October at the earliest.

In the meantime, Maier said gym classes are taking place outdoors in the school's athletic field. The superintendent said crews are also working to get the field's clubhouse, which was partially destroyed by fire last week, back into shape so it can be at least used as a dressing room for the football team.

Both the fire at the clubhouse and the overflowing of the swimming pool are believed to have been the works of vandals.



Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato, left, talks with workers on the site of a private sidewalk paving job where a city employee is accused of improperly using a city vehicle to break up the sidewalk.

Amato to suspend worker

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato said today he will suspend a public works employee after he was allegedly found using a city payloador to do a private construction job.

Amato said three Hoboken public works employees saw the employee use a city payloador to break up the sidewalk in front of the Empire Moulding Co. at 721-733 Monroe St. in Hoboken at about 11:45 a.m. yesterday. A new sidewalk was to be laid

outside the factory. Amato said the employee admitted he used the city payloador for a private job and Amato said that he will suspend him following further investigation.

The employee refused to talk to The Jersey Journal about the charges against him.

Accompanied by a Jersey Journal reporter, Amato questioned Frank Trombetta, the contractor hired to replace the sidewalk outside the Em-

pire Building Co. on why the city equipment was being used.

But Trombetta told The Jersey Journal and Amato that he had subcontracted out the breaking up of the sidewalk to another contractor, "Mr. Ferrente", and he didn't know the payloador was the city's.

But Trombetta said he did not know how to contact Ferrente.

Amato said, however, he will try to contact Ferrente and get to the bottom of the situation.

With vacation over, Hoboken officials argue over parks

Hoboken City Council President Walter Cramer has charged that Business Administrator Edwin Chius went back on a promise to provide regular foot patrols of the city's three largest parks this summer.

"This was the worst summer ever," said Cramer who lives on Hudson Street right by Elysian Park.

"There were teenagers drinking beer at all hours of the day and creating a racket and there were no cops around to stop them."

Councilman Thomas Kennedy echoed Cramer's thoughts and said he is "sick and tired of the rowdy teenagers who have taken over the city's parks."

Kennedy also said he wants more unannounced motorcycle patrols of the parks, since five new motorcycles the police will be receiving shortly.

Chius said it was the police chief's responsibility to deploy the men.

But Police Chief George Crimmins Sr. said he didn't have the man-

power to provide police for Church Square, Stevens and Elysian Parks and said he never promised that he would.

Crimmins said the policemen patrolled the parks as part of their regular beats and did a good job as possible, given the fact the police department is short-staffed.

Locally

Vandals gut fieldhouse

Hoboken Board of Education officials sifted through the charred high school athletic field clubhouse today after a fire, believed to be the work of vandals, destroyed part of the building and caused heavy damage to the other part.

School board officials say the clubhouse was also heavily vandalized. The damage, officials said, included lockers being totally broken, doors being taken off their hinges and

athletic equipment, including uniforms, being ripped apart. School officials said some athletic equipment was also stolen.

While Board of Education officials were still trying to assess the total amount of damage, Business Manager Anthony Romano said it was very extensive.

"I would say at least \$50,000 and it could run a great deal higher," he said.

In addition to the damage the clubhouse suffered, Romano said the vandals cut the wires to the high school field's lights making it impossible to operate them.

Romano also said a section of the grandstand as well as the press box were destroyed by the fire.

Fire officials said the two-alarm blaze started at 11:30 p.m. at the high school field clubhouse, (also known as Kennedy Stadium) and was not brought under control until nearly two hours later.

Fire investigators said they believed the fire was set by some teenagers who had gained access into the unguarded field house and set pieces of paper in the building on fire with matches.

Romano said the clubhouse had been vandalized a number of times in the past few months with extensive damage occurring each time but he said the board of education took no action about a security guard.

"We couldn't afford it," he said. But the business manager said the board of education may have to reevaluate its policy in light of the latest incident.

Romano said the board of education is insured for at least some of the damage.

A Hoboken fire captain, who asked not be identified, however, said "for the amount of damage that was done, they could have hired a security guard for seven years."

James Farina, a Hoboken school board member, said he hoped at least one room of the clubhouse could still be used as a dressing room for the high school's football team, which starts practice tomorrow.

Farina said there was no actual

damage to the field itself and he does not expect the high school's athletic program to be interrupted because of the fire.

Only two months ago, the floor of the high school gymnasium was completely ruined after board of education officials said vandals turned on a faucet by the high school pool which caused the pool to overflow. Work is now proceeding on a new gym floor which will cost \$50,000.

Hoboken may rehire weights chief, consumer official

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for next week may result in the rehiring of the city's former weights and measures director and the former consumer affairs advocate.

Meanwhile another change in city government is in the offing, as councilman Robert Ranieri reads his bill to create a separate division of water and sewerage from the Department of Public Works.

On the agenda for next Wednesday's meeting is a proposal to look into the rehiring of former Weights and Measures Director Joseph Iervolino and ex-Consumer Affairs Advocate Audrey Borg. Both were victims of the budget crunch earlier in the year.

The move is being considered at the request of City Council President Walter Cramer, who said he was upset at newspaper reports that showed some irregularities in some Hoboken supermarkets.

"I asked them to take the matter up. I saw the stories over the summer, and they concerned me," he said. "When we don't have the weights and measures department here, we have to rely on the state and on the county, and they're not here regularly."

Another incident raised the council president's concern over the lack of a consumer affairs advocate. "This summer I noticed that Hoboken wasn't getting good quality corn," he said. "The tomatoes weren't good either."

"A consumer affairs advocate could investigate the problem. Right now Hoboken is not protected."

However, funds are still a problem and Business Administrator Edwin Chius isn't sure the necessary money will be available.

Both positions come under the auspices of the Public Safety Committee, and the salaries — \$2,800 for Borg, a part-time worker, and \$11,610 for Iervolino — could come from unused overtime expenditures of the police and fire departments.

"The figures have been compiled yet," Chius said. "Right now I don't think there will be enough left over."

Public Safety Director James Giordano said yesterday

that there was a possibility of using emergency appropriations.

However Ranieri, who will be at the meeting, discounted the idea, saying that it would make a "shambles of the budget."

Giordano also said yesterday that he will reveal his plans at the meeting for the reorganization of the police and fire departments. He refused to say yesterday what those plans were, but asked if the changes would be drastic, he replied, "No, not really. They will be mostly in the supervisory areas."

Ranieri's plan to create a special water and sewerage department has been in the works for months. The city commissioned a study of the idea, and the report came back favorable.

Discussions now are centering around who will be placed in charge of running the department. Citing past instances of mismanagement, particularly in the cases of the fifth and eleventh street pumping stations, Ranieri said that he favors placing a professional engineer in charge of the daily operation of the department.

Chius agreed that having an engineer in charge of the daily operations was a good suggestion. He added that financial control over the department should come from the comptroller's office.

"I think that's reasonable," Ranieri said. "As long as we have responsible administration at the top level, I feel that it is reasonable."

Hoboken claims 1,300 were uncounted

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Add another 361 persons to the city's population — that's according to the latest figures offered by the U.S. Census Bureau — and then be prepared for the possible addition of another 1,300.

The bureau credited the city with an additional 361 residents after it accepted statistics from the city's recent drive. The city also submitted to the bureau about 1,300 "Were You Counted?" cards from residents claiming that they were not contacted by a census taker.

If the bureau accepts them, as it is expected to, the city's population would be listed at about 62,000 sometime next month, when the bureau implements its final totals.

The city's census coordinator, George Crimmins, was pleased with the news. He explained that each additional resident is worth about \$200 a year in state and federal funds. At that rate, the additional 1,661 could mean that more than \$330,000 in additional monies would be to the city's coffers over the next 10 years. "The count was a great success if you look at it that way," he said.

The news, which came by letter from

the bureau's assistant regional director, Richard Blum, also said that a large amount of the apartments which the preliminary count had shown to be vacant were actually inhabited.

"That's about 500 units," said Crimmins. He added the new figures would lower the vacancy rate to 5 percent, and that it should drop even further.

"I have had conversations with them, and based on their own checks they said there is a substantial difference between what they found and the preliminary count. The rate could drop to below 5

percent," Crimmins said.

He explained that the figure is important because vacancy rate figures heavily when the bureau estimates the city's population between census counts. A higher vacancy rate would lower the estimated population.

Crimmins cited the bureau's method of paying its enumerators as a reason for the difference in the two figures.

He said that the enumerators are paid more for marking an empty building as vacant rather than inhabited. This would tend to drive up the vacancy rate, he said.

Amato to control buying

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato said today he has told all his employees that they cannot purchase anything for the public works department without consulting him.

Amato said today he is taking action after being presented with purchase requisitions by a number of employees after the objects were purchased.

"I am supposed to approve the requisitions before the employee purchases the needed thing, not after," said Amato.

Amato said the measure is part of his effort to retake control of the public works department and make sure it is being run properly.

On Thursday, Amato had announced he was planning to take control of the department from Roy Haack, Hoboken's sewage plant superintendent who had been put in charge of the public works garage and its employees.

Haack had been placed at the garage last spring by Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello who said Amato wasn't properly supervising the men.

Friday, Amato and Haack, who have feuded numerous times in the last three years, said they would work together for the benefit of the public works department.

Amato, Haack smoke peace pipe in Hoboken

By Randolph Diamond

There is peace again in the Hoboken Public Works department, at least for today.

Both Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato and Sewerage Plant Superintendent Roy Haack said today they have ironed out their differences and will work together to get the public works department in tip-top shape.

Haack said he realizes Amato is the head of the Public Works Department and he said all important decisions will be made in consultation with him.

And Amato said after talking to Haack for two hours today he realizes that the sewerage plant superintendent is trying to do a good job and he understands the various problems the superintendent has been faced with in running the public works garage in addition to his other duties.

Amato and Haack have had numerous disagreements in the last three years.

Yesterday Amato had said that he

would seek to relieve Haack of his responsibility of running the public works garage.

Mayor Steve Cappiello had put Haack in charge of the garage last spring because he said Amato was not properly supervising the men in the garage. There had been numerous reports of men goofing off at the time.

Amato also said yesterday that he had ordered an end to an "overtime bonanza" of \$1,000 a week for public

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Giordano to propose changes

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Public Safety Director James Giordano will propose to the city council's public safety committee a plan on Wednesday to reorganize the police department which would include the naming of four new captains and the promotion of Giordano himself from sergeant to lieutenant.

An informed source told The Jersey Journal that Giordano feels his plan will improve the supervision of patrolmen within the police department.

With the retirement of Capt. Russell Sweeten, there are currently only two captains in the police department and one of them — Anthony Rinaldi — is expected to retire within the next year.

"Giordano wants three new captains and would put them all in the uniformed division," said a high city official who asked not to be identified. "He feels the patrolmen in that division are not getting proper supervision."

Neither Rinaldi nor Patrick Totaro, the other captain, is in the uniformed division and the city officials said Giordano feels the sergeants are often too close to the patrolmen to patrol them properly.

The police department's lieutenants only serve as police desk officers and are never out in the field with the patrolmen.

"The sergeant has to work with the men on a day-to-day basis and Giordano feels they don't want to alienate them by being too harsh," the city official said. "Also, many of the

sergeants were only a few months ago patrolmen, so they tend to empathize too much with the patrolmen."

Giordano has refused to comment on the plan.

But the city official said Giordano would also fill the vacancies created by naming four captains, making four sergeants lieutenants and four patrolmen sergeants.

Both the three-year-old sergeant's and lieutenants' list expire at the end of the month. This is the last chance those still on the list have of being promoted without taking a new civil-service test.

Giordano is Number 3 on the lieutenants' list.

If the city council's public-safety committee and then the full city council

agree to the plan, Giordano would take a leave from his public safety job for 90 days so he could get permanent status as a lieutenant, according to the high city official.

The official said Giordano feels the city can afford the naming of four new captains because the policemen's association has agreed that the new captains will not be paid a full captain's salary for their first two years of service.

Currently, lieutenants make \$21,340 while captains make \$27,750 but the city official said the officers' association has agreed any new captains will get an approximate \$2,000 raise a year until they reach their full salary in three years.

If the organization plan goes

through — after the current round of promotion in the superior's ranks, Giordano would not make any more promotions in the superior officers' ranks.

There are currently 148 Hoboken police officers, 23 sergeants and 16 lieutenants and the city official said Giordano feels there are enough sergeants and lieutenants and after the current reorganization the only new promotions should be for patrolmen.

Giordano now has the right to set the number of men in the police department's various ranks after the city council eliminated the department's table or organization two weeks ago which specified how many men must be in each rank.

Freiser to chair Hoboken event

For the second consecutive year, Joel Freiser, community planning and development representative for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, will serve as Hoboken chairman for the annual dinner dance of the Jersey City based Jewish Hospital and Rehabilitation Center of New Jersey.

Community spotlight

Announcing Freiser's reappointment, Charles K. Krieger, general chairman, said that the dinner dance will take place Sunday evening, Nov. 23, at the New York Hilton Hotel.

Krieger said that he welcomed Freiser's participation because "he adds a dimension of new leadership and creativity to our efforts."

To Freiser, the dinner dance is "a vehicle to interpret the services rendered to the people of Hoboken by the Jewish Hospital."

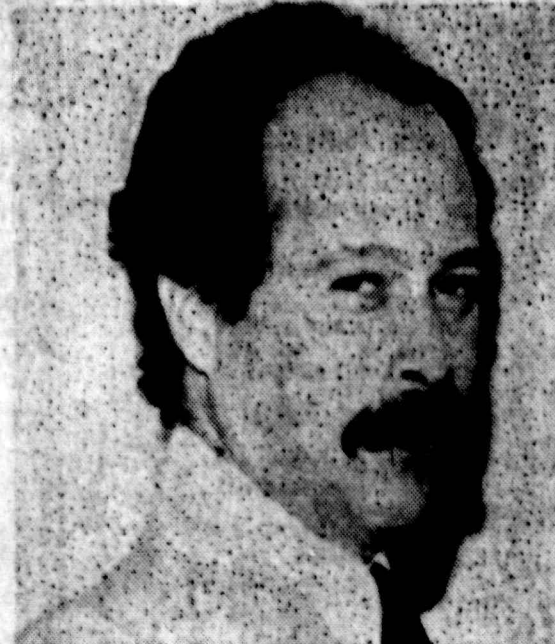
He went on to say, "my appreciation of what the hospital means to this community inspires me to the challenge of reaching out to as many of my friends as possible to join me at this annual event which is always a social, as well as a philanthropic triumph."

Freiser, in addition to his service on the Jewish Hospital Board of Directors, is president of the United Synagogue of Hoboken, and active on the executive board of the Hudson-Hamilton Council BSA, ASTD Organization Development Division.

Freiser received his bachelor of arts degree from Hofstra University, Long Island. He also attended the University of Chicago and the Indian Psychoanalytic Institute, and participated in the experiment in international living, an experience which took him to Canada and India.

In India, as a member of the Peace Corps, he worked with the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay.

Returning to the United States, he joined HUD as an urban renewal representative. He then became community development representative for model cities, deputy director of the Hoboken Model Cities Agency, director of the Hoboken Municipal Operation Program and finally took on his present assignment which carries responsibility for two urban communities and eight municipalities.



Joel Freiser

Donatucci to head detectives

Hoboken Police Lieutenant Patrick Donatucci has been named acting head of Hoboken's Detective Bureau following the retirement of the detective commander, Capt. Russell Sweeten.

Donatucci, a 22-year veteran of the Hoboken Police department, had

previously served as detective commander from 1970 to 1975.

While Donatucci's appointment by Public Safety Director James Giordano is only acting, informed public safety department sources say the appointment will soon be made permanent.

Donatucci is the

number two man on the captain's list and is expected to be made a captain by the end of the month if the city council accepts a reorganization plan of the police department being proposed by Giordano. That plan calls for the naming of four new captains.