

# General agreement reached on Hoboken pump station

By John Kampfe

Hoboken's 11th Street Pumping Station may finally be put back into working order, thanks to last night's "meeting of minds" between the city council's water and sewer utilities committee and principals involved in the building's repair.

The necessary change orders for the completion of the project will be presented to the council at next Wednesday's council meeting, said Councilman Rober Ranieri, a member of the committee.

The general agreement among those attending the meeting, said Ranieri, was that the repair work would be completed within the next 30 days.

The repairs were necessitated when the station exploded in Sept. 1975, he said. The councilman explained that through the guidance of the Environmental Protection Agency and federal grants, repairs were begun in 1977 and were to have been completed in 1978.

The repairs were completed as scheduled and the station was being

tested when a pipe burst, flooding and ruining pumps and electrical equipment, Ranieri said. But the council was unaware of this.

"It was our impression that the station was running and running well," Ranieri said. "Then, at a meeting this year, we found that there were change orders for the station."

The discovery led to last night's meeting that was attended by the three principal contractors involved, Artesian Well and Equipment Co. of Rochelle Park, Hoya Construction Co. of North Bergen, and Madison Electrical Contracting Co. of Weehawken.

Also, Lawrence Floric and Thomas Callig of the city Law Department, John Erbeck, the City Comptroller, Public Works Director Andrew Amato and Roy Haack, the superintendent of sewage plants were at the meeting with committee members Ranieri, Louis Francione and Anthony Romano.

"The problem was a simple lack of communication on the part of all of the parties involved," Ranieri ex-

plained. "The council questioned the various principals concerning the 11th Street station last spring and we were told that evening was resolved. There were meetings with them but nothing ever came out of them."

He claimed that the \$20,000 cost for the repairs was never the problem because the money had already been earmarked by the city comptroller for the project.

"We went through the same scenario last spring for the Fifth Street Pumping Station," the councilman said. "There were different principals involved but the circumstances were the same. There were large amounts of money spent but the station was not working. No single person was responsible — everyone was pointing the finger at the other person."

Ranieri said he has come to the conclusion that the time has come for the city to form a separate water and sewer authority that would be run by a professional engineer responsible for the function of those utilities.

"These two pumping stations in-

volve the investment of \$1 million and yet neither has been functioning correctly for several years because of a lack of administrative capability," he charged.

Ranieri said that both he and the council have reports from a professional consultant who concurs with his observations. He added that he has spoken with members of the administration who go along with his call for a separate authority.

Ranieri said he hopes to have an ordinance ready for the council's consideration by the end of the month. By the time it is introduced and passed, he explained, it would become law by the first of the new year, his target date for the reorganization.

This, he said, would coincide with the adoption of next year's budget which would allow for the hiring of new administrators in the department.

"The weakness within his administration," said Ranieri, "is that we can start large projects but we can't have the administrative capabilities to bring them to a fruitful conclusion."

# Hoboken residents stunned by mugging

Residents of the uptown section of Hoboken, considered the city's safest area, are in shock, after one resident — the mother of the Hoboken Parking Authority's executive director — was mugged and attacked by two youths near her Hoboken house Tuesday night.

Police said Catherine Hottendorf, 64, was walking home at 11 p.m. from her son's house at 11th and Garden streets and was approached by a Hispanic youth who asked her for a cigarette.

"She told him she didn't smoke," said Hoboken Detective Commander Patrick Donatacci, "and he left."

"But then Donatacci said the youth, accompanied by another male, grabbed Mrs. Hottendorf by the neck and threatened to kill her if she didn't turn over her pocketbook.

"He told her he had a knife and that would be it if she didn't turn over the money," he said.

Police said Mrs. Hottendorf turned over the pocketbook, then screamed and the two youth

pushed her onto the sidewalk and ran. Her scream, police said, woke up neighbors who ran out of their houses. By then, however, the youths were gone.

A few minutes later, police caught one of the two men at 10th and Park Avenue. Miguel Angelo Morales, 19, 1043 Bloomfield Street, is scheduled to be arraigned in municipal court today.

"Nothing like this has ever happened before," said uptown resident George Crimmins Jr., Hoboken CETA Director. "Everyone is in shock over this."

Other neighbors said they hoped this was an isolated incident.

"We never have had a problem walking the streets of uptown Hoboken before," said one elderly woman. "I hope there isn't going to be a problem now."

Police said Mrs. Hottendorf received bruises to her face from the attack and was treated and released at St. Mary Hospital.

# Hoboken man gets hero his Guadalcanal medal

Today is a happy day for Vincent J. Biunno, director of development and public relations at St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken.

Biunno has been invited to the White House this afternoon to witness President Carter giving 50-year-old former Marine corporal Anthony Casamento the Medal of Honor — for an act of bravery in 1942.

Casamento, of West Islip, L.I., had been wounded 14 times during the American assault on Guadalcanal in 1942 during World War II.

His commanding officer had cited him for extraordinary bravery — pointing out that he had knocked out several Japanese machine-gun nests despite his wounds — and recommended him for the Medal of Honor.

But because all witnesses to Casamento's action were thought to have died in combat, he received no decoration despite suffering injuries that made him unable to work after the war.

But several years ago, witnesses to his action did come forward, including the Japanese colonel who

commanded the platoon that was all but wiped out by Casamento's squad.

But there was still no action by the Marines to award Casamento the Medal of Honor.

That's where Biunno comes into the story.

In 1978, Biunno was editor of the UNICO magazine sponsored by UNICO, a fraternal organization of Italian-Americans.

Hearing of Casamento's plight, he asked for an article about it. That article, along with others done on the former Marine corporal, brought attention from Congress to his plight.

A joint Congressional committee met to hear testimony on the case and Biunno was one of the witnesses. A few months later, the news from Washington D. C. came to Casamento — he would be receiving his medal of honor after all this time.

"I'm very excited about being there in the White House when Casamento receives his medal of honor," Biunno said. "It's long overdue. He has suffered a great oversight."

# Parks worker wants boss' job

Hoboken Parks Department laborer Frank Weick was the only person to take and pass the recent civil service test for the position of Hoboken parks superintendent, now held by Tony Mike De Vincenzo.

"Tony Mike has put most of the laborers in Church Square Park and neglected the city's other parks," said Weick. "He had 21 employees in Church Square Park this was past summer and only four or five in all of the city's other parks."

DeVincenzo could not be reached for comment.

Weick says DeVincenzo plays favorites with employees.

Weick, who has worked for the city for nine years, said if he is made superintendent, he will try to put the parks department back into shape.

But James Farina, Hoboken Health and Welfare director, said he has no intention of making Weick parks superintendent.

"We have too many chiefs and not enough Indians as it is," he said, "and DeVincenzo is doing a good job."

Farina said Weick's figures were "off the wall" and said there aren't even 21 employees in the whole parks department, let alone 21 employees in Church Square Park during July and August.

He said there were nine CETA

summer employees in addition to the five regular employees in July and August and they were equally distributed around the various city parks.

"I don't know what Weick is talking about," Farina said.

A Jersey Journal reporter tried to get DeVincenzo's comments yesterday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. but was told he would be back shortly.

However, when the reporter returned at 3:35 p.m., the office in Church Square Park was locked.

# Hoboken will upgrade tenement temporarily

Efforts are being made by Hoboken authorities to make the five-story tenement at 213 Willow Ave., Hoboken, temporarily "livable" for Geraldine McDonald and her five children.

One of the first things expected to be done as a result of an informal conference of lawyers with Superior Court Judge Geoffrey Gaulkin will be the pumping of water out of the basement of the premises scheduled to be rehabilitated by Applied Housing As-

sociates, a Hoboken rehabilitation firm.

Stephen St. Hilaire of Hudson Legal Services said the Urban League of Hoboken offered to pump the water out. Once that is done and a plumber makes some repairs, it is expected the city will permit the electricity to be turned on again.

St. Hilaire claimed the authorities promised to relocate the McDonalds and the family of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Conyers, other remaining tenants, but failed to do so.

Conyers, who waited in a courtroom while the lawyers conferred with Judge Gaulkin in his chambers, said he had taken time off from work to try to get other quarters. Flooding, some sewage in the basement, and a lack of water and electricity have created problems, he noted.

Ross London, of the city law department, said the city has some

doubts about the building's receiver, Carl Boyd, but that is not a personal criticism since he may not be getting enough money from the tenants to keep the building up. "His hands may be tied," London asserted.

He said if the building is not put in reasonable shape, the judge would take action. "They (the tenants) can't stay there if the building is uninhabitable," he observed.

St. Hilaire said the city is considering offering the tenants a full four years' relocation money (\$4,000) instead of the usual one-year maximum of \$1,000.

"Our position is that the city should assign one full-time person, working eight hours a day, to get the tenants places to live," he asserted.

Hoboken has plans for 350 new housing units to be constructed within the next three years, but if this case is a criterion, St. Hilaire observed, "HUD should take another look!"

# Hoboken police reorganize Thursday

Hoboken Public Safety director James Giordano announced today an expected reorganization of the Hoboken police department which includes the promotion of four lieutenants to captain and the promotion of Giordano himself from sergeant to lieutenant. The plan will be effective on Thursday.

Also, Giordano announced that Audrey Borg, the city's part-time Consumer Affairs director who had been laid off in July, will be rehired in the next few days.

Four Hoboken patrolmen will also be promoted to sergeant and three other sergeants in addition to Giordano will become lieutenants under the plan on Sept. 18.

The new captains are John Ferrante, Patrick Iapicca, Anthony L. Romano and Patrick Donatacci. All the men will remain in the uniform divisions, except Donatacci, who will head the department's detectives.

Giordano made the announcement of the reorganization after

meeting with members of the city council's Public Safety committee who gave Giordano their oral approval of the reorganization plan.

While Giordano does not technically need the council committee approval to implement the plan, he still sought it.

Details of the reorganization plan were first revealed in Monday's Jersey Journal. Giordano, however, had refused to comment on the plan at the time.

Today he said that he will place three of the new police captains in the uniformed division — where he feels supervision is currently lacking.

Giordano said that he feels the department's sergeants are not properly supervising the men because they have to work with the men on a day-to-day basis and don't want to be harsh while the lieutenants only act as desk officers and are never out in the field.

"I want the new captains to be out in the field calling the shots," said Giordano.

Giordano said his promotion is a matter of honor for his family — his father was a police lieutenant and his mother and his sister want him to end up his police career as a lieutenant before he retires.

Giordano said he expects to retire from the police department within two years.

"I personally don't care either way but my mother and sister want me to be a lieutenant," he said.

Giordano said he met with Edwin Chius, Hoboken's business administrator, concerning Mrs. Borg's rehiring and he said Chius informed him there is surplus money in the budget to rehire Mrs. Borg.

Mrs. Borg had been paid \$5,400 a year for her part-time job. The public safety director,

meanwhile, said he still does not know if Joseph Iervolino, Hoboken's laid-off weight and measures director, will be rehired. But Giordano said if Iervolino can be rehired, it would not be until January at the earliest.

# Amato cracking down on foremen goofing off

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato said today if the department's eight foremen don't start doing their job he's going to make sure they are not foremen any more.

"I'm going to eliminate all the foremen's jobs in the department and give the orders myself, if necessary," said Amato.

Amato said the foremen in the public works department are still not doing their job — even after he has already called them on the carpet for it.

"The streets of Hoboken are still

dirty in many parts," he said, "despite my ordering that they be cleaned."

Amato said he gives the foremen orders and finds out they have not been carried out.

"Yesterday I asked a foreman to have some garbage removed from the corner of Third and Monroe streets in Hoboken," he said. "I went back at 9 p.m. and the garbage was still there."

Amato said starting today the public works department will be run

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as a business and political considerations aren't going to get in the way. "The foremen are going to do their jobs or they won't be foremen," he said. "And no one is going to get away without doing a full day's work because they say they are friends of a certain politician."

"Anyone who gets in my way of running this department as a business I will declare war on," he said.

# Giordano asks for state review for weights' office

Hoboken Public Safety Director James Giordano said today he has asked the state's weights and measures office to make a review to determine how Hoboken could operate a revenue-producing weights and measures office.

Giordano said that the key to hiring back the city's laid-off weights and measures director Joseph Iervolino is to make the Hoboken office self-sustaining.

In the 12-months' time before Ier-

volino was laid off in July the weights and measures bureau only took in \$300.

Iervolino had told Giordano he would not consider coming back unless he is provided with a city car and secretarial help. Iervolino had run the weights and measures bureau by himself.

Meanwhile, Hoboken's Business Administrator Edwin Chius said there is little chance that Iervolino could be rehired before January.

# Hoboken phasing out relief fraud police unit

The Hoboken Police Department's welfare investigations unit has cut another 100 ineligible recipients from Hoboken's welfare rolls but it may be for nothing, according to city welfare director Mary Costello.

The four-man police department

unit is being cut in half this week by Hoboken Public Safety Director James Giordano and the director said the whole unit will have to be phased out soon.

"We need the men elsewhere," Giordano said.

The police unit, started in the spring, has cut a total of 300 recipients from the welfare rolls. Most of them gave phony addresses in Hoboken in order to be eligible to collect welfare.

Prior to the unit's existence there was virtually no checking of applicants by the welfare department because it has only one part-time investigator.

Mrs. Costello said once word gets to the street that the police unit is not checking recipients, fraud will increase.

"We just don't have the manpower to make thorough checks on the applicants," she said.

Mrs. Costello said the welfare department is barely able to issue its checks with its six-person staff.

Two years ago the bureau had 17 staff members but various fundings cuts have left only six persons.

The welfare director said she plans to talk to Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina about the seriousness of the situation.



# Willow Ave. apartments improve and so do rents

By Randolph Diamond

The 16 apartments at two formerly dilapidated Hoboken tenements at 525 and 527 Willow Ave. were once occupied almost exclusively by members of the city's Puerto Rican community.

Now, many of the three-room apartments at 525 Willow Ave. which is under renovation, are being rented by upwardly mobile "New Yorkers" at \$300 a month. And the landlords' lawyer freely admits that his clients want to do the same thing at 527 Willow Ave.

When the apartments were occupied by the Puerto Ricans, they were going for \$106 a month. According to records on file with the Hoboken Rent Leveling Board, even with two recent increases, the legal rent apparently should have not gone up more than \$76 a month.

But the New Yorkers aren't complaining. With one-bedroom apartments in Manhattan going for \$600 a month and up — \$300 in Hoboken — right across the river from Manhattan and only 30 cents and 10 minutes away by PATH trains — is considered a steal.

Rent Leveling Board Administrator Bernie Van Carpelis admits her one-woman office has had no complaints from the New Yorkers. Without complaints, she says, she doesn't have the time to go after the landlords.

But two Puerto Rican families still living in 527 Willow Ave. are complaining the landlords have been harassing them and using deceptive means to get them out of their apartments.

The two buildings are owned by the San Sego Home Improvement Association, made up of a group of 10 Hoboken residents.

Dario Morin, president of the association and an active Hoboken Democrat denies any harassment or deceptive means have been used to get the tenants out. But he made it clear that he wouldn't mind if the tenants move out.

"My clients would pay for the



Fred Policano, coordinator of the Hoboken Low Income Tenants Union, peers from a clutter of broken furniture at 527 Willow Ave. as he prepares plans for renovations. Policano recently organized the union to help poor persons in obtaining decent housing.

moving truck," said Andrew Batistich, Morin's lawyer. Batistich said his clients "didn't buy the building expecting to keep charging \$106 a month."

Carmen Valdez is one of the tenants battling the San Sego group. For more than a year, her second-floor apartment has had broken window frames, a large hole in the kitchen floor that enables Ms. Valdez to get a view of the first-floor apartment below her, a broken shower faucet and a ceiling in the bathroom that leaks.

Ms. Valdez and another tenant, Mrs. Marge Nieves, said the reason they didn't pay the increase was because "Dario never asked us to."

On July 24, she and Mrs. Nieves were

visited by a Hudson County constable who gave them a summons to appear in Hudson County Superior Court on July 29, for non-payment of rent.

Both women said they then called Joe Morin, Dario's brother, who told them to ignore the notice. They did. But in mid August they said Dario Morin came back with the constable and the police and had them evicted from the building.

At that point, both women contacted the Hudson County Legal Services. An informal hearing was held on Aug. 22 before Superior Court Judge Eugene Kenny and the landlords agreed to remove the padlocks and let the two families return to the building. The landlords also agreed to fix existing violations

in the two apartments within a week.

Repairs are just being completed on the Nieves' apartment and haven't started on Ms. Valdez's apartments.

Dario Morin said he and his fellow members of the San Sego Home Improvement Association were working as fast as they can in fixing the apartments. Many have regular construction jobs in New York during the week.

Morin disputes Mrs. Valdez's and Ms. Nieves' account of the events leading to their eviction — saying they knew along they had to pay the surcharge.

"Neither I nor my brother nor anyone else told them they didn't have to pay it," he said.

## Hoboken sweepers break down again

There are problems again in the Hoboken Public Works Department. The Department's three mechanical sweepers have broken down again and one not in service.

One public works official said breakdowns were a part of life, but the city's assistant garage superintendent said misuse by men was causing the machines to malfunction.

Roy Haack, the city's sewage plant director who also acts as head of the public works garage, said breakdowns have to be expected.

"If nothing broke down we would still have 1907 Fords on the streets," he said.

But William Medcalf, the city's assistant garage superintendent and chief mechanic, said misuse by public works workers cause the sweepers to break down.

"I just got back from vacation and found out they were all broken," he said. "I know this wouldn't have

happened if the regular sweeper driver, Dennis O'Connor (who was also on vacation), was out there."

Medcalf said the problem is that some men don't have the proper training to operate the sweepers and others don't seem to care.

The chief mechanic recalled earlier this summer regular drivers were on vacation and other drivers operated the city's compactors.

"Every other day we had to do a clutch adjustment on one of the compactors," he said.

Medcalf said the clutch can go for six years without repairs if driven properly.

Meanwhile, Haack said one sweeper may be able to go back in service today.

Haack said all three sweepers broke down last Friday. One, he said, has a broken radiator, another has a broken seal in the motor and the third has a broken sweeping brush.

## Hoboken Council plans hearing on \$20,000 granted in overtime

After a heated discussion at its caucus last night, the Hoboken City Council decided to hold a hearing within the next 10 days to determine the propriety of nearly \$20,000 in overtime payments going to a group of city workers over the past six months.

Public Works Director Andrew Amato sparked the council discussion when he said that the overtime payments were made from his department budget to a small group of people without his knowledge or approval.

Amato told the council members that the payroll department said Public Safety Director James Giordano had approved the payments for employees of the safety unit and public works department from the public works budget.

Several councilmen argued that overtime payment authorization was the responsibility of the mayor and his administration. Others said it was up to the council to "bring the administration to task" to formulate an overtime policy and determine who in management may or may not be allowed to receive it.

Amato said some of his employees complained when they found out that one worker was getting

a week's paycheck swelled to \$550 by overtime pay. Amato told the council he had determined that some \$1,400 in overtime was paid last week.

In other business, the council prepared to receive bids at tonight's regular council meeting for police motorcycles, radios and gasoline and for work at the sewage treatment plant.

Tonight's meeting will include consideration of a resolution to provide money for continued work on the 11th Street pumping station.

The pumping station was destroyed in a 1975 explosion and the repairs have not yet been completed. Some \$20,000 in bills from earlier efforts have not yet been paid. The council is scheduled to consider tonight passage of resolution to pay the dated bills as well as to appropriate more money to complete the work.

The council will also consider tonight authorization for the appeal by the Washington Savings Bank of the adverse ruling of the Hoboken Historic Commission on the planned demolition of the adjacent building at 111 Washington St. to make way for a parking lot.

## Hoboken unit gets \$290,000 grant

The National Council on Aging funded the Hoboken Organization Against Poverty and Economic Stress — HOPE Inc. — for the 11th consecutive year. This year's grant is for \$290,000 to fund the organization's Senior Community Service Program.

The program allows seniors to earn salaries by working on community service projects as fire safety officers, teacher aides and shoppers for shut-ins.

## 25% rise in burglaries reported in Hoboken

Burglaries in Hoboken were up about 25 percent this summer from a year ago, according to the Hoboken Police Department.

In June, there were 82 burglaries in the city as compared to 53 in 1978. In July there were 81, compared to 71 last year. In August, there were 71 this year, compared to 46 last year. So far, this month, there have been 37 burglaries, compared to 41 for all of September last year.

Patrick Donatucci, Hoboken's detective commander, said he believed the increase in burglaries was due to inflation and hard economic times.

"It's not an organized gang or anything," he said.

Donatucci said earlier in the summer a number of plainclothesmen caught several men who had committed burglaries. He said the squad may be reinstated.

## Hoboken's waiting room to be fixed

NJ TRANSIT has awarded a \$288,000 contract for complete rehabilitation of the Hoboken Terminal waiting room, according to Jerome C. Premo, NJ TRANSIT's Executive Director.

Nearly 40,000 commuters use Hoboken Terminal daily. The station serves riders on the Morristown Line, including the Gladstone Branch and Montclair Branch, and the Main/Bergen, Boonton and Pascack Valley Lines and houses the PATH connection to New York and Newark.

This contract award covers installation of new rest room facilities, stair railings and floors; refinishing of waiting

benches; complete repainting of the waiting room; and cleaning and repair of the skylights.

Renovation of the waiting room is the last of three phases of a \$4.8 million rehabilitation program at the Hoboken Terminal. The first phase, restoration of the waiting room roof and skylights, was completed in 1978 at a cost of \$500,000. Phase II, restoration of train shed roofs and concourse skylights, is scheduled for completion in fall of 1981 at a cost of \$4 million.

The entire project is funded by a grant from the Economic Development Authority.

# Cappiello defends overtime payments to city workers

By Randolph Diamond

Declaring that there is nothing improper about the payment of nearly \$20,000 in overtime payments to public workers and public safety garage workers, over the past six months, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello today said he will call his public works director onto the carpet for challenging the legality of the payments.

Andrew Amato had charged at Monday night's city council caucus

that overtime payments — totalling almost \$20,000 — were being made from his department budget to a small group of public safety and public workers without his knowledge or approval.

But Cappiello said today the payments were all "proper and justified" and said the garage superintendent — Police Lt. Mario Mercado who had authorized the overtime could account for it all.

Mercado said the overtime payments were for garage mechanics and night watchmen.

The mayor said Amato had told two supervisory employees that the public safety division should handle the overtime for the garage mechanics and watchmen.

Cappiello would not name the names of those employees that he said Amato talked to but he said they both have agreed to testify before a city council hearing scheduled on the

propriety of the overtime payments next Tuesday.

According to Cappiello, Amato said that he didn't want anything to do with the overtime payments in January after a foul-up of overtime payments for a number of employees in November and December.

Amato denied saying he didn't want anything to do with overtime payments for mechanics and watchmen and denied there was any foul-up in overtime payments last November and December.

"All I'm asking is that I know about the overtime given out," said Amato. "I want it to go through me. I'm trying to run this department as a business, not use it for political purposes."

Mercado meanwhile, said that all the overtime was needed because of the constant break-downs in public works equipment and the need to have security guards posted at the garage around the clock to prevent Public Works department workers from stealing city equipment, as had been the case previously.

Mercado said the constant breakdowns in the public works equipment is because of misuse of the equipment by public works department workers.

Mercado said despite Amato's recent statements that he is taking charge of the public works department and putting it back into shape, it just isn't so.

"Amato doesn't have a system for effectively controlling the men," he said. "Once they leave the garage in the morning there's no supervision."

Amato denied Mercado's statement.

"Mercado has been one of the men who has been receiving the overtime," Amato said.

## Fire hero named acting public safety director

Hoboken fire Capt. Carmine Gullo, who this year has rescued four people drowning in the Hudson River, has been named acting Hoboken Public Safety Director for the next three months.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello announced the appointment yesterday afternoon and he said he feels Gullo will do an excellent job.

Gullo will be replacing James Giordano, Hoboken's current public safety director who promoted himself from sergeant to lieutenant. A number of other police officers were also promoted.

Giordano had said that he will serve as a lieutenant for three months to get tenure in that position and will

then go back to being public safety director.

The promotions which take effect today, are part of a reorganization of the whole Hoboken Police Department that Giordano has said will lead to better supervision over patrolmen.

Gullo said he was very pleased over the appointment and expects to continue the policies that Giordano has set.

Meanwhile, Giordano will be serving as planning officer during his three months as a lieutenant.

The police department has been without a planning officer for the last year and Giordano admitted that he would probably not fill the position after he returned as public safety director.

## Cappiello expects big registration for presidential election

Voter registration fever will be sweeping Hoboken, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

Cappiello said he keeps on hearing about a tremendous interest in the presidential election and added he wants to take advantage of that by making sure all eligible voters register for the election.

"I have instructed all my committeemen and women to go out into the neighborhoods and register people," he said.

Cappiello asserted he has talked to the city's Republican party leadership and said the GOP is also sponsoring a registration drive.

To make it easier to register, Cappiello announced the city clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Oct. 2 and 3.

According to 1979 figures, only 18,200 Hoboken residents are registered to vote while it is estimated there are at least 25,154 people eligible.

## Chius balks at regional fire system

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius has several reservations about negotiations to establish a regional fire communications system with four North Hudson communities.

In a letter to Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, Chius said:

• The proposed cost to Hoboken directly and indirectly of the proposed regional fire dispatching authority has not been made clear.

• Conversion of Hoboken's fire alarm system to telephone boxes will

escalate the cost to Hoboken and make the system totally dependent on New Jersey Bell for its communications.

• Fire chiefs and deputy chiefs in North Hudson and Hoboken are not being given substantial input toward the formation of the system and feel it is being forced upon them by the politicians.

In addition, Chius says Hoboken and other communities "should be carefully scrutinized to make sure that fire dispatching services to our residents, business and industry will

substantially improve through regionalization."

He added he doesn't wish his letter to be construed as "my opposition to regional communications for Hoboken-North Hudson. I fully support regional communications but I believe it should be done right."

Cappiello said he shared Chius' concerns and wants to meet with him to discuss them.

Cappiello has been one of the

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strongest backers of consolidation.

Ray Lax, superintendent of the proposed regional fire communications center, however, expressed strong surprise and said Chius had not contacted him about his reservations.

Lax said Chius and Hoboken fire officials have been told that it would cost Hoboken \$73,347 for the system's first year of operation in addition to a \$50,000 start-up cost.

"I have given them all the facts and figures," said Lax.

The acting superintendent said

fire chiefs and deputy chiefs from Hoboken and the North Hudson communities have been fully involved in the planning of the system.

He said he could not speak on the costs of conversion of Hoboken's fire alarm system, since he did not know how much it now costs Hoboken.

Under the plan, Hoboken would be required to convert its telegraph alarm system because the other four communities that would join with Hoboken, Weehawken, Union City, North Bergen and West New York, all have phone systems.

Thomas Vecchione, Hoboken director of traffic and signals, said

the city's current fire alarm system costs no more than \$3,000 per year to operate and estimated that Hoboken now spends \$50,000 per year on its whole fire communications system.

Lax has yet to be named superintendent of the system but he admitted that he fully expects to be named in that position once a board of directors is formed for the communications system.

"I haven't been planning this system for 19 months for nothing," he said. No one else wanted to do this.

Lax said if everything goes on schedule the fire communications system could be operational by May 1.

## Columbus tenants demand security

By James Kopchals

Angry about what they consider insufficient security measures at Hoboken's Christopher Columbus Gardens project, about 75 tenants last night listed their demands to city housing and police officials.

At a meeting held in the project's community room, the tenants asked that new door locks be installed; locks be placed on all front and rear building doors; and that police

protect the area, according to a tenant official, Joseph Della Fave.

Della Fave said housing manager John Calzetta and housing board member Peter Fontana told him they would discuss the request with executive director Joseph Caliguire next week. Two police officials — Capt. Pat Donatucci and Sgt. Bruce Elsbewich — told the tenants they were sympathetic and would try to do

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all they could to solve the crime problems.

The project, located between Eighth and Ninth streets on Adams Street, has recently experienced a rash of burglaries and muggings.

The tenants have gained the support of their ward councilman, E. Norman Wilson Jr. He sent an aide, George Guzman, to the meeting.

Both Fontana and Calzetta promised to inform the tenants early next week about what steps would be taken, Della Fave said.

For the time being, the tenants association, led by Eleanor Falconer, has decided to wait until it hears from the housing commission, according to Della Fave.

Should Caliguire and the commission decide to handle the problem with what is considered inadequate solutions, the association would increase pressure through picketing and legal actions, Della Fave said.

"The people here need to be protected," Della Fave said. "Last week we had at least six or seven robberies against different people here."



## Caucus Tuesday to discuss overtime

The Hoboken Council will take up the controversy surrounding nearly \$20,000 in overtime paid to public works and public safety garage employees in the past six months at a special caucus meeting Tuesday.

The council scheduled the session at last night's regular public meeting, instructing public works director Andrew Amato, garage superintendent Mario Mercado and city comptroller John Erbeck to attend.

Also at the meeting, council president Walter Cramer said he would instruct the city's legal department to prepare an opinion concern-

ing a backed-up sewer pipe that is creating a health hazard on Washington Street between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Yesterday, Mercado denied he was one of a small group of employees receiving overtime payments as Amato had said at Monday's caucus meeting.

Mercado said he could only recall filing for three overtime hours in the last six months.

Amato had charged a small group of public works garage employees were receiving the overtime pay-

ments totaling nearly \$20,000 over the last six months without his approval.

Mayor Steve Cappiello has said that eight months ago Amato had told him he didn't want anything to do with the overtime for certain garage employees such as mechanics.

Mercado has admitted approving the overtime for the watchmen. He explained some men have had to work extra hours because some public works drivers aren't properly handling the equipment and there is stealing of supplies at the garage.

At the meeting, Fred Dellaquila and Seymour Teller, both residents of the troubled midtown Washington Street section, told the council that sewer problems were creating "a giant health hazard to all the residents there."

Residents there are serviced by a common 10-inch pipe running parallel to Washington Street through the building backyards. At present, the

pipe is filled with sediment, causing sewage to back up.

A private sewer cleaning service has estimated it will cost about \$1,000 to clean the pipe. However, both Amato and city engineer James Caulfield have said the pipe is a privately-owned pipe. Cramer said the council cannot appropriate city funds for private property.

Cramer said he would have the legal department report on what the council can do about the problem. He also said the city would try to have homeowners on the street combine resources to have the pipe cleaned.

In other business, the council introduced an ordinance granting pay raises to firemen, agreed to on last week. According to Councilman Robert Ranieri, the increases would raise a three-year firefighter's present \$15,954 annual salary to \$16,882 over two years. The city is still negotiating contracts with fire officers and the police.

## Wilson calls for better protection in Hoboken as 12 cops promoted

Moving in the aftermath of the promotion of 12 officers in the Hoboken Police Department, Fifth Ward Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. today blasted city officials for not providing enough police protection at night.

Wilson said that at night it's almost impossible to find a walking patrolman around the city and senior citizens in his ward, as well as in other sections, are afraid to go out.

Last week, the mother of Parking Authority Executive Director Joseph Hottendorf was mugged and beaten by two men while walking along Garden Street in Wilson's ward.

The councilman said residents are so outraged over that mugging, as well as a number of other recent incidents, that they are sending a petition to Mayor Steve Cappiello to demand more police protection.

"The residents want more police protection during the evening hours," Wilson said. "If city officials don't provide it, they should be forced to resign."

James Giordano, the police department's planning officer and former public safety director, maintained there are at least eight walking patrolmen on duty between 7 p.m. and 2 a.m. in addition to three radio cars, which, he says, is all the department has the manpower for.

Giordano says there aren't more patrolmen on regular patrol duty during the day than at night.

But Wilson said he doesn't believe Giordano's figures and plans to question him about exactly where the men are deployed.

Thomas Meehan, president of Hoboken's Policemen's Benevolent Association, also disputed Giordano's evening patrol figures and said there are no more than six walking patrolmen out on a given evening and added usually two patrol cars are out at night, not three.

A crowd of 200 people gathered yesterday in the City Council chambers to watch the promotions.

Cappiello said the new superior officers had offered to volunteer their own time to patrol the streets, a statement which Meehan said wasn't true and would be a violation of the PBA's contract with the city.

Promoted at the ceremonies from lieutenant to captain were John Ferrente, Anthony L. Romano, Patrick Iappicca and Patrick Donatelli. Promoted from sergeant to lieutenant were Giordano and James Peck, Peter Romano and Frank Turso. Promoted from patrolman to sergeant were James Berhais, Celestino Gasbarro, Karl Faure and Thomas Galazio.

## Bado awaiting banks' replies on loan plan

Officials of the Trust Company of New Jersey have approved, but Hoboken's Community Development Agency is still waiting for an answer from two other banks — Hudson United and Washington Savings — as to whether they will participate in a program to renovate the First Street shopping area.

Fred Bado, Community Development Agency director, said the agency expects to have the other two banks' answers by the end of next week.

Bado said three banks must agree to participate in issuing low-cost loans to merchants on First Street for storefront renovations in order for the CDA to receive approximately \$500,000 in federal funds.

Bado said he is hopeful that Hudson United and Washington Savings will join the program. Under the program the banks would issue 3 percent loans, with the CDA making up the difference between the 3 percent and what the normal interest rate would be.

## Hoboken's renaissance has posed worries for seniors

By Randolph Diamond  
On block after block, Hoboken's turn-of-the-century apartment buildings are being renovated, not only in the uptown section, as earlier, but in the downtown section, too.

A number of boutiques have opened on Washington Street, Hoboken's main shopping drag, and there are special new restaurants serving food at fancy prices. Hoboken even has a singles' bar now.

There are many artists and Wall Street stockbrokers about. Many have moved from Manhattan recently to escape the skyrocketing rent.

Hoboken is becoming Greenwich Village West," says Terri Rati, her voice raising in anger as she speaks. "Native Hobokenites are not welcome any more."

Ms. Rati is director of caseworkers for Hoboken's senior citizens' program and, in her position, counsels many of the city's senior citizens who are being displaced because of the Hoboken renaissance.

But Ms. Rati is not the only Hobokenite who feels Hoboken is being taken over by New Yorkers.

It's the hottest topic of conversation all over town.

Ms. Rati says at least three senior citizens a week come to her because they are being forced out of their apartments by New Yorkers who have bought their buildings and want them out so they can raise the rent and then rent to New Yorkers.

"The New Yorkers don't care that Hoboken's rent leveling law only allows a normal 7 1/2 percent increase per year for an apartment," she says. "They think \$300 for a three-room apartment is a bargain."

Since the New Yorkers don't go to the rent leveling board to report the increase, Ms. Rati says, "landlords have an incentive to empty their buildings their buildings of the native Hobokenites since they know they can raise their rent to whatever the market will bear and the New Yorker will pay it."

"Look in the local newspapers for Hoboken apartments for rent," she says. "There are none. But, look in the New York papers. You'll find plenty. The landlords are trying to appeal to the upper income bracket that lives in New York."

Juan Torres, chairman of the Hoboken Rent Leveling Board, says the board is powerless to do anything

about the illegal rents some landlords are charging unless complaints are received.

"We have no investigators and the seven-member board is all volunteers," said Torres. "Mrs. Van Carpes is our only paid staff member. We don't have the manpower to do anything but act on complaints."

Bernie Van Carpes is the rent board's administrator.

Ms. Rati says the seniors she sees are only a small number of the city's senior citizens who are forced out of their apartments.

"Most seniors, especially elderly women living by themselves, get out when the new landlord says, 'I want you out,'" she says. "They are afraid to complain and don't realize that they have rights to stay in their apartment. I have been made aware of countless cases like that but I can't do anything when the seniors don't complain."

But even when the senior citizens do complain, Ms. Rati admits often her efforts have no effect.

For, she says, if the landlord can't get a senior citizen out of his or her apartment illegally, then he does it legally by applying to Hoboken's

rent leveling board for a capital improvement or hardship increase.

"If the landlord makes a capital improvement he's entitled to an increase," said Ms. Rati. "Or even if he does nothing he can get a hardship increase if he can show he's not making a reasonable return on his property (defined as 10 percent by the rent leveling board)."

While Ms. Rati says she has nothing against a landlord making a reasonable return on his investment, she says a new landlord can often create the hardship.

"He buys the building by putting the last money down possible so he has a big mortgage and has to make large monthly payments to the bank," she said. "Then he can show the board he isn't making a profit."

Torres says, "Who are we to tell a landlord that he has to put a certain amount of money down to buy a building? All we judge is whether a landlord is making a reasonable return on his property."

Ms. Rati says most of the senior citizens affected have been Hoboken residents all or most of their lives and moving somewhere else is "a terrifying experience."

## Firefighters reach pact with Hoboken

Hoboken members of the International Firefighters Association have reached a contract agreement which has already been ratified overwhelmingly by the members.

Members of the IFA confirmed the agreement which Business Administrator Edwin Chius said calls for a 20 percent pay raise for the firemen over the two-year period that runs from January 1979 to December 1981.

Firemen have been without a contract since January when the old agreement expired.

Chius said under the agreement, the base pay for a fireman with three years' experience will be raised from \$15,954 to \$18,400 over two years and the top pay for a fireman with 15 years of experience will be raised from \$19,400 to \$21,340.

The boosts, Chius said, will take place in four steps with firemen receiving a retroactive check for last January and July increases.

Meanwhile, Thomas Meehan, president of Hoboken Patrolman's Benevolent Association, which also has been without a contract since January, said negotiations with the city are going nowhere and he said he doesn't expect the contract to be settled before a final meeting with an arbitrator which is now set for Oct. 8.

City officials have offered the patrolmen a 20 percent increase but Meehan said the increase package when examined closely only comes out to 15 percent. Meehan refused to reveal details of the city offer and city officials refused comment.

## Rolls Royce rented by friends highlights a cop's happy day

By JEFF KISSELOFF

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HOBOKEN—The white 1981 Rolls Royce parked outside City Hall yesterday was a good indication that something special was happening inside the building.

The Rolls, with its plush carpet and red leather seats, was rented by friends of Police Officer Frank Turso, who, along with 13 other members of the department, received their promotions yesterday at a standing-room-only ceremony in the City Council chambers.

The promotions were part of the new table of organization set for the department by former Public Safety Director James Giordano. To increase supervision on the force, Giordano ordered the promotions of four men to captain and four to lieutenant. Six patrolmen were also made sergeants.

One of the new lieutenants is Giordano himself. Because he needs at least 90 days of active duty to qualify for tenure, he resigned temporarily as director on Wednesday and was replaced by Fire Capt. Carmine Gullo.

"I look pretty good. Look at all the room here," Giordano laughed as he tugged on the front of his uniform jacket.

Not everybody was in high spirits. PBA president Thomas Meehan said that, although he was happy for the men who received promotions, he was concerned for the public's safety because of the loss of four patrolmen.

"We were down 19 last year, and now we've lost four more," he said. Acting Police Chief Anthony Rinaldi responded by saying that the four men would still be doing their street duty.

"Basically, it all stays the same, except there will be more supervision," he said.

Meehan also mentioned what he called the slow pace of the contract negotiations between the police and the

city. "The PBA is very happy that the city found the money to pay for the promotions. I hope they find the money to pay for our raises also," Meehan said.

Meehan added that the two sides are "miles apart" and that a deadline of Oct. 8 has been set for a successful completion of the negotiations. If it is not met, an arbitrator is expected to be called in.

The police negotiations have lagged behind the city's talks with the fire department. City Hall sources said yesterday that a tentative agreement has been reached with the firefighters, while discussions with the fire officers are near completion.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mayor Steve Cappiello lashed out at the "critics who have said we will shorten the numbers of men on the streets" and insisted that the public will not be threatened by the new promotions.

"The promotions are by no means an end to police work. It should be an incentive to make all of you safer," he said. "There will be no shortage of men on the street. I have personally asked the men to voluntarily put aside time to work the streets, and they have agreed to do so."

But most of the mayor's words were warm in praise of the men, who stood in full uniform before their families and turned in their old badges for new ones.

As they were called by rank, the men stepped forward to be sworn in by the city clerk. At one point, someone was heard singing "Pennies from Heaven" during the ceremony, an obvious reference to the nearly \$40,000 in salary increases that the men will receive this year.

Probably the biggest smile of all belonged to Turso, when he stepped out of the building and was told that the luxury car with the chauffeur and champagne in the back seat was waiting for him.

"I always said that one day I was going to ride to work in a Rolls Royce, and here I am." Actually, he was being taken to a party at the Clam Broth House, but that did not deter him.

## NJ says Hoboken broke law in funding of overtime pay

By JUDSON HAND

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HOBOKEN—The recent overtime payments of nearly \$20,000 to Public Safety Department employees from Public Works Department funds violates state law, a spokesman for the state Department of Community Affairs said yesterday.

Paul Alpaugh, the community affairs public information officer, said that state law forbids the transfer of funds from one municipal department to another before Nov. 1 of any budget year.

But he said, that in many cases the state does not hold a municipality liable if local officials violated the law unknowingly.

Public Works Director Andrew Amato charged at Monday's council meeting that nearly \$20,000 in overtime pay was administered during the past six months, to public works and public safety employees, without his knowledge.

Amato gave city council members a list that purportedly gives the names of the employees, the hours and the overtime wages for which they each were credited.

Informed sources said that at least 5 of the 16 names on the list are employed by the Public Safety Department.

One of the names on Amato's list is garage super-

intendent Mario Mercado, the police lieutenant who authorized the overtime.

City Controller John Erbeck yesterday confirmed that the overtime in question was paid with public works funds to both public works and public safety employees.

The council is scheduled to discuss the overtime issue during a special hearing on Tuesday.

Amato said yesterday that he would not comment on the issue until Tuesday's meeting.

"I will say whatever there is to say then," he said. Council member Robert Ranieri said yesterday he wants to find out whether the employees involved had actually worked for the overtime for which they were paid.

He also wondered whether it was wise for the municipality to pay nearly \$20,000 in overtime, taking into account its stormy financial situation.

Mayor Steve Cappiello has insisted that the overtime payments were properly made.

Mercado has said that the overtime was necessary so mechanics could repair public works equipment that has been constantly breaking down.

Security guards were also given overtime to insure that employees were not walking off with city equipment, said Mercado.

## Hoboken offers relocation bonus

As a result of its failure to find housing for two families currently living in a condemned tenement, Hoboken's Relocation Office is offering local landlords "a substantial amount of money" to take the tenants.

There is a catch, however, according to Hoboken Housing and Neighborhood Development Coordinator Sal Santaniello. A landlord who is paid to take the tenants would have to use the money to correct housing violations in the rented apartments.

In other words, Santaniello said,

since the relocation office can't find apartments for the two families that meet federal guidelines, the office is now looking into substandard buildings that have to be made acceptable.

Santaniello won't tell how much his office will spend to upgrade the apartments rented to the two families, but informed sources claim the office is willing to pay up to \$20,000 to find proper housing.

The two families slated for relocation are living at 213 Willow Ave., a building scheduled to be rehabilitated by Applied Housing As-

sociates of Hoboken. The tenants' plight has been the subject of several Jersey Journal news stories.

Among the problems they have to cope with daily are toilets that don't flush, leaking roofs and mounds of garbage under three feet of water in the basement. Because the building is to be renovated with federal funds, Hoboken is required to find suitable housing for the displaced tenants.

Santaniello said this latest move by his office had nothing to do with threats by a local NAACP spokesman to seek a cutoff of federal housing funds to the city if the tenants were not properly accommodated.

## Hoboken still lacks teenage rec program

There is still no teenage recreation program in Hoboken despite Health and Welfare Director James Farina's assurances last month that he wouldn't abandon teenagers with the termination of the city's teenage recreation coordinator.

Farina said today that he is still trying to put together some type of program but admitted it would be

makeshift at best.

"We just don't have the money to hire a full-time recreation coordinator like we had," he said.

The city's teenage recreation coordinator, Maurice Fitzgibbons, lost his job when federal funding for his position ran out Aug. 8.

Farina said one problem is that there is no facility available to house teenage programs other than a small

room in the Multi-Service Center.

"I know teenagers have requested their own clubhouse facility but we haven't been able to find anything for them at present," he said.

But he said if all else fails, teenagers in Hoboken will have the facilities of the Jefferson Recreation Center available to them when the renovation of the building is completed next spring.

## Hoboken festival disappoints many

There wasn't even a banner hanging above Hoboken's streets announcing that the city's 125th year anniversary celebration was being held.

"We couldn't afford a banner," said Joseph Hottendorf, the Hoboken official who put together Saturday's festival on a shoe-string \$2,500 budget.

Hottendorf himself was disappointed in the turnout — no more than 10,000 attended. Many expressed disappointment in the whole festival, calling it "a big nothing."

The festival itself was not held on the city's 125th anniversary — this past spring, but Hottendorf said he was moving into a new house at the time and was too busy to plan it then.

Washington Street from First to Seventh Street, was closed for the festival and there were six bands, pony rides for children, various displays, theater and dance performances and a mini-marathon.

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Events were scattered throughout the day. One could even walk two blocks on Washington Street without seeing any real signs of a festival except for the fact that the streets, closed to traffic, were turned into a roller skaters' and bikers' paradise.

A new city ordinance prohibiting merchants from displaying any of their merchandise outside their stores may have contributed to the disappointment felt by many.

"I thought there were going to be a lot of street sales by the merchants," said Norma Chase, a 25-year resident of Hoboken. "This is a big disappointment. How can they have a street fair without having a street sale?"

The bikers and skaters, however, seemed to be having a grand time and many children seemed to get a kick out of having their faces painted at a booth set up by a day-care center.





PATRICIA D'ANGELO STANDS with her cart and display outside her flower shop on Washington Avenue in Hoboken yesterday. A new ordinance would prohibit her and other store owners from displaying merchandise on the sidewalk.

Photo by Chuc Zoeller

## Special permission needed

# Sidewalk ban angers merchants

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
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HOBOKEN—Standing inside her flower shop on Washington Street, Patricia D'Angelo's voice boomed as she talked about the new ordinance which she says threatens her business and others on the street.

"I'm so upset. I don't know what to do," she said. "They won't let us display our merchandise on the sidewalks. I don't think we can survive without it."

"They're also going to take some of the color off the avenue, and it's only developed in the last few years. I've been to California, Florida, and Virginia. They all have outside displays, and I don't see anything wrong with it."

D'Angelo is only one of a number of merchants on the block who are upset with the new regulation that has cut off the use of sidewalks for merchants except with special permission.

Curiously, it is the enforcement of another code that has raised almost as much concern

on the avenue because of its potential threat to business. That is a fire department code which restricts the use of store vestibules to display merchandise.

During the week, fire department officials have been circulating on the block under the orders of Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo, informing merchants that they will be fined beginning next week if the goods are not removed.

"It's a pain in my ...," said John Urgo, the manager of a Thom McAn shoe store which has two circular racks of shoes in its vestibule. "My vestibules are big enough for people to get in and out of. It's nonsensical, because I'll have to put them inside the store, and it will be harder to get the people in and out of the store."

A few stores down, Sam and Sarine Sabagh, who own Samsab Inc. children's wear also expressed concern about the code. "I can't put that inside the store," Sarine said, pointing to a long rack of plastic tablecloths standing in the vestibule. "Besides, people walk by, and they see it and they go inside."

If you don't expose something outside the store, people don't know what you have.

Both ordinances were defended by city officials. "It looks terrible when the stuff is out on the sidewalks. Are we going for a cleaner Hoboken or are we going for ... all over the place?" Parking Authority Director Joseph Hottendorf, who wrote the sidewalk ordinance, asked. "Besides, there are a lot of merchants who support the ordinance," he claimed.

On the other hand, Hottendorf admitted that the ordinance may stretch a little too far. "You know," he said putting his head in his hands and talking about D'Angelo's. "I never knew how pretty the place was until it was brought to my attention. Maybe it's wrong with them."

Gullo, a fire captain, insisted that the fire code must be enforced strictly. "It's a violation. In an emergency, the firemen have to get in and out, and the merchandise could get in the way. If we start making an exception for one, the others will want to get out of it, too."

## Overtime meeting called 'a waste'

# Ranieri blasts administration

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Tuesday night's closed-door City Council session on overtime apparently will result in little more than a written report covering already established policy, Business Administrator Edwin Chius said yesterday. Meanwhile, City Councilman Robert Ranieri said the whole thing was "a waste of time."

"The city is like a ship floating around at sea," Ranieri said, "with the failure of the people in authority to act and put the city on its course."

"This is another example of the City Council being called in as administrators because they can't get together to handle the burden of administering the city."

Ranieri seemed to be pointing his finger at Mayor Steve Cappiello and Public Works Director Andrew Amato, whose complaints at the last council caucus brought about the Tuesday night session.

Amato complained — with justification, according to Ranieri — that public safety employees working out of the consolidated garage were being paid overtime on the public works payroll without his authorization.

However, Ranieri insisted that the problem could have been easily worked out among the directors.

"Apparently there was no communication,

and once again we had to step in." Then, referring to the mayor, Ranieri said, "If Steve had called these people together. It all would have been settled at the very beginning."

Apparently, the overtime payments were sent to Amato, because the work by the public safety employees was being done on public works vehicles. However, Amato refused to sign the vouchers and simply sent them back to Public Safety Director James Giordano, saying that the men weren't in his department.

Giordano then sent them directly to the comptroller, who paid them with public works money.

What upset Ranieri and some of the other councilmen was that neither man sat down with the other to straighten out the matter, although Giordano said that Amato spoke with his secretary about it, apparently with little result.

Asked why the office of Comptroller John Erbeck, who was on vacation, paid the vouchers without authorization, Ranieri replied, "The only explanation I know is that it was an oversight."

The council also questioned Mario Mercado, the garage supervisor, about the distribution of the overtime work. Mercado complained that one of the reasons for the overtime was heavy pilferage at the garage and the resulting need for extra security.

The councilmen then asked Chius to draw up a set of rules governing overtime policy which could later be submitted to the council in ordinance form.

However, Chius said that such a policy already exists. "Basically, I'm just going to restate the policy," he said. "It won't be much different than what's going on now."

Chius added that delegating who has a right to overtime and who doesn't is a delicate work and he has to be careful if changes in the policy are to be made. He also said that he will need some guidelines from the City Council if a new policy is to be worked out.

Chius also expressed some exasperation at the directors' apparent inability to get together and work out their problems. "They should really get together and think it out," he said. "What they should have done was have a conference, and talk it over. If they couldn't solve it, they should have come to me and try to work it out that way."

He was asked who was ultimately responsible for them getting together, and he responded, "the mayor."

Cappiello responded yesterday, "It was no great problem. It was just a bookkeeping error."

Asked if he was concerned about the lack of communication on City Hall's second floor, he said, "That shouldn't happen. If it did, I guess I should find out about it."

## See how Hoboken lives

Nine private homes, ranging from a tiny three-story renovated townhouse to an opulent brick colonial set in a quiet garden, will highlight the fifth annual Hoboken house tour from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The walk-it-yourself tour can be done at an individual's own pace and will be staged rain or shine.

The brownstones and brickfronts comprising a large part of Hoboken's 19th-Century housing have been increasingly popular with restoration and renovation-minded homeowners. Examples of the best of the old on the 1980 tour include marble mantelpieces, natural woodwork and ornate plaster ceilings. Contemporary features include exposed brick walls, custom kitchens and gleaming floors of newly stripped hardwood.

This year's tour will include apartments in a landmark tenement-rehabilitation program for the city's lower income residents.

A suggested route has been proposed by the Hoboken Environment Committee, which is sponsoring the tour. Sacred Heart Academy is the first stop. There will be an array of crafts by Hoboken residents. Tickets for the tour are available at the Academy, 713 Washington St., or The Madison, Washington and 14th streets.

The latter, which is also on the tour, is a turn-of-the-century hotel and bar restored under the direction of Charles Roberts. Restoration brought forth a handpainted ceiling, which was revealed under layers of paint, and the gleaming oak and mahogany woodwork, including a 60-foot bar brought back to its original luster.

Starting in central Hoboken, the tour will begin on Bloomfield Street, with second floors and third floors restored by Janine Palmer and Todd Nemanic, both artists. Those taking the tour will see fabric walls, tall hinged doors leading from the kitchen to the original back parlor, now a spacious dining room, and a front parlor characterized by elaborate moldings on one of the duplex house's four marble mantelpieces. A stairwell has become a small private art gallery.

Ground, first and second floors will be on view at the Garden Street home of Marilyn and Joel Freiser. Upon purchasing the home two years ago, the couple got documents as far back as the original 1852 transfer of the building from the Hoboken Land Development Company. The zebra flooring is original. An ornate pier mirror dominates a section of the first floor.

Also on Garden Street is the Iglesia Alianza Cristiana y Misionera, a small Gothic revival building in use as a house of worship since 1883 and the first structure to be designated as

a local landmark by the Hoboken Historic District Commission. Stained glass windows, many with a Star of David motif, are original, reflecting its previous use as an Adath Emuno, Hudson County's first Reform Jewish synagogue.

The entire Park Avenue house taken over by Terry Halloran five years ago will also be on the tour. The house is noted for its collection of antiques, primarily American from different periods. A front bedroom holds an antique armchair to relieve the chronic shortage of closets which brownstoners often find.

The entire Castle point home of Virginia and Anthony Zanetich will also be open. The solid brick home is set in a large secluded garden shaded with mimosa and other flowering trees. Hardwood floors have been stained a rich dark hue. Housed in the living room is an unusual square piano purchased from Hoboken's old Wallace School. In the dining room are a crystal chandelier and a wall-length breakfast.

The Hoboken Environment Committee will serve refreshments at the Elysian Cafe, Washington and Tenth streets, where things look much as they did during Hoboken's days as a bustling port city. Visitors will note the handpainted murals, elaborate ceiling moldings and a tile floor.

Four Bloomfield Street homes are included on this year's tour. The first and second floors will be shown by Jane and John Trombley in their home, which has a sunny corner location. High ceilings and bay windows were among the features which attracted the Trombleys, not to mention the house's parquet floors, original shutters and mahogany-stained walnut woodwork.

North on Bloomfield Street, visitors will see the house in which Susan and Richard Voegelé did most of the renovation themselves. They removed bricks from an unused chimney in order to enlarge the master bedroom, then used the bricks to pave their patio. The Trombleys painstakingly stripped layers of paint to bring the woodwork back to its former appearance and updated the house with modern conveniences.

Barbara and Robert Korman, who live across the street from the Voegelés, have adjusted their home to the needs of a growing family. The master bedroom has an exposed brick wall and its original shutters. Three teenagers have reflected their interests in decor of their rooms.

Up the block is a home bought by Kim Isaacs, Richard Seltzer and Steve Wijnberger last year. Their renovation is still in progress and has included scraping and replastering a dingy stucco living room wall before repainting. Upgrading mechanical systems set back their redecorating timetable.

## Waterfront development draft finished

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
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HOBOKEN—A draft of the long-awaited report on the redevelopment of the city's waterfront property has been completed, the city's newly-appointed director of economic development said yesterday.

Miriam Kohler, who replaced S. Kenneth Pal last week, refused to divulge specifics of the report's findings. However, she did say the report, being done by the American City Corporation under the sponsorship of the Port Authority, recommended a mixture of commercial and residential development of the property.

"But that is not the final plan," she insisted. "It is only a guide to be used by us in our planning."

She said that there are other ideas for the area, so far not recommended by the report, which would also be feasible. She said that some non-polluting light industry, which would create jobs and bring the city needed taxables, may also be included in the plan.

"We have to be careful," she added. "We don't want to do anything that will hurt the city of Hoboken in the long run."

A spokesman for the authority said yesterday the report may be released in mid-October, in time for the authority's Oct. 16 conference on the waterfront.

Kohler, who was formerly the city's principal planner, also said that letters will be going out this week to the owners of waterfront piers, informing them that the Army Corps of Engineers is prepared to begin demolition of piers decided by their owners to be beyond repair.

Pier owners include the city, the Port Authority, General Foods, Union Dry Dock, Bethlehem Steel and Stevens Institute of Technology. All of them will be asked to advise the community development agency which piers they want demolished.

Kohler said many of the piers have become unusable, and she expects many of them to be removed by next spring.

## Security for tenants: 'Be your own guards'

By Randolph Diamond

While residents of Hudson Street, between Third and Fourth streets, will attend a block meeting tonight to discuss increasing burglaries, the executive director of the Hoboken Housing Authority, Joseph Caliguire, says tenants in the Christopher Columbus Gardens will have to patrol the project themselves because there's no money to provide security patrols.

Tenants in the housing project, that houses mostly senior citizens, had a meeting Friday night to complain of the increase in burglaries in the project.

But Caliguire says tenants should look through their peepholes every once in a while and perhaps organize, tenants' patrols.

Caliguire did say the authority is in the process of checking all locks, as tenants had requested, and said any broken ones will be fixed.

The executive director did say he wished the police department would provide more patrols of the project.

But Hoboken Police Chief George Crimmins Jr. said Caliguire is aware that it would be illegal for the police to internally patrol the project, since it is private property.

He did say he is beefing up patrols outside the project and in other areas of the city to stop the increase in burglaries.

Burglaries are up 25 percent for the last three months, from the same period last year.

Meanwhile, Stanley Lindwasser says a block meeting has been called over a rash over burglaries on Hudson Street.

Lindwasser said in the last few months there have been a number of other burglaries on the block and neighbors are getting very concerned.

Lindwasser said neighbors feel the increase in burglaries is due to two rooming houses, which attract transients.

The meeting will take place at 8:30 p.m. in Lindwasser's house at 310 Hudson St.

## City Council argues about appointment

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The controversy about Mayor Steve Cappiello's appointment of Carmine Gullo as public safety director without the approval of the City Council continued at last night's council meeting.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, who has challenged the appointment from the beginning on legal grounds, strongly challenged law director Lawrence Florio's position on the issue. Ranieri's directness was matched only by Florio's reply.

"Can you tell me of a situation where a man was appointed, sworn in, then confirmed by a City Council?" he asked.

"No," said Florio.

That is the situation facing the Hoboken City Council, and it was Florio who last night defended the mayor's action.

The problem arose when Public Safety Director James Giordano resigned on September 17. The following day, Mayor Steve Cappiello appointed Fire Captain Carmine Gullo as his replacement. That afternoon Gullo, in his first action as director, promoted 14 men included Giordano, through the ranks of the police department.

Soon afterward Ranieri cried "Foul." Using the Faulkner Act as his guide, he claimed that Gullo's appointment and his subsequent actions were illegal, because the appointment had not been confirmed by the council, which is specifically mandated by the act.

"If his appointment was illegal, were not also his subsequent actions," asked Ranieri? "No," Florio replied.

The resolution approving Gullo's appointment and his decision to promote the police officers will be voted on at tomorrow's council meeting.

## Ranieri to vote against Gullo, appointments

With Councilman Robert Ranieri already saying he'll vote no, the Hoboken City Council will decide tomorrow night whether to approve new Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo and his recent promotion of 14 police officers.

Last week, Ranieri blasted the appointment and subsequent promotions calling them a "literal paramilitary take-over of the city government." Ranieri called all the promotions illegal since Gullo had not been approved by the council.

At last night's caucus meeting, City Law Director Lawrence Florio

told Ranieri and the other council members he believed Gullo could make the promotions explaining he assumed all the duties of office when sworn in on Sept. 18.

Whether or not the council approves Gullo, Florio said the 14 promotions would stand because Gullo had the legal power under the Faulkner Act to make them at the time.

Ranieri said he couldn't accept Florio's explanations.

"Without the advice and consent of the council, Gullo is nothing else

than an appointee," Ranieri said. "There is no way he can legally make promotions without our approving him."

In the resolution approving Gullo at tomorrow's meeting, which begins at 7 p.m., there is one section that calls for the council to approve any actions taken by Gullo up to the council vote.

"By putting that in there, you're almost saying there was something wrong with the appointment," Ranieri said to Florio. "It seems that you're trying to cover up a mistake."

However, Florio maintained the appointment and actions all followed the proper procedure and that the resolution is also part of the proper procedure.

"It seems to me that Florio's idea of the proper procedure is to first do it wrong, then rectify it later," Ranieri said after the meeting. "I just want to see the thing done right the first time."

"It seems as if we have only a small problem now. By passing the resolution we can do nothing but compound it more and more."



## Kicked around enough, says camp owner about Hoboken

Michael Chauveau says he doesn't plan to let the Hoboken High School football team use the camp he runs in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania again.

It's not that he has anything against Hoboken, personally, he insists, but he just likes to be paid.

It was September, 1979, after the regular summer camp seasons were over at Pine Forest Camp in Greeley, Penn., and Chauveau had rented the camp out to 70 of the members of the Hoboken High School football team and their coaches for \$13 per person including three meals a day for four days.

But Chauveau says that when he took a head count he found that Hoboken High School football coach Ed Stinson had actually brought along 80 people — not the 70 he said.

So Chauveau asserts he mailed out a bill for the 80 people, totaling \$1,040 but didn't get paid anything at all until January, when the board of education only paid him half of what was owed.

After complaining a number of times to school board officials, finally in April he received the rest of the money — but it was only for 70 people.

It was, according to Chauveau, \$195 short, but he said Schools Superintendent George Maier promised him at the time the remaining amount of money would be coming soon.

It never did. Chauveau then tacked on a \$75 interest charge and said he made numerous phone calls to Maier but got no results.

So he called The Jersey Journal yesterday looking for help.

Maier's response: He said that he told Chauveau that he would try to get him the remaining money but made no promises. The superintendent said high school principal Joseph Buda and director of athletics Joseph Ronga and football coach Stinson all insisted there were only 70 people at the camp.

"I told them to pay the guy the money anyhow just to get him off our backs, but they decided not to," he said.

Maier referred the reporter to Buda.

The principal after checking with Ronga said he will ask the school board to pay the camp the rest of the money in dispute.

Buda said he thought the interest rate was outrageous. But Chauveau said he decided to impose the interest based on the total amount of \$4,100 owed because the board didn't pay anything on time at all.

"I'm not a bank and the board should pay a penalty," he said.

## Agrees Gullo appointments are 'illegal'

Hoboken City Council President Walter Cramer, a lawyer and strong supporter of Mayor Steve Cappiello, today agreed with Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri's contention that the appointment of Hoboken Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo and Gullo's subsequent promotion of 14 superior officers were "illegal."

Cramer said that under the state's Faulkner Act, the appointments of all department directors must be approved by the City Council before they take office and that Gullo was appointed by Cappiello Sept. 16 without consulting the City Council.

Cramer, however, refused to say whether he will go along with the resolution proposed by Cappiello that will come up at Wednesday's City Council meeting retroactively approving Gullo's confirmation and actions.

"I'm not going to say how I feel until Monday's council caucus but the law department apparently feels the resolution is legal or it would not have sent it down to the floor," he said. "I am going to question Law Director Lawrence Florio closely as to why he feels the resolution is legal."

If the ordinance is defeated at Wednesday's city council meeting the promotions of 14 police officers Gullo made the day after he was sworn in would become invalid.

And the eight lieutenants and captains promotions could not be remade since the captains' and lieutenants' Civil Service lists expired last week.

Former Public Safety Director James Giordano, who had been a sergeant, stepped down as public safety director, for 90 days in order to get Civil Service status in his new lieutenant's position.

Cappiello had said he would be renamed public safety director after the 90-day period.

## Residents plan fight on crime

Residents of a section of Hudson Street in Hoboken met last night to form two committees to eliminate two major problems plaguing their community.

Stanley Lindwasser, a spokesman for the group of Hudson Street residents between Third and Fourth streets, said committees were formed to work on problems with crime and boarding houses.

Lindwasser said only two of several boarding houses on the street pose a problem and the committee will seek enforcement against the facilities for numerous housing code and state licensing violations allegedly there.

He said one of the area's crime problems may be traced to some of the suspect boarding houses' residents.

The crime committee will be working closely with local police officials to cut down on the number of robberies and burglaries.

Police officials had suggested that the tenants organize themselves into groups to patrol their hallways and streets.

"Even if we could watch the block it's still up to the police to do the job of catching them and putting them away," Lindwasser said.

The committee will be working to make sure the police and courts follow through on the prosecution of lawbreakers caught in the area.

Some 30 people, including city council members and police officials, attended the meeting at one of the residents' homes.

## Cappiello accused of grab for power in Gullo case

Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri today charged that Mayor Steve Cappiello and his subordinates have executed a "literal paramilitary take-over of the city government" by appointing Carmine Gullo as public safety director and Gullo's subsequent promotion of 14 police officers, including the city's former public safety director.

Ranieri said that Gullo's appointment on Sept. 16 is "illegal" because Cappiello did not submit the appointment to the City Council.

Citing section 40. 69 A 43 of the Faulkner act, Ranieri said department directors shall be appointed with the advice and consent of the council.

"The powers of the council have been usurped," he said. "The Cappiello administration has become a para-military junta."

Cappiello retorted that a resolution asking the council to approve Gullo's appointment will be presented Wednesday.

"My understanding is that the council has the right to approve or reject my appointment," he said. "But until the matter is considered by the council, as I understand it Gullo's appointment is legal."

Cappiello said city City Law Director Lawrence Florio told him "You have done nothing wrong."

But Ranieri said the resolution drawn up was this past Tuesday after he started asking questions. Ranieri said the resolution also stipulates that all Gullo's action since Sept. 18, including the promotion of 14 police officers, are legal.

"How can the council approve such a measure?" asked Ranieri. "That would be compounding one illegality onto another. The administration is trying to watergate this whole thing and I won't go along with it."

Florio's reaction was a terse "no comment," other than to say "If that's what Councilman Ranieri says, then you print it. I want to have no part of this."

## Hoboken landlord seeks to raise rent \$500 a month

A Hoboken landlord tonight is asking the city's Rent Leveling Board to grant him the largest single monthly rent increase in the city's history — \$500 for an elderly woman and her daughter, who occupy one of his apartments.

At the 7:30 meeting in the City Hall council chambers, Carl Kirshen of 924 Castle Point Terrace is requesting that the rent of Winifred Mahoney and her daughter, Mary, be raised from \$150 to \$650 per month.

He is basing the increase on the city's hardship clause, which allows the landlord to raise his rent if he's not making a 10 percent profit.

Despite several attempts to contact him, Kirshen was not available to respond to his tenants' criticism. "It's an outrage and there's no way I can afford it," said the 77-year-old Mrs. Mahoney. "I have a heart condition and really can't get a job to pay it."

Mrs. Mahoney and her daughter admit that the \$150 they are paying for a six-room apartment on Hoboken's most fashionable street is very reasonable and say they would

down only \$25,000 when purchasing the \$145,000 house last May. "He has such a big mortgage. Of course he has a hardship," said Mrs. Mahoney.

She pulled out Kirshen's notice of the increase. "He made application for a

hardship increase on June 6th," she said. "But he brought the house on May 15. How could he have a hardship in two weeks?"

Also, Ms. Meltezer says the landlord has fixed up the apartment he is living in but has done nothing at all to fix up their apartment yet.

"He's justifying the money he put into his apartment for the hardship," she said.

They also said that when they moved into the apartment 10 years ago they spent thousands of dollars to fix it up.

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## Hoboken puts curb on overtime

The Hoboken City Council acted last night to end the Public Works Department overtime pay controversy by forbidding cross-department overtime payments and ordering the development of a formal overtime policy.

The controversy came to light two weeks ago when Public Works Director Andrew Amato reported to the council that some \$20,000 in overtime payments had been made from his budget without his approval. The payments were to Public Works and Public Safety Department employees and were approved by Safety Director James Giordano.

The council ruled last night that one director using money from another director's budget was

"contrary to budgetary policy," and would not be allowed, according to Councilman Robert Ranieri.

The council released a consensus statement at the end of the caucus which said the payment of workers from two departments with funds from one budget "must cease immediately."

The council instructed Business Administrator Edwin Chius to draft a personnel policy to prevent such problems from recurring and establish guidelines for allotment of overtime.

The council said the problem grew from a "lack of administrative capacity" to handle the consolidation of Public Works and Public Safety garages.

"Consolidation was a good con-

cept (introduced a year ago)," the council said in a joint statement, "but the administration failed to grasp it."

The council's water and sewerage committee met prior to the caucus and decided to have health officials investigate to determine if the recurring sewer problems on Washington Street posed a health hazard.

Residents of Washington Street between 6th and 7th Streets have been plagued with the backflow of sewage for the past 20 years whenever it rains. They were seeking municipal assistance to service the 18-inch sewer line that runs behind their houses.

Attorney Lawrence Florio of the city Law Department advised the committee that the sewer line was

privately owned and it would therefore be illegal to appropriate money for repairs.

Ten years ago Municipal Judge Rudolph Naddoo presided over a case in which the area residents developed an agreement among themselves to service the line. Over the years, "the agreements fell by the wayside," according to Ranieri.

If the health department's probe of the problem uncovers a health hazard, there may be sufficient basis for the city to pay for the necessary repairs in the public interest.

Ranieri noted that the finding of a health hazard "will not necessarily mean city assistance. It could mean that the city will be forced to compel the area residents to eliminate the hazard."

## Hoboken to get First Ward fix-up funds

By Randolph Diamond  
The State Department of Community Affairs has approved funding for a \$100,000 neighborhood preservation program to spruce up a large section of Hoboken's First Ward.

Sai Santaniello, Hoboken Housing and Neighborhood Development coordinator, said under the program a number of projects will be set up. Among them are:

- The hiring of a special code enforcement officer who will concentrate on having tenement house owners clear up violations.
- The establishment of a tool bank where owners of one to four-

family homes can borrow tools to renovate their houses.

- The establishment of a energy conservation program where owners of one to four-family homes can get partial grants for improving insulation in their homes.

- Continuation of a program of renovating houses of one to three units in need of major repairs and then selling them to community residents at a price below the market rate.

- Setting up a clean-up program where large garbage containers are placed in strategic locations several times a year.
- Selling garbage cans to resi-

dents at a discounted price. Santaniello said Victor Velazquez, a resident of the First Ward, has been hired to coordinate the program and will start work Monday.

He said the city is now looking for an office for the program — somewhere in the First Ward.

Santaniello said the program will take place in the section of the First Ward that runs from Observer Highway to Fourth Street and from Washington Street to Willow Avenue.

Ironically, most Hoboken residents don't consider the First Ward, don't clear up their housing violations.

Santaniello said he expects four houses in need of major repair will be able to be renovated under a program in conjunction with the First Ward Block Association.

He said the houses under consideration for the program are expected to cost in the area of \$52,000 when renovated. The houses would normally cost in the area of \$65,000, he said, if they were to be renovated by a private individual without city assistance.

Last year the city and the First Ward Block Association had worked together in renovating two houses that were then sold to private individuals.

But Santaniello said the Department of Community Affairs feels that the First Ward area chosen for the special funding is already on the upswing and is the most logical place to award funds.

"Their feeling is that they don't give money to the most deteriorated section of town because it will only be a drop in the bucket," said Santaniello. "DCA feels that giving money to the section of the First Ward is the logical next step in continuing the Hoboken renaissance that has been taking place uptown."

Santaniello said he expects that a code enforcement officer and a tool librarian to offer instruction to residents on how to use the tools could be hired within a month.

He said the code enforcement officer will work in conjunction with the city's housing inspection bureau and give concentrated attention to particular tenement house owners, who

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the area targeted for the special funding, as the most blighted in town and thus in most need of special funds.

The designation for Hoboken's most run-down area usually goes to the Fourth Ward, where there are literally scores of run-down tenement houses.

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## Help wasn't summoned, 2 brothers die in blaze

By Randolph Diamond

A 2-year-old child and his 8-year-old brother died in a three-alarm blaze in a Hoboken apartment house early yesterday morning while firemen in a firehouse less than half a block away slept because no one called them.

The two children, Victor Sanchez, 2, and his brother, Louis, were burned beyond recognition when firemen finally gained entry into the living room of Angelina Sanchez's third-floor apartment, at 224 Jefferson St., according to deputy fire chief Edward McDonald.

Four other children in the Sanchez family escaped from the brick four-story apartment house without injury as did six other families in the building.

Mrs. Sanchez was treated for shock at St. Mary Hospital after onlookers said she carried her three-month-old girl, Leila, out of the building and then tried to rush back through a wall of flames to save her two other children. She was tackled by neighbors who prevented her from going in and probably meeting instant death.

Another tenant, Jose Figueroa, 18, received back and head injuries, police reported, after jumping from the building's second-floor fire escape. He was detained at St. Mary Hospital for observation.

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All the families were relocated by the Red Cross to the American Hotel in Hoboken and the Holiday Inn in North Bergen.

The cause of the fire, which resulted in extensive smoke, water and fire damage, is still unknown, McDonald said.

Onlookers reported that a member of the Sanchez family told them that the gas heater in their apartment had blown up after one of the children lit a match to it about 10 minutes after he had turned it on because he was cold.

McDonald confirmed the fire department was investigating that possibility, but refused to comment further.

Wilda Torres, 16, who lives next door to the burned-out building, said she and other neighbors saw flames in the structure for about 15 minutes before firemen from down the block arrived on the scene.

Why didn't she and other neighbors run to the fire house or ring the alarm bell located on the block?

"I don't know," she said.

McDonald said the firemen were not notified of the blaze until a little boy ran up to the firehouse, knocked on the door and told

them something was going on at about 1:21 a.m.

"Everyone apparently thought that someone else had called us," said one fireman, who asked not to be identified. "But no one did call us."

McDonald said when firemen arrived at the scene, flames were shooting out of the Sanchez's third-floor apartment.

"We ran up the stairs and got into the kitchen of the apartment but the two children were in the front room and the flames were too intense to get to them," he said. About 40 minutes later, after the fire was reported under control,

McDonald found the children on the living room floor.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Police reported that the building is owned by Arthur Simmons of Union City. The entire fire was extinguished shortly after 6 a.m.

Meanwhile, members of the Hoboken chapter of the Guardian Angels, a street group that patrols the New York City subway system and the PATH system, reported they had collected over \$300 from neighborhood residents for victims of the fire.



# Landlord granted record rent boost

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—In what several members called a very difficult decision, the rent leveling board Wednesday night allowed a landlord to boost monthly rents for two apartments by a record-setting \$407 each.

A 3-2 vote gave Paul Kirsher the right to rent a pair of apartments at 924 Castle Point Terrace for \$757 and \$607 a month.

The board awarded the increase after Kirsher and his attorney presented strong documentation showing overriding expenses of nearly \$14,000 left over after

projected revenues of \$9,900 a year.

Kirsher's top-floor tenants previously paid \$200 a month, while the tenants of the now-vacant second floor apartment paid \$350. The board allowed him to raise the rent by \$200 immediately and \$207 after Jan. 1. Kirsher, a long-time Hoboken resident, lives on the first floor of the apartment. He could not be reached for comment.

The meeting, which lasted 2½ hours, left many of the members drained, according to the accounts of those who were present.

"It was a very hard thing," said Mary Lemanowicz,

who voted against the increase because she wanted to give the tenants more time to pay the high bill.

"Hoboken is a small city. Everybody is your neighbor. You feel as though everybody is your sister. It's a bad thing."

"But it's what happening today," she went on. "People are buying houses all over and coming in with hardship applications."

Patrick McNamara, who voted in favor of the increase, agreed that it was a difficult decision, but that the board had no choice because of the strong documentation presented by Kirsher.

## Hoboken employees delay talks

The Hoboken City Employees Association, which has to submit a "final" proposal to the city today in an effort to gain a new contract, will "submit our new proposal tomorrow," said the group's president, Jude Fitzgibbons, yesterday, "and we hope to have an answer by Friday."

According to Fitzgibbons, members of the association thought they were in mutual agreement with the city on the contract before yesterday's bargaining session and were all set to ratify it when the city came back with a new, lower proposal.

"We thought we were in agreement on the pay scale," Fitzgibbons explained, "but the city came back with a proposal that was far below what we were asking for."

The proposal the employees submitted called for a \$2,800 increase over two years, retroactive to January, 1980. The union wants \$1,000 more for this year and then an increase of \$1,800 in 1981.

The city, however, came back with a two-and-a-half year proposal at an increase of \$2,600, which the 150 blue and white collar workers unanimously rejected yesterday.

"We were going to try and ratify the contract in good faith," said Fitzgibbons. "But, the city negotiators didn't show good faith when they came back with another proposal."

Councilman Robert Ranieri, the head of the city negotiating team discounted any agreement on a contract and denied that they were bargaining in bad faith.

"This is Jude's first negotiation," Ranieri explained. "He may not understand the step-by-step process. The employees' union made a proposal to the city and we made a counter-proposal."

Should neither party reach an agreement on the new proposal, Fitzgibbons said his group will seek some type of action against the city, such as the workers picketing on their lunch hours.

If all else fails, Fitzgibbons said that there would be a job slowdown by the workers but he was vehement in saying the union would not strike against the city.

"We will not strike against the town that is so precious to the city workers," the union president said. "We will not strike against our hometown."

## Ranieri raps Cappiello on appointment

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Charges leveled by City Councilman Robert Ranieri that Mayor Steve Cappiello acted

illegally by appointing a new public safety director without the council's consent drew a strong response from the mayor yesterday.

However, Ranieri, citing provisions in a state law

on forms of municipal government, the Faulkner Act, continued to charge that Cappiello acted irresponsibly. The two sides appeared headed for a showdown when the matter is taken up at Monday night's council session.

"The action showed a blatant disregard for the rights of the council," Ranieri said of last week's appointment of Fire Captain Carmine Gullo to replace James Giordano.

"I can appoint anyone I want; let them reject it and send it back to me," Cappiello shot back. "I took the word of my legal department who said it was legal."

Ranieri insists this is not true, and pointed to the section of the Faulkner Act which declares directors can be appointed only with the advice and consent of the council. In case of a vacancy, the new director must be appointed the same way. There are no provisions in the act for an interim appointment.

Ranieri said he was also upset with a resolution for Monday night's meeting which not only affirms Gullo's appointment, but also affirms Gullo's promotion of 12 members of the police department since his appointment was made.

"How can you ratify the illegal action of an illegally promoted director?" he asked.

Thomas Callagy, of the city's legal department, appeared to take a middle ground on the move. "I think the act is deficient," he said. "It doesn't make provisions for the continuing operation of the city in the event of a vacancy." He added that he could see both sides of the argument and that he could go "either way" on the matter.

However, Business Administrator Edwin Chius had no such hesitation, saying, "As far as I'm concerned, it was done properly."

Ranieri expressed disappointment with Chius' response. "Edwin has given a statement of political allegiance, not of political reason," he said.

Ranieri has picked up support from at least two other council members, Council President Walter Cramer and Norman Wilson. Cramer, an attorney, said he remembered the law himself. "There is no such thing as an acting director," Wilson agreed. "I checked the Faulkner Act, and I couldn't see any precedent for the way it (the promotion) was done."

## Hoboken's '125th' will be marked Saturday

Hoboken's 125th anniversary as a city was actually last May but city officials figure it's better late than never to mark the event.

So, this Saturday officials are holding a belated party which will include a five-mile road race, ethnic bands and dancers, the work of local artists and much more, according to Hoboken Parking Authority Executive Director Joseph Hottendorf, who is planning the festival.

"The party was supposed to be in May," said Hottendorf, "and the mayor asked me to put it together then, but I couldn't because I was moving into a new house."

Hottendorf said Washington Street, from First to Seventh streets, will be closed for the festival which, he said, is being put together on a \$2,000 budget.

Unfortunately, Hottendorf said the city's 125th anniversary party will be far smaller than the city's 100th anniversary event.

That party, in 1955, is still remembered by many Hobokenites. "It was literally a 24-hour party," said Hottendorf, and it lasted the

whole week. There was even a five-hour parade."

But Hottendorf said the 125th anniversary celebration should offer a good time for those attending.

"I'm adding more and more things to the festival every day," he said. "It's going to be fun."



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## Housing chief has complaint: 'Nobody complains to me'

Hoboken Chief Housing Inspector Michael Curcio said today he's had it with tenants and "self-imposed guardians of their rights" who complain about sub-standard housing publicly, but don't file complaints with him.

"If I don't receive a complaint, then I can't do anything about it," said Curcio.

Curcio said if he gets a valid complaint the landlord is given a fixed amount of time to correct the violation. If he doesn't, the landlord is served with a subpoena to appear in municipal court.

Curcio said his office makes routine inspections of every tenement building in Hoboken every five years. If violations are found in those inspections, it is up to the state to prosecute the landlord, he said.

While Curcio won't comment on the state bureau of housing's prosecution of landlords, the bureau's director himself has admitted that he has only his lawyers to prosecute cases throughout the state and only worst cases go to court.

"The only way a landlord can be prosecuted under the city code is if a

tenant complains," said Curcio.

The chief housing inspector also says the tenant has an obligation to contact the landlord first before he complains to the housing inspection office.

"I've had tenants call me who haven't ever asked their landlord to fix the violations," he said.

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## Malfetti takes rap at day meetings

Hoboken's Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti said today he is being deprived of his right to represent the citizens of his ward because he can't make the City Council's once-a-month daytime meeting.

"My boss wouldn't let me off from work during the day," said Malfetti, who works as a longshoreman's supervisor on the Hudson County waterfront. "I'm not a full-time politician like most of the other council members," said Malfetti.

The council voted by a 5-to-3 margin in August to make one of its two monthly voting meetings a daytime session. Malfetti was in the hospital at the time and did not vote.

Malfetti, a bitter political opponent of the administration of Mayor Steve Cappelletto, said he feels the daytime meetings are intentional.

"Who controls the council?" Malfetti asked. "Cappelletto. They don't want to give me the opportunity to vote." Cappelletto was unavailable for comment.

Walter Cramer, a Cappelletto supporter, noted he was one of the three councilmen who voted against the daytime meetings.

Cramer, who works as a lawyer, says he also has trouble making the

daytime sessions because sometimes he has to be in court.

"I've been able to make the two meetings held so far but there may be times when I wouldn't be able to," he said. "If that happens then I may

have to consider resigning the council presidency."

Hoboken Councilmen Robert Ranieri and E. Norman Wilson Jr. also voted against the daytime meetings.

## Hoboken, PBA now at odds over lighting

The city and the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association are fighting against — this time not over contract negotiations — but over lighting in the policemen's locker room.

The city has renovated the policemen's locker room and work is almost complete except for the installation of the room's new drop ceiling.

Thomas Meehan, PBA president, says Business Administrator Edwin Chius has been asked to spend \$250 to install new recessed lighting in the locker room before the drop ceiling is installed.

old lights are under an air-conditioning duct which makes it hard to see. "A police officer is going to trip and hurt himself," said Meehan.

The PBA president said the current fluorescent lighting isn't that good even if not blocked by the duct, but he added if Chius doesn't want to buy the new lights, he should move

the old ones.

Chius said the PBA had insisted on the new lights and added they would cost \$500 not \$250. "The city electrician told me the new lights would be a waste of money," Chius said.

Chius said he would move the old lights — but no one has asked him to.

## Guardian Angels patrol Hoboken

By Randolph Diamond

The Guardian Angels, a self-appointed anti-crime group made up primarily of teenagers from New York City and New Jersey, who have been patrolling New York City subways and the PATH system, are now turning their attention to crime on the streets of Hoboken.

Michael Bosch, 21, leader of the New Jersey chapter of the Angels and a Hoboken resident, said he and the 35 other members of the Angels who live in Hoboken are concerned about the rising crime rate and will start patrols in the next few days.

"We read in the newspaper about the 25 percent rise in burglaries and how people are afraid to walk the streets of Hoboken at night now because of a rise in muggings, too," he said. "The police say they are short-handed and they 'are doing what they can, so now we going to pitch in,' he said.

Bosch said there would be between a dozen or more Angels patrolling Hoboken streets in pairs.

He said this would be in addition to the Angels' own patrol car, a 1989 Chevy, that has already been going out at night.

"We stopped one mugging the

other night already and held the guy who was beating on this woman until the police came," Bosch said.

Bosch, who works as a clerk during the day, said, however, when the police came they "weren't that thankful."

"They told us that they can handle the situation in Hoboken, but why do they tell us that and then say in the papers they're short of manpower?" he asked.

Bosch said the Angels want to work with the police.

"Any member who wants to join

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## Council OKs Gullo, to abolish job

The Hoboken City Council yesterday unanimously approved the appointment of Carmine Gullo as Hoboken public safety director.

However, the council then went along with Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri and refused to legalize a resolution by Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto appointing Gullo on Sept. 16 and authorizing all of his actions since then.

Cappelletto said the council is entitled to its vote but said he never planned to do anything wrong and said the law department has not indicated to him that he did.

Meanwhile all seven councilmen present at

yesterday's meeting approved the first reading of an ordinance by Ranieri to eliminate the public safety director's position and put the police and fire department under the control of the law department.

A public hearing on the ordinance has been scheduled for the council meeting of Oct. 8.

Ranieri said he introduced the ordinance because public safety officials have shown they don't know how to

they are doing the best they can but that Ranieri has an ax to grind.

Absent at yesterday's council meeting were Councilman Louis Francione and Nunzio Malfetti.

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our group must go through twice-a-week training for at least a month," he said. "We carry no weapons and use our hands as weapons only as a last resort."

Most of the Angels, Bosch said, are trained in karate.

"Many of them had been involved with other gangs in Hoboken but now they've joined us to do something good. Everyone in Hoboken should be

able to walk the streets of the city in safety."

Carmine Gullo, Hoboken Public Safety director, said if the Angels are willing to work with police he would like to have a meeting with them shortly.

Gullo said he did not know about the incident in which the Angels said they prevented a mugging but said he would look into it.

## Merger bill is introduced

HOBOKEN—A bill to abolish the Department of Public Safety and place it under the authority of the Law Department was introduced before city council on Wednesday.

The bill was sponsored by Councilman Robert Ranieri, who said he decided to take the move because of the ineffectiveness of the department administrators to fight crime as well as recent action by the administrators, which Ranieri termed "illegal."

## Board wants to modify Rue plan

The Hoboken City Council may act at today's meeting on a request made by the Board of Education last night to amend the resolution governing the \$900,000 bond grant for David E. Rue School.

The board is hoping the council amends the resolution, originally passed at the August meeting, so that \$275,000 can be earmarked for vocational aid to the handicapped at the school.

According to board president Robert Wendelken, if the council does take this action, the city will then be eligible for an additional \$335,000 in

state aid for the project.

The trustees voted 5-0 at a special meeting to make the recommendation to the council. The Board of School Estimate met later the same evening to okay the request unanimously.

Wendelken said there may be some problem getting the amendment on the agenda because the council may consider it new business but, he claimed, the legislation should be considered old business because it is regarding a resolution already acted on by the council.

He said the money would be used to make a portion of Rue School barrier-free by providing elevators, ramps and the like for handicapped students.

## Hoboken doesn't use up rent subsidy quota

The deadline for housing developers to apply for federal subsidies in Hoboken this year passed yesterday without attracting enough applicants for subsidies already approved for the city, but the subsidies will still be available next year.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allowed Hoboken rent subsidies for 192 housing units this year provided that developers renovated local tenements.

When the deadline passed, 130 subsidies had been applied for by two developers and 53 subsidies were left waiting.

Hoboken Housing and Neighborhood Development Coordinator Sal Santaniello said the unclaimed subsidies will be added to Hoboken's allotment for next year. Hoboken has been allowed 500 such subsidies which must be used over a five-year period.

Applied Housing Associates has applied to renovate the buildings numbered 1300 through 1312 on Washington Street. The Seriale Ltd. partnership has applied for the buildings numbered 800 through 810 on Willow Avenue.

Santaniello said HUD will have to complete a feasibility study before either of the applicants is granted approval for their renovation projects. Approval could take two months and another six months could pass

before actual renovation would begin, Santaniello said.

He expects HUD to grant approval within the next two weeks for an application submitted by Applied Housing Associates a year ago for renovation of the Willow Avenue buildings numbered 201 to 215 and 124 to 128.

Santaniello said he expects the actual work of rehabilitating the buildings to begin by the end of the year.

## Hoboken, cops can't reach pay accord

Contract negotiations between Hoboken and the Policemen's Benevolent Association have broken off again without any progress.

"We just stared at each other for 45 minutes during a session yesterday," said PBA president Thomas Meehan. "The city refuses to negotiate in good faith."

An arbitration session is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday in which both the city and the PBA will present their final offers.

The city and the PBA have had previous arbitration sessions but decided to try and negotiate a con-

tract on their own.

At the last arbitration session this past summer, the city offered a 3 percent pay raise over one year and the PBA asked for 10 percent.

The PBA has been without a contract since last January.

Meehan said the city's current wage offer — 20 percent over a two-year period is a sham because the PBA doesn't get the final 2.5 percent of the raise each year until the year's end.

"They really are offering us a 15 percent raise," he said.

The city's firemen settled for the

same offer, but Meehan said the city threw in a sweetener there — changing the firemen's work schedule so they can work one 24 hour shift and then don't have to come in for three days.

"The city is not offering us anything decent," said Meehan.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius says the city has negotiated in good faith and tried to offer the policemen the best contract possible considering the fact the city is low on money.

During debate on the resolution, several councilmen expressed concern that the promotions of 14 police officers could be endangered by the vote. However, they were assured the promotions would be upheld in court, and the vote was unanimous.

Speaking after the meeting, Ranieri said he was pleased with the vote. "My basic position has been vindicated, and I think we've advanced the dignity of the council. My argument that we cannot become administrators has been affirmed."

He added he will take no further action on the matter, apparently meaning that he will not challenge the promotions in court, although he has maintained that the promotions are illegal.

Also at yesterday's session, the council declined, reportedly on legal grounds, to go along with a proposal to hire Meter Maid. They want the same policemen for other duty. Some Meter Maids are expected to be hired when the council works out to its satisfaction the question of whose jurisdiction they will come under.

## Safety head confirmed by council vote

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Nearly two weeks after he was officially sworn into office, Carmine Gullo's appointment as public safety director has officially confirmed yesterday by the City Council.

As expected, the vote on the resolution approving Gullo's appointment was unanimous. However, the council also unanimously deleted the second half of the resolution calling for the affirmation of Gullo's actions since his appointment. This move was made at the suggestion of Councilman Robert Ranieri after he argued that affirming Gullo's actions would be "compounding the felony" of his appointment because "it was not done with the advice and consent of the council as mandated by the Faulkner Act."

Ranieri had argued recently that the appointment was an instance of the administration usurping the power of the City Council.

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## Firehouse TV muffled alert in fatal blaze

The brother of the two children who died in a Hoboken fire early Sunday morning claims firemen were muffled because they did not hear the alarm hanging at the firehouse door.

Luis Sanchez and a 16-year-old friend claim they ran the half block from the blaze at 224 Jefferson St. to the firehouse and knocked and kicked on the firehouse door for as long as five minutes before the fireman on guard duty responded.

Fireman James Giacchi said he was on duty watching television in the guard booth at the time of the 3:21 a.m. fire. He said he did not hear the youngsters knocking and they did not bother to open the door and come in.

The youngsters claim there was a chain on the door which they eventually broke by kicking it. Giacchi

then responded, they said.

Giacchi said it was possible the two boys knocked on the door for a time, but claimed they should have turned the door knob and walked in. He said it is hard to hear knock on the door from the booth where he was stationed and a parked fire engine blocks his view of the door. The booth is located across from the side door.

Giacchi claims it is ironic that the two boys did not knock on the front sliding door where it would have been easier to hear them.

One city resident estimated that it took 15 minutes for the first fire truck to arrive after the fire started. Firemen complained that no one bothered to immediately sound the alarm.

At least part of the delay was attributed to the failure of anyone to go directly to the firehouse for a number of minutes after the fire started.

Luis' brothers, Victor, 2, and Louis, 8, died in the fire which has been traced to a small gas heater.

## Hoboken will seek \$227,000 for field job

Hoboken Community Services Director Peter Beronio said today he will formally present an application for the renovation of the city's high school field and its clubhouse to federal Department of Interior officials in Philadelphia.

Beronio said the city on Wednesday will request \$227,000 under an Urban Action Park Grant administered by the Interior Department.

In addition, he said, the city will be requesting a matching grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Beronio said the plans for the field call for a renovation to allow the baseball or softball games to go on once without interference.

Beronio said that while two games often go on now at outfields from the different games often run into each other because the fields are not properly separated.

Beronio said the field's clubhouse will also be renovated and an addition will be built to include an exercise room that would be open to the public.

The clubhouse had been heavily damaged by fire three weeks ago.

## Council to examine \$335G Rue School appropriation

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—An additional \$335,000 in state funds for a vocational education program at the Rue School will be the subject of a special City Council meeting at 5 p.m. tomorrow.

If the funds are approved, the money will be added to the \$950,000 authorized last month by the council for repairs on the school.

Superintendent of Schools George Maier said a specific plan for the new program has not yet been devised.

However, he said he was working closely with the consulting

firm of Mayo Lynch & Associates, and he expected one to be formulated by the end of the month.

Maier said the program will include courses in development of mechanical and secretarial skills.

Maier said the state funds are part of a matching program, the municipality raises a certain amount of money needed for the project, and the state supplies the rest.

He said from the original ordinance, which calls for \$950,000 for necessary repairs, \$275,000 has been "identified," or separated out, to be matched by \$335,000 in state funds.

The plan has raised the eyebrows of Councilman Robert

Ranieri, who has been a consistent critic of expenditures on the Rue School.

Ranieri has said he could not vote against a program for the handicapped, but he is concerned about how the \$950,000 expenditure was passed.

The \$950,000 was approved in August when the board of education, along with Mayor Steve Cappelletto, insisted that it was the absolute minimum needed to reopen the school.

The school was closed in 1978 after it was discovered that bricks on the building's outer walls were loose.





Guardian Angel leader Mike Bosch directs group members onboard a PATH train.

## Angels guarding PATH commuters

By ROY KAHN  
Staff Writer

Diego Castellanos has 14 years of living behind him, nearly all of them spent fighting the police, fighting the neighbors, and fighting the gangs on the streets of his hometown Hoboken.

He spent his nights prowling the streets chasing trouble, or wandering the alleys with trouble chasing him.

Now that is history, the lanky Castellanos explains, leaning against the door of the 7:30 p.m. PATH train bound for Hoboken. He is now a member of the Guardian Angels, and until the train pulls into the Mile Square City terminal, that door is his post.

"I thought I could always get over... I never got caught... but I feel better being in this group," he says, battling the roar of the train to be heard. "I'm keeping myself out of trouble. I want to be helping people that need help."

Mike Bosch, 21, reaches over and drapes his hand over Diego's shoulder. "I'm real proud of him," he says, a

smile washing over his face. "You should have seen him before."

Bosch, with his black-and-white Kung Fu jacket, gold drill sergeant's medalion, and police scanner, is the force behind Hoboken's Guardian Angels.

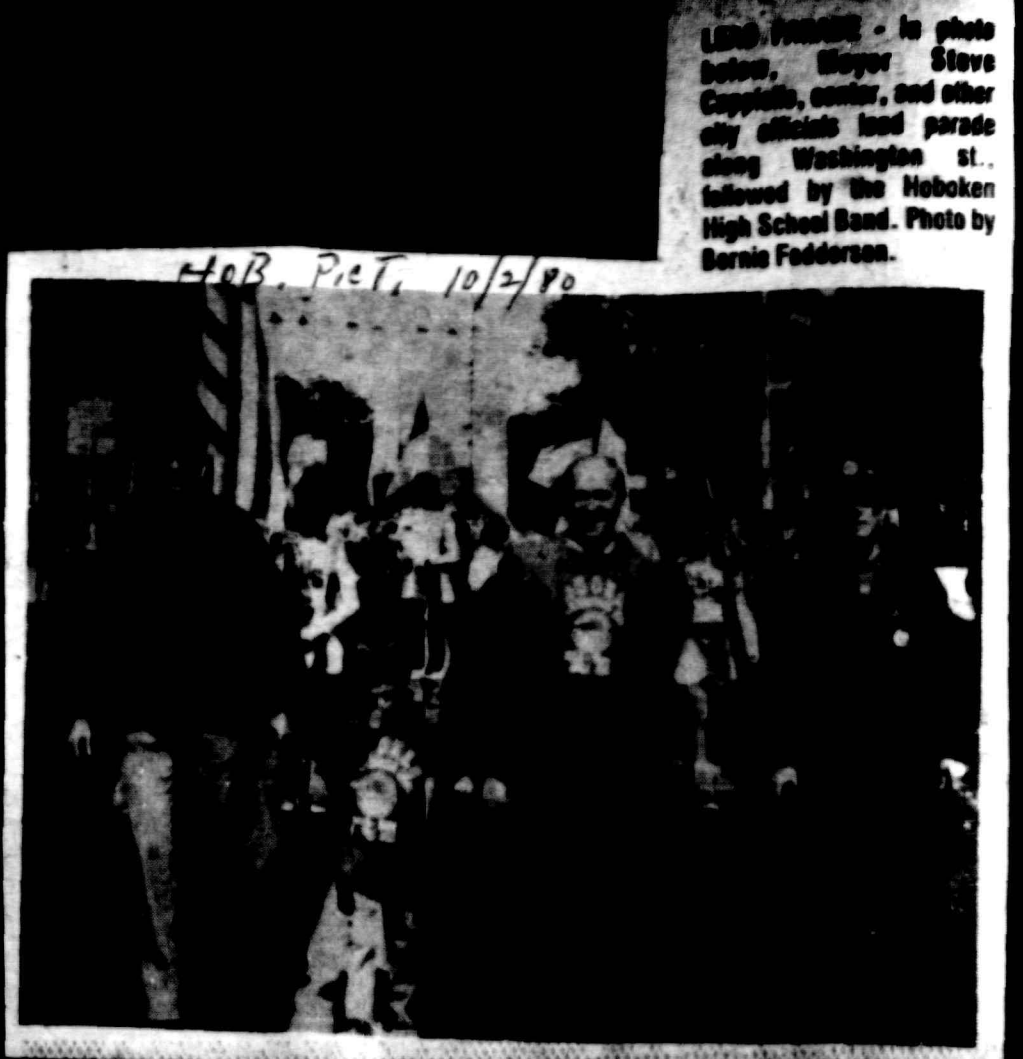
His nickname is "Super Fly," after the sophisticated, streetwise hero of the ghetto played by Ron O'Neal in the early 1970s movie.

The image sits well with him as he takes off his red beret and transfers the sergeant's pin to a broad-brimmed grey felt hat he describes as a "Godfather hat."

In the winter, he dresses in three-piece suits, a mink coat and his hat, and walks through the streets.

The garb is a remnant of an earlier part of his life, before the Guardian Angels and before he took a warehousing job at S. Gumpert and Co., a baker and hotel supplier in Hoboken.

It was a time, Bosch explained, when his talents at karate were used in gang



LEAD PHOTO - In photo below, Mayor Steve Cappiello, council, and other city officials lead parade along Washington St., followed by the Hoboken High School Band. Photo by Bernie Fodderman.

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fighting and he was involved in a wide range of illegal activities.

An arrest and sentence of two months in the Hudson County Jail started things changing, he continued.

A girlfriend, a rehabilitation program, and a new career as a volunteer art teacher in a local school brought him around to seeing things from the other side, he says.

"I saw I was just wasting my time. You reach a point where you realize you have to do something worthwhile," Bosch said.

He joined the Guardian Angels in New York City under Curtis Rock, the former gang leader who started the organization with groups of martial-arts-trained troops patrolling the city's toughest subway routes.

Less than a month ago, Bosch came to Hoboken as part of a Guardian Angel patrol expansion into the PATH system.

A week and a half later, Rock gave him control of the unit.

Bosch admits his group, which numbers no more than 35, is not as well-trained as its New York counterparts. They range in age from 14 to 22. Most have experience on the street but no martial arts skills and little overall training.

"I know the group needs a lot of training — we are in the process of doing that," Bosch says. "They did it in New York, and we can do it here."

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"New York City needs the help, the

Port Authority doesn't need it. We don't have crime here. I know our railroad," declares Port Authority Sgt. George Bischer, who is riding the train from Jersey City to New York.

The passengers include more than 100 commuters, office workers, men and women in business suits, young people heading for a rock concert, and 18 Guardian Angels.

Over the rhythmic pounding of the train, he tells Bosch he doesn't mind them being on the train but there is no real need for them.

At the authority's central office, Superintendent for Transportation for PATH Charles Ryan added the Guardian Angels were "welcomed just like any other rider." He, too, expressed skepticism over what role they might play.

"I'm not sure what contribution the Guardian Angels will make. We have our own police force," he explained. "Perhaps in the eyes of the public, they might offer a sense of reassurance. But they are more assured by the sight of uniformed Port Authority policemen."

It is an argument Bosch has heard before and one he cannot accept.

"There is crime no matter where you go," Bosch countered. "Down here, it is a lot safer than it is in New York, people breathe easier. But that doesn't mean there is no crime." At the very least, he continued, the group can act as a deterrent to potential offenders.

There are passengers, however, who say the Guardian Angel presence has a

more substantive effect than keeping prospective criminals away.

Police deny it, but according to Joseph Muniz, 30, of Jersey City, in the last few weeks, police presence on the cars has increased.

"I ride the train a lot," he said on the 33rd Street PATH platform in Manhattan, "and the cops just weren't there. Then in the last three weeks, when these guys got on the train, the cops are all over. Personally, I'm glad the Guardian Angels are here."

Officials are not ready to attack the group or as happened in New York, call them vigilantes. But endorsements are equally hard to find.

When they leave the PATH system, the Hoboken group shrinks to five or six and takes to the night darkened streets of their community.

The patrols only started a few weeks ago, and Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo said he will talk to them with his department heads.

"I want to see who they are. I want to ask the right questions," he said. He would not give an opinion of the group, though he did say the city was adequately protected by its police force.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, however, who when contacted said it was the first he had heard of Guardian Angel activity in his city, responded that any help they might provide would be welcome.

Police officers say they are afraid the group will get in the way — that they

may walk into a delicate situation and end up getting hurt or getting innocent people hurt.

They also look at the group of T-shirted Angels and add, "They look awful young, don't they?"

Among the members, the complaints are not viewed as justified. Though admittedly untrained, they say they are not police officers, not vigilantes and not gang people, yet capable of doing the job.

"What do you think? When we see a situation we just run in?" asked Bosch. "No, we spread out and slowly surround them. Without uniforms, we just blend in. Now really, who is going to cause trouble when they are surrounded? We just hold them until the police come."

On the southern end of Garden Street, among the rotting tenements and vacant lots is a small storefront.

It blends into the neighborhood well. Old shower curtains cover the two display windows. A faded advertisement for Nutty Buddy Chocolate Nut Sundae Cones has claimed a part of one window, and seems to have spent the last two years peeling itself off.

Bosch, Edwin Melendez, 20, nicknamed "Green Eyes," William Olavarria, 16, known as "Rahway," Angel Rosa, 16, and Frank Sanchez, 22, are on night patrol.

"That," gestures Bosch, "is going to be our headquarters. We are going to have our files in there. We are going to have desks and chairs. It looks like nothing now, but in a few weeks with some work..."

Rent money will come from the members, he explains, and it will be open soon. The office will give them identity, a place to be, something else to separate them from the gangs and toughs who they say they left behind to join the Guardian Angels.

Melendez practices his high karate kicks as the group makes its way slowly down Second Avenue. His background is strikingly similar to that of his comrades. Trouble, fights, more trouble.

It is a quiet night. The streets are empty, the bars barren except for the regulars.

A car drives by, and someone yells out an obscenity.

Sanchez smiles. Among the people of the street the group is becoming known.

"Names don't bother us, we get that all the time," he says.

They walk some more, meet up with Jose Rivera, 21, also known as "Chy."

Rivera has the car, a 1987 Dodge Coronet which he bought in Pennsylvania for \$200. It is the group's patrol car, as the members call it. For the next four hours, until after 3 a.m., the last of the Guardian Angels will cruise the streets, looking.

That night they found nothing but some of their own. Sanchez found his brother and told him to go home. They found Olavarria, too.

Both were supposed to go to school the next day. But it was difficult to send them home, and finally they joined the group in the car.

"Better they are here than out there," said Bosch.

## Police talks stall; arbitration is next

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Unable to agree on a contract, the city and the police department negotiators will go to arbitration to settle their differences, PBA President Thomas Mehan said yesterday.

"We met on Tuesday and absolutely nothing was accomplished," he said. "We just started at each other for 45 minutes. So on Oct. 2, we'll just go to the arbitrator."

Mehan said the police are asking for a two-year contract with a 10 percent salary increase per year. He said the city has offered 7 1/2 percent increases, with an additional raise at the end of the second year, which would add the total to 20 percent. Mehan said the men want the increase through the entire year.

"We're not trying to bankrupt the city," Mehan said. "We're willing to negotiate." He also said that the police might be willing to accept the 7 1/2 percent raise if the city added some fringe benefits to the package. But so far, he said, they have not.

The city's chief negotiator, Robert Ranieri, said the city's contract offer to the police was a fair one.

"I respect his opinion," Ranieri said.

"But he's getting 20 percent over the entire contract and that's pretty good. Let them go the arbitrator. But I'll say now, he could get less there, but he won't get more."

At yesterday's council meeting, the police department came under fire concerning the high rate of burglaries in the city.

Councilman E. Norman Wilson, citing the increasing number of break-ins in apartment complexes such as Christopher Columbus Gardens, said he hoped that with the new promotions the police department "would get going with its war on burglaries."

"I don't know what the police are doing," said City Council President Walter Cramer. "But it's all over (burglaries) and I hope the police can get to the bottom of it."

Newly appointed Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo said yesterday that the police are making good progress in their investigation of the break-ins.

Police have been transferred from the narcotics and welfare fraud squad to anti-house breaking duty, Gullo said, and the results show that since he took office two weeks ago six burglars have been arrested.

## Hoboken wants curb on spiraling rents

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken City Council President Walter Cramer has instructed the city law department to revise the city's rent control ordinance in an effort to halt displacement of residents who can't afford to pay the skyrocketing rents in the city.

Specifically, Cramer says, he wants the law department to consider working into the ordinance a provision barring hardship increases for three years for any new landlord who purchases a building, as well as barring hardship increases for landlords who obtain second mortgages.

Cramer said these provisions would prevent landlords from placing a low down payment on a building, leaving themselves high mortgage payments in order to qualify for a hardship increase.

Cramer said he and his fellow council members will work with the law department in the drafting of the new ordinance and expects it could be ready by December.

But already the real estate community has come out in favor of Cramer's proposal to bar landlords from obtaining a hardship increase if they get a second mortgage.

John Muller, secretary of the Hoboken Board of Realtors, which represents most real estate people in Hoboken, has written a letter to the city council and the mayor recommending hardship rent increases be denied to landlords who obtain such second mortgages.

Eileen Cappock, president of the Cappock Agency and the board's designated spokeswoman, said the board had proposed the ban because it believes some self-regulation is needed against "unscrupulous buyers of buildings" whose sole interest in obtaining a second mortgage is to drive up the rent.

"My family goes back to the days when Hoboken was founded and I and other board members who are long-

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## Fire officers insist on pay differential

The president of the Hoboken Fire Officers Association said today his union is adamant about including "pay differentials" in the new contract it is negotiating with the city.

The "pay differentials" issues is the main problem standing in the way of a settlement between the fire officers and the city in their contract dispute.

While the city has offered the fire officers an across-the-board pay raise package totalling about \$3,500, the union is insisting on "pay differentials" between fire officers and firemen.

According to the "pay differentials" system, fire captains earn 32 percent more than firemen, while deputy chiefs earn 64 percent more than firemen.

Fire Officers Association President Bill Bergen said that "pay differentials" are common to every fire department in Hudson County, and have been part of every Hoboken fire officials contract since 1971.

"We've had pay differentials for the last nine years," he said. "We're just looking to maintain the same situation."

But Councilman Robert Ranieri said that the spread between a fire officer's salary and a fireman's salary has gotten too great in recent years.

"Before, a fireman made about \$7,500 a year and a fire captain about \$8,400," he said. "Now, a fireman makes \$15,500 while a captain makes about \$18,000. The salaries keep mushrooming and they can't afford it."

Meanwhile, Hoboken's firemen's union — Local 1078 — is very close to a settlement in their contract dispute.

According to Mike Bavaro, president of the local, the new contract calls for a 20 percent pay raise over two years.

In addition, under the new contract, fire fighters would work 24-hour shifts, followed by three days off.

Currently, the firemen work 42 hours a week, broken into 10 and 14 hour shifts.

## Hoboken gives \$2,500 raise to city workers

After six months of negotiations, the Hoboken Municipal Employees Association yesterday reached agreement with the city on a new contract.

The pact calls for a \$2,500, across-the-board pay raise for all non-uniformed city employees over a two-year period. For 1980, pay raises will total \$1,000, with the remaining \$1,500 in raises coming in 1981.

"It's a good contract," said Jude Fitzgibbons, president of the MEA. "It means that no city worker is going to be making less than \$10,000 a year. Everyone will have a livable wage."

Hoboken municipal workers last received a pay raise — of 7 percent — in 1979. The union has been without a contract since December of that year.

The Hoboken Municipal Employees Association represents about 177 workers in all facets of city government, including public safety, public works, welfare and board of health.

## Arbitrator to settle contracts

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Negotiators for the city, the PBA and the Fire Officers Association squared off before arbitrator Irving Haley yesterday in City Hall, but the 2 1/2 hour session did not produce a settlement.

The next step in the process is for all sides in the contract dispute to file briefs with the arbitrator. Once the briefs are handed in, they will be reviewed by Haley and he will make his decision, which will be final.

Haley sat down first with the city and the fire officers. The two sides have been engaged on the issue of a pay differential between the firefighters, who had settled previously with the city, and the officers.

Bill Bergen, who leads the fire officers, said the union is asking for a 32 percent differential between the captains and the firefighters and 74 percent between the firefighters and chiefs.

The city, which was represented by Mayor Steve Cappiello, Business Administrator Edwin Chius and Councilman Robert Ranieri, does not want to negotiate a differential at all.

"Our basic policy now is to eliminate the differential," Ranieri said. "We want to eliminate that kind of stone-clad figure. In this case, the increase that would have been guaranteed because the base settlement (with the firefighters) would have been way ahead of the rate of inflation."

Ranieri said the city has offered the fire officers

salary increases similar to those on the other contracts. Thus, the captains and chiefs would receive the same \$3400 increase over two years that was given the firefighters.

## Ranieri charges Cappiello

HOBOKEN—Setting the stage for a final showdown at today's City Council meeting, Robert Ranieri again charged yesterday that Mayor Steve Cappiello acted illegally by appointing a new public safety director without the council's consent. Ranieri has charged the mayor's appointment of Carmine Gullo as public safety director was illegal because it was not done with the advice and consent of the council as mandated by the Faulkner Act.

Compounding the problem was Gullo's first act as director — the promotion of 14 policemen. If the appointment is found to be illegal or is ultimately rejected by the council, then the promotions could conceivably be invalidated. A resolution affirming Gullo's appointment will be voted on at today's meeting. A second part of the resolution affirms the actions that Gullo has taken since his appointment.

## Neighbors want 2 rooming houses torn down

Residents of a Hoboken block that has two run-down, violation-filled rooming houses are concerned that the city might be turning its head to the problem.

The rooming houses, at 306 and 308 Hudson Street, have more than 130 housing violations between them.

Residents of the area want the houses closed down until repair work is completed, so that the buildings can pass a state inspection.

Patricia Mitten, Hoboken health officer, had given the owner of the rooming houses, Demetrios

Gregorios, until today to remove all of the tenants.

However, a spokesman for the health department said yesterday that Gregorios' deadline has been extended a week.

One neighborhood resident, who asked not to be identified, said that Gregorios is making "cosmetic changes" in the rooming houses, so that he can placate the housing inspectors and not have to remove his tenants — who pay as much as \$50 a week for a one-room apartment.

"Gregorios has no incentive to make perma-

nent repairs to the houses because the city is keeping the places open, instead of closing them down," said the resident. "We don't want the city to turn its head to the problem."

Stanley Lindwasser, a spokesman for a tenants' group on Hudson Street, said that closing down the rooming houses and repairing them would be a step toward "improving the quality of life" in the area.

"Hopefully, the repaired rooming houses would attract a better clientele," he added.



# Officials question fire communications plan

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Weehawken officials took their plan for the regionalization of the fire communications system to City Hall yesterday, but the meeting apparently produced more questions than answers.

Neither Councilman Robert Ranieri, whose quest was at last week's council session prompted yesterday's meeting, or Business Administrator Edwin Chius said they were satisfied with the proposal. Mayor Steve Cappiello, a longtime supporter of the program, agreed that there are more questions to be answered before the city commits any funds to the program.

The plan, as developed by Ray Lax, the director of the Weehawken Signal and Communications Division, calls for the forming of a 10-member governing commission. The commission would consist of the fire chiefs from the five participating municipalities: Weehawken, Hoboken, Union City, West New York, and North Bergen — and five other members to be appointed by the Mayor of each municipality.

The actual day-to-day operation of the system would be handled by an executive director, presumably Lax, at an annual salary of \$36,000. He will have an administrative aide earning \$12,500 annually.

According to Ranieri, the program would cost the city of Hoboken \$65,000 to start the program with an additional annual fee of \$75,000. Chius' reservations are not with the costs, but rather with its limited scope. "I have my reservations about the plan," Chius said yesterday. "I don't think they are putting enough money into it. A regional communications system should be expensive initially, but its benefit should be tremendous eventually."

"I think the work done by Ray Lax was excellent in setting up the system, but I don't think that was the real aim," he continued. "The real goal is the consolidation of the fire departments. If we're not going to go toward a North Hudson fire department, then there's a big question, whether we should be going toward a North Hudson Communications System."

Chius had other objections, too, notably, that a 10-member commission might not be the most efficient governing body. "I think it's ridiculous," he said. "I know of no such commission in operation anywhere. This way you have to wait for 10 people to make up their minds. I think one city should be responsible for it and give one person the authority to run the system."

Another objection, one that is shared by both Chius and Ranieri, is that the system already in use by the city works well, and there doesn't appear to be any real reason to replace it.

"We have a good communications system, and we have good men running it," said Ranieri. "I don't need a new sophisticated system when I have a good old fashioned system that is just as efficient."

Ranieri said the system presently in operation costs less than \$60,000 a year, while the initial cost for the regional system would be approximately \$130,000. "I can see the advantages of the system for a town like Weehawken or West New York," he said. "They have firemen for dispatchers, and it is expensive for them. But we have civilian dispatchers. We lowered our costs years ago, and with the regional system I can't see a savings."

The regionalization plan calls for the setting up of a new phone communications system. The system, according to Chius would be expensive, and also puts the city at the mercy of the telephone company, a situation he does not relish.

# Garage men disagree on sweeper breakdown

The Hoboken garage superintendent claims that the city's three mechanical sweepers broke down again over the weekend and that "improperly trained men" operating the machines are responsible.

Mario Mercado said that about \$20,000 in damage has been done to the sweepers in the last three weeks by improperly trained men who misuse the machines and "go on sweeping patterns too quickly."

However, William Dietrich, foreman mechanic at the municipal garage, called the charges totally wrong.

"In the first place, only one sweeper went out, and it wasn't because of any human error, it was because the lift handle broke," he said.

Dietrich added that the machines carry "at least 200 pounds" of weight every day over bumpy streets and "it's only natural" for them to break down occasionally.

"These machines haven't got any springs," he said. "You can't expect them to perform any better. That would be like trying to take blood from a rock."

## Police prep course offered

HOBOKEN—The city has announced that a free course of instruction for future police candidates will begin 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Multi-Service Center at Second and Grand streets.

The course, given in 10 two-hour weekly sessions, will include instruction on civil service requirements and test-taking, and practice exams on civil service material. Registration will begin at the first class Tuesday.

# Hoboken may be dropped from regional fire setup

Hoboken may be excluded from a regional radio network for fire communications that would include Weehawken, Union City, North Bergen and West New York, a spokesman for Weehawken, which will oversee the operation, said today.

West New York and Hoboken are the two remaining municipalities that have yet to introduce ordinances allowing participants in the new system. West New York officials, the spokesman said, intend to take action as quickly as possible in order for their town to participate, but Hoboken officials are divided on the matter.

"Hoboken has been bringing up the questions which, although valid, far exceed the scope of what we are trying to do — consolidate fire communications at a savings to all," the spokesman said. "They are talking about an overall consolidation of services and that far exceeds what we are trying to establish."

The spokesman said that Hoboken officials were also concerned with the fact that the initial cost of participating would be higher for Hoboken than the other communities. He explained

that this was due to the fact that Hoboken's fire communications lines went through a switching center in Jersey City and would have to be rewired for the North Hudson office. "We understand Hoboken has some doubts but we can't let that hold up the entire program," he continued.

# Councilmen clash on day meetings

Hoboken City Councilman Thomas Kennedy today defended his vote to allow the City Council to hold a once a month daytime meeting.

"The senior citizens requested it," he said. "That's why I voted for it. Many of the seniors are afraid to walk the streets at night to come to the evening meetings."

Kennedy was reacting to a statement by Hoboken Councilman Nunzio Malfetti, who said he couldn't attend the daytime meeting because he can't get time off from work. Malfetti works as a longshoreman supervisor on the waterfront.

Malfetti said he felt the council voted to hold the daytime meetings to deprive him of his right to vote. Malfetti is a critic of Mayor Steve Cappiello, while most of the other councilmen side with the mayor.

Kennedy also said he didn't believe that Malfetti couldn't get out of work.

"I'm sure his employer would let him off if he was willing to be docked the pay or make the time up later," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said that he also works days and has to make up the time he spends at the council meetings.

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# Council acts on \$335,000 in bonds for Rue School project

The Hoboken City Council has introduced a \$335,000 bond ordinance to convert the northern section of Rue School for a vocational education program for the handicapped.

Eventually, the bonds are expected to be covered by grants from the state Department of Education, in addition to \$275,000 of a recent \$900,000 appropriation to reopen the school, closed since 1978.

Councilman Robert Ranieri accused school officials at yesterday's special meeting of having deliberately over-estimated the amount needed to reopen the school to provide the \$275,000 figure.

A special meeting is scheduled for Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. for a public hearing and final vote on the measure.

According to Ranieri, school officials had told the council in August that \$300,000 would be needed to repair and renovate the school for opening, despite an independent consultant's estimate of \$550,000. On the basis of this, he said the council had approved the appropriation.

The \$275,000 that is being "identified," or separated from the appropriation, leaves only \$625,000 appropriated for the opening of the school, Ranieri said. "They knew they could open the school for a much lesser amount," he said, "yet they argued for the \$300,000 to get the state funds."

"It should have been submitted all along in a straightforward manner," he said.

A consistent critic of the Rue School project, Ranieri still voted for the bond introduction, explaining "you just don't vote against a program for the handicapped."

In answer, Elizabeth Schonwald, a planner with Mayo, Lynch & Associates, the project's consulting firm, said the state funds represent an increase in the amount of money available to open the school rather than a decrease as Ranieri contends.

The program facilities, she said, which will take up about one-third of the entire building, would be designed so that the regular students may also use them.

"In any other council they would've stood up, and complimented us for getting the grant," Joseph Lynch, of Mayo, Lynch, said.

The school had been closed when inspectors discovered the bricks on the outer walls were loose. The major part of the appropriation is scheduled for correcting the problem.

The vocational program is expected to include in mechanical and secretarial work. Schools Superintendent George Maier said a definite program would be worked out later this month.

# Hoboken may fold public safety unit

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A bill that would abolish the department of public safety and place it under the legal department will be considered by the City Council at Tuesday night's caucus.

The bill, which is being sponsored by Councilman Robert Ranieri, was introduced unanimously at the council's last regular session. If it is not tabled Tuesday night, the bill will have its second and third readings on Wednesday. If passed then, it would become law within a month.

Yesterday, Ranieri gave several reasons for his support of the bill. He cited two recent incidents of alleged misconduct by the department's administrators. One, he said, was the use of public works funds to pay public safety employees' overtime salaries. "That was done without the authority of the public works director, Andrew Amato," he said.

He also referred to the "usurpation of power" by the mayor when a new director, Carmine Guille, was appointed and sworn in on Sept. 18, several weeks before he was approved by the council.

Noting that the director then was a former police officer, James Giordano, and that the present director is a former firefighter, Ranieri said the problem was clear. "The uniformed should not be administered by the uniformed," he said. "The department should be placed under civilian control."

He added that from talking to his constituents, he found a general lack of confidence in the department's ability to fight street crime effectively.

Mayor Steve Cappiello strongly defended the department yesterday and said he will oppose the bill. "We try to work within the parameters of our financial abilities," he said referring to charges that the department has been ineffective. "There have always been more calls for more this and that."

Cappiello added that he looked forward to the day when the police and fire departments would be merged. Asked whether this meant police officers would be responding to fire calls, he said yes.

"I can see the day," he added, "when it may be forced upon us as a result of a lack of funds, what with the inability of lower cities to attract new retailers and the increasing inability to cope with higher contracts given to the union," he added with reference to Hoboken's stalled negotiations with the police and fire officers.

"That may not make me a lot of friends, but I can see it happening."

In response to Ranieri's statement that the uniformed cannot govern the uniformed, Cappiello said that wasn't true. Asked specifically whether a former police officer would carry out a full investigation if charges were leveled against one of his former colleagues, his reply was an emphatic yes, although he said the investigation would be conducted "discreetly."

He added that a civilian would not know how to conduct such an investigation and get as much information from the officers as possible.

City Council President Walter Cramer, appeared to take a middle ground on the bill yesterday. "The administration has not approached me on it," he said.

"I have an open mind," he added, however, that he believes the police need to do their job more efficiently. "They will have to tell me why it should remain the way it is," he said.

"There have been a lot of breakings and entries, and we need to get a lot more cops on the streets. If we can't get that with a policeman in charge of public safety, we'll get it with a civilian."

# Neighbors differ over loading zone

Hoboken residents are divided over plans of a local wholesale business to establish a loading zone on the corner of Eighth and Clinton Streets.

Atlantic Wholesale Grocers, which is located on the southeast corner of the intersection — across from Hoboken High School and Fire Station No. 6 — wants the loading zone in order to ease the loading and unloading of goods from trucks.

But some neighborhood residents think the zone will interfere with pedestrians trying to walk through the area, and with fire engines that use the adjoining streets.

"That business should be relocated to the railroad tracks," said Fire Capt. Ernest Prudente. "Their trucks make it hard for the kids from the high school to walk by and for the fire trucks to pass."

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# Many New Yorkers go west, displacing native Hobokenites

By Randolph Diamond

Kathy Glass, 25, sipped her beer slowly as she sat at the bar in Maxwell's tavern in Hoboken, a popular singles meeting place for many of the New Yorkers who have moved across the Hudson.

"I've had it with all this talk about us native New Yorkers displacing Hobokenites," she said angrily. "I was displaced myself out of New York because the rent was too high there. That's why I'm now living in Hoboken."

"That's how our free enterprise system works," she went on, "and quite frankly while I'm not exactly crazy about the system, I don't feel I'm in a position to change it."

The issue of native Hobokenites being displaced by New Yorkers — especially the elderly — has become the topic of consideration all around the city.

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# Old building faces demolition

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
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HOBOKEN—For nearly a century, it has served as a home for a car dealership, a furniture store, a warehouse and a studio. Now the Washington Savings Bank wants to make 111 Washington St. a parking lot.

But the bank's efforts to demolish the three-story Italianate structure is being opposed by the historical commission.

The commission's opposition stems from the fact that the building is located within a designated historical district, and, with its cornices and cast iron pier, is a fine example of turn-of-the-century architecture. The bank, claiming that the building is uninhabitable, attempted to demolish the building in July.

Work was halted before it began when a police officer noticed they didn't have the proper permits. Wednesday night, the bank appealed to City Council to overturn the historic designation and allow demolition to start again.

It was the first time that an historical designation has been challenged in the city, and the council agreed to study the proposal.

"In my opinion, the building is an eyesore on the avenue," said bank President James Pinto. "What we plan to do is eventually build a two-story building over the lot to expand the banking facilities."

However, the commission's technical advisor, Patricia Florio, complained that the bank never submitted any building plans, as she said it was obligated to do.

She also thought that a parking lot in place of the building would run contrary to thinking behind the designation.

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# Hispanic cops want 'job equality'

By Augustin Torres

A Hudson County police organization is expected to demand that local municipalities follow federal affirmative action guidelines in the hiring and promoting of Spanish-speaking officers.

Hoboken Police Officer Luis Rios, president of the Hispanic Law Enforcement Society of Hudson County, said yesterday that the group is meeting with Hispanic police organizations in New York and Philadelphia, where affirmative action programs have begun.

"We are also talking to several attorneys in Newark, Philadelphia and New York to determine our strategy," said Rios.

Union City Patrolman Grover Reinhardt, vice-president of the police group, said that the promotion of Hispanic officers is as important as their recruitment.

"Right now in Hudson County there are very few Hispanics in law enforcement in the role of supervisors," said Reinhardt. "There are Lt. Mario Mercado in Hoboken and Sgt. Victor Perez of the Jersey City department."

The Hispanic police officers say that the recruitment of Spanish-speaking, Latin Americans specifically, and promotion of those in the departments do not reflect the communities and their needs.

"Union City has taken some great strides in the past several years in hiring Hispanic officers," said Reinhardt, "and this effort earned Mayor William V. Musto the society's Outstanding Service Award."

He explained that the police department has nine Spanish-speaking officers, six more than in past years, and one of them, Jose Robles, was appointed yesterday to the detective bureau.

The Hispanic Law Enforcement Society has 65 members from the county's municipal police departments and the group is part of the state-wide organization. Rios said the Hudson County was created in 1976.

Continued from Page 1. And that was in addition to a fuel surcharge he was allowed to impose which would have raised the rent to well over \$800 a month."

Ms. Glass said that even with a new roommate she just couldn't afford the \$400 a month for her apartment.

"I know \$30 more a month may not be a lot for some people but I was over my head at \$350," she said. "That's \$600 more per year."

Ms. Glass said she considered moving to a studio apartment in Manhattan but couldn't find one for under \$500 a month.

Reasonable apartments in Manhattan are not advertised in the papers and apparently get taken through word of mouth," she said. "Believe it or not the \$900 I would have paid if I had stayed in my old apartment is considered a steal in New York."

After deciding she could no longer afford to live in New York, Ms. Glass said she decided to investigate Hoboken.

"I had heard there was a renaissance going on there and it was only 13 minutes from midtown by the PATH," she said. "So one day last spring I took the train over, looked in the phone book and found some local real estate brokers. The first broker I went to showed me a nice studio apartment on the second floor of a building near the PATH train for \$290 a month. I took it right up sight."

John Williams, a landscape artist, sat next to Ms. Glass in Maxwells and listened as she told her story to a reporter.

I stayed in New York. I would have been able to survive," he said. "I was in a loft and we didn't have a lease," he says. "One month I was paying \$400 and the landlord told me the rent would be \$800 the next month."

"I'm trying to make a name for myself," said Williams, "but I haven't yet and can't afford \$800 a month now. Not under any circumstances."

Williams said he found a reasonable loft in Hoboken with a lease for \$350 a month. "I don't know who was living there before I came," he said. "I hear this talk in the streets that we New Yorkers are displacing everyone. It's against my personal values to do something like that. If I did displace someone I feel guilty about it."

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# Council votes today on vocational project



Robert Ranieri  
'How much is cost?'

The Hoboken City Council will vote today on a measure authorizing that \$335,000 in state funds be used for a vocational education program for the handicapped at the Rue School.

If approved, the funds would be added to the \$950,000 which was authorized by the council last month to re-open and repair the school, which was closed in 1978 when inspectors discovered the bricks on the outer wall were loose.

The vocational program facilities, which will take up about one-third of the building, will be designed so that both normal and handicapped students can use them.

The program will include four laboratory courses — employment orientation, building maintenance,

mini-construction and health careers — and four classroom courses.

"Our ultimate goal is to develop a work-placement program that will put these kids to work as soon as they graduate," said Superintendent of Schools George Maier.

But Councilman Robert Ranieri, who has been a frequent critic of the Rue School project, said he has two reservations about the plan.

First, Ranieri expressed concern about the operational costs of the project.

"Assuming we approve the necessary funds to repair the school and set up the program, how much is it going to cost to finance the program annually?" he asked. "How much is it going to cost to hire new teachers and run the program every year?"

Ranieri also fears that a problem may develop when older students who take part in the vocational education program use the same facilities as the grammar school students enrolled in the school.

But Maier maintains that the program will be only for students from kindergarten to eighth grade.

"By the age of 16, all of the students in the vocational program will be placed in Hoboken High School," he said. He added that having handicapped and normal students use the same facilities will "benefit both of them."

As for the financing of the program, Maier said that the teachers needed will be selected from the school system's present staff. He added that any additional

funding for the program will be obtained from the state and federal governments.

"I'm disappointed in Ranieri constantly jumping on the money issue," said Maier. "What better investment can you have than education?"

But Ranieri says that he isn't sure if the Rue School should be re-opened in the first place.

"If Maier wants to use 25 percent of the school for the vocational program, that tells me that there aren't enough students available to fill up the school," he said.

Ranieri added that, with Hoboken's school population dropping by 2,000 in recent years, he is in favor of consolidating the school system, even if it means dropping teachers or closing a school.



George Maier  
'Put kids to work'

## Hoboken company gets \$1,800,000 loan

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority has approved a \$1,800,000 economic development loan to Universal Folding Box Co., Inc. in Hoboken.

The loan, which has been arranged through the sale of the Authority's tax-exempt bonds, will finance the construction of a 36,400 square foot addition to an existing 90,000 square foot manufacturing facility located on four acres of land at Madison and 13th streets. Universal Folding Box Co., Inc., was founded in 1910 when it began the manufacturing of folded cartons.

The project is expected to create 39 new jobs within two years and 39 construction jobs.

## Cop brutality charged by theft suspect

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The Hudson County Prosecutor's Office is investigating charges that a group of Hoboken policemen brutally beat a youth while he was handcuffed and under arrest for the mugging of an elderly woman.

The youth, Miguel Angelo Morales, 19, of 1043 Bloomfield St., also charged police allowed the woman, Mrs. Otto Hottendorf, to participate in the beating, which allegedly took place in the back room of the station house Sept. 11.

Deputy Chief Steven McCabe of the prosecutor's office confirmed the charges were being investigated. However, he would not comment further on the case. Meanwhile, portions of Morales' story have been independently confirmed by hospital records and by Hottendorf herself.

"When I went back to the station to identify him," she said, "I jumped the man. I started punching him and scratching him and doing everything I could to him. I was on fire."

Upon learning the charges, officials at St. Mary Hospital have refused to allow inspection of the emergency room records of Morales' visit that morning, even though he had authorized their release.

However, they admitted that the records showed Morales entered the hospital with "contusions on the forehead and the left side of the face and lacerations of the lower lip."

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According to the police department records, Morales resisted arrest, and such charges against him were filed by the arresting officers, Sgt. John Aiello and Patrolman James Weyerhahn. The report also says that "necessary and prudent force used to effect arrest."

Recently-appointed Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo said he had "no idea" the incident had occurred or that Hottendorf had been mugged. He added that the arrest took place a week before his appointment to the post.

Yesterday, PBA President Thomas Meenan said he had heard the youth had signed a complaint in Municipal Court here.

Meenan discounted the brutality charge and added, "If I knew somebody who punched an old lady in the eye, I'd punch him too."

Morales' attorney, Dennis McGill, said that although he knew Morales was ready to sign a complaint, he was unsure that he did so already.

According to Hottendorf, she was walking alone in the late hours of September 10, when she was approached by two men. After one asked her for a light, another allegedly grabbed her from behind and began to choke her with one hand and punch her with the other.

The other man, she said, tried to grab her purse, and at one point she said she bit him on the hand. After she screamed, the men took off, she said. Police said they found Morales in the hallway of a building at 1042 Park Ave. Hottendorf's pocketbook was nearby.

Police never found the other alleged assailant.

"If I did it, I did it," said Morales, who is presently in the Jersey City Medical Center being treated for hepatitis, which he contracted in prison. "I don't

remember too much. I was drinking White Label, and I must have been nodding out in the hallway when they got me."

Morales said he was shoved against a wall and told that he was under arrest. He was then taken outside, where he said the beating started. "There were so many people out there. They were beating me on the back," he said lifting up his hospital gown and pointing to faint bruises visible on his back.

"They started laughing at me more and more, and they were saying 'you Puerto Rican bastard' and all that stuff," Morales said he didn't remember who did the beating at that point.

Lieutenant Frank Garrick said he was at the scene at the time of the arrest. He said he didn't see Morales being mistreated. "When he was brought out, I believe that he had handcuffs on. I wasn't in the hallway. So whatever resistance took place in the hallway, I didn't see."

Garrick added that he did not go back to the station, so he was unaware if Morales was beaten then. Morales, who has a prior criminal record, said he was then taken to the back of the station, where he said the beating continued.

"My hands were tied up," he said. "But one cop, he was all over me. I kept trying to duck, but I couldn't." He said he was hit badly, especially on the left side of his face. He pointed to his blackened eye, which he said was a result of the incident more than a month ago.

"They kept yelling, 'You're lucky it wasn't my mother.' He said that there were about four or five cops in the room at the time, and the ones who beat him used a black jack and a club."

Then, he said, Hottendorf entered the room. "I know she was hitting me with something, I had blood on my eye, so I couldn't see real well." She screamed at him "Where is the other guy?" as she hit him, he said.

Hottendorf said she identified him at the station by the cut on his hand, which she said occurred when she bit him.

She added that she had no regrets for her action. "I'd like to get my hands on the other guy," she said. "I'd beat him up like the other guy."

Her son, Joseph Hottendorf, director of the Hoboken Parking Authority, denied that his mother took part in the beating at the station.

"It didn't happen. I never left her side while we were at the station," he added, however, that Morales appeared to have been beaten badly. "His eye was in trouble," he said.

Morales was then taken to the hospital, where he was treated and released. He said the next day, before his arraignment, one policeman approached him and asked him if he was a boxer. Morales said he replied that he was. He said the policeman then told him that one cop who beat him had also been a boxer. Morales said he recalled much of the alleged beating coming from a sergeant.

One of the arresting officers, Sgt. Aiello, is a former boxer. He could not be reached for comment.

Morales also insists said that he could identify the men involved if he was shown pictures of them.

## Waiting for prosecutor's office

# Officials put off cop brutality probe

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The city's public safety director and the chief of police said yesterday they will not investigate brutality charges against members of the police force unless they are notified of the complaint by the prosecutor's office.

"I talked with the chief (of police George Crimmins) today, and we decided we can't do anything unless the prosecutor notifies us of the complaint," said Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo.

Both men also discounted the validity of the charges by Miguel Angelo Morales that he was beaten by police officers who also allowed the woman whom he allegedly mugged to participate in the beating.

Gullo said he believed the charges were made up by the defendant, an opinion shared by Crimmins.

"I view this as just another tactic by a desperate defense," Crimmins said. When he was asked if he had read the newspaper article detailing the charges, Crimmins said, "No."

It was pointed out that Morales' complaint was supported by medical records and a statement by the woman, Mrs. Otto Hottendorf, who admitted she attacked Morales while he was being held in handcuffs at the station house.

"The doctor can only say that he sustained an injury," Crimmins replied. "He can't say that he was beaten."

However, a statement made to The Dispatch by Lt. Frank Garrick further indicated that Morales was given a severe beating in the station on the night of Sept. 10. Garrick, who was on the scene when Morales was arrested, denied Morales' allegation that he was beaten

at the time he was arrested on Park Avenue. He also said he could recall seeing no bruises on Morales' face at that time.

An eyewitness at the station and St. Mary's medical records indicated that Morales was barely bruised when he left the station that night to be taken to the hospital. Thus, Morales apparently received the "injuries" to his face during the period when he was inside the stationhouse between the time he was last seen by Garrick (who did not accompany him to the station) and the time he was taken from the station to the hospital for treatment.

During that time, according to Garrick's recollection, Morales was handcuffed. It is not clear if he was resisting arrest, as was claimed by the arresting officers, or how much resistance he could have put up, considering that his hands were bound.

## Turf

A dispute over whose turf is whose is being averted in Hoboken and it is an example of how basic neighborliness can lead to a graceful compromise.

Stevens Institute was making plans for necessary expansion. Dormitory space was vitally needed, for one thing.

There were rumors that the institute was about to expand its off-campus facilities and there was some community opposition.

The classic town and gown confrontation seemed imminent.

After all, Stevens was well within its rights. It already owned property throughout the city. It was not illegal to go into the open market and buy whatever property it could find available.

Instead, Stevens decided to limit its expansion to the campus and to the immediately adjacent neighborhood. The institute will also sell off some of the property it now owns in the city.

Stevens is happy with its plans and so are the institute's neighbors. If only other relationships in other communities were handled as well.

## Hoboken will aid merchants with campaign

The city of Hoboken will launch a promotional campaign next month to help local merchants improve their business. Miriam Kohler, the city's economic development director said today.

Ms. Kohler said the first step of the program will be the printing of a shopping guide which will be in the form of a theater playbill.

The guide will list every merchant in the city and will be distributed at central points throughout Hoboken, she said.

Ms. Kohler said she expects 5,000 copies of the guide to be printed, at first, with the city and the merchants splitting the bill.

Each merchant, she said, will be asked to contribute \$10. Ms. Kohler said the guide should be distributed by the beginning of December in time for the Christmas season.

The Economic Development Director said the printing of the guide will only be the first step in efforts to promote the city's retail community. But, Ms. Kohler, who has been at her post less than two months, said she wants to have several meetings with merchants before announcing future steps.

## Cappiello gets tough on rent leveling law

By Randolph Diamond

Saying he is tired of unscrupulous landlords ripping off Hoboken residents, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he has informed both Chief Housing Inspector Michael Curcio and Rent Leveling Board Administrator Bernie Van Carpels that he wants the city's rent leveling law, which prohibits rent increases to landlords with housing code violations, enforced.

"No landlord in this city with any violations on record is going to get an increase," the mayor said.

The mayor said he has told Mrs. Van Carpels to check with Curcio in making sure that any landlord getting an increase under the rent leveling law has no housing code violations.

While Mrs. Van Carpels maintains she had been checking for housing code violations in cases when a landlord asked for a hardship increase, she has admitted she does not have time to check landlords who give their tenants the normal seven and a half percent increase per year allowed under the law.

But Cappiello said he wants every landlord checked and said Mrs. Van Carpels will have to make the time to do it.

"If necessary the landlords will have to wait for their increases," the mayor said. "The tenants have to come first."

In cases where the landlord has violations on record but claims they were fixed, Cappiello said a reinspection will be made of a particular property before the increase is approved.

Cappiello said he has become aware of a number of cases where tenants were given very high rent increases — even though there were code violations.

He said on Monday the rent leveling board approved a \$106 hardship rent increase to the landlord of the building at 411 Bloomfield St., Jai Jayal, despite the fact that there were numerous housing code violations on record. The rents in the building had been \$175 and \$200 for the apartments, which range from three to five rooms.

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Cappiello said he learned of the violations from tenants.

Mrs. Van Carpels said, though she was aware that there were violations on record for the building, Jayal told her that the violations had been corrected.

"He lied," she said.

Curcio said he hadn't made a reinspection of the property because the violations on record were from an inspection he did for the state and he does not normally make reinspections in those cases until the state orders him to. The state, he said, had not ordered an inspection.

Jayal was unavailable for comment.

Mrs. Van Carpels said she has

sent Jayal a letter informing him that his rent increase is rescinded until he corrects the remaining violations.

Cappiello said he talked to Mrs. Van Carpels and Curcio briefly today about what he wants from them and expects to have further discussions later.

But Mrs. Van Carpels said in her opinion it was impractical to check each landlord's records for housing code violations for the yearly seven and half percent increase allowed under the present system because she said landlords do not have to notify her now to impose the yearly increase.

Cappiello said, however, he will seek the city law department's counsel in changing the current

system if that has to be done so landlords with housing violations don't get any increases.

The mayor said he was also very concerned about the high hardship rent increases being given tenants even in the cases when there are no violations.

"We want to allow a landlord to make a profit but not to the point of hurting our residents," he said.

Hoboken's current rent leveling law allows landlords to qualify for a hardship if they can show they're not making a 10 percent profit, but City Council President Walter Cramer and a number of other officials and

citizens in town have charged that landlords are putting low down payments on buildings they purchase and/or deliberately taking out second mortgages in order to qualify for hardship increases to raise the rents.

Cramer had asked the law department to look into a revision of the rent control law that would prohibit hardship increases to new landlords in the first three years after they purchased a building and would also bar second mortgages as being considered as a factor in granting a hardship.

Cappiello said he completely agrees with Cramer's proposal.

## Stevens to build \$4 million dorm

By Randolph Diamond

The president of Stevens Institute of Technology today announced the school will start construction of a \$4 million, eight-story dormitory on a vacant lot it owns at the corner of Castle Point Terrace and Eighth Street in Hoboken early next spring.

Kenneth C. Rogers told The Jersey Journal that the dormitory, which will have 120 double rooms, will alleviate the college's housing shortage.

Thirty-five college freshmen are currently living in barracks at the

Bethlehem Steel Shipyards because of the college's lack of dormitory space.

The college president said construction time for the new dormitory should be about one year. He said the dormitory would enable the college to have summer seminars for engineers.

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"We would like to hold such seminars now but we can't," he said.

Rogers said the dormitories on campus could not be used for housing

because they are not up to date. He also said the new dormitory would enable the college to sell scattered buildings it owns around Hoboken that now house students.

Also in the works, Rogers said, was the eventual construction of an \$8 million mechanical and civil engineering building on the site of the Navy Building which would be demolished.

But Rogers said funds have not been raised to pay for the construction of the building. He said he was hopeful funds could be raised within the next year.

The building, Rogers said, would put the school's mechanical and engineering facilities on a par with any institution in the world.

Rogers said the college is also beginning a maintenance upgrading program in which one facility would be renovated each year.

Rogers said the college planned to concentrate on building on its present campus and not build in other areas of Hoboken.

"We don't want the townspeople to feel we're trying to expand into the city and take away their turf," he said.

## Crime shows rise in Hoboken

The number of violent crimes reported to Hoboken police in 1979 increased by 6 percent over 1978, while the number of non-violent crimes reported rose by 15 percent, according to statistics released by the FBI.

In 1979, there were 2,015 persons arrested on a total of 2,197 charges, as compared to 1,762 persons arrested.

Hoboken Police Chief George W. Crimmins explained that the number of reported crimes usually exceeds the number of arrests because a person may be arrested on six counts, but, as far as the FBI statistics are concerned, that only counts as one

arrest. Of the 2,015 persons arrested last year, a 730 were juveniles—almost double the number arrested the previous year.

The jump in the number of juvenile arrests can be attributed to the Hoboken Youth Bureau, which was established on Jan. 18, 1979. The

10-member unit handles all kinds of youth cases—including runaways, child abuse, disorderly conduct, and truancy.

Of the 730 juveniles arrested in 1979, only 291 were charged with crimes. The others were referred to various community and county agencies.



# Hoboken to study demolishing historic building

By BETTY M. LIU  
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HOBOKEN—The City Council last night approved a study to determine whether a historic building seeking landmark status should be demolished.

The five-story structure at 111 Washington St., owned by the Washington Savings Bank, was built around the turn of the century and is noted for rare cast iron pillars on the ground floor and ornate details on its windows and cornices.

Council President Walter S. Cramer directed the law department to investigate and resolve legal ambiguities surrounding the building's status. Before the special hearing on the historic

edifice, the council tabled an ordinance that would abolish the department of public safety and replace it with a division of public safety under the law department.

The 8-0 vote sets aside indefinitely Councilman Robert Ranieri's proposal, which he says would upgrade police and fire service.

The council also passed a resolution last night granting a real estate tax abatement to the Church Square South Associates, a company constructing subsidized housing at Willow Avenue and Second Street.

The normal tax payment of \$600,000 for the completed project will be reduced to \$37,000. The

builder is now reportedly paying \$19,000.

The project provides for 70 residential units in 12 buildings.

Several city public safety mechanics picketed City Hall before the meeting began, protesting low wages and the alleged failure of their union, the Municipal Employees Association, to represent them adequately in contract talks.

A representative of the mechanics told the council they were being paid considerably less than public safety heavy equipment carriers and truckers.

Ranieri, who is also the city labor negotiator, said poor communication was the cause of the dispute. In fact, he explained, the union had

approached the city and the mechanics' wages had already been raised.

Senior mechanics' pay will be raised from \$11,340 to \$13,700, retroactive to Jan. 1, and junior mechanics from \$11,140 to \$13,500.

The council also turned down, 5-3, a move to change all its meetings to evening sessions. Meetings will still be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, but one session will be in the morning and the other at night.

This way, explained Councilman Thomas Kennedy, citizens who cannot attend evening meetings, such as firemen, truckers, policemen and others who work night shifts, can still come before council.

## St. Mary open house marks program success

St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken, will hold an open house Friday to commemorate the hospital's three-year-old Cardiac Rehabilitation Program.

Originally established for the rehabilitation of cardiac patients, the exercise program was recently expanded to include persons — not referred by physicians — who want to keep themselves fit and lower the risk of heart disease.

The program has become especially popular among those who are heavy smokers and want to quit, and among overweight persons.

Throughout the eight-week program, a team composed of a

registered nurse, physical therapists, a nutritionist and a counselor keeps close supervision over every patient's progress.

Each participant receives a comprehensive cardiac evaluation before beginning the exercise program, which uses the latest cardio-rehabilitative equipment, including special bicycles and treadmills. Exercise groups meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Friday's openhouse will take place in the hospital's Assumption Hall, at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. William Walsh, chief of cardiology.



As a registered nurse, Pamela Rehm, watches Dorothy Gerald, left, Anthony Scarfone and Gloria Koenig peddle bikes as part of the cardio-rehabilitation exercise program in St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken.

## Hoboken won't pay firm hired by Mayors' Council

The Hoboken City Council has blocked payment of \$21,000 to a consulting firm because, according to Councilman Robert Ranieri, the firm was hired without the council's consent.

According to Ranieri, the North Hudson Council of Mayors authorized the payment — to Mayo, Lynch and Associates — for a sewerage study in connection with the Hudson County Regional Sewerage Authority.

Ranieri claims that Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and the North Hudson Council had no authority to hire Mayo Lynch, then notify the city it must pay.

"The North Hudson Council of Mayors has no authority to make governmental decisions," he said. "The only body that can obligate Hoboken tax money is the Hoboken government."

Ranieri added that it was unfair for Hoboken to pay more for the study than any of the six North Hudson communities. He said that Union City, for example, was only charged \$2,000.

A resolution to authorize the payment to Mayo Lynch has been tabled three times at City Council meetings. However, Ranieri said that Cappiello has conceded that the hiring of

Mayo Lynch was improperly authorized.

The next step is for the mayor to send to the council a resolution authorizing the hiring of Mayo Lynch ex post facto (after the fact).

If that resolution is approved, the council would then have to consider a second resolution to authorize payment to Mayo Lynch of the \$21,000.

Ranieri has long criticized Cappiello for paying too much attention to regional politics and not devoting enough time to Hoboken. The mayor has countered that regional government is the wave of the future.

## Hoboken to move to put public safety in law department

An ordinance that would place the Public Safety Department under the Department of Law will be considered by the Hoboken City Council at tonight's public meeting.

The ordinance also provides that the current director of public safety, Carmine Gullo, be relieved of his duties and that his job taken over by Lawrence Florio, law director.

Councilman Robert Ranieri contended, when he introduced the ordinance two weeks ago, that Gullo's appointment was invalid since it had not received council approval.

Also to be considered is an ordinance authorizing an agreement between the city and the parking authority under which the city would provide \$85,000 annually to the parking authority to resolve the uptown parking problem.

A companion ordinance will be introduced at the meeting giving the parking authority power to appoint special policemen to patrol parking meters and issue summonses.

A resolution that has been twice tabled may be tabled again because no one from the law department was present at last night's caucus to explain it.

That resolution provides for the payment of \$21,000 to Mayo Lynch and

Associates. However, Ranieri said, the funds were expended by the North Hudson Council of Mayors for a sewerage study in connection with the regional sewerage system without ever receiving the approval or the council.

Mayor Steve Cappiello and the mayors' council have no authority to expend this sum and then notify the city it must pay, Ranieri said. He pointed out that the payment was the largest requested from the six North Hudson communities.

The council will consider a 40-year tax abatement for the Applied Housing renovation project at Willow and Second avenues. The firm is rehabilitating 11 houses for \$4.5 million and has asked for a payment in lieu of taxes. The taxes had brought \$10,000 in ratables and the firm would be required to pay \$38,000 annually if the abatement is approved.

The council will also act on a resolution providing funds for the new wage scale agreed to recently by the city and the uniformed firefighters. The money would be ready to pay all retroactive salaries and implement the new scale as soon as other contract details concerning work shifts and vacations schedules are agreed upon.

## Hoboken undecided on fire system because of cost

Hoboken remained undecided on its participation in an area-wide fire communications system today.

But the proposed system Weehawken is planning to operate would probably be created without Hoboken, which has until Nov. 6 to make a decision.

Weehawken has two ordinances creating the communications authority waiting for public hearings at the township committee's meeting Thursday.

One creates a five-member agency, which includes Weehawken, Hoboken, Union City, North Bergen and West New York. The other creates a four-member authority that omits Hoboken.

According to Edwin Chius, Hoboken's business administrator, the city most likely would not become a member.

"That appears to be the sentiment at this moment," he said. "And it is based primarily on the cost factor and the failure of anyone to commit themselves to going beyond a com-

munications network at this time." Chius said that Hoboken's fire communications network costs the city approximately \$70,000 to \$80,000 a year. Joining the regional communications network would cost the city more than \$130,000.

"Our costs are much higher than any of the other municipalities in the system because all of their telephone lines come out of the central office in Jersey City," he said. "In order for us to participate a lot of additional telephone equipment would be needed."

As now proposed, it would cost Hoboken approximately \$33,000 as its contribution to the system for its first year and an additional \$78,000 or so for the equipment and telephone line hookups.

Both Union City and North Bergen have passed ordinances authorizing the municipalities to participate in the system. West New York has not introduced its ordinance. It is expected to do so soon.

## Kealey School to upgrade security after vandalism

Officials at the Daniel S. Kealey School in Hoboken are taking steps to improve security after vandals broke into the school for the second time in the last two weeks.

"We only had three acts of vandalism in all of the last school year," said Kealey principal Andrew Hopper. "This year, we've already had two."

On Tuesday night, vandals broke into the school through a window in the utility room of the school's auditorium and damaged several classrooms, throwing papers around and spilling paint.

Last week, vandals entered the school through the same window, then discharged a fire extinguisher, threw papers around, and upset several desks.

"The same people are probably responsible

for both incidents," said Hopper. "It's probably just some kids."

The first time the vandals entered the school, they forced open the latch of the utility room window. Most recently, they simply broke the window.

"This time, we're going to put an unbreakable plexiglass window in there," said Hopper.

In addition, Hopper said that he is going to secure all of the metal safety screens outside the school's windows, upgrade security on all entranceways, and install a silent alarm which would be tied in to the police department.

He added that he would consider the possibility of hiring a night watchman if funds could be raised. Currently, the school has a custodian patrol the school till 11 p.m., but there is no one on duty after that or on weekends.

## Church basement to house Stevens School expansion

The Stevens Cooperative School of Hoboken, the only progressive school in Hudson County, has expanded its facilities.

The school, located at 800 Castle Point Terrace, has opened up a new class in the basement of St. Paul's Church, 820 Hudson St.

Stevens, which has been a nursery school since 1947, recently expanded to include kindergarten through fourth grade. The new facilities will accommodate the upper classes.

The school uses an "open" approach to education, stressing individual instruction and parental participation.

"We try to keep things as unstructured as possible," said nursery school teacher Joanne Forbes. "The emphasis is on developing the whole child, on tapping into community resources as much as possible, and on getting the parents involved."

Anne Brown, a parent of a Stevens student, adds, "they stress

the feelings of the child rather than academics."

Brown said that the school has plenty of room for new students, and a tuition assistance program to help parents who want to send their children to the school.

Stevens will celebrate the opening of its new quarters with a party tonight at 8 p.m., at St. Paul's Church. A mural commemorating the move — painted by the students — will be unveiled.

## If Cappiello doesn't run, supporters 'will draft him'

If Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello decides not to run for a third term, a group of his supporters says it will draft him.

William Van Wie, Cappiello's personal aide, said he and a number of other Cappiello supporters will organize the drive to draft the mayor if necessary.

"We can't afford to lose the mayor," said Van Wie. "He has done too much for the city."

Van Wie said the mayor is responsible for the renaissance now going on in the city and it would be a "tragedy" for the city to lose him.

"I never saw anyone work as hard as he," said Van Wie. "He often works from early in the morning to late at night and also works on weekends and holidays."

Cappiello yesterday reversed himself on a statement he made last

winter that he would run for a third term, saying he wouldn't make a decision as to whether he will run until after Jan. 1.

Cappiello refused to comment on Van Wie's statements.

Meanwhile Van Wie said he and other supporters have been responsible for the buttons appearing around city hall saying "Cappiello '81".

The mayor yesterday denied knowledge of the buttons.

## Gullo in public safety post until Cappiello's term ends

Former Hoboken Public Safety Director James Giordano won't be returning to the post in 90 days as had been expected, according to Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Giordano, who had served as public safety director since 1977, was removed from the position and replaced by his then-assistant, Carmine Gullo, on Sept. 18.

At the time of the move, Giordano stated that he would return to the post in 90 days.

However, Cappiello said yesterday that Gullo would "absolutely" continue to be public safety director for the remainder of the mayor's term, which ends in July.

In addition, Gullo produced a letter from the mayor — dated Sept. 17 — appointing him as public safety director until the conclusion of the mayor's term.

"As long as the mayor wants me to stay on, I'll stay on," said Gullo, the first fireman ever to be appointed Hoboken public safety director. "I'm

very pleased and happy with the job."

Meanwhile, Giordano, a former cop who returned to the police department last month, said any decisions about the public safety directorship are "entirely up to the mayor."

Sources indicate that Cappiello was unhappy with Giordano's performance as public safety director, a position that supervises both the police and fire departments.

Gullo's appointment to the post last month drew loud criticism from Councilman Robert Ranieri, who charged that Cappiello acted illegally by appointing a new public safety director without the consent of the City Council.

Compounding the problem was Gullo's first act as director — the promotion of 14 policemen, including Giordano who was promoted from sergeant to lieutenant.

Ranieri charged at the time that Cappiello, Gullo and Giordano had conspired to usurp the powers of the City Council, as mandated by state's Faulkner Act.

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In addition, Florio is also being asked whether inspector Al Arrezzo's description of the building as "structurally sound" means it is fit for habitation.

"The opinions will not question the legality of the commission," Cramer said, "but it will define its functions and power."

If Florio finds the requirement of council approval is contrary to state statutes governing building inspectors, the commission's power would be limited since the statutes forbid any municipal government agency from pre-empting state law, Cramer said.

"It could dilute our power," commission member Claire Walter said.

"It would open the door to anyone who wants to put up a garish sign or demolish historic buildings."

In the other opinion, if Florio finds that Arrezzo's description of the building means it would be physically unsafe for habitation, Cramer said Arrezzo would then have the power under city ordinance to over-rule the commission and order the demolition.

Washington Savings Bank's attorney, Joseph Apicella, said the bank has not yet decided whether it would appeal the council's decision if it goes against them.

The hearing last night drew about 60 persons, most of whom appeared to oppose the building's demolition.

Though several commission members, including Councilman Robert Ranieri, sat in on the hearing, they were not allowed to speak.

Cramer said he hoped to have the opinions by the next council meeting on Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. in order to discuss the situation more fully.

In other business, the council tabled an ordinance that would place the public safety department under the legal department after agreeing to wait to see how the department functions under new director Carmine Gullo.

Ranieri also announced agreement had been reached with the city's Municipal Employees Association increasing the salaries of public safety

mechanics to \$13,700 for senior mechanics and \$13,500 for mechanics.

The council also voted down a resolution by a 5-3 vote that would schedule all future meetings to be held on evenings rather than the alternate night-day arrangement presently being used.

The council also approved a 40-year tax abatement for the Applied Housing renovation project at Willow and Second Avenues. The firm is rehabilitating 11 houses for \$4.5 million and has asked to pay in lieu of taxes. The taxes had brought \$19,000 in ratables. The firm will pay \$38,000 annually.

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## Applied Housing initiates program of counseling for senior tenants

It's unusual when a housing developer sets up his own program for senior citizens with its own funds. Applied Housing Associates, a North Hudson and Hoboken development company which has rehabilitated a large number of apartments in Hoboken, has now set up its own senior citizens program.

Counselors visit tenants to see if they need any social services programs. They give details on how to join a particular program, if need be, according to Walter Barry, chairman of the board of Applied Housing.

Barry said the program also features a telephone and home visit program where counselors phone or visit the seniors to make sure they are OK.

Barry said the program also makes good common business sense. "The residents of our projects become involved and make sure the buildings are not ruined when they see that the owners care," he said.

Yesterday, Barry threw a luncheon at helmer's Restaurant for six of the projects' oldest senior citizens.

"We figured it was a nice way to pay these people back for what they have given to society," said Barry.

The seniors all talked fondly about their years in Hoboken and their apartments at Applied, but many expressed concern that the city isn't as safe as it used to be.

"I don't know everyone who's walking down the street anymore," said Sylvia Bers.

The other seniors nodded in agreement.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, who was also at the luncheon, promised the seniors that they would all get together again next year and he would do the paying. Everyone drank to his statement.

Applied officials also furnished lunches to a number of seniors who were unable to attend the restaurant celebration.

## Ex-teen rec aide seeks panel post

A member of Hoboken's recreational commission has resigned, and the city's former teenage recreation coordinator has applied for the job.

According to Susan Newman, head of the recreation commission, Irene Bolsius—who had been a member of the commission since its formation in 1977—has submitted a letter of resignation to Mayor Steve Cappiello.

It is up to Cappiello to name a replacement for Miss Bolsius, who resigned the voluntary, non-paying post so that she could devote more time to her fulltime job.

Mrs. Newman added, however, that Maurice Fitzgibbons—who headed the city's now-defunct teenage recreation program for two years—has offered to serve on the commission.

The recreation program—which

organized discos, field trips and sports activities for Hoboken teens—was terminated on Aug. 8 because of a cut in federal funds.

With the end of the program, Fitzgibbons, who had frequently criticized city officials for failing to allocate enough money for teenage recreation, was fired and is now doing free-lance public relations work.

Fitzgibbons in the meantime is organizing a Halloween party on Nov. 1 for the youngsters at the Multi-Service Center.

On a related matter, Mrs. Newman said that the mayor will shortly appoint two teen-agers to the recreation commission. About six months ago, the city council passed an ordinance to add two teen-agers to the panel.

Cappiello could not be reached for comment yesterday because of the Columbus Day holiday.

## Hoboken mechanics protest contract

The president of the Hoboken Municipal Employees Association has asked the city's business administrator to upgrade the titles and salaries of public safety mechanics, who are unhappy with the contract ratified by the union last week.

Jude Fitzgibbons, president of the MEA, has sent a letter to Business Administrator Edwin Chius requesting that the salaries of the mechanics—who yesterday picketed in front of City Hall—be increased.

The public safety mechanics—who are trained to drive and operate city equipment such as police cars, fire engines and sweepers—feel that they should be making as much as municipal truck drivers and equipment operators.

William Metcalfe, a spokesman for the picketing mechanics, said that mechanics average about \$9,500 per year, while truck drivers make \$12,000 and equipment operators make \$12,500.

In addition, the mechanics claim that public safety workers were not represented during negotiations between the city and the MEA.

Those negotiations last week produced a contract calling for a \$2,500 across-the-board raise for all non-uniformed city employees over a two-year period.

"All we want is the right to

negotiate our own contracts," said Metcalfe.

Meanwhile, Fitzgibbons said that he would ask the mechanics to select a shop steward to represent them in future contract talks.

"If they were improperly represented in the past, it wasn't my fault," said Fitzgibbons, who became president of the union last July. "However, I encourage them to select a shop steward now."

As for the mechanics' salary gripes, Fitzgibbons promised that they would be taken care of shortly.

"These grievances will be taken care of," he said. "The great majority of city workers will tell you that they like the contract."

## Mechanics protest contract

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Department of public safety mechanics set up picket lines at the municipal garage yesterday, protesting their union's contract agreement with the city.

The settlement, which was negotiated last week by the Hoboken Municipal Employees Union, resulted in mechanics receiving lower wages than less skilled heavy equipment operators.

"To put it in perspective," said Daniel Mincici one of the picketers, "a mechanic can also be a heavy equipment operator. We know how their equipment works. But you can't put an equipment operator in the shop and tell him to be a mechanic. He just couldn't do it."

Still, Mincici said, the mechanics base annual salary of \$9,500 is \$80 a year less than truck drivers and \$800 a year less than heavy equipment operators.

The problem apparently stems from an intra-union split between the mechanics, who are employees of the public safety department and public works employees such as the drivers and operators. "We did not have anybody representing public safety on the negotiating

team," said William Metcalfe, a mechanic, who is heading the dissident group. "But either this was just a bad mistake or just disregard; I don't know. But we're going to keep picketing before we get to work and on our lunch hours until we get results."

Metcalfe said the group was demanding the business administrator's promise in writing that the disparity would be corrected, and the adjustment be made retroactive back to January 1979, once new wage levels are established. "That was covered in the agreement," Business Administrator Edwin Chius said yesterday. "We said we would look into it and correct it, but maybe not as much as they want."

Chius added that the agreement has not yet been written up, but that he hoped it would be ready for signing by the end of November.

## Guardian Angels start kids early

The Guardian Angels have now formed a junior chapter for youths from 9 to 15 who will sweep Hoboken streets on their own time as well as doing good deeds like helping elderly people cross the street, the Angels' New Jersey leader, Michael Bosch announced today.

Bosch said the idea of the junior unit is to get the young kids involved in helping the community so they don't go the wrong way and get involved in the world of crime.

Bosch said the unit should formally meet in a weeks time through he said a number of youth of already participated in some of the organization meetings and have done some street sweeping.

Most of the street sweeping, he said, will be taking place in the First Street area.

The Guardians Angels themselves, a self-styled anti-crime group, began patrols of Hoboken's streets two weeks ago and patrols of the PATH system a month and a half ago.

The Angels first started in New York City patrolling the New York City subway system.

## Safety chief: Put more cops on the street

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—More policemen will be patrolling the streets here by the end of the month, said Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo.

"I want people on the street, and if you're a cop I want you to be seen. So I want them in uniform," he said. "There are still a few things to be ironed out, but I hope by the end of the month the changes will be made."

Gullo also said he had prepared a long list of policy changes for the department, however, he refused to release any of the specifics until they were finalized by Mayor Steve Cappiello and the Chief of Police George Crimmins.

However, he did say that some of the changes will be new rules of conduct for the men on the beat.

For example, he said, the men will be asked not to smoke while walking their beat. "That doesn't look right," he said. "When they are walking their beats we want them to look like cops and to look like they're proud to be cops."

Gullo said the extra policemen will come mostly from the special platoon, such as the youth, housing or narcotics bureau. "If a department is a little slow we can take a little manpower from there, and if they need it back they can always call for it," he said.

He added that he has already seen some benefits from the switches. He pointed out that complaints of mischief in Elysian Park and Church Towers have dropped considerably since a policeman was placed in both those areas.

Gullo, an admitted immigrant, said he goes on patrol in the two hours of the morning. He said his efforts have kept the men a bit more on their toes.

## Hoboken CDA may lay off five

Hoboken Community Development Agency Director Fred Bado said today he expects to lay off at least five employees by the end of next week.

"I'm not sure of the exact number now but it should be at least five," said Bado. "We just don't have the money to pay them."

Bado blames the layoffs on a cutback in federal funds.

While this year Hoboken is receiving \$1,700,000 in federal funds, Bado said, last year the agency received \$2,300,000.

In response to a reporter's question, Bado admitted the agency had approximately 1 million dollars in surplus accounts, but he said federal regulations prohibit use of those funds to keep employees on the payroll.

There are currently 35 people on the CDA payroll, down from a high of 50 three years ago.

The Community Development Agency runs most of the city's housing rehabilitation program as well as recreation, social services and economic development programs.

## Cappiello now says he's not definitely mayoral candidate

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, who had earlier announced he would seek a third term, now says he won't make a decision until after Jan. 1.

Despite his statements "Cappiello in '81" buttons have sprung up at city hall where a frisbee with a "Cappiello in '81" slogan on it is posted on the wall in the mayor's outer office.

Cappiello claims he knows nothing about the buttons.

Cappiello had announced last winter that he would definitely be running for a third term but he said today that family problems have increased. He refused to elaborate.

Meanwhile, campaign supporters of Hoboken Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. said they believed Cappiello's statement was a ploy to get both Wilson and Councilman Robert Ranieri, a critic of the Cappiello administration who ran on the mayor's ticket in 1977, to announce they would run for mayor.

Wilson, an opposition candidate, has already said he was considering running. The mayor wants both Ranieri and Wilson to kill each other off and then he can ride to victory," said a Wilson aide.

Ranieri refused comment on whether he had any plans to run for mayor but most political observers believe he would not drop his hat into the ring unless Cappiello withdraws.

## HUD OKs plan to spruce Hoboken 1st St. shopping

By Randolph Diamond

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved a plan by Hoboken's Community Development Agency to rejuvenate the city's deteriorating First Street shopping area.

Rep. Frank J. Guarini today announced the agency's approval of the plan. HUD will give the CDA \$65,000. CDA will give the money in grants to storeowners and homeowners to do interior and exterior renovation work.

Fred Bado, Hoboken's CDA director, said the grants would reduce the cost of loans for homeowners and storeowners. The interest rate would be about three percent.

One bank, The Trust Company of

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New Jersey, will commit \$225,000 for loans.

Originally, the CDA was hoping to get three local banks to commit \$225,000 each for the program. Many banks said they weren't interested because of the economy.

Miriam Kohler, the city's economic development director, said the CDA would spend \$600,000 of agency money to spruce up First Street with new trees, benches and a new sidewalk.

Bado said the agency was considering creating a children's playground on a vacant lot at First and Park Avenue.

## Council OKs Rue School funding despite warning

Despite the objections of Councilman Robert Ranieri, the Hoboken City Council unanimously passed the \$335,000 bond issue for the David L. Rue School during a special meeting last night.

Ranieri had asked that the council adjourn the public hearing prior until Monday when two of his questions concerning the vocational program could be answered.

But, city architectural consultants Mayo Lynch said that if the vote was delayed, the state funds would be

in danger and that the council should proceed.

Ranieri said he voted affirmative for the bond because he "couldn't deny funding for the handicapped," but felt there should be "intelligent answers for all questions before we proceed."

He said he was fearful that the taxpayers would be stuck with the brunt of the funding for the project because a state statute providing for state assistance for funding says, specifically, that the money is for

secondary level education for the handicapped between the ages of 13 and 21.

Ranieri's other question was "what will the program cost the city annually?"

New York City, he said, has had its vocational expenditures rise from \$30 million to \$200 million in the past few years. With no aid from the state and minimal funding from the federal government, New York City taxpayers must foot most of the bill.

## Banks cut Hoboken store aid

Hoboken's Community Development Agency plans to go ahead with a program to renovate the city's First Street shopping area, but with much less money than expected.

Miriam Kohler, the agency's economic development director, said today only \$225,000 will be available to help storeowners and homeowners on renovations, not the \$675,000 originally expected.

Mrs. Kohler said in order for the city to have received the \$675,000, three banks would have had to agree

to participate in the program but the agency could get only one to agree — The Trust Co. of New Jersey.

Other banks refused to participate, she said, citing the poor economic conditions.

While the program has not been formally approved by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, Mrs. Kohler and Fred Bado, CDA director, remain optimistic. "We should know in a few days," said Bado.

If the U.S. approves the program,

Mrs. Kohler said the CDA will also spend \$200,000 of its own money to spruce up First Street. Among improvements that would be made would be new trees, benches and possibly a new sidewalk, she said.

The program, if approved by HUD, would start at the beginning of next year and would run for three years.

The First Street shopping area has deteriorated over the years. It is the home of many of the city's Hispanic merchants.

## Council tables move to oust Gullo as public safety head

A proposal to place the public safety department under the department of law has been tabled indefinitely by the Hoboken City Council, but Councilman Robert Ranieri, its sponsor, says that the ordinance is still "alive and well."

Ranieri's plan would have removed the current director, Carmine Gullo, who was appointed to the post by Mayor Steve Cappiello on Sept. 18, replacing James Giordano.

That move brought loud criticism from Ranieri, who charged that Cappiello had made the appointment without the consent of the City Council.

Yesterday, however, Ranieri said that he is willing to wait and see what kind of a job Gullo does.

"Gullo has done a good job and I'm willing to let him prove himself," he said. "But if the position isn't improved or if the mayor tries to appoint a new director without the council's consent, I'm going to bring back the bill."

One of Ranieri's prime objections to the public safety department is that the director—who supervises the police and fire departments—is traditionally a policeman or fireman. Giordano, for example, was a policeman and Gullo a firefighter.

the description on a police warrant by an off-duty officer riding the bus who called the complaint into the station said DiVincent.

Detective Vincent Lombardi, who was present at the time Perez was booked, agreed with DiVincent and said "nothing happened to Perez, no one hurt him."

A spokesman for the Medical Center said that Perez was treated there on the day of his arrest, but would not release any further information.

Meanwhile, Perez is upset that he has been detained at the Hudson County Jail without bail.

DiVincent said that bail had been set but repealed because following his arrest on the first charge, Perez was positively identified by a city resident as the man who had tried to break into her home the week before.

Perez has not complained about his treatment in the Hudson County Jail.

## Hoboken cop holding 2 jobs may lose one

By Randolph Diamond

A Hoboken rookie policeman, who city officials admitted they gave special treatment so he could maintain a teaching job in the Hoboken school system as well as his police job, is still at both jobs,

nine months after Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said he would have to leave one of the two posts, "shortly."

But Cappiello said today, "I never said what I thought, however, he has made a decision between the two jobs."

Hoboken Police Chief George Crimmins Sr. said Anthony Romano will be out of his patrolman's job next month because he failed to take a training course at the state police academy required of all new policemen.

Crimmins said state law requires all new patrolmen to take such a course within 18 months after appointment.

Romano, who is the son of Hoboken Police Captain Anthony Romano Sr., had been given the 4 p.m.-to-midnight police shift by former Public Safety Director James Giordano so he could work

during the day.

Romano had taught at Hoboken High School and is now teaching at Connor's elementary school.

Asked about why he gave Romano a special schedule to accommodate both jobs eight months ago, Giordano said, "I don't know whether I did him a favor, when you think about it. The 4-12 shift is the most active tour."

Romano said today he didn't do anything illegal by holding two jobs and said plenty of policemen assigned to the 4-12 shift regularly didn't ask for it.

"I don't see it being a special favor," he said.

Romano refused to say if he was leaving the department next month as Chief Crimmins said.

"The chief is the boss and I'll do whatever he says," Romano said.

Crimmins said Romano had been an excellent patrolman who had developed a rapport with many of the city's younger citizens.

"He also speaks Spanish which is a valuable asset," he said. "I'm sorry that he is going to be leaving."



# Louis DePascale, former mayor, dies

Former Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, whose name has been associated with the political scene of the city and Hudson County since the post-World War II days, died today in St. Mary Hospital after a lengthy illness.

DePascale, 62, entered the political scene as campaign manager for the ticket headed by the late Hoboken Mayor John J. Grogan in 1951. He was elected mayor in 1965 and was reelected four years later.

Funeral arrangements, handled by the Failla Funeral Home, are incomplete.

# 35 students still in barracks

About 35 Stevens Tech student are still living in barracks at the Bethlehem Steel shipyard in Hoboken because the college has a shortage of campus dormitories.

Last month, 50 Tech students were forced to move into the barracks when Stevens officials realized there would be a housing shortage this semester. Since then, the college has found housing for 15 of the students.

Thomas Lunghart, assistant to the college's president, said that the 35 remaining students would have to stay in the shipyard barracks until January, when dorm space is expected to increase with the departure of students who will graduate or drop out of school.

The housing shortage at Stevens is due to two reasons: first, a string of brownstones on Sixth Street that the college converted into dormitories was not finished in time for the fall semester.

Second, the college had expected 450 students to register in its freshman class and, instead got 475.

When the dorm shortage became apparent, the school approached Bethlehem Steel, which had built the barracks last year to house the crews of Navy ships that are serviced there.

Bethlehem official agreed to rent the barracks to 50 students, with Lunghart's promise that he would try to find alternate housing for the students by the beginning of October.

So far, the college has placed 15 of the students in the converted brownstones.

However, a problem could develop if the remaining students are still in the barracks come January when Bethlehem is expected to service a Navy ship.

# Pre-police training course in Hoboken based on hope

While a training course for persons interested in becoming Hoboken policemen starts tonight, police officials say they don't know if next year's budget will allow the addition of any new patrolmen.

Hoboken Police Chief George W. Crimmins Sr. said it was impossible to determine when and if any patrolman would be hired. The department's roster is at its lowest in years, 79 men — from the normal complement of 104.

Carmine Gullo, Hoboken public safety director, said he does expect some promotions to be made but he said that also would depend on the city's fiscal condition.

Crimmins said the number of patrolmen in the department is down because of men leaving the department and because of the recent promotion of patrolmen to superior officer.

Crimmins said there is currently no civil service list in effect for the position of Hoboken patrolman but said a test is expected in the spring.

The training course will be begun tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Multi-Service Center at Second and Grand Stret and will continue for six weeks.

# State may help Hoboken reopen Hispanic office

Hoboken's Hispanic Affairs office, which closed down last spring after CETA funds were cut off, may be reopened on a part-time basis.

Joseph LeFante, state director of community affairs said today that he is looking into the possibility of sending one of his Community Affairs Department employees to Hoboken to man the office on a part-time basis.

But LeFante declined to say how long it would take for him to make his determination and gave no other information.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello had asked for LeFante's help on the matter after the Hudson County CETA consortium laid-off Ralph De La Pena, who staffed the one man Hispanic Affairs office, which was located on the top floor of City Hall.

However, Cappiello had specifically wanted LeFante to assure me De La Pena's salary so the Hispanic affairs director could continue at his City Hall job.

Cappiello was unavailable for comment.

The Hispanic Affairs office had provided various social service and job counseling programs for Hoboken's Hispanic community.

# Maier expects 18-month lag for program

Hoboken Schools Superintendent George Maier said today he expects it will be 18 months before the city's vocational education career program is in complete operation.

Maier said a lack of funding as well as a lack of qualified teachers to work in the program has delayed its full implementation.

Maier had hoped to have much of the program under way by this September.

The superintendent said there now are shops in each of the schools in the system and students now being exposed to various industrial education programs.

But he said that will be different from the vocational education program which, he added, will combine career planning and training along with the industrial training.

The superintendent said he expects the heart of the program will be in the city's Rue School, which is scheduled to be renovated shortly.

Four new shops will be built in that building at a cost of slightly above \$300,000, he said.

# Gullo, aide trading charges

Hoboken's new public safety director, Carmine Gullo, has filed charges against his administrative assistant, claiming she has refused to do her work, follow orders and has been constantly late.

The assistant, Jane Richards, denied the charges and has filed a complaint charging Gullo with harassment. The complaint was filed with the state Equal Opportunity Commission.

A hearing on Gullo's charges against Mrs. Richards is scheduled for late this afternoon. It will be conducted by Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Mrs. Richards says she never had any problems with former director James Giordano or any of her other bosses until Gullo came in last month. She has worked for the city since 1975.

The first week Gullo was on duty, Mrs. Richards said she was late twice — once 15 minutes and the other time 5 minutes — because her clock malfunctioned.

She said Gullo warned her to be in her office at 9 a.m. and she made sure she was there on time after that.

But a few days later, she said, "He started complaining to everyone in the hall that I wasn't doing anything and that I was stupid and an idiot. I asked him what was the matter and he told me to shut up and not to talk until he told me to."

She admits to going home early the day of the incident because she was so upset. Gullo docked her an hour and a half pay, she said.

The next day when she reported to work, Mrs. Richards said she found that Gullo had pressed charges against her.

# Senior citizens support the victim over the mugger

Senior citizens in Hoboken have expressed their support of Kay Hottendorf, the wife of School Board Trustee Otto Hottendorf, who said she had attacked the person who allegedly mugged her, following the man's arrest about six weeks ago.

The woman said she punched and scratched 19-year-old Miguel Angelo Morales as he was being arraigned at police headquarters the night of Sept. 10 on a charge of mugging her and said, "I would do it again today. He has some nerve picking on a senior citizen like me."

Hoboken Police Chief George W. Crimmins Sr. said today that his department would join the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office in an investigation of a recent charge by Morales that he was assaulted by a group of Hoboken policemen.

Morales had charged that in addition to letting the woman hit him, the police started beating him in the hallway of a tenement house at 402 Park Ave. and then continued at the stationhouse. He said the officers took him to a back room at headquarters and used a black jack and a club on him.

Emergency room records at St. Mary Hospital show that Morales was treated for bruises of the forehead and the left side of the face and for cuts of the lower lip.

Hoboken Police Lieutenant Frank Garrick, who was on the scene, said he recalled seeing no marks on Morales face when he was arrested.

Morales was not able to identify any of the police officers who allegedly beat him. Department records show the arresting officers were Sergeant John Aiello and Patrolman James Weyerhahn. Crimmins said both men had denied the charges.

A second man who allegedly was at the scene when Mrs. Hottendorf was mugged is still being sought by police.

# Fitzgibbons appointed to commission

Maurice Fitzgibbons, who headed Hoboken's now-defunct teen-age recreation program for two years, has been named to the city's recreational commission.

Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina said today that Fitzgibbons will replace Irene Boisius, who resigned from the commission two weeks ago. Fitzgibbons' appointment will become official at the next meeting of the city council.

"Fitzgibbons should be an asset to the commission," said Farina. "He understands the problems of teen-agers and he is close to them."

Fitzgibbons was director of the teen-age recreation program until Aug. 8, when the program was terminated because of a cut in federal funds. He had been a frequent critic of city officials for failing to allocate enough money for teen-age recreation.

On a related matter, Farina said he would shortly name two teen-agers to the recreation commission. He said one of the teens would be chosen from Hoboken High School, while the other would be a resident of the city.

"I would like one of the teen-agers to be Hispanic so that we could have some Hispanic representation on the commission," he added.

# State promises to push project at downtown Hoboken crossing

The state Department of Transportation promises to "expeditiously" complete renovations at the Paterson Plank Road-Paterson Avenue grade crossing at the Jersey City-Hoboken border after local officials resolve drainage problems, Louis J. Gambaccini, DOT commissioner, has promised Hudson Freeholder Samuel Kaye.

Kaye presented the letter at yesterday's caucus of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders, noting it ties in with a recent meeting of DOT, Conrail, county and municipal officials on county rail problems, particularly grade crossings.

The new owners of the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad, he noted, have promised to rehabilitate the Homestead Crossing (Paterson Plank Road) and the one on Secaucus Road, North Bergen.

The DOT staff, in trying to assist the county alleviate unreasonable delays caused by train movements at the New County Road crossing at the Croxton Yard Secaucus, is conducting an engineering study for rehabilitation of the Columbus bridge and is coordinating underdeck lighting with utility companies.

# Hoboken pier blaze blamed on vandals

Hoboken fire officials believe the Oct. 31 fire at Port Authority Pier B, which was not completely extinguished until yesterday, was caused by teen-age vandals who had jumped over a fence.

Falco said there are currently no suspects.

The fire, while under control after the first 24 hours, was only completely put out yesterday morning — nine days after it started — according to Deputy Fire Chief Richard Tremittied.

The deputy chief said the lower level of the two-story pier was destroyed in the fire but that the top level and the concrete support holding it up remain intact.

# Cappiello eases rule tying rent to code violations

Mayor Steve Cappiello has rescinded part of his recent order tightening rent control in Hoboken.

Cappiello said recently he would like all buildings checked for housing violations before the yearly "automatic" seven and a half percent increase is granted. The rent control ordinance bans increases where violations exist.

But Cappiello said that if landlords were required to contact the rent leveling board before imposing the yearly increase, the city would have to hire a number of people to process the application and it has no money to do that.

He said it will be up to the tenants to inform Bernie Van Carpelis, the rent leveling administrator, if there are code violations in order to void the rent increases.

However, said Cappiello, his rule that Mrs. Van Carpelis must check with Housing Inspector Michael Curcio to see if there are housing violations when capital improvement or hardship increases are requested will remain in effect.

# The vote at a glance in Hudson County

	PRESIDENT			CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT		CONGRESS 10TH DISTRICT		STATE SENATOR		SHERIFF	
	Carter (D)	Reagan (R)	Anderson (I)	Ambrose (D)	Hollenbeck (R)	Guarini (D)	Teti (R)	Gallieri (D)	Callaghan (R)	DiNardo (D)	Zellmer (R)
Bayonne	12,288	12,029	1,326	—	—	15,258	7,767	—	—	14,019	8,946
E. Newark	389	284	41	—	—	389	187	—	—	354	182
Guttenberg	1,389	1,512	106	—	—	1677	961	—	—	1,539	911
Harrison	2,307	1,633	228	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,757	799
Hoboken	6,639	5,408	465	—	—	6,726	3,493	—	—	6,177	3,148
Jersey City	38,878	27,040	2,489	—	—	43,685	18,175	10,389	1,9917	42,212	26,897
Kearny	5,349	6,708	845	—	—	5,591	5,933	—	—	5,482	5,838
North Bergen	7,476	10,263	994	6,381	9,381	—	—	7,875	8,356	7,183	8,232
Secaucus	2,534	4,895	470	2,892	4,599	—	—	—	—	6,101	5,747
Union City	6,195	7,396	515	5,815	7,126	—	—	—	—	1,758	2,153
Weehawken	1,898	2,867	301	—	—	2,872	2,282	—	—	4,817	4,014
West New York	4,488	5,086	375	—	—	4,886	4,857	—	—	26,344	19,273
TOTAL	91,656	86,591	8,195	14,288	21,816	88,934	41,955	26,344	19,273	94,061	63,377

Harrison vote for Congress 10th District: Rodino (D) 2,943 Jennings (R) 511

# Program to aid landlords

HOBOKEN—The city has announced a new Section 8 moderate housing rehabilitation program. The program is federally funded and will be administered by the city housing authority in cooperation with the Community Development Agency.

According to Sal Santamiello of the CDA, the program will be a two-pronged effort designed to provide the landlord with additional rental income, as well as small grants for rehabilitation. For further information call Santamiello at 426-2197. —Jeff Knebl

# Arthur B. Calabro, 71, was in Hoboken school system

Arthur B. Calabro, 71, a retired Hoboken school system employee, died Saturday at St. Mary Hospital.

Calabro, who had retired last year, served for 35 years in the system in student personnel services.

The Calabro School in Hoboken was named for his brother, Salvatore Calabro, who died in 1972. Salvatore Calabro served more than 40 years in the school system as a physical education teacher, coach and principal.

Arthur Calabro, a past commander of American Legion Post 107 and a past president of the Kiwanis Club, was also a member of the Catholic War Veterans. He was a recipient of the silver beaver award of the Alexander Hamilton Council of Boy Scouts. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 9 a.m. The Lawton-Turso Funeral Home, Hoboken, is in charge of arrangements.

# Hoboken gives up development plan

By Thomas Rojas

After four years of trying, Hoboken officials have apparently given up their plan to establish an Economic Development Corporation.

"We felt it would have been a waste of money to create a new corporation, when we carry out most economic development functions ourselves," said Fred Bado, director of the city's Community Development Agency.

Bado explained that an Economic Development Corporation would have duplicated activities that are done by the CDA.

"Most businesses prefer to deal with the city, rather than dealing with an outside agency," he added.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, strong supporter of the EDC ever since the idea was first proposed four years ago, said that he was "very disappointed" to see the plan abandoned.

"Hoboken has lost a great opportunity," said Ranieri. "This city would have been in much better shape if we had fully supported the project from the beginning. But this administration..."

Two years ago, Mayor Steve Cappiello directed Bado to begin "post haste" on the paperwork necessary to get the corporation going.

In addition, \$250,000 in federal funds had been set aside from the CDA's budget to finance and develop the project.

According to Bado, however, much more than \$250,000 would have been needed to set up and operate the project.

"For an Economic Development Corporation, you would need a revolving loan fund to attract new businesses," he explained. "We didn't have the funds available from other sources to set up the project."

Bado said that the \$250,000 that had been set aside for the EDC would be "re-programmed" in the near future. He stressed, however, that the money has not yet been spent.

Meanwhile, Cappiello said that he hopes the idea of an EDC isn't dead, but he added that "economic development doesn't have the priority it had two or three years ago. Energy, which has the top inflation factor in the country, now has top priority."

# He hopes he's Prince Charming

By Randolph Diamond

Breaking into the world of show business has always been a hard nut to crack.

One often only has to look as far as the neighborhood restaurant to find a waiter or waitress who is an aspiring performing artist.

Hoboken resident Angelo Cerrone, 21, knows the route of holding temporary jobs to support himself between the few engagements he has been able to get.

But Cerrone, a singer, believes he'll see an end to the temporary jobs next month.

Cerrone's hoped for big break in Mr. Prince Charming Pageant, which will be held next month in Lake Tahoe.

The singer will be representing the metropolitan area and will be competing against 21 other young men in the national pageant.

Cerrone admits the idea of a male beauty pageant may seem ridiculous to some but he feels it is a great idea.

"I'm going to get a chance to show the talent scouts that I'm good," he said. "I feel this will be a real opportunity."

Cerrone will sing in the talent competition in the pageant and participate in suit and swimwear competitions.

"I've been working out four hours a day in a health club, lifting weights and taking exercise classes to get in shape," he said. "You could say I'm doing a crash program."

Cerrone was chosen in a regional final in New York City last month that consisted basically of interviews. He found out about the pageant from Maurice Fitzgibbons, Hoboken's former recreation coordinator who now produces beauty pageants.

"I think Angelo has the potential to win the contest," said Fitzgibbons. "He's a real personable young man who looks and sounds a lot like Robert Goulet."

Cerrone had not sung a note until he tried out for the Hoboken High School chorus in his junior year.

"I heard they needed extra guys so I figured why not," he recalled.

Cerrone soon found he loved singing and had the ability.

He was cast as the male lead in his junior and senior year school productions of "Oklahoma" and "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum."

From there it was work at an area dinner theater and an occasional community theater production.

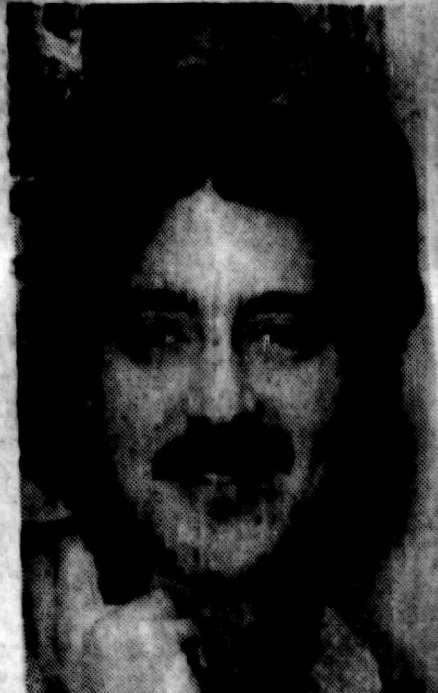
"Before I discovered singing I was going to just go to college and major in anything because that's what you were supposed to do," he said. "But then I discovered singing."

Cerrone, a lifelong Hoboken resident, says living at home with his parents on Garden Street has helped him economically.

"I have had a number of opportunities to try to get into different careers and I've been tempted to do that when the going has gotten very rough," he said.

The 21-year-old says his wish prior to being in the pageant, which will be held the first week in December, is to meet Frank Sinatra.

"I always admired him but the fact that he was born in Hoboken would make it very special for me," Cerrone said.



Angelo Cerrone  
His big chance



## NY show opens in Hoboken

By WILFREDO FERNANDEZ  
Staff Writer

**HOBOKEN**—Cinderella, Popeye and the Lone Ranger all live in Hoboken.

You may not have seen the girl with one slipper, the sailor or the lawman on the streets lately, but floats depicting them come from the Macy's Parade Studio at 15th Street and Willow Avenue.

"Fantasyland" is what Manfred Bass, designer and creator of the Thanksgiving Day floats, calls his establishment. Trained as an illustrator of storybooks and sculptor of metal monuments, he has been in the float-making trade for 20 years.

Assisted by a crew of 30, Bass designs and builds all the floats used in Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.

"It takes about three to four months to construct a float. It depends, of course, on the size and complexity involved with each," Bass said.

The Cinderella float, with two tiers and ten balconies, took three months to complete.

Bass said Macy's gives him a blank check to finance his work. "We are concerned with quality here," he explained. "You won't find any crepe paper or second-rate materials anywhere on the floats."

Some of the floats are relatively easy to design, Bass said. "The Santa Claus float, for example, is in itself tradition-laden and pretty easy to design. The Lone Ranger float is set in the Grand Canyon, which demanded a little more effort."

Organizing the parade, a task he shares with Macy's special production department, takes a full year, said Bass.

Wendy Davidson, who has worked at the studio for more than two years, came there by chance. After completing graduate work in art and design at Hunter College, she embarked on a cross-country train trip and met someone who had worked for Bass.

"I was creating dinosaurs for the Museum of Natural History in New York for a while, to the idea of working on floats was appealing," Davis said.

She said most of her co-workers come from the arts or show business.

Bass said the actors who will ride the floats have come to the studio several times in the last three months to practice.

The floats are to begin their migration to the Big Apple at 2 a.m. tomorrow. Hoboken police will escort them to the Lincoln Tunnel.



VALERIE KUEHN cleans one of the huge Macy's floats stored in a studio at 1505 Willow Ave., Hoboken, in preparation for tomorrow's traditional Thanksgiving Day Parade.

where the Port Authority police have closed off one of the tubes, New York City police will greet them on the other side.

This year's parade attractions will include a Superman balloon made by Goodyear's aerospace department in Georgia. It is 104 feet long, the largest

balloon in the parade's 54-year history.

The parade will run two miles from 77th Street and Central Park West to 34th Street and Broadway.

"It's the longest-running show on Broadway," Bass said, laughing.

## Landlord probed on \$550 rent

By Randolph Diamond

Federal Officials will probe a Hoboken landlord who obtained a \$197,000 low-cost loan to rehabilitate his tenement houses under a federal program designed to provide housing for low and moderate income families and who is now asking up to \$550 a month rent.

The landlord, Joseph Pini, had stated in an application for a 3 percent loan in March 1979 under the federal 312 program that he would charge \$280 a month for the renovated units in the buildings at 330, 332 and 334 Washington St.

However, Pini, a plumber who owns numerous buildings in Hoboken, did not have to sign a waiver guaranteeing the rents at \$280 a month as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development now requires, because of a loophole.

At the time Pini submitted his application HUD only required the guarantee of landlords renovating four or more units in a building.

Pini made out separate applications for the renovation of three apartments in each of his three buildings, according to Peter Guarino, a Hoboken Community

Development Agency planner who approves local 312 applications before they are sent to HUD.

David Okun, a rehabilitation specialist with the Newark area office of HUD, said that he would ask HUD lawyers to see if Pini "violated the spirit and intent of the law."

Okun said that even with inflation he did not see how Pini could be asking \$500 and \$550 for the apartments.

Pini first denied to a Jersey Journal reporter that he had even determined the rents for the apartments and said he couldn't do it until after looking at the bills for the renovations.

But Guarino said Pini had told him that he would be renting the apartments for at least \$500 a month.

A Hoboken real estate broker handling the apartments told a reporter that they were going for \$550 a month and another broker said that the minimum for the apartments was \$500 and that some would be going for even higher rates.

In a later phone conversation, Pini admitted that he was looking for a minimum of \$500 for the apartments.

"I'll only be making a small

profit on that," he said. "The costs of construction have gone way up."

Pini said while his application was approved in March, 1979, the costs he put down on it dated back to 1977 when he first put in a preliminary application with Hoboken's Community Agency. All federal programs in the city are channeled through the Community Development Agency.

"It took two years for it to be approved," he said.

Pini asserted the demolition cost alone for tearing out major parts of the building rose from \$6,000 to \$11,000.

The tenants rehabilitation program was specifically designed to provide affordable renovation housing for low and middle income families.

The area where the three rehabilitated buildings are located on Washington Street, between Third and Fourth streets, is one of the areas of Hoboken that has seen much housing rehabilitation in the past few years — almost all of it done with private capital.

Both Guarino and his boss Sal Santaniello, Hoboken housing and

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## Landlord faces rent probe

Continued from Page 1. Former Housing and Neighborhood Development Coordinator Joseph Cicala who did approve the contract, said at the time that he had approved the application the renaissance in the area was not as evident as it is now.

## Dormant city account nets Hoboken \$2,800

Hoboken has \$2,800 more than it thought.

A dormant account dating back to 1938 had been started by the then welfare director Edward Roeder.

Roeder died while he was in office in the early 1970s and the account was apparently forgotten by city officials. It could not be determined immediately what the account was for. But the bank involved recently

published an advertisement listing all dormant accounts and a local resident pointed this out to city clerk Anthony Amoroso.

Amoroso contacted the bank and found out about the money.

"Everyone was very surprised about it," said Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri. "It's not that much money, but every bit helps."

## Mayor: Layoffs may be caused by fire raises

By JEFF KOSLOFF

Staff Writer

**HOBOKEN**—Mayor Steve Cappelletto said yesterday that cuts may have to be made in the fire department following an arbitrator's decision granting the fire officers substantial pay raises.

"We just don't have it," the mayor said. "It may necessitate the cutting of some captains." He added the cuts would not be made by attrition.

The fire officers won a two-year pact giving the captains a pay differential of 33 percent over the firefighters, while the differential for deputy chiefs would be 74 percent, according to Councilman Robert Ranieri, who headed the city's negotiating team. In addition, arbitrator Irving Hirsch awarded them an across the board increase of \$9,500.

Thus, with the base pay of a firefighter, approximately \$19,500, a captain with longevity pay would earn approximately \$29,000 a year, while a deputy chief's salary would be approximately \$37,500.

"I am gravely concerned," Ranieri said, "that if the police win their arbitration suit — there are more superiors there — then in all, the pacts could cost the city about \$180,000 more than we anticipated."

## Hoboken teachers will vote Dec. 4 on union affiliation

The state Public Employment Relations Commission has scheduled an election Dec. 4 to allow the 400 teachers in the Hoboken school system to decide if they want to keep their present union, the Hoboken Teachers Association, an affiliate of the National Education Association, or replace it with a unit of the New Jersey Federation of Teachers, an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers.

The NJFT lost challenges to the NEA in 1977 and 1978, both times by narrow margins.

Fougeres R. Ferrier, a staff representative of the NJFT, said this time he is hopeful of a victory. Ferrier said 45 percent of the system's teachers requested the election while only 30 percent was required for a vote to be called.

Ferrier said the HTA has only been able to negotiate pay raises that average 6 percent per year while the NJFT has, on the average, negotiated wage settlements that average 9 percent at its various locals throughout the state.

Ferrier also said the HTA has been unable to enforce the contract it had won for the teachers and has had to go to court or arbitration 23 times to fight for provisions they won in bargaining with the Hoboken school board.

"They had to spend \$37,000 in legal expenses over the last two years to enforce their contract," said Ferrier.

North Bergen is the only school district in Hudson County represented by the NJFT.

William Rutherford, president of the HTA, said the fact that the association spent \$37,000 to enforce its contract is proof of the fact it's committed to serving its members.

"The NJFT has only \$27,000 in money budgeted for legal affairs for the whole state of New Jersey," Rutherford said. "They just don't have the clout of the NEA."

Rutherford said the HTA has worked hard to get the highest wages possible for the system's teachers and declared the NJFT is "making a lot of promises they can't keep."

## Convention empties Hoboken City Hall

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken City Hall has seemed like a ghost town the last three days.

A total of 32 city officials have gone to Atlantic City to the League of Municipalities Convention at the taxpayers' expense. They each were granted a \$300 stipend by the City Council for the convention.

However, within 10 days of returning from the convention the officials must submit expense vouchers and return any unspent money. They may also receive additional money if they can justify spending more than \$300, according to Frank Fortunato, assistant city clerk.

Among those attending the convention are:

Hoboken Health and Welfare director James Farina, Public Safety director Carmine Gullo, controller John Erbeck, Fire Chief James Houn, Police Chief George Crimmins Sr., Hoboken CETA director George Crimmins Jr., municipal assessor Woodrow Monte, electrical inspector Vincent P. Marzocca, plumbing inspector Michael Martinelli, chief housing inspector Michael Curcio, building inspector Alfred Arezzo,

senior accountant Matthew Cannarozzi, assistant municipal treasurer Louis Picardo and city clerk Anthony Amoroso.

In addition, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto attended the convention but his name was not on the list approved by the city council.

Officials in the city clerk's office said they could not offer an explanation as to why the mayor's name was not on the list. Cappelletto was unavailable for comment.

City councilmen attending the convention were Louis Francione,

Thomas Kennedy, Nunzio Malfetti, Anthony Romano and Bernard Scrivan.

Board members attending were Rent Leveling and Stabilization members Alfred Avitabile and Sonia Guzman, planning board members, Michael Ocilio, Vincent Matolla, Thomas Gill, William Crisman, Martin Moore and its chairman Ben R. Goodman, Recreation Commission official Jack Cullinan and Board of Adjustment members, Frank Camerone, Salvatore DeGennaro and James Greany.

## 2 vice principals named by Hoboken school board

By James Kepchaine

The Hoboken Board of Education last night appointed two vice principals and created four other positions, which Superintendent of Schools George R. Maier, said were needed because of recent depletions in administrative personnel.

Also, school officials reported "positive improvements" had been shown in the district's performance over the past year during a state-mandated through and efficient law public meeting held during the board meeting.

Maier said the two new vice principals, Anthony Costello and Charles Tortorella, would not be assigned to any specific school for at least

another month. "I want to review the situation first," Maier said.

In the other appointments the district's bilingual coordinator Edwin Duroy was appointed bilingual supervisor, and teachers Ignatius Spinelli, Lawrence Sciancalepore and Anthony Russo were appointed coordinators of fine arts, multi-media, and special education, respectively.

Vacant vice principal positions currently exist at Connors and Calabro schools, according to Maier. He added the positions were among those he was considering. Both men will receive approximately \$26,000 as vice principals, according to Maier.

In requesting the four other appointments, Maier said deaths and

retirements recently had created a need for new administrators in the departments.

Duroy will earn \$26,575 as supervisor. Maier said the salary was only a small amount more than he had earned as coordinator.

The three new coordinators will each earn \$2,000 over their present teacher salaries and will continue to teach while serving as coordinators, he said.

In reporting on the district's performance, school supervisor John Sepp, who coordinated the T and E meeting, pointed out that student scores on minimum basic skills test have risen 11 percent on reading scores and 23 percent on mathematics testing.

However, Francis McGorty, assistant schools superintendent, cautioned that there were still a number of problems that had to be confronted and solved.

In other business, the board appointed two new teachers, Eunice Garcia and Frank Gullo. According to Maier, he would be looking over the district in the near future to see if more teachers could be hired.

## Hoboken barber helping victims of Italian quake

By KATHLEEN MOORE

Staff Writer

**HOBOKEN**—Louis Stefano, head of the earthquake that devastated parts of southern Italy Sunday and immediately thought of his parents, who live in Monte San Giacomo, one of the 97 communities jarrred by the quake.

He heard from a friend that his parents are safe. But while he waits to hear from them himself, the Hoboken barber has launched a food and clothing drive to aid some of the thousands of Italians left homeless by the quake.

Stefano, a Bayonne resident, is collecting clothing, money and non-perishable food in his Hoboken shop, Mr. L. Hair Creations, 600 Park Ave.

"I'm not looking to make a story out of this," he said. "I just want to get people interested."

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## Hoboken woman joins 10-mile benefit run

Hoboken's Sally Aaronson, who helped carry the Olympic torch from Yorktown, Va., to Lake Placid, N.Y., will join a benefit 10-mile run for women only on Sunday in Essex County.

The Ridge Runners, ShopRite Supermarkets and the Junior League of Montclair Newark, are sponsoring the run as a benefit to social welfare projects.

Sally, one of The Jersey Journal's newest Women of Achievement, will be in good company. Among the other

runners who have accepted are Sally Bailey of Montclair, who has run in seven marathons and who organized the Newark Olympic Run in 1978, and 59-year-old Mary Rodriguez of New York.

The starting whistle will sound at 11 a.m. at Clay Field, Belleville Avenue and Sherman Street, in Glen Ridge. T-shirts will be given to the first 500 entrants, and 24 trophies will be awarded finishers in eight categories.

## Graduate students present theses on use of waterfront

A group of three Columbia University graduate students have done their masters theses on development of the Hoboken waterfront.

Jeff Rosenberg, Dexter Moren and John Moren formally presented their theses to a recent waterfront forum in Hoboken, sponsored by CIVIC, a local group concerned with

preserving the waterfront for recreational uses.

The plan calls for the construction of 400 apartment units on the Port Authority's Pier A, B, and C in a combination of two high-rise buildings and eight low-rise buildings. The piers run from Second to Fourth streets. Also planned for that area is the construction of a hotel and some retail space.

The plan calls for recreational use of the area that runs from north of Fifth Street to 11th Street. A waterfront path would also be constructed from First to 11th streets.

Members of CIVIC have said they generally favor the plans but the three students admit it's only a plan and they have no financial backers.

## Landscape delay burns Cappelletto

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto said today he won't wait three years for New Jersey Transit to landscape the area outside the Hoboken Conrail Yards, damaged by a fire three months ago. If necessary, he said, the city would landscape the area itself.

The remains of the warehouses line a half-mile stretch of Observer Highway and are the first impression of Hoboken when it is approached from Jersey City.

Laurie Lewis, a spokeswoman for NJT, had said the state agency would secure the property but would not landscape it for three years. Cappelletto said he will not wait three years and said he will keep bothering state officials to do the landscaping now.



# Fireboat cutbacks leave waterfront high and dry

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer 11/17/80

HOBOKEN—When a fire broke out at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's Pier B last weekend, the Robert Wagner, one of four New York City fireboats, responded to the call.

The boat arrived under authority granted by a treaty signed in 1834 which made the Big Apple lord protector over the harbor. However, financial cracks in the mayor have raised questions about the city's ability to continue to protect his flock, especially since the fireboat fleet has been cut from 10 to four.

"We're at the bare minimum," said Deputy Chief Thomas J. Rush of the fire department's marine division. "Of course we'd like to have more, but looking at the situation realistically, unless the city comes up with some federal money, it's not going to happen."

Rush said there are only four fully-manned boats. There are two more fireboats, but both are in mothballs waiting for federal money to get them out of the shipyards.

One person concerned about the shrinking fleet is Nick Fargo of the Hudson County Arson Squad. Fargo testified before Congress in 1976 to get money for a county fleet of fireboats. The effort failed then, but Fargo still hasn't changed

his mind on the need for more protection. "The fireboats are the most effective piece of apparatus in fighting a waterfront fire," he said.

"If you consider the amount of built-up waterfront area with the reduction of the fleet, you just can't deliver the necessary amount of fire-flow (water) that's required." He added that with fewer boats in service, response time is slower.

Curiously, New York's 19th century takeover of the waterfront apparently had little to do with the city's ability to provide better protection than its western neighbor. Standing on Pier B watching the efforts to extinguish the stubborn flames, Hoboken Fire Chief James Houn chuckled as he recounted why New York City decided to claim rights to the waterfront.

"The city fathers didn't want Col. Stevens to receive credit for inventing the steamboat," he said telling a story which received some confirmation from Stevens family historian John Heaney.

Houn explained that Stevens had actually invented the steamboat before New Yorker Robert Fulton, the man who is generally credited with the invention. But when Stevens announced his intention to send the vessel down the Hudson River, the city leaders, in an effort to promote their own plan, had legislation



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passed granting the state sole rights to the harbor and then promptly denied Stevens permission to use it.

The move apparently led to the treaty in 1834 when New York consolidated its control over the area. Since then, the expense to protect the harbor has soared. According to Rush, the cost of maintaining the fireboat fleet runs to about \$5 million a year, and New York City is having a hard time keeping up with it.

But Stevens got his revenge.

"We ask for the other counties like Hudson County to help us out," said the deputy chief, Rush. "But they keep talking about that treaty."

Actually there have been several attempts made at helping the city out. When Fargo testified before Congress in 1976, he did so on behalf of an amendment to the Merchant Marine Act which would have provided grants for the county to set up its own fleet of fireboats. However, according to Fargo, the congressmen decided instead to give the money to the Coast Guard to build up its own fleet. According to a Coast Guard spokesman, the service maintains a fleet of about 19 ships which patrol the harbor. The boats have other duties besides fighting fires, nor are they as effective as regular fireboats, according to the spokesman. "They're like spitting in the wind compared to the New York City fireboats," he said.

## Heat will be checked at night

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Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina today announced a new system for tenants who don't have heat or hot water in their buildings at night. Farina said tenants who don't have heat or hot water at night should call the board of health the following day to report their complaint, and a health inspector will go out at night to verify the complaint.

Previously, those tenants could do nothing about their situation because the city's health inspectors only work during the day. A recent law department ruling stated that only health inspectors can give out the summonses.

Farina said this system would remain in effect until a program is devised for 24-hour inspection.

## Fire on Hoboken pier reported under control

By WILFREDO FERNANDEZ  
Staff Writer 11/13/80

HOBOKEN—A three-alarm blaze that swept Pier B at Third and River streets Friday night was brought under control early yesterday morning, a fire department spokesman said.

No injuries were reported.

At two U.S. Coast Guard fireboats continued to hose down the smoldering remains yesterday afternoon, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Tremietdi reported that Hoboken's entire fire department and a New York City fire boat were also required to extinguish the flames.

Tremietdi said the fire began in the underdecking of the 900-by-75-foot wood and concrete structure around 9:30 p.m. Friday.

While the cause of the fire remains unknown, officials said the wooden under-deck of the pier had been treated with chrysotile, a highly flammable petroleum-based wood preserver.

"What's helping us most is that when the wood weakens, the concrete slabs

above it are forcing it into the water," Tremietdi said.

Firefighters had given up trying to save the pier by the time the auxiliary boats arrived at 10 p.m., said the deputy fire chief.

The fire was contained by training water on it from onshore hoses on both sides of the pier and fireboats on the river.

The Hoboken Fire Department responded to the fire with all of its forces on duty, four engines and two trucks. Jersey City provided precautionary fire coverage for the downtown section of Hoboken and Union City covered the uptown section.

The fire destroyed the abandoned Port Authority pier, but the equipment storage facility of the two-story building was undamaged.

The huge clouds of smoke produced zero visibility, Tremietdi said, with flames rising almost 30 feet in the air.

"I'm just glad it didn't spread to the main structure," he added.

## In Hoboken

# The renaissance has darker side for the oldsters

By Randolph Diamond 11/18/80

There are no strangers in John and Alice's Restaurant on First Street in Hoboken.

The owner, John Civitan, knows all the customers and the customers all know him and each other.

The small restaurant has been owned by Civitan and his wife Alice, who is now seriously ill and in the hospital, for 32 years — 30 of those at its present location on First Street between Willow Avenue and Clinton Street.

It has been one happy extended family.

But Alice's illness isn't the only thing that saddens the customers who sit at the long counter.

The customers, many of them senior citizens, are worried about the Hoboken renaissance — renaissance that has already forced some of the city's elderly to leave town because of the skyrocketing rents.

"They should bar these New Yorkers from coming over here and buying up property," said Civitan, a senior citizen himself. "That bunch is driving the rents sky-high."

Eighty-one-year-old Susan Pantolino says she knows about the New Yorkers firsthand.

She had been living for 14 years in a building on Park Avenue right off First Street, where she had been paying \$125 a month for her three-room apartment.

Then last year, she says, a new landlord from New York bought her building and informed her the rent was going up to \$275 a month.

"I only receive \$330 a month in Social Security," said Mrs. Pantolino. "I just couldn't afford the rent."

She tried to get into the Marion Towers Senior Citizens project, but was told there were no apartments available.

Mrs. Pantolino found an apartment finally for \$25 less than she was formerly paying.

There was a good reason, however, why the rent was so cheap.

"It was a cold water flat."

"I make my own heat by lighting the stove but it's still pretty cold there," she said. "It doesn't help my arthritis."

While the City of Hoboken has a rent control ordinance which limits rent increases to seven and a half percent per year, Mrs. Pantolino says she didn't know it existed.

"I was asked to move out and I did," she says.

But the consensus among customers in John and Alice's was that it wouldn't have mattered if Mrs. Pantolino had known about the ordinance.

"If she had refused to move out, then the landlord could have applied to the Rent Leveling Board for a hardship increase or done a little bit of renovation and applied for a capital improvement increase," said one elderly male customer, who added that he didn't want his name used. "Or if that didn't work he could have harassed her out," he went on.

"Most of these New Yorkers are buying up these properties for investment purposes," said the man. "It's different from the old Italian and Irish families who owned the buildings and were just trying to make enough money to pay the taxes."

Phillip Tirone drank his coffee slowly at the counter as he took in the conversation around him.

"It's the politicians' fault," he said. "They are all full of broken promises. I think they should all be put in jail."

He said he didn't put much stock in the politicians' statements that they would stop the tide of displacements by revising the rent control ordinance and making hardship and capital improvement increases harder to obtain.

Civitan said he didn't see a way out for the city's elderly and even middle class families to escape the rising rents.

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## Police training class draws 80 in Hoboken

More people want to be Hoboken police officers than ever before.

A training class started by the city to prepare candidates for the upcoming police Civil Service exam in the spring has attracted over 80 applicants, according to Carmine Gullo, Hoboken public safety director.

Of the 80 applicants, 10 are women and, overall, 60 percent of the class is Hispanic, Gullo said.

There are currently no women in the police department.

Gullo said the class is scheduled to run six weeks and has already met twice. But, he said if there is enough interest the course will continue beyond that.

The number of people attending the training class, Gullo said, increased from the first class when only 60 people showed up. City officials say they expect some policemen to be hired in the spring but at this time they say they are unsure how many.

## Council seeking input on Hoboken rent rules

Hoboken City Council members will meet soon with local landlord and tenant groups on three proposed changes in the city's rent stabilization law, designed to close apparent loopholes.

Last night, city rent stabilization board members, headed by chairman Michael Mastropqua, met with a committee made up of Councilmen Walter Cramer, Bernard Scrivani, Sal Cernelli, and Robert Ranieri.

According to Ranieri, the board is asking that "substantially rehabilitated" housing be defined as having repairs equaling 60 percent of the home's fair market value rather than its assessed value; new owners

be forced to wait 13 months before applying for rent hardship increases; and the board be given the power to order inspections of applied-for houses.

At present, Ranieri said the board has been "swamped" with applications for rent increases. In addition, he said certain unscrupulous landlords have been using the present laws to apply for and receive unnecessary rent increases.

Ranieri said the committee will now speak to involved groups before deciding whether to take any action.

Eileen Cappock, former president

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## Council seeking input on Hoboken rent rules

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of the city's Board of Realtors, has already called the proposed changes "outrageous" and remains adamantly opposed to them.

At last night's meeting, Ranieri said both the council members and the board agreed that the basic rent law was good when it was adopted. "However, circumstances have changed and they believe modifications are needed."

Besides landlord and tenants, Ranieri said members of the city's

banking community will also be consulted. After receiving all the various opinions, the committee will most likely hold another caucus to decide which steps would be taken.

Last night's meeting was closed to the public after Cramer said meetings to consider proposed legislation were exempt from the Sunshine Law. Ranieri had challenged that, explaining that if more than three councilmen were present, the meeting had to be open to the public.

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"The landlords got the tenants over a barrel," he said.

"That's right," said one middle-aged female customer. "Soon Hoboken will be for the very poor who live in the city's slums and the upper class people who live everywhere else. There will be no room for anyone but them."

Michael DeLanzo says he has eaten breakfast in John and Alice's restaurant every work day for as long as he can remember and still does, even though he is retired.

DeLanzo, a former Hudson County Board of Elections worker, served on an advisory board to the city's old Model Cities Agency over 10 years ago.

The agency had coordinated

many of the housing rehabilitation programs in Hoboken — programs which have been criticized by some residents as displacing natives and bringing in out-of-towners in their place.

DeLanzo is one of those residents critical of the housing rehabilitation programs which he says have spurred the private rehabilitation now going on in the city.

"I have nothing against out-of-towners, but the rehabilitated apartments should have been for the Hobokenites first. They are not. It's the same thing with the senior citizen housing projects. Senior citizens from out-of-town are in the project while there are still Hobokenites on the waiting list. The out-of-towners have taken over the city and we're no longer welcome."

## Hoboken eating into backlog of 100,000 unpaid tickets

Hoboken is finally beginning to make a dent in its backlog of over 100,000 unpaid parking tickets.

Marion Roland, Hoboken chief parking violations officer, said she and her staff have finally caught up with the current workload and are sending out notices to 2,000 scofflaws a week. In some cases the tickets date back over two years.

Mrs. Roland said five additional part-time staff members who were hired last spring have enabled her of-

fice to catch up with the workload of 3,000 tickets per month, as well as to go after some of the city's biggest scofflaws.

The chief violations officer said it was impossible for her to tell how long it would take to catch up with all the scofflaws nor could she give an exact amount of the unpaid tickets.

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius said, however, the number of unpaid parking tickets had exceeded 100,000.

Chius estimated the city would be taking in \$200,000 this year due to the current scofflaw drive. Prior to the start of the drive last winter the city had been taking in less than \$50,000 a year.

In fact a state audit by the Division of Local Government Services had concluded that Hoboken had lost more than \$1 million in a three-and-a-half-year period by failing to collect unpaid ticket revenue. That audit covered the period from January 1, 1975 to May 31, 1978.

## Store manager nabbed as Hoboken scofflaw

A Hoboken store manager who authorities say abandoned his car on a city street was arrested yesterday after police said they opened up the vehicle's glove compartment before towing the car away and found 86 unpaid parking tickets.

Hoboken Police Lt. James Peak said Charles Wanamaker Jr. was released after he posted \$415 bail at the police station. That was the amount he owed in back fines for the tickets, which dated back two years.

Peak said Wanamaker, a manager of the C. W. Martin's Department Store on Washington

Street, also had been picked up by police two years ago when he had accumulated a large number of unpaid parking tickets and owed the city \$1,000 in back fines. Peak said Wanamaker had subsequently paid the fines.

Finding Wanamaker's abandoned car was a lucky break, Peak said, since police had tried to locate him in the department store and by mail at his home address a number of times without success.

Peak said, however, police dis-

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## Store manager called scofflaw

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covered when they arrested Wanamaker that he did not live in Wayne, as they had thought, but in Hoboken.

Wanamaker, reached for comment at his work-place, said he had never received any notice that his tickets were overdue. He refused to say why he had not paid the tickets.

He also claimed his car was not abandoned but just parked in a space on Third Street in Hoboken because it had a flat tire and other problems that he didn't have time to fix.

## Hoboken tenants may get right to appeal rent boosts

Tenants of Hoboken apartment buildings which are granted rent increases because of hardship or capital improvements will get the right to appeal those boosts if City Council President Walter Cramer gets his way.

The city's Rent Leveling Board now has the final say on rent increases.

"I feel the residents of Hoboken should have somewhere they can appeal the Rent Leveling Board's decisions to," he said.

Cramer said he will instruct city law department attorneys to look into a revision of the rent control ordinance to allow the tenants' appeals.

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## Hoboken pier fire likely to continue

The raging pier fire in Hoboken that destroyed an unused Port Authority pier at Third and River streets this weekend is still smoking today and fire officials predict that pumps will have to remain at the scene "for a few days."

The fire started at 9:30 p.m. Friday and burned through the night. Firemen were pushed back frequently by the blaze and had to resign themselves to containing it on the pier where it began.

All Hoboken fire equipment responded and three fireboats, two from the Coast Guard and one from the PA also joined in the fight.

Fire officials said that at least two companies

will be standing by until it is assured that all remaining hot spots have been extinguished. No injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

Hoboken Fire Chief James Houn reported the difficulty Saturday morning of containing pier fires and said his men had to retreat several times because of the intensity of this blaze.

"When a fire gets going like that under the deck, there's really nothing you can do. We'll just keep watching it and making sure it sticks to one pier," he said.

Jersey City and Union City sent fire equipment into vacant Hoboken firehouses during the fire.

## Firemen battle pier blaze

HOBOKEN—Thirty firefighters battled a three-alarm fire last night which erupted at the far end of the 900-foot Port Authority Pier B at the foot of Third Street here, according to reports. No injuries were reported.

Fire officials expected the fire to smolder through the night. The cause of the fire is under investigation, although officials said it started in the underdecking at the far end of the pier and blew smoke toward the shore.

## Waste study grant given

HOBOKEN—The State Department of Environmental Protection has awarded \$9,000 to the Center for Municipal Studies and Service at Stevens Tech here to study solid waste management for Sussex, Warren and Hunterdon counties.

The study will review the counties' options for the disposal of solid waste and give the economic, ecological and managerial implications of each option.



## Cappiello orchestrates GOP shifts

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken's ailing revenue and finance director, Frank Bartletta, has resigned and Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello says he will nominate Councilman-at-large Bernard Scrivani to the post at Wednesday morning's council meeting.

Meanwhile, informed City Hall sources say the City Council will name Helen Macri, a niece of Bartletta and one of the city's Republican leaders, to fill the unexpired term of Scrivani.

Scrivani, the city's Republican chairman, had been promised the revenue and finance position by Cappiello over a year ago. City Hall sources said, Bartletta, 62, is also one of the leaders of the Republican party in Hoboken.

"By making these moves, Steve is keeping a token Republican in his administration and one on the City Council," said a City Hall aide. "He's making sure he's set for the upcoming mayoral election."

Scrivani, 68, has been a strong supporter of the mayor. He has been on the City Council for the last 15 years and had retired some two years ago from his post as director of customer relations at the S. B. Penick Co. in Lyndhurst.

Bartletta had served as revenue and finance director since 1968 but had been on sick leave for the last year due to chronic arthritis and a heart condition. Bartletta's sick leave had been due to expire next month. His resignation is effective Monday.

The mayor said Scrivani had "much experience in administration."

Cappiello denied solidifying support for the May election was the reason for his choice of Scrivani. "I feel Bernard Scrivani is the best man for the job," he said.

Cappiello also said he was "very sorry" to see Bartletta leave and ad-

ded the 82-year-old director was a "dedicated public servant."

The mayor said Bartletta did not specify a reason for his resignation in his letter but Cappiello denied illness was the reason. "I just think he had enough of work," Cappiello said. Bartletta was unavailable for comment.

Scrivani said today he would be glad to accept the revenue and finance position but added he would not make any formal comment until after Wednesday's City Council meeting.

## Controversy flares up over Hoboken restaurant

The chairman of Hoboken's Historic District Commission, Helen Manogue, today charged the owners of Rosebud's, a newly-opened restaurant, of doing exterior renovations without the approval of the HDC, as required by law.

In addition, Mrs. Manogue, who is also chairwoman of the city's environmental committee has called a special meeting of the committee at 8 p.m. Thursday, to look into the matter. It will be held at the Hoboken Public Library.

Mrs. Manogue said the committee will discuss whether Rosebud's is really a restaurant and whether it is operating without a proper permit.

The owner of the restaurant, Gary Gastelu, claimed he was being harassed by Mrs. Manogue and said he "has done nothing wrong."

"I get permission from Patricia Floria (Hoboken's Historical Preservation Specialist) to do the needed renovations," he said.

Mrs. Florio was unavailable for comment but Mrs. Manogue said Ms. Florio does not have the power to give permission, only the HDC.

She said Gastelu was told that he needed a certificate of appropriateness from the HDC at the beginning of November but went ahead anyway without the HDC's approval.

Mrs. Manogue said a row of large

circular lights was installed outside the restaurant, and a flag was put up, as well as some floodlights.

Mrs. Manogue said the city's building inspector Alfred Aerezzo had also informed Gastelu to contact the HDC.

Mrs. Manogue said the establishment at 215 Washington St. is operating with a restaurant and bar license but doesn't have a license to operate a disco, even though there is dancing in the establishment.

"Who is she to tell me what's historical and what I can and cannot do?" asked Gastelu. "My family's been in Hoboken for 50 years. How many years has she been here?"

## Council favors loading zone, meter maids

By Jeff Kinneloff

HOBOKEN-Following unanimous City Council votes, Hoboken will finally get its meter maids and Clinton Street will get its loading zone.

Both will officially become law in three weeks, although the loading zone proposal must first be approved by the Department of Transportation before it can be enacted.

The meter maids will be men and women Comprehensive Employment and Training Act employees under the jurisdiction of the Hoboken Parking Authority. They will only have the power to ticket automobiles and authorize towing.

The loading zone will be located at Eighth and Clinton streets and was created at the request of the Atlantic Tropical Market Corp., whose warehouse is located at 720 Clinton St.

The corporation said they needed the loading zone because trucks waiting to unload their produce were creating traffic problems when they were forced to double park.

With the addition of the loading zone and the company's purchase of off-street parking space, the traffic problem on Clinton street should be reduced.

The council passed the measure after some debate about whether or not use of the area by the trucks would create a hazardous situation for students at the nearby high school.

However, it was pointed out by several council members that the dangers to the students would be lessened by situating the loading zone nearer to the curb. Several councilmen also said they received assurances from the company that it will try to refrain from unloading the trucks during the hours that the students are entering or leaving the school.

There was also some heated debate over a resolution to pay the engineering firm of Mayo, Lynch & Associates \$21,278.50 for services apparently authorized by the North Hudson Council of Mayors.

Councilman Robert Ranieri and Council President Walter Cramer objected to the payment on the grounds that it was not authorized by the council. However, the resolution was approved after the council received assurances that the action would not be repeated.

## Hoboken adds \$1,300 to tab for conventions

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken taxpayers can add another \$1,300 to the approximately \$10,000 they have already footed to send city officials to conventions this year.

Hoboken Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri and Business Administrator Edwin Chius will both be leaving late today for Atlanta where they will attend the National League of Cities Convention which will run Monday to Thursday.

Ranieri estimated the cost for him and Chius will be \$1,300, but he called it "well worth the money."

They will be the only representatives at the convention from Hudson County, a check by The Jersey Journal revealed. Last week, 32 officials from Hoboken attended the League of Municipalities Convention in Atlantic City, each receiving a \$300 stipend.

Ranieri said he has been Hoboken's representative to the National League of Cities convention for the last few years and that this year he will be moderating a panel on labor relations.

The councilman is a member of

the city's labor negotiating team, along with Chius.

Chius admitted one reason he is going to the convention is to talk to representatives of other cities that have had contract problems such as Hoboken is experiencing with its Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

"There are a lot of good sessions scheduled on labor relations and also on federal regulations," he said.

Asked why he and Ranieri were the only persons attending the convention from Hudson County if it was such a valuable experience, Chius replied, "Maybe the other officials aren't interested in doing their jobs."

Chius said the fact that he and Ranieri were leaving late today for the convention and not tomorrow was not because they want an extra day in Atlanta to have a good time.

"We save \$200 each in air fare by taking a supersaver flight today," he said.

Ranieri said, "This is the first time someone from Hoboken has ever moderated a panel at the convention."

## Adults damaging ballfield

Hoboken's Little League field, which was only recently repaired at a cost of \$50,000, is being damaged by adults using it in off hours, James Farina, Hoboken Health and Welfare director, said today. Farina said he will have signs posted saying "no unauthorized use." He said the adults are creating holes in the infield. "The adults are creating holes in the infield," he said. The director says he has consulted with Carmine Gullo, Hoboken Public Safety director, on the matter and has been assured that adults who use the field will be given summons. "We can't let a field we've spent \$50,000 on to be ruined," Farina said. The director said the field is only to be used by PAL and Little League teams. He said other teams or groups can get permits from his office to use the city's makeshift ballfield at 16th street near the sewage plant.

## Ruling on fire superiors to be costly to Hoboken

Hoboken has lost an arbitration proceeding with the firemen's superiors' association, which one member of the city's negotiating team says will cost the city an additional \$80,000 a year.

Arbitrator Irving Halvay has ruled that fire superiors should be allowed to maintain their pay differential with the firemen in addition to receiving a 20 percent raise that the city and the rank-and-file firemen have agreed upon.

The city had wanted to give the firemen a 20 percent raise and cancel the pay differential.

In the past, the city's captains had been paid 32 percent more than the firemen and the deputy chiefs had been paid 64 percent more.

The fire captains had been making approximately \$30,500 a year and the deputy chiefs \$29,000.

Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri, a member of the city's negotiating team, says he believes Halvay will now make a similar ruling in favor of the police superiors. The city had also tried to cancel the differential for them.

Ranieri said that based on that

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## Ruling on fire superiors to be costly

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expected ruling, it will cost Hoboken \$80,000 for the two years the contract will run. The contract is retroactive to January.

Ranieri says he believes the city will appeal the arbitrator's award in court but added he had not yet consulted with Mayor Steve Cappiello and Business Administrator Edwin Chius, the two other members of the city negotiating team.

Cappiello and Chius were not at work and were unavailable for comment yesterday.

Ranieri said he has not been informed of the reasons the arbitrator used in ruling in favor of the fire superiors.

But the councilman said the naming of 15 police superior officers in September by former Public Safety Director James Giordano was probably the city's downfall.

"How can we claim we're broke and appoint 15 superior officers at the same time?" he asked. "Everyone knows the men were appointed for political reasons and I'm sure the whole thing did not sit well with the arbitrator."

## Hispanics organizing for politics on 2 fronts

By Augustin Torres and Peter Weiss

A coalition of North Hudson and Hoboken Hispanics is expected to form a political organization later this month to run candidates for state, county and local office, while a new group in Jersey City is planning to hold its own primary election in hopes of uniting behind one Hispanic candidate for City Council in the Downtown Ward.

The nucleus of the North Hudson organization includes the corps of area residents who helped organize this year's statewide Hispanic parade, according to sources.

They include the chairman and vice chairman of the parade, Israel "Kiki" Romero and Jose Falto, both of Union City.

Falto said he was not at liberty to speak about the new organization until after the first meeting between the

North Hudson and Hoboken community leaders. He emphasized that no one person will dominate the organizational sessions.

"We just want to meet and discuss mutual problems and aims," said Falto.

Other Hispanic leaders said that the new coalition is expected to be composed of 50 percent Puerto Ricans, primarily from Hoboken, and by North Hudson Cubans.

One name has already been used to describe the organization: SAPO is an acronym for Spanish-American Political Organization and it is Spanish for the word frog.

"We plan to leap ahead as a political entity," said one Union City Cuban.

A reluctance to speak about their membership and reveal more plans stems from the belief by some

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## Hoboken bank Indian giver on Yule checks

Some 900 customers of one Hoboken-based savings bank got a shock yesterday when they received letters asking them to return money to the bank.

It turns out that the 900 customers, all members of the bank's Christmas Club, had been sent double their normal interest due to a computer error. The checks for the Christmas Club were all mailed out a few weeks ago.

Most people receiving the letters seemed to be following the bank's directive and returning the money to the bank.

In a random sampling by The Jersey Journal, the money being paid back seemed for most part to be in small amounts ranging from \$6 to \$24.

## Hispanics organizing

Continued from Page 1. Hispanics that local politicians may feel threatened by the organization. They say that some local politicians could bring pressure on some of their proposed membership or even create a rival Hispanic political organization to confuse the Spanish-speaking electorate.

The Jersey City Hispanic Coalition has completed plans to hold a primary for Downtown Ward candidates, to be held sometime next month.

Any Hispanic resident of Downtown who meets the legal qualifications for becoming a City Council member may enter the primary. Candidates must pay a \$100 fee which will be used to rent voting machines, according to coalition spokesman Miguel Torres.

Voting will be open to all Hispanic residents of Jersey City, and to non-Hispanic members of the coalition.

Anyone who enters the primary will be asked to sign an affidavit agreeing to support the winner in the May municipal election. Although there is no legal way to hold anyone to that pledge, Torres said there is an implied moral obligation.

## Cappiello calls convention a 'reward'

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that allowing members of the city's boards and commissions, who work for nothing all year, to attend the state League of Municipalities' convention in Atlantic City is a reward for their volunteer service — even if some of them go to the convention mainly to have fun.

"Many of the boards and commissions have two or three meetings a month," Cappiello said. Their

members put in hours of their time without any reimbursement. Allowing them to attend the convention is a nice gesture," he added.

Cappiello said some of the board members are "very devoted" and attend sessions at the convention all day while others just take it easy and devote more time to having fun.

In total, 32 city officials, board and commission members and city councilmen attended the three-day convention.

All 32 received a \$300 stipend from the city to pay convention expenses.

Cappiello said he didn't think 32 people was a high number because many other cities in the state, he said, sent just as many people and in some cases more.

Cappiello also explained why his name was not on the list of persons approved by the Hoboken City Council

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to attend convention. Cappiello, also a freeholder, said he received his stipend from the county.

Meanwhile, Joseph Hottendorf, executive director of the Hoboken Parking Authority, today confirmed reports that he also attended the convention and spent approximately \$300, for which he will receive reimbursement from the authority. Hottendorf's name did not appear on the list approved by the council because the parking authority is an autonomous agency.

## Street extension sought to build supermarket

The Hoboken City Council may hold the key to whether a 50,000-square-foot Pathmark supermarket will be built in Hoboken.

Officials of the supermarket chain revealed at yesterday's council meeting that they have already signed an agreement with the Hoboken Manufacturers Railway Company, owners of land at 15th and Hudson streets, for construction of the supermarket and a 300-space parking lot.

But the railway company wants the city to deed over 18,000 feet of a city street at 15th Street and Park Avenue so it can extend the street to the supermarket entrance at 15th and Hudson.

In return for the land, the railway company has offered the city 33,000 feet of land it owns adjacent to the city's land plot.

But, after hearing the proposal yesterday, City Council members said they had a lot of questions as did Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, who said right now he's against the land swap.

"The impact the street would have on bringing in more automobile traffic could be a serious problem," said City Council President Walter Cramer. "We have to ask ourselves if this is going to be a benefit to the city."

Cappiello said traffic congestion is a serious problem now in Hoboken and extending this street could further clog city streets.

The Railway Company's lawyer, Thomas

Durkin, and supermarket officials, however, tried to stress to the mayor and council members that the supermarket will bring new rates to the city as well as bring new jobs.

Cramer said before the council could vote on the matter a formal land transfer agreement would have to be drawn up by the department in the next few weeks.

## Hoboken's CDA gets advisory board, finally

Hoboken's Community Development Agency will finally have an advisory board again, after more than a year, as required by federal law.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has appointed seven members to the board. The names were submitted to him by Hoboken Community Development Director Fred Bado.

Named to the advisory panel by Cappiello were Robert Kaplin, a planner with the New York area office of HUD, Leo Genese, a Hoboken school teacher, Mario Mercado, the city's garage superintendent, Rose Marie Grogan, a housewife, Angela Servella, a secretary to Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius, Sister Noberta, who is assigned to St. Francis Church in Hoboken, and Luis

## Coffee plant adds 40 to Hoboken staff

Forty new employees have been added to the payroll at Hoboken's giant Maxwell House coffee plant in the last four weeks to meet increased production.

Eugene Ritchie, a spokesman for General Foods, Maxwell House's parent corporation, said the production boost is due to increased sales of Maxwell House products in local supermarkets and retail outlets.

Ritchie attributed the increase to across-the-board price cuts which General Foods made in Maxwell House coffee products in September and October as well as the fall season, which generally brings an increase in coffee sales.

Ritchie also denied reports that a strike at a Maxwell House plant in Canada that has been settled at the Hoboken plant had anything to do with the increase of employees.

He did confirm, however, reports that coffee bound for Canada was manufactured at the Hoboken plant during the strike.

The Maxwell House Hoboken plant employs approximately 1,000 workers and is by far the city's largest employer.

## Hoboken towing cars again

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken's on-again off-again car towaway program is on again.

Carmine Gullo, public safety director, said today that he has assigned a police sergeant to ride around the city full-time looking for abandoned vehicles.

Gullo said the sergeant, who has been assigned to his new duties for the last week, had already had 14 cars towed away.

In addition, he said, six motorists

were advised to move their cars from spots where they had been left for a while.

Gullo said he expects to keep the sergeant patrolling the city on an indefinite basis.

Almost a year ago, Mayor Steve Cappiello announced a similar tow-away program. A number of cars were towed away for a couple of days before the program was stopped.

The mayor blamed a shortage of manpower for the program's demise.



## Church restored to grace 3 years after ruinous fire

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The Rev. William Beatty straightened up from polishing a stove in the basement of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. A big smile crossed his face as he talked of the church's reopening on Sunday, three years after it was gutted by fire.

"Oh it's beautiful," said the grinning assistant pastor. "I don't know if we have words to express our joy. But we've got to be pleased. It's been a great coordinated effort between the community and the church members."

Mt. Olive's 300 or so members have been using the Lutheran Church at Ninth and Clinton streets since the October 1977 fire. But after Sunday's morning service, the congregants will return to a home few of them will recognize, thanks to a \$600,000 project that has completely remodeled the church's interior.

The pastor, the Rev. Odell Stuart, said about half

of the money came from a bank loan, the remainder raised by appeal letters and church functions. But once the work began, the congregants were not content to let the contractor do all the work.

"No, this was a joint effort," said Deacon Edward B. Johnson, climbing down from a ladder. "It had to be in order to accomplish a great task such as this."

Johnson was eager to show off the church's new facilities. Upstairs in the sanctuary the odor of the newly laid carpet is still strong, and the chandeliers sparkle even in the absence of direct light. The long rows of pews also shine in their newness. "The women were in here polishing them last week," Johnson said proudly.

A door leads to another sanctuary, some offices and two baptisteries. "This all used to be a basketball court," he said. Surveying the church, he smiled and added, "I'm real excited. I wouldn't be happier if I was moving into my own home."

## Consolidated city garage to open in Hoboken soon

Hoboken's new million-dollar consolidated public works-public safety garage will open in two weeks after a year of construction.

Edwin Chius, Hoboken's business administrator, said work is complete except for some interior electrical work and some outside concrete work.

The garage will house both the city's public works and public safety vehicles and all of the city mechanics will work out of that building. Also to be housed in the garage will be the city's carpentry shop and the traffic and signal division.

Chius said the garage will increase efficiency and servicing of vehicles.

The city used to maintain separate public works and public safety garages. The new garage is on the site of the city's old public works garage at Observer Highway and Park Avenue.

While the garage has been under construction the city has used the Port Authority's Pier A as a temporary facility.

Carmine Gulio, the city's public safety director, said the garage will not only enable Hoboken to maintain its vehicles properly but will also provide adequate facilities for the mechanics who work on the vehicles. "It's going to be a 1,000 percent

improvement from before," he said. A lack of bathroom facilities, along with leaking roofs were some of the complaints of the mechanics who had worked in the old garages.

Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri, who had pushed the idea of a consolidated garage for six years said he's happy it's finally opening.

But he said, "Next time I hope we can do a project in one sixth of the time instead of wasting time like what's happened on this project."

It was only last year after a series of heated debates that Ranieri sold the rest of the Hoboken City Council and city officials on the idea of the garage.

## Hoboken pier fire rages through night

By James Kopchans  
and Robert Larkins

With visibility near zero because of huge clouds of smoke, Hoboken firemen and Coast Guard and New York City fireboats early today were fighting a raging pier fire at Third and River streets.

The fire started at 9:30 last night of undetermined cause. The entire on-duty Hoboken fire force of four engines and two trucks responded to the three-alarm blaze at the abandoned Port Authority pier. The three fireboats, two from the Coast Guard and one from New York City, arrived about 10 p.m.

"I've got a feeling they are going to be there a long time," a Hoboken fire department spokesman said early

today. "The smoke is very heavy. Visibility is zero."

Jersey City provided precautionary fire coverage for Hoboken's downtown section and Union City for Hoboken's uptown section.

The fire destroyed the pier, but equipment storage facilities near the pier were not damaged.

The fire department spokesman said there were no reports of injuries. At times the flames rose over 30 feet in the air, completely engulfing the pier's three-story framework.

Firemen had long given up trying to save the pier by the time the boats arrived. "We were trying to contain it on the outside edge where it had started," Fire Chief James Houn said, "but the fire just kept pushing us back, closer and closer to the shore."

Finally by stationing hoses on both sides of the pier from the shore and using the fireboats from the river, Houn said they had forced a stand-off, keeping the flames from reaching adjacent piers and property.

"When a fire gets going like that under the deck there's really nothing you can do," Houn said. "We'll just keep watching it and making sure it sticks to one pier."

At about 10:30, almost an hour after it was first reported, Deputy Chief Raymond Sheehan said the companies were still on the "defensive," having to react to the fire rather than put it under control.

Battling it under cloudless skies, firemen could sometimes catch a quick glimpse of the stars and the New York City skyline through brief gaps in the dense black smoke.

## Hispanic alliance emerges — tentatively

By Agustin Torres

HABO was born Thursday night but how long it is expected to live is a matter of conjecture.

HABO is an acronym for Hispanic American Political Organization, a group made up of Hispanics from North Hudson and Hoboken with the intent of promoting the advancement of Spanish-speaking residents for political office and appointments.

But there were birth pains starting with the selection of a name. First, it was SAPO, which stood for Spanish-American Political Organization. "SAPO" is also the Puerto Rican term for "frog" which the SAPO organizers thought would symbolize the "leap ahead" for Hispanics.

However, Cubans objected to the acronym because "sapo," in their country, refers to a lazy, shiftless person who loiters on street corners. The matter was resolved by changing

Spanish-American to Hispanic-American and, thus, HABO was born.

The first meeting of HABO took place on the deserted dance floor of a discotheque at 10th Street and Bergenline Avenue, Union City. It was chaired by Jose Falto, a guidance counselor at Emerson High School and a member of the Hispanic Statewide Parade committee.

Falto was voted president of HABO and Israel "Kiki" Romero, coincidentally also a member of the Hispanic Statewide Committee, was named the organization's vice-president.

"I thought it went great," said Falto who quickly frowned when told there was some criticism the new organization resembled a rebirth of the old Hispanic Democrats of Hudson County.

"They don't know what they are talking about," said Falto. "The only

people who were with HDH were Jorge Guzman and myself."

One Cuban who was there claimed that many of the Hispanics that attended the meeting did so out of curiosity. He said the majority political groups in their respective communities.

"For this Thursday, I invited Nancy Munoz, an important political figure in Middlesex County who will one day become mayor of Perth Amboy," said Falto. "We are also trying to get New York State Assemblyman Jose Serrano and New York State Sen. Israel Ruiz to speak to us about politics. We need a little guidance."

## Chius, Ranieri differ on fire pay costs

Hoboken's Business Administrator Edwin Chius maintained today an arbitrator's ruling in favor of the firemen's superior association won't mean any layoffs, but he said fewer new firemen might be hired.

Arbitrator Irving Haley has ruled that the city's fire superiors should be allowed to maintain their pay differential with the firemen in addition to receiving a 20 percent raise that the city and fireman had agreed upon.

Chius said he expects retirements in the superiors ranks and didn't expect the decision to cost the city more than \$38,000 over the two years of the

contract. Councilman Robert Ranieri, a member of the city negotiating team, had estimated the settlement would cost the city \$120,000.

However, Ranieri was figuring the city will lose its arbitration case with the Hoboken Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, where the pay differential is also an issue. The decision is expected to be made within a week.

Chius said, however, he believes the city will win that arbitration case because he claims the cops' demands are outrageous.

## Patrolman Gilbarty gets award voted by fellow officers

The current was swift and scuba diving team from the New York Police Department said it was too dangerous to go under water to see if Hoboken Patrolman Jerome Nalcichio and his girlfriend were still alive in the car that had plunged off a

Hoboken pier. But Hoboken Patrolman John Gilbarty said he was going in the water no matter what—there was a chance his fello cop and his girlfriend were still alive.

Gilbarty found that by the time reached the two they were dead. But that act, along with what Hoboken Police Chief George Crimmins Sr. says are hundreds of other examples of a job well done, earned

Gilbarty a citation as Hoboken walking patrolman of the year. The award was voted to Gilbarty by his fello officers and yesterday State Com-

munity Affairs Director Joseph LeFante officially gave Gilbarty the citation.

LeFante's department pays half the salaries of walking patrolmen in Hoboken under the Safe and Clean Streets program.

After receiving the award, Gilbarty said it should be shared by his superiors and fellow patrolmen who gave him the support to do a good job.

Crimmins said Gilbarty has been especially effective in dealing with young people. "He has a degree in education and he seems to know how to talk to them," Crimmins said. "He has helped many of the city's young people."

"I just try to do a good job and try to treat people as individuals," Gilbarty said.

## Hoboken cops talk job action

The Hoboken Patrolmen's Benevolent Association president, Thomas Meehan, said today the PBA plans a major job action that "will bring the city to its heels" if the city administrators "don't stop harassing the police" in their attempt to get a fair contract.

Meehan said the job action would occur sometime after Dec. 10th if city officials don't meet conditions set by the PBA.

He confirmed reports that part of the action would consist of the distribution of thousands of flyers to holiday shoppers saying "Hoboken is a city of fear and it's dangerous to shop there because there aren't enough cops." Meehan said, however, the distribution of the flyers would only be a small part of the action.

Sources within the PBA say one course under consideration is to ticket all city employees for minor motor vehicle safety infractions.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello called the proposed job action "almost criminal" and said he would contact the city law department immediately to find out if the PBA members can legally give out the flyers.

"We may have to go to court to stop it," he said.

Specifically, Meehan said he is upset with city officials over their alleged refusal to answer the PBA's query over whether Friday would be a holiday as it had been in the past, their statement that they are not available until after Dec. 8 to sit down with the PBA for a final arbitration session and the fact that firemen will receive a \$300-per-man clothing allowance in December while the PBA has to wait until January. The PBA earlier in the year has agreed to defer the clothing allowance in order to avoid layoffs.

Hoboken's business administrator, Edwin Chius, said the firemen had never signed the agreement the policemen did in deferring the clothing allowance.

Chius said he hasn't notified policemen if they are off Friday because the question doesn't deserve an answer. He said last year policemen were on duty on the day after Thanksgiving and the same practice will continue this year.

Chius said charges that the city was stalling negotiations just "aren't true."

"I'm going to the United States League of Cities convention in Atlanta next week and so is Councilman Robert Ranieri, another member of the negotiating team," he said. "When we get back from the convention we'll be glad to sit down at the bargaining table."

Chius said if the PBA decides to try anything more than a job action such as a strike, "then I would fire anyone who participated in it."

## Cappiello wants more judges from Hoboken

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello yesterday told Gov. Brendan Byrne that he wants someone from Hoboken named a Superior Court judge.

Speaking to Byrne at a downtown Jersey City rally for President Carter, Cappiello told the governor that in the 1980s and early '90s there were more Superior Court judges from Hoboken than now.

Cappiello reminded the governor that with the retirement of Judge Joseph P. Hanrahan in March there would be no one from Hoboken on the bench.

Byrne said that he would look into the situation.

The mayor was overheard by reporters telling local Assemblyman Thomas Gallo that "it would be ridiculous for Hoboken not to have someone on the bench."

The mayor told Gallo that "I want someone named from Hoboken, any of the lawyers in town, Norman Sweeten, Andrew Batistich, Larry Florio, anyone."

Florio is the city's law director.

## Hoboken welfare director, short of help, plans to retire

Hoboken's welfare director, who has complained numerous times that her office is short-staffed, will retire effective March 1.

The director, Mary Costello, a 25-year employee of the welfare department, was reported on vacation and unavailable for comment.

However, the office's acting assistant director, Mary Lou McGrath, said "she's going to be 62 and has had enough. If you had worked somewhere 25 years wouldn't you want to leave too?"

Ms. McGrath, when asked about the office being understaffed, said she and the other staff members will just have to make do.

However, at 11 a.m., the door to the office had already been locked even though a sign outside says the office is open to noon.

Mrs. Costello had admitted that waits of hours to get assistance were common in the office because of staff shortage.

The office currently has five caseworkers.

## Angels' leader raps Cappiello

The leader of the New Jersey Chapter of the Guardian Angels, Michael Bosch, today accused Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello of reneging on an agreement to hold a meeting with the group of Angels concerning their patrols of Hoboken streets.

"We had a preliminary meeting and the mayor said he would schedule another one so we could talk about coordinating our activities with the police department and learning about the law. That was a month ago and we haven't heard from him again."

But Cappiello said it was the Angels who were supposed to contact him about scheduling another meeting "and never did." "If they want a meeting all they have to do is call me and I'll set it up," the mayor said.

The New Jersey chapter of the Angels, which is based in Hoboken, has been patrolling the city's streets as well as the PATH trains.

## Sewage plant switch not cause of delay

The supervisor of enforcement for the Environmental Protection Agency office that covers Hoboken said he will be trying to determine why the city switched engineers supervising repairs to the Hoboken sewage treatment plant.

But at least one city official said that the change was because of a business dispute involving partners in Envergonics, the engineering firm the city hired, and that the EPA had approved the switch three weeks ago.

Roy Haack, sewage plant superintendent, said that the partnership between Dr. Ralph Barone and Nicholas Campagna, who was doing the engineering work, was dissolved following a business dispute during the summer.

Barone, who still operates the firm, then supplied the EPA with the name of a new engineer for the project, William Pimm, and had the new man approved by the agency's officials.

Pimm came in on the project about 45 days ago and Haack had a meeting with him about two weeks ago, he said.

The switch delayed only the engineering report on the job, not any manual work, Haack explained, because that's been held up by unavailability of parts for the plant, which has been operating below full capacity for 14 months. As a result, about 21 million gallons of improperly treated sewage is dumped into the Hudson daily.

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## Hoboken council will act on special parking cops

A proposed ordinance authorizing the appointment of special police officers to check Hoboken parking meters was discussed at last night's City Council caucus.

In other business, the council studied a resolution — which will be voted on at tomorrow morning's regular meeting — to approve the two-year contract between the city and uniformed fire fighters union. The citizenry will get a chance to speak on the special police ordinance during a public hearing tomorrow beginning at 10 a.m.

According to Councilman Robert Ranieri, the special officers will be used exclusively to patrol city parking lots.

The Parking Authority had meter maids until last spring, he said, but their duties were turned over to the police. Soon after, the councilman explained, the city entered into an agreement with the authority that it would receive \$60,000 out of the meter revenues to develop Uptown parking lots.

One of the ways to get these revenues would be to have the specials enforce parking regulations in the lots.

Should the council ratify the contract between the city and firefighters — which covers this year and next year — that would leave only the fire officers and policemen without new contracts. The firemen's agreement was signed last week.

Other proposed ordinances which will be up for public scrutiny tomorrow: a new salary range for municipal employees in accordance with their newly-signed contract; and an amended ordinance correcting technical errors in an existing agreement between the city and Hudson County Utilities Authority.

Also, a public hearing will be continued tomorrow on an ordinance that will make both sides of Clinton Street at Eighth Street a loading zone.

Ranieri said that a wholesale produce company occupies buildings on both sides of the street. Regular parking in front of the structures causes delivery trucks to clog the street.

He said the zone designation would alleviate the congestion problem and would also enable the firm to build a loading dock on its property to relieve the street congestion.

## Prisoner accuses 2 Hoboken cops of assault

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

JERSEY CITY—Two Hoboken police officers are facing charges in Hudson County District Court stemming from an incident Sept. 9 when they allegedly beat a handcuffed prisoner.

It was learned yesterday that the complaint was filed by the victim on Oct. 17. In it, Patrolmen James Weyerhahn and John Aiello were charged with attempting to cause bodily injury to Miguel Angelo Morales, 19, of 1043 Bloomfield St. Hoboken.

Both officers pleaded innocent.

The offense is in the disorderly persons category of the criminal code, and is therefore non-indictable. However, the deputy chief of

complained that he was severely beaten following his arrest on charges involving the alleged mugging of Kay Hottendorf on Oct. 9.

### Morales complained that he was severely beaten by 2 cops after an arrest on a mugging charge

investigations for the prosecutor's office, Stephen McCabe, said the charges could be upgraded. He also said his office is investigating the incident independently of the court action.

Morales' attorney, Dennis McGill, was not present when the complaint was signed. Morales

He said the beating began after he was handcuffed and placed under arrest, and that it continued in the backroom of the police station, where the officers were joined by the alleged mugging victim Hottendorf, who has admitted to assaulting the prisoner.

Charges were not filed against Hottendorf. However, McGill said they could be filed in the future.

Weyerhahn and Aiello were the arresting officers. Both filed resisting-arrest charges against Morales the next day. They claimed that "necessary and prudent" force was used to subdue him.

Morales charges receive a measure of support from St. Mary Hospital medical records, which indicate that he was admitted to the emergency room that night with several bruises on his face.



## Mt. Olive congregation goes home

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
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HOBOKEN—The march from Trinity Lutheran Church to Mt. Olive Baptist Church would be only about eight blocks, but at 71, Mt. Olive's oldest deacon, Milton Goggans, said he just wasn't up to such a long walk anymore.

So while the others walked to celebrate Mt. Olive's reopening three years after it was destroyed by fire, Goggans said he would go by car.

"I would walk it, but working in a packing house for 33 years takes its toll, and I don't jog," he said with a smile.

But despite his aching legs, his enthusiasm for the day remained undimmed.

"After three years and 20 days of remodeling, when you get it all completed and ready to go, you get pretty excited," he said. "We had a wonderful time rebuilding. You better believe it." He added, "We had a lot of friends."

If there was a bright side to the disaster that nearly leveled the building in October 1977, it was just that — friends.

The cost of the work — rebuilding the interior of the building completely — was \$200,000. Appeal

letters and church functions brought in \$300,000, while a local bank put up the rest.

In the meantime, the church's 300 congregants needed a place to worship. The problem was taken care of immediately by the Rev. Leland LeBar of Trinity Lutheran, who placed his own church at the disposal of Mt. Olive's members.

"He's the finest man, I've ever met," said Mt. Olive's pastor, the Rev. Odell Stewart. "As far as I'm concerned, there are no more LeBars in the world."

Hoboken Police Sgt. Cecil Vincent, a Mt. Olive deacon, agreed. "You can't find words for what these people did. They have poured out their hearts to us in so many ways."

As he spoke, Vincent tugged on a pair of white gloves. Asked whether this was a special occasion, he replied, "It sure is. It's just like going home again."

At 3 p.m., the march began with Stewart leading about 75 congregants up Ninth Street. Two steps behind him was Goggans. I'm going to try to make it," he said smiling.

Shortly after starting the march, the group began to sing "We've come this far by faith."

At the back of the procession, were most of the young people. "It's not unusual to see a lot of people our age here," said Chris Walker, 22. "A lot of young people are getting into the church these days."

"This reminds me of Jesus leading his people into Jerusalem," he said seriously.

"Oh, were you there?" kidded a girl marching nearby bringing a ripple of laughter from Walker's friends.

In a line of black marchers, Georgiana Unalt's white face stood out. She lived across the street from Mt. Olive, she said, and she had many friends who belonged to the church. She said she just wanted to be with them. From the warm greetings she received, the feeling obviously was returned.

The marchers headed up Washington Street to the door of the church, where other members were waiting. Those on crutches or leaning on canes were in first. So were some of the elderly, but Goggans wasn't among them. He stood to the side and enjoyed a cigarette. Like the rest of the Mt. Olive congregants, he came back strong on his own two feet.

## Conrail will detoxify trains in Hoboken

Hoboken's Conrail train yards are expected to be the site for the removal of PCB, a toxic chemical, from 32 passenger cars in the spring.

Laurie Lewis, a spokeswoman for New Jersey Transit, said today the cars are now in the Hoboken yards awaiting repairs and while no location has definitely been chosen for the removal of the PCB, she expects it will be at the yards.

Hoboken Health Officer Patricia Mitten said she would contact Conrail officials to get more information on the situation.

Studies have identified PCB as a potent carcinogen that has been linked to lung cancer and other disorders. Ms. Lewis, however, said all state and federal safety regulations would be followed when the PCB is removed from the cars.

"I don't see any danger," she said.

PCB has been used for years as a liquid insulator in all kinds of electrical equipment. It was discontinued in the mid-1970s when its

manufacturer discovered its toxic properties.

Ms. Lewis said Conrail no longer uses any cars containing the PCB. She said the removal of the PCB from the Arrow 1 cars would come as part of a program to refurbish the cars, which were built in the late 1960s.

Amtrak, however, still has passenger cars in service that use the chemical and, on two recent occasions, one in September and another in October, PCB was spilled onto stretches of main line track, in New Jersey and Maryland.

## Hoboken faces EPA action on sewer plant job delay

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials have scheduled a meeting with Hoboken officials to find out why 16 months after city officials had signed a consent agreement to repair the city's sewer plant to prevent untreated sewage from pouring into the Hudson River the facility is still not operating.

"The situation is still the same as it was 16 months ago," said Morton Tan, supervisor of enforcement for the EPA's Region One office, which covers Hoboken. "The same 21

million gallons of sewage that was going virtually untreated into the Hudson River 16 months ago is still going into the river."

Roy Haack, Hoboken's sewerage plant superintendent, said he has been doing what he can to fix the plant, but the problem is that ordered parts still have not come in.

"Only one of our three holding tanks is operating," said Haack. "The parts for the other two tanks have been on order for months."

Haack said he expects to get them next month. But Tan said he doesn't think city officials are all that concerned about the situation.

"They should be treating it like an emergency and call the company every day to get the needed parts if necessary," he said.

Tan said if he and other EPA representatives don't get a strong indication from Hoboken officials that they are serious about fixing the plant, there is a possibility the EPA will notify the U.S. attorney's office that

Hoboken is in violation of its consent agreement.

If Hoboken had not signed the agreement in July 1979, the EPA had threatened to fine the city \$50,000 a day.

Tan said he expects to have the meeting with Hoboken officials in early December.

Mayor Steve Cappiello and Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato, who both had signed the consent agreement with the EPA, were unavailable for comment.

## Hoboken tenants face cold nights

Hoboken tenants whose landlords turn off their heat and hot water at night can't do anything about it, according to a city Law Department edict.

City attorney Ross London announced yesterday that the city's heating ordinance permits only health inspectors to issue summonses to errant landlords. Because the inspectors' workday ends at 4 p.m., tenants are apparently without remedy for heating complaints in the evening.

This new interpretation of the ordinance conflicts with the ruling of acting municipal court judge Chris Pappas who ruled a year ago that tenants could check the lack of heat and file a complaint against the landlord the following morning.

That new interpretation has also forced the city to drop charges against Planning Board Chairman Ben R. Goodman who was served with three summonses by a policeman who determined that Goodman was not supplying proper heat to residents of one of his buildings.

Under the new interpretation of the ordinance, policemen also do not have the authority to issue summonses for heat violations.

Goodman was originally fined \$200 for the violations but appealed on a technicality that was never tested in court because of the new interpretation of the ordinance. The Law Department asked Judge Rudolph Naddeo to dismiss the case.

James Farina, Hoboken health and welfare director, said he was unaware of the recent ruling by the law department.

He said, however, he would talk with Hoboken health officer Patricia Mitten about setting up some sort of a system where health inspectors could be on call at night.

"It looks like we will have to try and resolve it somehow."

The city's heating ordinance stipulates that a landlord must provide a minimum of 68 degrees heat between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. and 60 degrees between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Water temperature must be maintained at 120 degrees 24 hours a day.

## Rent board members will get lawyer for amendment advice

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—No agreement was reached on the rent-leveling and stabilization board's proposed amendments to the rent-leveling law during a closed session with the City Council Thursday night.

However, after board members complained about the lack of solid advice, the council agreed to provide them with an attorney to be present at all their hearings.

The amendments proposed by the board would make it more difficult for landlords to obtain hardship rent increases. They include redefining "substantially rehabilitated" to mean that the costs of capital improvements on the building exceed 60 percent of the fair

market value (previously it was assessed value), placing a 13-month moratorium on such applications, empowering the board to order inspections of apartments where a rent increase has been requested, and limiting the amount of mortgage interest that a landlord can claim as expenses to 60 percent of the purchase price.

Councilman Robert Ranieri said the council agreed to consider the proposals. He added that the council will seek the advice of other groups, namely banks and tenant organizations, before making a decision.

Ranieri added that the board members are particularly anxious to halt the practice of landlords taking out second mortgages and then going to the rent-leveling board and claiming hardship in order to get rental increases.

## Tool bank to kick off ward program

Hoboken's First Ward Neighborhood Preservation Program will officially start at 1 p.m. on Nov. 15 with the opening of a tool bank, Victor Valazquez, the program's coordinator, announced today.

Valazquez said state Community Affairs Commissioner Joseph LeFante will attend the opening along

with Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello. The tool bank, he said, will be at 241 Garden St. and will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6 to 9 and on Saturday mornings. Valazquez said any owner of a one-to-four-family house in the First Ward will be able to use the tools if he or she leaves a \$10 deposit.

The coordinator said Nov. 15 will also be cleanup day in the First Ward. He said 15 large garbage containers will be placed throughout the ward for residents.

The tool bank and cleanup program are just two parts of the NPA, which is being funded by the state Department of Community Af-

fairs. Valazquez said those programs which will start in the next month or so include a housing rehabilitation project, an energy conservation program and a special housing inspection program designed to get slumlords to correct their housing violations.

## Congress may sink local fireboat hopes

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Local officials here say they fear the incoming U.S. Congress will reduce or kill a bill designed to finance port improvements, including adding fireboats for increased fire protection on the waterfront.

The bill was introduced in 1979 by Rep. Mario Biaggi, D-Queens. It has passed through the Merchant Marine Committee and is pending before the Public Works Committee. "But there hasn't been much movement on it since then,"

said Joe McNamara, the assistant manager of government and community affairs for the Port Authority, which has supported the bill.

The lack of movement has some officials here worried. Many feel its passage has become particularly urgent since New York, whose fireboats now patrol the harbor, trimmed its fleet from 10 to four as part of its budgetary cutbacks.

The reduced fleet has slowed response time and has also left much of the responsibility for fire protection to the Coast Guard, whose fleet

of firefighting boats is not considered to be as effective as New York's.

"At this stage, with a Republican Congress (Senate), getting something like that through is going to be a problem," said Bob O'Brien of Congressman Frank Guarini's office.

Guarini (D-Hudson) took on support of the bill at the urging of Sammy Kaye, a Bayonne freeholder. Kaye also was discouraged at the prospects of the bill's passage. "I think with the Republicans in power, we've got trouble," he said.

The Port Authority's role in the matter is an interesting one. Since the bi-state agency exercises much control over the waterfront, a number of people have looked to the authority to help out economically with the fire protection. But the authority has refused, saying that such protection is not mandated by its charter.

"Clearly there is a need for more protection, but as far as the Port Authority is concerned, it couldn't be their responsibility for protection of the harbor," said PA spokesman Lloyd Schwab, who also noted that much of the land along the waterfront is privately owned.

## More rent aid for aged in Hoboken

The Hoboken Housing Authority approved action last night revising its federal Section 8 housing subsidy program quotas to open up 26 new spaces for senior citizens.

Also, the authority learned a developing firm would soon conduct a study on the feasibility of high-rise apartment buildings on authority property at Grogan Plaza.

Under the Section 8 program,

elderly and low-income families are placed in privately-owned apartments with rent subsidized through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development funds, according to director Joseph Caliguire.

At present, Caliguire said the authority received enough funds to subsidize 195 apartments. Of that number, 150 apartments have already been filled, including 80 for senior citizens.

Yesterday, the authority agreed to increase the quota for seniors to 116. The 26 new spaces will be taken from the 85 senior citizens presently on the program's waiting list and when apartments become available, according to Caliguire.

The 26 spaces include subsidies for one and two-bedroom apartments, according to Caliguire.

In discussing the high-rise,

Caliguire said the developing firm, Presidential Development Corp. of Syracuse, N.Y., will soon begin studies on the property, located at Second and River streets.

The firm, a subsidiary of Reynolds Aluminum, has already offered the authority \$170,000 for the property. Caliguire said the firm plans to build a 25-story, 190-unit building at the site.

## Dream comes true in Hoboken

The congregation of Hoboken's Mount Olive Baptist Church will see a dream come true on Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

That's the time when the church, located at 721 Washington St., and destroyed by fire three years ago, will again reopen its doors to the 300 member congregation.

And no one could be happier about this than church pastor, the Rev.

Odell Stuart. The pastor credits his congregation for the reopening of the church, the only black Baptist church in the city.

Parishioners raised part of the \$600,000 for the rebuilding through such group efforts as flea markets and cake sales.

Other donations, says Stuart,

came from parishioners who donated money as well as other churches in the area.

The congregation did so much to rebuild the church, "because of our long history," says the Reverend Stuart.

The church was built in 1838 and has served the black community for several generations, says Stuart.

Parishioners plan to walk with

the Rev. Stuart from 433 Clinton St., the location they have been using for the last three years for worship services, to Washington Street in time for the dedication ceremonies.

A highlight of the event, termed "the happiest in my life," by the Reverend Stuart, will be a sermon by a visiting clergyman, Dr. A.C. Maxwell of the Central Baptist Church, Jersey City.

## Scrivani resigning to take new job

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
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HOBOKEN—Councilman-at-large Bernard Scrivani will resign his post on Wednesday to become the director of the office of revenue and finance. Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday.

It also was learned that at Wednesday's council meeting, Helen Macri will be nominated as Scrivani's replacement. No opposition to her appointment is expected.

Macri's term will continue until the May municipal election, when she would have to

run for a full two-year term if she wants to stay on the council. Macri could not be reached for comment.

Scrivani, who has served on the council since 1985, will be sworn in to the \$25,000-a-year post on Wednesday in a ceremony in the mayor's office. He will replace Frank Bartlett, who has been ill for several months.

Cappiello denied any knowledge of Macri's imminent appointment to the council, saying instead that it was up to them to decide on Scrivani's replacement. But upon hearing the mayor's comments, one government official

smiled and said, "She's got his blessings 1,000 percent."

Macri, who operates a local boutique, is expected to help the Mayor haul in GOP support if he decides to run for re-election. She is a veteran campaigner herself and played a role in Walter Cramer's successful City Council race two years ago.

Cramer said yesterday that he didn't know Scrivani was planning to resign so soon. He added, however, that if Macri decided to take the post, he would be happy to place her name in nomination.

### Rosebuds

How can Rosebuds happen in a historic district?

Rosebuds, a newly opened cocktail lounge at 215-219 Washington St., Hoboken.

In answer to this question asked by the Hoboken Environmental Committee in conjunction with the Hoboken Historical District Commission.

Two brothers decided that they would turn a basement floor, serving as an open space, into the most beautiful cocktail lounge in Hoboken County.

Their only problem was that the building was located in a historic district where normal city building permits are not valid, it seems, without the approval of the people in charge of the Historic District Commission.

If you own property, wish to improve it, pay taxes on it, and are willing to pay for the improvement, and if these improvements do not meet with their personal taste, is to say you can't do it. No way. Who are these people? Who assumes to dictate their taste for our property, for our city?

Believe that the HDC has no qualified architect on staff, it becomes a matter of some concern.

Who are these people? Patricia, HDC expert, is unavailable for comment, when reached for comment by the Jersey Journal.

Helen Manogue called a special meeting of the Hoboken Environmental Committee to discuss Rosebuds.

We attended, anxious to resolve any differences. She did not choose to attend.

## Hoboken mulls rent hike curbs

By JEFF KISSELOFF  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Proposed amendments to the city's rent leveling law that would make it more difficult for landlords to obtain rent increases are to be considered at a special council session Thursday night.

The amendments, which were originally presented to the City Council at last week's caucus, were drawn up by members of the rent leveling and stabilization board.

"These are just proposals," said member Alfred Avitable. "But they represent what we want to help the people of Hoboken."

The proposals consist of basically three changes to the law. The first would redefine a building as "substantially rehabilitated" when the costs of capital improvements exceed 60 percent of the fair market value of the property.

Under the present law, substantially rehabilitated means that costs exceed 50 percent of "current assessed value." Since market values in Hoboken are rising rapidly and are generally higher than the assessed valuations, if the proposals are accepted, landlords would have to spend much more money on rehabilitation to qualify for hardship increases.

Another proposed amendment would force a landlord to wait at least 13 months before he could apply for hardship increases if he feels he is not getting a "fair return" on his investment.

Under the present law, there are no time constraints. In the same section, the proposal would also limit to 60 percent of the purchase price, the amount of mortgage interest that a landlord could claim as expenses when applying for an increase.

In other words, if a landlord has an \$80,000 mortgage on a property valued at \$80,000, he could only claim the interest on up to \$48,000 as expenses. There is no provision for this in the present law.

The final proposal would empower the board to order an inspection by the building department of any structure for which a rent increase is requested. Thus if violations are found, an increase would be blocked. Now, the board does not have the power to order inspections.

City Council President Walter Cramer emphasized yesterday that the amendments are just proposals. He said that some of the suggested provisions are a bit harsh on the landlords, in particular the passage defining the term substantially rehabilitated. "I think that's too high because the market value could be two times the amount of the assessed value," he said.

However, he insisted that the tenants must be protected. "What we don't want to happen is to have somebody buy a house on a big loan and then dump off the costs on the tenant," he said.

Councilman Robert Ranieri also took a middle position on the proposals. With reference to a 13-month moratorium on hardship applications, he said, "I tend to shy away from that. While I don't want tenants to carry the burdens of speculators, I don't want to discourage legitimate purchasers from coming into the market."

Both also said they wanted the Hoboken Board of Realtors to look at the amendments. "They have been helpful in the past," said Cramer. "We will get everybody's ideas, but in the final analysis, the council will make the decision."

In their absence, the chairperson of that meeting was quoted as saying, "Businessmen are unfeeling to the needs of the community. Their only interest is to make a 'fast buck' and run." This is not true, Jerry. Businessmen have never turned their backs on any community charity or community drive. And all you have to do is ask any charitable organization.

Whatever happened to fundamental rights of this country: Free Speech, Free Choice, Freedom of Expression. Do these rights have to be approved?

We at Rosebuds had no say in appointing the Hoboken Historical District Commission. They were appointed by the city officials. And where does it say that appointees can dictate policy. How is it that our elected officials have been so silent on this issue? Where do we go from here?

Ronald Gascela  
Gary Gascela