

P.A. envisions riverfront condos

By Robert Larkins
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The planning company under contract to the Port Authority is looking at condominiums as the most likely form of the housing component it will be recommending for the Jersey City-Hoboken waterfront.

"It's still very preliminary," said Brendan W. O'Malley, manager of the Regional Development Division of the P.A., about the housing, hotel, retail and parkland plan being prepared by the planning company, American Cities Corp.

He said that the plan concerns itself with a strip of riverfront in northern Jersey City and an extended strip of Hoboken riverfront from the Erie Lackawanna terminal north to the Union Dock property.

O'Malley said that most of the 3,300 housing units would be in Jersey City.

He said that he has only a sketchy knowledge of the Glimcher Co.'s plans for 230 acres of northern Jersey City, including part of the riverfront acreage in the American Cities Corp. plan.

But he said that since housing is the main feature in that overlapping area of both plans, he didn't think there would be substantial conflict. O'Malley said the condominiums could include both highrise and lowrise townhouse condominiums.

He stressed that if the cities want the condominiums to be sold at less than their market cost, "say \$80,000 to \$125,000," then some unit of government would have to be found to subsidize their construction to some extent, and a developer found willing to build the subsidized units.

If the cities wanted rental units instead of condominiums, a developer willing to build such units would have to be found.

O'Malley and other representatives of the P.A. said at a waterfront forum in Hoboken last week that one-bedroom apartments in desirable sections of Manhattan and Brooklyn are now renting for \$800 a month.

If the cities wanted lower-rent rental units, they would have to get a developer willing to build such units, and find some source of public funding to make up the difference to that developer between market-level rents and the lower rents.

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Scrivani told to shape up Hoboken's financial picture

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he has ordered the city's new revenue and finance director, Bernard Scrivani, to come up with recommendations on ways to increase the amount of money coming into the city coffers.

Cappiello said he has given Scrivani, who was sworn in on Wednesday as revenue and finance director, a month to draw up specific recommendations.

"The city of Hoboken should be run as a private business," Cappiello said, "and I expect Bernard Scrivani to draw on his experience in private

industry to help us achieve that goal further."

Scrivani, who resigned his City Council post to take on the revenue and finance post, is the former director of customer relations at the S.B. Penick Co. in Lyndhurst.

The city's former revenue and finance director, Frank Bartletta, had been sick for a year, but submitted his resignation to Cappiello only last week.

Scrivani said he is now identifying the duties of each of his 20 employees in order to determine if any changes are needed.

"I expect to comply with the mayor's orders, but as of yet I don't have any specific changes in mind," Scrivani said.

Some changes have been made in Bartletta's old office, however. It has been completely painted and new carpet is being laid. In addition, Scrivani will be getting his own secretary, something Bartletta never had.

The press phone, which sat in a corner of the revenue and finance office and had been used for years by reporters to call their offices, has been removed.

"I'm sorry, I need all the room myself," Scrivani said.

New shifts will begin in Hoboken

Starting Jan. 2, Hoboken firemen will be working under a new shift system similar to the one used in North Hudson communities.

Firemen will work one consecutive 24-hour shift and then have three days off, under the new system, according to fire chief James Houn.

The present system consists of firemen working two 10-hour shifts on consecutive days, getting two days off, and then working two shifts on consecutive days and getting three days off.

Houn said the new system will be followed for a six-month trial basis and, at the end of that period, its effectiveness will be evaluated.

The city had agreed to try the new system after firemen requested it during this year's contract negotiations between the city and the firemen.

Waterfront planners favor condominiums

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Charging for the units, either condominium or rental, what the market would bear would be the most practical way to insure funding for the whole development, O'Malley said.

Fred Bado, Hoboken Community Development director, said most of 3,300 apartment units in the project will be located on the northern Jersey City waterfront, with no more than 600 apartment units located in Hoboken.

O'Malley said that, to be successful, a whole package of development,

and not just one aspect, would have to be pursued.

Besides housing, some other aspects of the "very preliminary" plan in Hoboken include the construction of a 200-room hotel between Second and Fourth streets and converting the P.A.'s B and C piers, which run from Second to Fourth streets, to office and retail space. Also included are various river walkways and parkland in the area north of Fifth Street and a marina at the Fifth Street pier.

O'Malley said nothing was

definite. He expects to have numerous meetings with Jersey City Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and community members over the next several months.

"We really don't want to get in front of the two cities," O'Malley said. "We want them to be masters of their own destinies."

Getting the cities to cooperate is crucial, he said.

He said the Port Authority would definitely take into account views expressed at the waterfront forum last Thursday, where

numerous community members said they wanted the waterfront area north of Fifth Street to be developed for recreational purposes.

At this point the P.A. is committed to nothing more than presenting the final details of the American Cities Corp. plan next spring. If the two cities want nothing more, if they have their own developers lined up and can take the plans to the P.A. involvement will end there.

To do more, such as lining up developers or site preparation, authority would need a legislative

mandate from both the New York and New Jersey legislatures.

He said the authority would resist getting involved in actually building or running any of the hotel/retail/housing projects.

A key phase in the study is a

financial feasibility study, but O'Malley does not see that being completed before details of the design of the development are released next spring.

"Financial feasibility," he said, "is highly contingent on design feasibility."

OK bond sale for garage

The Hoboken City Council has approved the sale of bond anticipation notes totaling \$500,000 at the interest rate of 8 percent in order to pay those bills due on the completion of the new municipal garage, which is expected to be finished by the end of the month.

That action came at a city council meeting held last night. In other action the council adopted an emergency resolution appropriating \$350,000 to pay for salary increases granted municipal workers in 1980 as a result of contract negotiations.

The money will have to be raised in the 1981 budget. It couldn't be included in this year's budget because the city could not anticipate what the salary agreements would be with the unions.

John Muciaccia was appointed to a second five-year term on the parking authority. That appointment was originally sent down by the mayor, but it was noticed that members of

the parking authority are appointed by the city council and the resolution was amended before action was taken on it.

The council authorized payment of \$369,000 to the Jersey City water department which covered water use

for a period of 66 days. It ratified a request of the tax collector to extend by one week the deadline for paying fourth-quarter taxes.

Introduced on first reading was a traffic control ordinance for Sinatra Drive, formerly River Road.

Hoboken settles on \$369,000 water bill

By JEFF KISSELOFF
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HOBOKEN—A dispute about a \$369,000 water bill charged to the city was settled quietly Monday night when officials here discovered an error in their calculations.

The bill was for water purchased from Jersey City for 66 days during the summer. The problem arose when government officials misread the bill, thinking it was for 45 days. They therefore complained about the charge and blamed Jersey City for the higher consumption, which they said was a result of the June water crisis precipitated by an oil leak in the Boonton Reservoir.

Acting on advice by counsel, Hoboken officials refused to pay the part of the bill they believed excessive.

At Monday night's City Council meeting, before a resolution on the bill was to be discussed, President Walter Cramer quietly pointed out the error to Councilman Robert Ranieri.

Ranieri looked hard and gulped. Not only was the billing correct, but for a 66-day bill, the water charged to the city was actually less than the average consumption for the period.

"This was obviously an oversight on the part of everybody who prepared the bill, the resolution, and the presentation," said the somewhat red-faced councilman.

Apparently the councilmen acted after seeing a caption on the council agenda which said the bill was for 45 days. Ranieri also pointed out that there were actually two bills, one for 45 days and the other for 23, totaling 66. The confusion could therefore have stemmed from seeing only the first bill.

Ranieri said the error was a sign of more serious problems within the water department. "So it was all to do about nothing," he said. "But it blatantly points out the need for something I've been saying for a long time, a separate water department. It shows that there is a definite lack of decent administration in the department."

"Somebody should have known that there was an error and pointed it out. It was like the blind leading the blind."

Meanwhile, Ranieri could not explain how water consumption during those months could have been lower than average, especially in light of the water main break at Fifth and Garden Streets and the need to flush out the city's pipes during the water crisis. "Somehow, there's a blank there," he said.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius replied that the break was shut off quickly.

Hospital, clinic to get bulk of grant

St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken and the Mount Carmel Guild clinic in Union City are expected to receive the bulk of the \$1.7-million grant from the U.S. Department of State to help local mental health centers handle the influx of Cuban refugees, many of whom are having psychological problems adjusting to their new homeland.

The grant, which was announced about two weeks ago, will be used to upgrade mental health programs in four Hudson County hospitals: the Jersey City Medical Center and Christ Hospital in Jersey City, St. Mary and the Mount Carmel Guild.

The bulk of the promised aid —

about \$800,000 — is expected to go to St. Mary Hospital and its sister institution, the Mount Carmel Guild.

Hannah Simon, director of the Mount Carmel Guild Mental Health Center, said the funds would be used to expand current services and hire additional staff. She added that the center would set up an outreach program to identify those Cuban refugees needing counseling or psychiatric assistance, and then help them.

Dr. James Gallagher of the Jersey City Medical Center, who hopes to receive about \$150,000 of the federal aid, agrees that the Cubans

need help in coping with their new surroundings. "Many of the Cubans are afraid and lonely about being outside their native environment," he said. "Others are depressed because they were rejected by their sponsors or can't find a job."

But Dr. Kenneth Poplar, director of the Community Mental Health Center at St. Mary, said that the refugees he has encountered do not have adjustment problems, but instead have chronic mental health disorders, ranging from schizophrenia to alcoholism.

He added that he would be hiring additional social workers, clinical nurses and psychiatric personnel in the weeks ahead.

Meanwhile, James McCarthy, a spokesman for Christ Hospital, said that the hospital expects to use its \$80,000 grant to upgrade counseling services, set up an information and referral program, and give the newcomers a "cultural introduction" to the area.

In addition, the hospital plans to establish a "Crisis Intervention" service, to help refugees who need emergency help in handling problems such as suicidal depressions.

Grogan Towers tenants press for more safety

The tenants' association at the Grogan-Marineview Towers apartment complex in Hoboken is launching a new campaign to improve security and maintenance in the twin 25-story buildings.

Walter "Buddy" Hartye, who was re-elected as vice president of the tenants' association Wednesday said maintenance and security in the complex is still as bad as it was months ago when the tenants' association first started complaining to management.

"We've got seven men and two supervisors for the two buildings that contain 432 apartments," he said. "It's just not enough. Our hallways are constantly dirty."

Hartye said there is one security guard for each building and declared two for each are needed. "We need

one man to guard the lobby and another to make rounds," he said.

The middle-income project has been hit with a number of burglaries in the past few months.

Kenneth Shatten, an official with the Marineview Management Corp., that manages the building, said he would have "no comment" on the tenants' charges.

Officials of the state mortgage finance agency which oversees the building were unavailable for comment.

While Hartye was re-elected vice president at Wednesday's election, the association's president, Thomas Bonhag, was defeated by Thomas Illing by a 111 to 54 vote. Also defeated was lawyer Michael Mongello who joined Bonhag's slate after Hartye joined with Illing.

Cops warned on job action by Cappiello

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said any policemen who break the law while participating in today's planned job action will have charges brought against them.

The mayor vowed to fight the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association's job action, saying the city wouldn't "bow down to threats."

"We're willing to talk to the PBA," said Cappiello. "But we don't like being threatened."

Mhomas Meehan, the president of the Hoboken PBA, vowed a job action for today if the city's patrolmen didn't immediately get their \$300 clothing allowance, which they had agreed to defer until January in a written agreement with city officials.

Cappiello backed up Business Administrator Edwin Chius and said the cops weren't going to get their clothing allowances now.

Chius said it would be illegal to give the cops their clothing allowance checks now because of the written agreement. And Cappiello said today the city didn't have the money any how.

Meehan, while admitting he had signed the agreement deferring the clothing allowance, claims it is no longer valid because city officials already gave firemen and other city employees their clothing allowances now and promoted 15 in the police department.

Hoboken bar owner raps historic district unit delay

The owner of a cocktail lounge in Hoboken's historic district who has been criticized for not having its exterior conform to the local style has admitted evading the necessary historic district building permits.

Ronald Gasteau, owner of Rosebud at 215 Washington St., said last night he purposely avoided seeking the permission of the Historic District Commission before hanging a lighted sign, painting the front of the building and erecting a flagpole.

He said getting the permits would have taken too much time and cost him too much in lost business.

Gasteau said he had applied to the commission for permits for a fence at his Cafe Napoleon restaurant nearly a year and a half ago and still had not gotten a definitive response.

"I'll tell you why I didn't get the

permits," he shouted to the 60 people gathered in the Public Library for the Hoboken Environment Committee meeting. "I couldn't afford to wait another 15 months."

Several people in the audience criticized Gasteau after his explanation but many expressed sympathy for his frustration with the city's bureaucratic process.

One woman said the exterior was turning the area into "another 42nd Street." "So what's wrong with 42nd Street?" co-owner Garry Gasteau countered.

Jerry Noriega, vice chairman of the historic commission, conceded that a permit application was submitted more than a year ago, but claimed the matter was in the hands of the city planning board.

Planning board member Thomas Mooney confirmed that the matter

had been turned over to his agency but claimed the delay was a result of the Gasteau brothers' failure to "follow through."

Hoboken officials are reportedly preparing to issue summonses to the two brothers today for the exterior work not covered by the necessary permits.

Gasteau labelled the city's 1979 zoning ordinance which gave the historic commission the power to issue certificates of appropriateness "a bunch of garbage."

He said the cocktail lounge resembles the Rosebud's opened in San Francisco's historic district. He criticized the commission for "trying to legislate good taste."

"It's a bit vulgar," commented a woman with an English accent. "But, I don't say that to hurt your feelings," she added apologetically.

Mrs. Manogue blasts landmark demolition

The chairwoman of Hoboken's Historic District Commission, Helen Manogue, said today she may resign in light of yesterday's decision of the City Council to allow demolition of a five-story Washington Street building that had been designated as a historical landmark by the commission.

The commission had refused to grant the owner of the building at 111 Washington St., the Washington Sav-

ings Bank, a demolition permit. But the City Council has the final say.

"I'm astounded and shocked," said Mrs. Manogue. "We might as well as close up the HDC in light of the decision."

Mrs. Manogue said she had understood the law department recommended to the City Council that, in matters such as the building at 111 Washington St., which involve a change in land use, the HDC's decision would be referred to the city's planning board, which would make the final decision.

The bank wants to tear the building down to first construct a parking lot and eventually build an extension to its main office. The bank's

building is next door to the structure at 111 Washington St.

City Council President Walter Cramer said if the bank goes through with its plans to build a parking lot, after it tears down the building, it will have to go to the planning board for a variance.

But, he said the City Council's decision to allow the bank to demolish the building was based on a report by city building inspector Alfred Arezzo that the building was a fire hazard and had 28 housing code violations.

Arezzo had estimated it would cost the bank \$200,000 to fix the building and bring it up to standards, Cramer said. "It would be

unfair to make the bank do the repairs."

Mrs. Manogue said Arezzo had also stated in his report that the core of the building was structurally sound.

"The building is not a hazard," she said. "I can't believe the council's decision."

Mrs. Manogue said she will have a meeting with other members of the HDC as soon as possible to discuss a course of action. "I would certainly consider resigning as I'm sure other members will too," she said.

Bank officials had said they would consider moving the bank's main office out of Hoboken if the City Council didn't overrule the HDC.

Hoboken's tax sale fails again to draw certificate buyers — or even a watcher

By Randolph Diamond

Everything was the same at this year's Hoboken tax sale, which was held yesterday afternoon in City Council chambers.

It was the same last year and the year before that and the year before that.

In fact, no city official can remember anyone buying a tax certificate at the sale in the last 20 years. Yesterday was no different. No one even showed up to watch.

The properties of 45 owners who had defaulted on their city taxes were on the sale list.

Anyone who buys the certificate,

which are liens in the amount of back taxes owed on a particular property, must hold the certificate for two years before taking action to foreclose on the property.

A building's owner has the right to buy back the tax certificate from its purchaser within the two-year period.

Among the tax certificates up for

sale this time was one for the now vacant lot at 131 Clinton St. where 21 persons died in a fire in January 1978. The owners, Isaac and Genoveva Haim, owe the city \$2,657.28 in back taxes in addition to \$9,862.92 on the adjoining building at 129 Clinton St. which was heavily damaged in the fire and is now just an empty shell.

Watergate spy G. Gordon Liddy: Made in Hoboken

By JEFF KIBBELOFF

HOBOKEN—The old yearbook picture is faded now, but the little kid standing at the right end of the top row looks like he's got something on his mind.

George Gordon Battle Liddy was quite an imposing name for a self-described "frail, sickly little crybaby" who would cower under his bed every time the dirigible Hindenburg floated by his house.

But eventually the boy grew stronger and the name shorter — to G. Gordon Liddy. The frightened little boy was replaced by a man who would hold his hand over a candle's flame and watch his own skin sear just to impress his friends.

His name also became tied forever to the most famous scandal in the nation's history, Watergate. And to think it all started in Hoboken.

Liddy was born 50 years ago yesterday to a family living in a brownstone on Hudson Street. His father was a well-to-do patent attorney who got his start working for a man named George Gordon Battle, for whom he named his son.

In his autobiography "Will" (published by St. Martin's Press), Liddy recalls growing up on Hudson Street, playing with his friends, and, most of all, being afraid of anything that moved.

Scared of rats, he caught one, took it into his back yard, and ate it.

"Night was also the time of the dreaded 'mothiller.' ... he wrote. 'I had been frightened the first time a moth fluttered against my bedroom window. The light threw a shadow on the opposite wall, terrifying me. Frantic screams — then mother explaining it was just a harmless moth.'"

But Liddy, inspired by the speeches of Adolf Hitler, learned that he could conquer his fears one by one.

He did so. Scared of heights, he jumped from roof to roof across the Hudson Street brownstones. Scared of rats, he caught one, took it into his back yard and ate it.

"Well, he was quite a determined little boy," said a former playmate, Councilman Robert Ranieri. "He was very serious, very determined in the things he would do."

Could Ranieri imagine Liddy eating a rat? "No," he said laughing.

Neither could Walter Cramer. It was the City Council president who called Ranieri one day in the midst of the Watergate scandal and asked him, "Do you remember that little skinny kid named Liddy? Wasn't he the same one that we used to play with on Hudson Street?" It was.

"He was two or three years younger than me. I remember him being a very sharp, clean-cut kid, very well spoken but very short for his age," Cramer recalled.

They would play stickball sometimes, Cramer said, but because Liddy was smaller and younger, the other boys didn't let him play too often. "He had a nice swing," Cramer recalled.

The City Council president had other recollections about his young neighbor that shed light on Liddy's later career. "One tendency I do recall was that he had loyalty. He also had an uncle or a cousin who was an FBI agent. We used to hang around in front of the house whenever he came over, hoping to get a look at him," Cramer said.

Liddy later joined the FBI. It was there he learned how to break into offices and kill a man with a pencil. Working under J. Edgar Hoover, he also cultivated the loyalty that Cramer recalled. That trait landed him the longest prison sentence of any of the Watergate criminals because he alone refused to reveal any secrets about goings-on in the Nixon White House.

Respect for authority was another trait Liddy says he acquired while growing up in the Mile Square City. He learned it the hard way, he said, from the nuns at St. Peter and Paul. In particular, he recalled his fourth grade teacher, who would crack him on the head if he stepped out of line or even made the sign of the cross incorrectly.

Ranieri, who recalled that Liddy used to bring his sister wherever he went, supported Cramer's assessment of his loyalty. He refused to agree, however, with Liddy's recollection of their old teacher, Sister Clara.

"Oh, she was strict," said the councilman, "but he's just fantasizing there. Maybe she gave you a crack on the knuckles with a ruler, but that was all."

Sister Clara, who still teaches, but at another school, did not remember Liddy. "I have no recollection of any Liddy at all," she said firmly in a voice not to be trifled with.

By the time his family moved to West Caldwell in 1941, Liddy was a changed boy. Jerry Pinder, a former Hoboken resident, learned that the hard way.

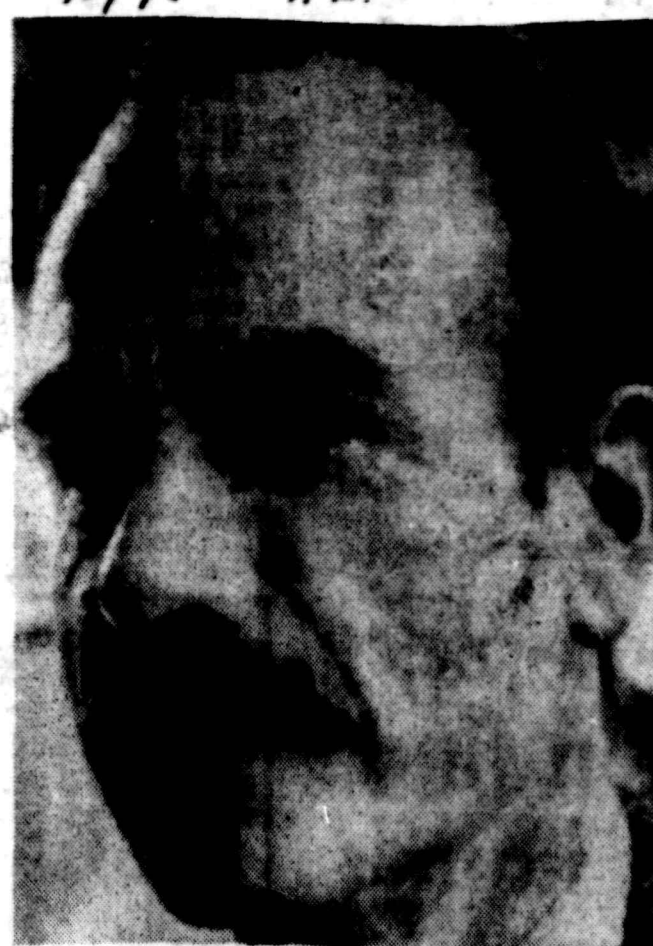
"Oh, I knew Gordon Liddy," Pinder said over the telephone from his home in Pennsylvania. "As a matter of fact, he beat me up."

"I was eight years old, and he was 11. He was visiting at the time when we were sleigh-riding on Murder Hill. He was just a bully, and he took my sled and gave me a bloody nose."

But at 11, Liddy still had not developed that inner toughness, Pinder explained. "I went home crying to my father," he said. "But he told me I had to fight my own battles. So I went back and pushed him around a little bit and got my sled back."

"I was much smaller than he was," Pinder said laughing. "So I guess he wasn't so tough after all."

In the following years, Liddy would be one of the few disappointed when both World War II and the Korean War came to a close, because he didn't get to see any action. He would



G. Gordon Liddy

go on to Fordham University, to law school, and then moved from the FBI to the Committee to Re-Elect the President in 1972.

It was Liddy who hatched the famous "Gemstone" plan, which included not only breaking into and bugging the Democratic National Committee headquarters, but also kidnapping known radicals, drugging them, and carrying them across the Mexican border.

That way, his logical mind deduced, they wouldn't make any trouble during the 1972 Republican Convention, which was planned for San Diego.

Intense loyalty, respect of authority, love for the secret organizations like the FBI — for Liddy they all originated in Hoboken.

The tough Liddy boy proved to himself that he could be a feared man in this world. One wonders if Watergate would have ever happened if Walter Cramer and his friends had let him play stickball a little more often.

Ambulance corps, cops argue over 'minor' transports

By Randolph Diamond

Members of the Hoboken volunteer ambulance squad have refused to transport ill persons to Hoboken's St. Mary Hospital on at least three occasions this month.

Cops members instead insisted that Hoboken patrolmen take the patients to the hospital in their patrol cars, including one time when a woman was found in a semi-conscious state in her house, police department records reveal.

Thomas Vecchione, president of the volunteer ambulance squad, termed the three incidents non-emergency and said his squad was becoming a taxicab service.

Meanwhile, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has called a special meeting with Vecchione and police department brass to discuss the situation.

Hoboken contributes \$25,000 a year to the volunteer force — about one third of its yearly operating budget. The rest is raised by contributions.

Police Chief George Crimmins Sr. said he was very concerned that the police department "could incur liability" if a person doesn't get the proper medical care while being transported by patrol car.

According to police department records the most serious of the three incidents occurred Dec. 10th when Patrolman Thomas Connor dispatched to the Willow Avenue apartment of Yolanda Moran, a 27-year-old woman.

Upon his arrival, Connor reported he found the woman in a semi-conscious state on the bed. Connor called for an ambulance and when the two attendants arrived they attempted to revive the woman and after some time the woman "did come to an extremely weak state of consciousness."

At that point, Connor reported, the ambulance attendants stated they would not transport the victim in an ambulance to the hospital and that she would have to go in a radio car.

Another incident, according to police records, occurred the evening of Dec. 13th when Patrolman Thomas Sutera was sent to the Park Avenue home of Chester Bold after two ambulance attendants refused to transport him to the hospital.

According to statements made by Sutera, Bold, who's 62, stated he

had fallen in his apartment and was having severe pains in the back.

Sutera said when he stood Bold up, he was "shaking and moaning," and the man had to be assisted to the radio car "where he had a hard time trying to maneuver himself to get in."

The other incident occurred on Dec. 9 when Patrolman Daniel Simone was sent to the Hudson Street home of Luis Andujar and found the young man had a superficial laceration of a right hand finger. Simone said Andujar requested to be taken to the hospital and he called for an ambulance. But Simone said when the ambulance arrived the driver said he would not transport the victim.

Vecchione stated, however, that in the case involving Mrs. Moran his driver reported to him that the woman, after being revived, was in a fully conscious state and only complained of a headache. The case involving Andujar was "obviously" minor, he said.

The squad president said he would have to investigate the case involving Bold.

"What's happening is we are getting 6,000 calls a year for our services and 2,000 of them are nonsense calls," Vecchione said. "We can't become a taxicab service for the non-emergencies because an emergency could happen while we're on the non-emergency."

Vecchione said if some patrolmen are complaining, "It's because they just don't want to do their job."

The squad president added the squad has been losing members and now has 45, which makes it impossible to put more than one ambulance out on the street at any given time.

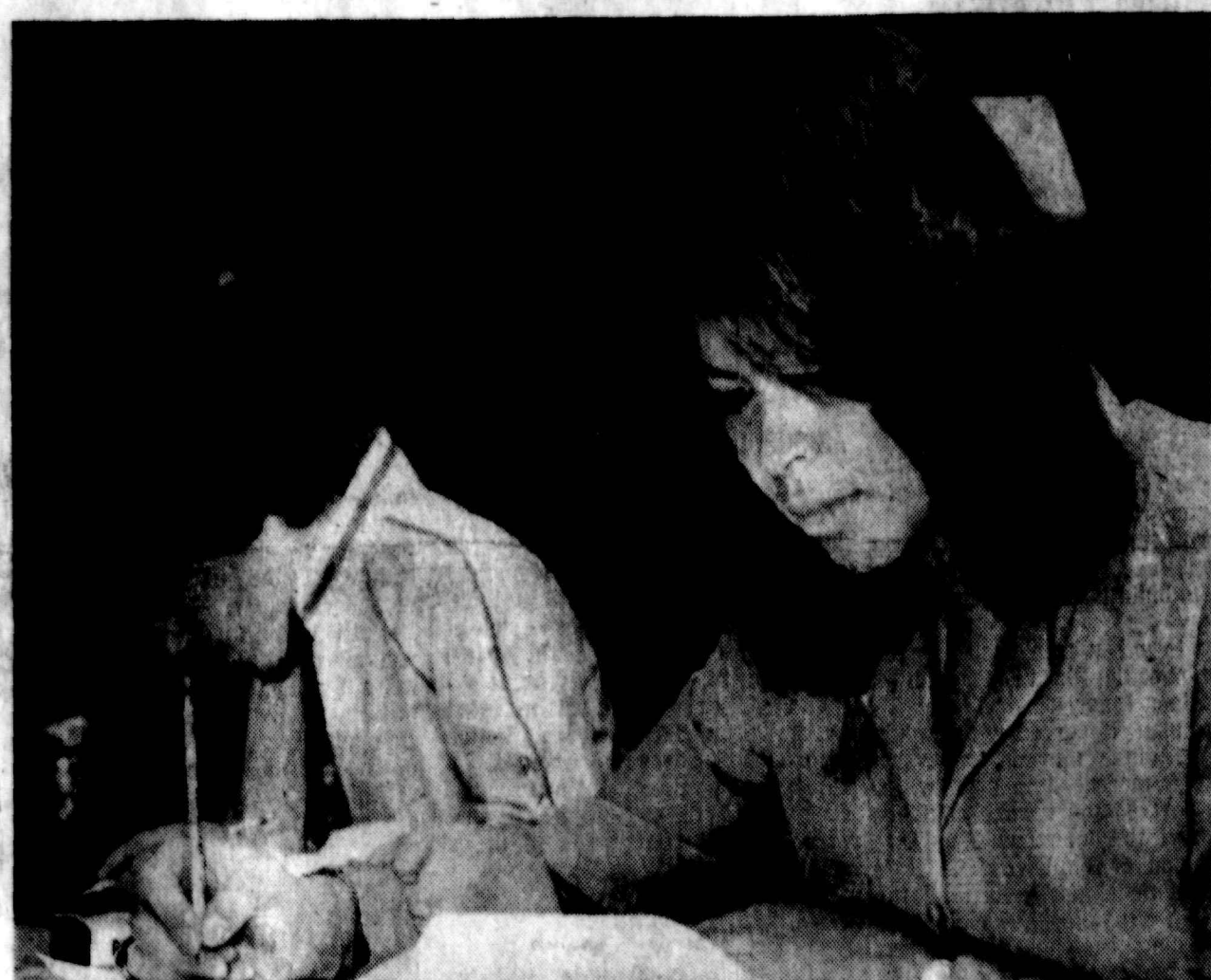
Meanwhile, Crimmins said he was upset with the squad's policy of waiting for police to arrive before answering a call.

"What does the ambulance squad exist for?" Crimmins asked.

But Vecchione stated that the police are asked to arrive first in most cases because members of the volunteer squad might need protection from persons they are assisting. He said, however, in an obvious emergency an ambulance is dispatched right away.

He also said the ambulance arrives within minutes after being called by the patrolman on the scene and denied his volunteers are just riding around the city.

She aims to be first Hoboken policewoman



Ariene Santiago attends one of the weekly training courses the Hoboken police department is sponsoring to prepare candidates for the February police Civil Service test.

By Randolph Diamond

Ariene Santiago has wanted to join the police since she was 12. Now at age 19 she may be finally getting the opportunity to become Hoboken's first policewoman.

She is one of about 80 persons attending a weekly training course on Tuesday

nights sponsored by the police department to prepare candidates for the Civil Service test in February.

Police brass have requested 16 new patrolmen for next year and while city officials may not approve that many it is expected that at least 10 new patrolmen will be hired.

The police superiors teaching the course say they expect Miss Santiago to be one of the top scorers on the test.

"She's very bright and catches on to everything we teach very quickly," said James Giordano, the police department's planning officer. See SHE'S AIMING — Page 6.

Naming of Scrivani getting council's OK

The Hoboken City Council was expected to approve the appointment of Councilman Bernard Scrivani today as finance director, replacing Frank Bartetta whose resignation was announced recently. Both are Republicans.

The council was also to act on filling the vacancy created by Scrivani's resignation today as a councilman-at-large to take the finance position.

Council President Walter Cramer said he would introduce the name of

Helen Macri, Bartetta's niece, to fill the position until the term ends on June 30. He said other names might be introduced at the morning meeting.

In other action today, the council was to introduce on first reading salary ordinances amending the pay scale for city employees and for fire captains, deputy chiefs and chiefs, bringing them into line with recent salary increases negotiated for 1981.

Old firehouse sparks a fight in Hoboken

In one corner of the ring is Health and Welfare Director James Farina and in the other corner is Business Administrator Edwin Chius. In the middle is Hoboken's turn-of-the-century Grand Street firehouse.

Farina said today that the firehouse, which has a few city offices in it and is in dilapidated condition, would be the ideal location for a teenage recreation center as well as a center for creative arts classes.

But Chius says because the city needs the revenue he plans to put the building on the auction block early next year.

"We need the revenue and the downtown recreation center which will be reopened next fall is only a few blocks away from the firehouse," Chius stated. "You don't need two recreation centers a few blocks from each other."

But Farina maintains the activities at the downtown recreation center will be sports oriented and that teenagers want a community center of their own.

"This is the last building that I know of that we could create a recreation center out of," Farina said. "We just can't sell it. I understand we need the money but it would be a shame not to use the building for recreation."

Chius said he expects the building could bring in at least \$100,000 to the city's coffers. He said he decided to put it on the auction block after he learned that there was no possibility the city could get a grant to renovate the building until 1982.

But Farina said the city would be eligible for a grant from the United States Department of the Interior to renovate the building this spring.

Peter Beronio, Hoboken Community Services director, confirmed Farina's statements and said Hoboken would be eligible for a grant starting in April.

But Beronio said the question is where the city would get the money to run the center.

"The grant would only be to renovate it," said Beronio. "It would not pay operating costs. The issue would have to be fully explored."

Meanwhile, Mayor Steve Cappiello denied firm decision had been made to put the building on the auction block though he did admit the move was strongly being considered.

Cappiello said the city council would have approved the sale of any city building. The mayor refused to say whether he is in favor of selling the building.

Italian community and Lanzetti celebrate 35th anniversary

By Randolph Diamond and Ronald Leir

Hoboken's Italian Center is quietly celebrating its 35th anniversary this year.

The center isn't listed in the phone book nor does it operate under any city department.

But city officials and members of Hoboken's Italian community know where to go to find its single "employee," 85-year-old James Lanzetti.

He has been serving as the city's unofficial Italian translator and interpreter since 1945 when he was hired to work for the city's building department.

Since he retired from his last city job as administrative

aide for the public safety department, Lanzetti has occupied a desk on the second floor of City Hall in the revenue and finance department.

There he translates documents and letters for city officials and interprets for Italian residents who need assistance from government agencies. "I love to help out people and doing it with language is such a nice way to help," says Lanzetti.

An orphan adopted from the New York Foundling Home by a Hoboken couple, Lanzetti went from grammar school to a factory job by day and classes in English commercial law and accounting at the American Institute of Banking in New York.

Back in Hoboken, Lanzetti became friendly with Bernard McFeely, the late mayor, who in 1943 got the young man a job as a clerk to two Congressional committees on war claims and un-American activities.

But Lanzetti left Washington after three years "because I was homesick" and accepted city employment.

A three-mile-a-day walker and a collector of English and Italian proverbs, Lanzetti and his wife, the former Mary Michtsch, live in Hoboken's Church Towers apartments.

"I have the best of both worlds," says Lanzetti. "My family and work. Life has been good to me."



James Lanzetti, Hoboken's volunteer Italian interpreter, welcomes a visitor to his office in City Hall.

She's aiming to be first woman cop

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"She will make a great cop."

Miss Santiago says she wants to be a cop "to help the people in Hoboken who are in great need. I see a cop as sort of a social worker, who can lend help to people in need and help straighten things out."

Miss Santiago, who lives with her mother in an apartment in uptown Hoboken, says she will try to treat people with respect, something she remembers cops didn't always do when she was a teen-ager.

"We would hang out in gangs on street corners and the cops would tell us to 'get lost,'" she recalled. "Then a few minutes later we would all get back together again. The cops would only have to tell us to get lost again."

Miss Santiago said she believes gangs hang out on corners because they have nothing to do. "These teenagers want a cop to treat them with respect," she adds.

Miss Santiago says she doesn't want to give the impression that most cops in Hoboken don't care because she says she knows a lot of them do "and they are the greatest people in the world."

"I have a lot of respect for them," she went on. "But there are a few cops who just don't care about doing a good job and are prejudiced against Hispanics."

Miss Santiago is a sophomore at the Cook College branch of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, where

she is majoring in criminal justice. Originally a pre-veterinary major, she switched in September to criminal justice.

"I love animals," she says, "but I have always wanted to be a policeman. I decided after taking some of the veterinary courses that being a cop would be more interesting. The job is never routine."

How does she feel about the possibility of becoming the first woman officer on the force?

"I think it would be a big challenge," she said. "I'm sure there will be some resentment, other cops telling me that I should be at home and raise a family. But, that's something I'll have to overcome."

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Self-Review

In his autobiography "W" (published by St. Martin's Press), Liddy recalls growing up on Madison Street, playing with his friends and most of all, being afraid of something that moved.

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"She will make a great cop."

Milee Santiago says she wants to go back to work as a police officer.

By Randolph Diamond and
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Hoboken 11 prove they are 'the champions!'

By Michael Hogan

"We are the champions! We are the champions... We'll keep on fighting to the end... No time for losing 'cause we are the champions!"

It was a best-selling rock record for Queen — it could be heard blaring in the post-game Hoboken locker room — and was part of the motivation used all week by Hoboken coach Ed Stinson.

It worked marvelously Saturday as Hoboken (8-2-1) dumped previously unbeaten Ramsey (10-1), 10-0, at Giants Stadium for the North Jersey Group III, Section I championship.

"We played a big motivational game this week, all week," Stinson said. "This wasn't something where we came in at halftime and said we have to win one for whoever. This was something which we laid a foundation on when we met last Saturday (for practice) and did all week."

"THE COACH had the record going on and that's what we were thinking about," said Hoboken star guard-linebacker Joe Rotondi.

And the Red Wings certainly played like they wanted to win very badly.

"The coach said we have to leave it all out on the field," Rotondi said.

Ramsey was physically bigger and unbeaten entering the game, but Hoboken never backed off and, as the game wore on, the Rams were the team that was hurting.

Hoboken had some anxious moments early in the game when Manny Reyes, a two-way back, hurt his ankle and thigh, and Joe Turso, a two-way back and kicker, was laid out after a hit which caused a fumble at the Ramsey 9 minutes before halftime.

BUT REYES AND TURSO, who had given the Red Wings a 7-0 lead in the second quarter with a one-yard run and conversion kick, both quickly returned.

"I felt that as soon we came on and hit them they wanted to lay down," Rotondi said. "Their running backs weren't running as hard once we hit them once or twice."

"We have the Hudson County Special," said two-way guard Alberto Aviles.

"They weren't used to it," Rotondi added. Ramsey coach Rich Lio disagreed.

"Hey, our kids didn't quit," said Lio. "That's one

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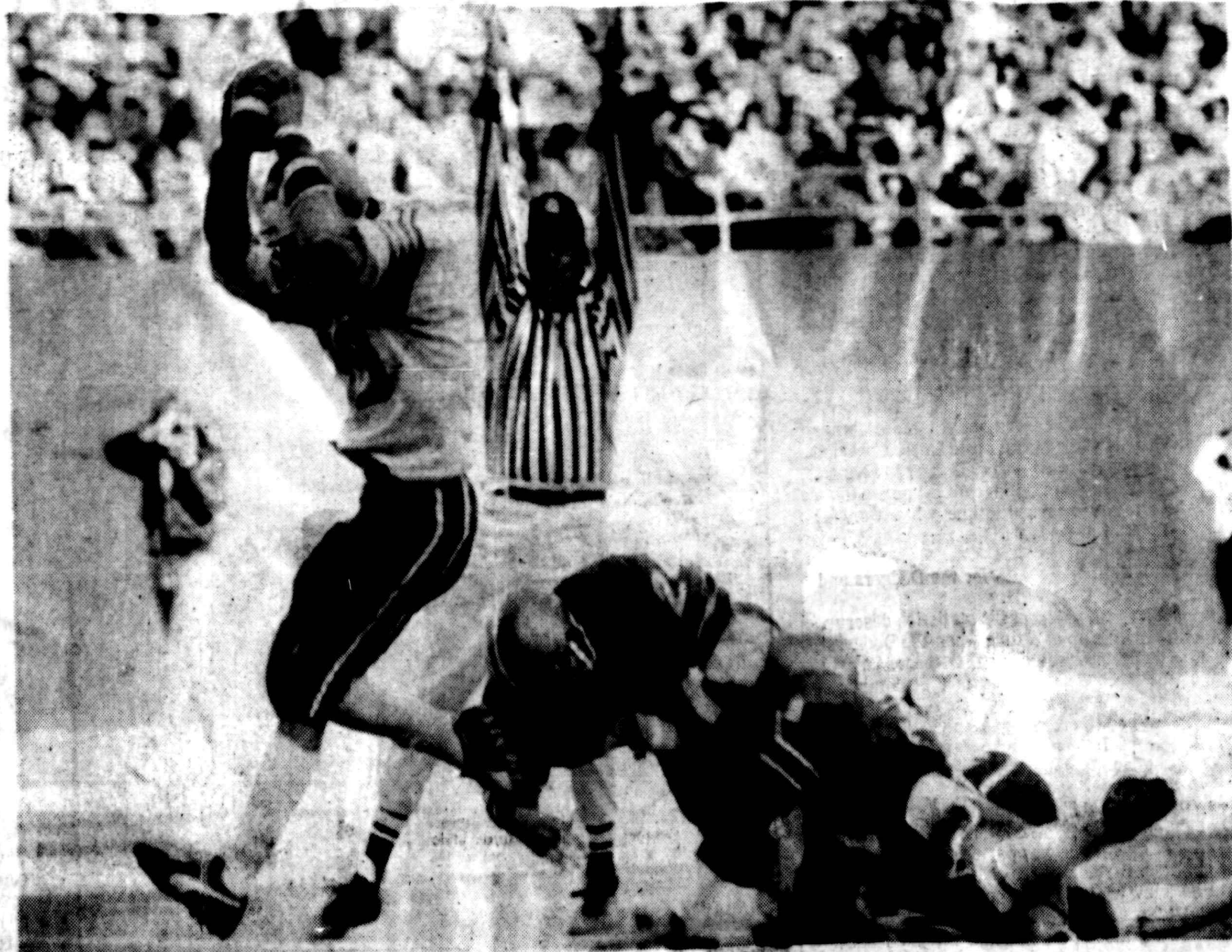
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Believe defense out there."

BUT EVEN LIO must feel, although he wouldn't admit it, that Hoboken wanted it more — offensively and defensively.

Offensively, Hoboken rushed for all yards on 55 attempts, passed for another 21 yards, registered 16 first downs and ran 62 offensive plays.

The score was only 10-0 and Ramsey was in the



Joe Turso of Hoboken leaps for joy after scoring the game's only touchdown in the second period on a one-yard run. (More photos on Page 9.)

game until the closing minutes, but Hoboken clearly dominated most of the action.

It was simply a replay of Hoboken's previous seven victories — a running, ball-control offense and a swarming, quick, hard-hitting defense.

"We ran sweeps," Stinson said in a vast understatement.

"WHEN WE GET the guards (Aviles and Rotondi) out in front and seal down on the ends with our tackles (Henry Gnessi and Nelson Soboral) and ends (Julio Martinez and Israel Galarza), we're tough."

"They dominated us outside. No doubt about it," said Lio. "They ran what we call wide — in Delaware talk, the buck sweep — against us."

But Lio felt his defense played well and injuries

were a major reason why Ramsey didn't generate its usual offense.

"The big thing was we got banged up," said Lio. "We lost our center (John Milstead), who is also our kicker and punter, and we had to go with a backup and we had a backup guard. In fact, we finished the game with next year's offensive line — that's how banged up we were."

"THE WAY TO STOP a Wing-T is to mess up your blocking schemes," said Lio, "but if we had our regular group up front we could have picked up their stunting."

And what happened to the defense that had allowed only 5.9 points per game coming into the 11th game?

"We knew they had a good offense, but they didn't see many defenses like that all year," concluded Lio.

Defensively, Hoboken held the Rams to minus-seven yards on the ground, 84 (five-for-17) in the air and allowed only eight first downs, including two by penalty and one in a meaningless last-minute attempt to avert a shutout.

The Hoboken Red Wings certainly "are the champions," and maybe they should send a thank-you note to Queen — their song didn't win the game but it certainly had them inspired.

The scoring:

Hoboken Ramsey
Turso 1 run (Turso kick) 19 FG Turso

Hoboken off hook on plant delays

Hoboken's Sewerage plant director, Roy Haack, said today that federal Environmental Protection Agency officials are satisfied that Hoboken officials are doing all they can to put the city plant back into operation.

Haack said EPA officials made those comments at the end of a closed-door meeting in Newark last week between him, members of the city's law department and Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Haack said the EPA does not plan to take any punitive action against Hoboken for delays in repairing the plant.

The EPA had threatened last year to fine Hoboken \$50,000 dollars a day if they did not fix the plant which they said was polluting the Hudson River with 21 million gallons of sewage a day.

Hoboken subsequently signed a consent agreement with the EPA to fix the plant to avoid court action but the plant is still almost completely out of operation.

Haack had said problems with manufacturers delivering the city ordered on time as well as the resignation of the engineer the city contracted with to supervise repairs to the plant have caused the various delays.

EPA officials were unavailable for comment. Haack said he can't predict when the plant will be in operation but said the parts at the plant will be installed as soon as they arrive. Haack said he expects most parts to arrive within the next two weeks.



HELEN MANGIONE of Hoboken has been elected Vice President-Community Investment Officer by the Board of Directors of the City Federal Savings, Inc. Mangione graduated from Rutgers University, Newark, College of Arts and Sciences in 1975 with a B.A. Degree. She currently serves as President of Neighborhood Housing Services of Union County, Inc. and Coordinator of the Waterfront Coalition of Hudson and Bergen. She is also Chairperson for the Environment Committee and the Historic District Commission for the town of Hoboken.

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Gullo orders inspections for illegal home changes

Hoboken Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo has ordered the fire inspectors to check for illegal conversion of family to three-family homes.

Gullo said he believes many of the 100 two-family houses sold in the last year have been illegally converted.

Gullo said fire escapes and a building permit are required for a conversion change.

"People want to avoid a higher assessment and installing fire escapes and they don't want to pay the permit fee," said Gullo. "So instead of notifying authorities they do the conversion illegally," he said.

Gullo is also worried because fire officials don't know about the conversions.

"All the firehouses in the city have maps telling how many units are in each house," Gullo said. "But it could be a danger if conversions have been made and the firemen don't know about it."

Gullo said when fire inspectors spot an illegal conversion they will give the owner a short time to make the necessary reports and install fire escapes.

Gullo said the exact time period given would depend on the seriousness of the individual case. "We're not going to let anyone get away with making an illegal conversion," he said.

The director said he is concentrating on newly-purchased homes at first because he said many of them have been bought for investment purposes and would have more likely to have been converted.

Chius to seek \$95,000 so city can pay for lights

Hoboken's Business Administrator Edwin Chius has requested that the City Council approve an emergency appropriation for \$95,000 so the city can pay its lighting and power bills.

Chius said a resolution for the money will be introduced at tonight's city council meeting because the city just doesn't have the money to pay the November and December bills.

"We allocated \$310,000 this year, the same as last year, but the prices we pay for lighting and power have just gone sky-high," he said.

"For example," he went on, "we were paying 50 cents a gallon for fuel

oil last year, now we're paying \$1.00 a gallon. We just don't have the money."

Worker feels Amato's wrath

By Randolph Diamond

As part of a crackdown on employees goofing off in the public works department, Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato announced today he has suspended a water department employee who

Mayor Steve Cappiello said had not done any work in the last three weeks — other than signing in and out on his time card.

Amato identified the employee as Joseph Lotito and said he had been suspended for five days. Amato said he has formally charged Lotito with neglect of duty for being at home last Friday at 11 a.m. when he should have been on duty.

Amato said Lotito can request a

hearing if he so wishes, but he has not asked for it yet. Lotito was unavailable for comment. Meanwhile, a meeting among Amato, the mayor and members of the public works department repair gang has been scheduled for late this afternoon. Amato charged last week that most men on the seven-man crew were goofing off.

He also said that some members of the gang were doing private jobs for private contractors on city time.

He said he wants to let the repair gang know at the meeting that they, too, will be suspended if they don't do their jobs.

State to aid Rue School

TRENTON — The State Education Board yesterday approved \$335,000 in building aid for expansion of vocational education facilities at the David E. Rue School in Hoboken.

The State Education Department reported there are 146 handicapped pupils between 13 and 21 who would benefit from the additional aid and who are not presently enrolled in vocational programs because the programs lack facilities.

The state assumes the debt service on bonds issued by the Hoboken Board of Education under the aid. The local board concluded \$1,235,000 is required for reconstruction of the school, including \$610,000 for expansion of vocational facilities for the handicapped.

Red Wings

Continued from Page 1 joined by Santa Claus — with a white beard and red suit — atop a fire engine.

Plans for tomorrow's event were coordinated by Joseph Buda, principal of the high school, and James Farina, the athletic chairman of the Board of Education. At its meeting on Tuesday the board adopted an official resolution commending the high school championship team for bringing the city its first state title.

and Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo, board secretary.

The marchers will be led by a police escort to City Hall. In the parade will be the Hoboken High School band, color guard, majorettes, twirlers and color guard. Joining the high school group will be the cheerleaders of St. Francis parish, who also won a state title and will be saluted by city officials. There also will be a delegation from the Police Athletic League. The 31 members of the high school team will ride in a bus.

In keeping with the "Red and White" theme, the marchers will be

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Hoboken hails grid champs

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Despite a cold, blustery December day, the city handed out the warmest of greetings to its state championship football team yesterday.

The day was proclaimed Hoboken High School Football Team Day in honor of the Red Wings' 10-0 victory over Ramsey last Saturday. It marked the first time a Hoboken team had won a state high school football title in a final playoff game. Hoboken High is the Group III, Section I champion.

A host of government officials greeted the team on the steps of City Hall following a parade down Washington Street, complete with a marching band, cheerleaders and a Santa Claus riding atop a fire truck.

A young crowd of 200 or so then gathered around the steps to hear City Councilman-at-large Thomas Kennedy offer his words of congratulations. "They were smaller, but they were faster, tougher, and their hearts were bigger," he said of the Cinderella Red Wings, who narrowly missed a state title last year.

Following his remarks, Coach Ed Stinson was presented with a trophy from the local PBA. Mayor Steve Cappiello followed and drew loud cheers when he announced that school would be closed for the rest of the afternoon.

After his remarks and a short speech by Stinson came perfunctory introductions of the local politicians. While the high school band played the Theme from "Rocky," the mayor launched himself into the crowd to press some flesh.



Photos by Bill Saper

THE SIGN, top, says it all as Hoboken residents, right, celebrate the Red Wings' state championship. Coach Ed Stinson, above, holds the trophy yesterday.



Hoboken to hail state champs

Hoboken will acclaim its championship high school football team tomorrow with a parade along Washington Street and ceremonies on the steps of City Hall.

The Hoboken High School squad is being honored for defeating a Ramsey High School team at the Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands on Saturday and returning to the city with the state championship in the Group III division. It marked the first time that Hoboken had captured a state title.

To commemorate the event, school and city officials have set aside tomorrow as "Red and White Day" in the city. Schools will be closed and all students will be asked to wear some

red and white clothing and line Washington Street to salute the football squad.

Tomorrow's festivities call for the high school contingent to assemble at 11 a.m. outside the school at Ninth and Clinton streets. The marchers will then head east on Ninth Street to Washington and south on Washington Street to City Hall.

On City Hall steps, Mayor Steve Cappiello and members of the City Council will greet the players and congratulate them. Robert Wendelken, school board president, also will take part in the program with Board of Education members, Schools Superintendent George Maier

Mrs. Manogue calls for task force to assess Hoboken housing needs

By Randolph Diamond

The chairman of Hoboken's Environmental Committee, Helen Manogue, called today for the creation of a task force to look into the current housing situation to see how housing can best be provided for all the citizens of the city.

Specifically, Mrs. Manogue said she would like the task force to address questions concerning the displacement of low-income residents from Hoboken and how policies of the

new Reagan administration nationally will affect the city's renaissance. "From what we know the number of federally-funded housing assistance programs will be cut drastically in the Reagan administration, which could have a serious effect on Hoboken," she said.

The federally-funded programs have been considered by many city officials to be an important factor in the city's renaissance.

Mrs. Manogue said the issue of displacement of long-time Hoboken

residents due to rising rents is of great concern, but cautioned that the problem was not in Hoboken alone. "Displacement is not only happening here but all over the country," she said.

Mrs. Manogue said she would like members of the task force to come from all segments of the community and eventually to make recommendations as to the best way to deal with the current situation.

She said she expects some of those recommendations could con-

cern changes in the city's rent leveling law. City Council President Walter Cramer and some members of the city's rent leveling board have already proposed some changes in the law.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he had not yet talked to Mrs. Manogue about the creation of the task force but added he thought it was a very good idea.

"I plan to talk to Mrs. Manogue about it as soon as possible," he said.

Rec Center renovation at starting point

A half-million project to modernize Hoboken's downtown recreation center will be getting underway within the next few weeks.

Pierre Manieri, the city's construction site manager, said he ex-

pects a contract with the G. Belgiovine Construction Company of Lyndhurst to be signed in the next few days. It will cover the first phase of the project, the demolition of interior walls.

The Belgiovine Company submit-

ted a low bid of \$24,150 for the job.

Peter Beronio, Hoboken community services director, said the demolition will take 90 days. Interior renovation will be the second phase to go out on bid.

Beronio said the center should be re-opened by August.

The city and the Boys Club of Jersey City have already signed an agreement for the Boys Club to run the facility once it is opened.

Hoboken wants fast fire report

By Randolph Diamond

A 17-minute delay by PATH officials in reporting a minor fire at the Hoboken PATH station yesterday morning came under attack today from Hoboken Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo who said the next time there is a fire he wants PATH officials to notify the Hoboken fire department at once.

"It creates a dangerous situation when they don't tell the fire department immediately about a fire," said Gullo. "don't care how minor the fire is. The PATH crews don't have the professional skills to make that kind of judgement call; the fire department does."

Gullo maintained that minor fires can quickly turn into major fires that are tough to put out and often erupt again.

The fire, which broke out at 8:45 a.m., filled the Hoboken PATH station with heavy smoke and

caused hundreds of PATH commuters to rush to waiting taxicabs and the Port Authority express bus for the trip to New York. In total, PATH service was out for approximately 20 minutes.

Yesterday's fire was the fourth to break out in the PATH system in the last four days. In addition, an explosive device was found on top of a PATH train out of service in the Henderson Street yard in Jersey City on Monday afternoon.

Ted Rutmeyer, superintendent of the PATH system, maintained today that the fires were all unrelated and minor and that new PATH safety regulations are the main reason most of them are coming to light.

Rutmeyer said yesterday's fire was caused by a short circuit in a battery located under a PATH car. He said there were no flames but just heavy smoke and that power was turned off immediately to the track the train was on.

Rutmeyer said two PATH employees armed with extinguishers tried to put the fire out first and it was not considered serious — so the Hoboken fire department was not notified.

"There was never danger to the public," he said.

Fire department logs reveal fire officials were first notified at 9:02 a.m. of the fire and firemen responded at 9:06. The fire was completely out by 9:10 a.m.

"We've been stressing fire prevention and safety procedures to everyone recently," Rutmeyer said the new operating rules were adopted after a recent report from the National Safety Transportation Board recommended that additional safety procedures be adopted by PATH.

Meanwhile, Port Authority police say they are still investigating an incident in which a gas burner was placed on top of a PATH train in the Henderson Street yards.

Hoboken Council shuns role in bank demolition

A brief closed meeting between three members of the Hoboken Council and representatives of the city's Historic District Commission held before last night's caucus will be continued Jan. 5, according to Walter Cramer, council president.

The council members discussed a decision the council made concerning a building at 111 Washington St. that the commission wants saved but that the bank which owns the property wants to demolish for a parking lot.

Cramer said that any decision on whether demolition would be allowed would have to come from the city's planning board.

He said the council believed there were some deficiencies in the ordinance creating the commission and historic districts and these deficiencies

would be discussed at the January meeting with both sides to suggest improvements to the law. Set for consideration at today's council meeting is the salary ordinance amending pay for municipal employees to reflect wage increases won during collective bargaining. There was no discussion of the ordinance last night.

The council also received a letter from Superintendent of Schools George Maier certifying state approval of partial funding for repairs and construction of vocational facilities for 175-200 handicapped students at Rue School.

A total of \$1.2 million is needed with nearly all of that — \$900,000 — for Rue School repairs. On the repairs the state will reimburse whatever principal and interest the city pays out. For the vocational work, the state would pay two-thirds of the costs.

Public Works job assignments still unresolved

The matter of men of the Hoboken Public Works Department's repair gang goofing off on city time still has not been resolved — even after Public Works Director Andrew Amato had a meeting with the men.

Amato said the problem is that three of the seven men on the gang have specific job designations. One is a maintenance repairer, another a mason and the third a foreman. They refuse to do any work other than what their job specifications call for.

"They just want to sit around most of the day while the other men do the dirty work," Amato said. "I want everyone to work together and share the work."

Amato said he plans to check with

the Civil Service Commission to see if the men can do other work.

"If they can't," he said, "then I'll eliminate their job titles."

But Edwin Chius, Hoboken's business administrator, said Amato is making unnecessary work for himself by going to the Civil Service Commission.

Chius said the civil service law allows employees to work in jobs below their classifications but not in higher classifications.

Meanwhile, Amato says he has straightened out the members of the repair gang as far as their doing private jobs on city time.

"They know they will be suspended if they do it," he said.

Hoboken opens new central garage

Hoboken's centralized public works and public safety garage got through its first full day of operations yesterday with some minor snags.

Lt. Mario Mercado, garage superintendent, said "95 percent of our equipment has been moved off the Port Authority's Pier A but we still have some rough spots."

There are some problems with the electronic system that opens and closes the garage doors along Observer Highway at Park Avenue and the western zone of the garage is without heat, Mercado said.

"We're also running short of storage space for some of our departments to keep stuff like carpentry materials and tires but we're trying to jockey it around," he said.

Most of the city's available rock salt has been relocated to a shed on the Fifth Street pier and the

rest is being stored temporarily in a former public works facility on Jackson Street.

The Jackson Street site has no roof but Mercado says the rock salt is adequately covered to protect it against the elements.

Mercado said the garage, which cost the city about \$1.5 million to build, isn't yet fully accepted by the city and won't be until a "construction punch-list" is satisfied.

"We wanted to get in before the bad weather broke," Mercado explained. "You can't really check out how the place will operate unless you test it out under live-in conditions."

The only equipment kept inside the garage are diesel-powered vehicles, the city's backhoe, street sweepers and police motorcycles, said Mercado. All police vehicles and other equipment are

parked outside in the enclosed yard, he said. "There's just no room for it," said Mercado, "although I hope some day the city can be convinced to expand the facility."

More than 100 city employees — most of them from the public works department — report to the garage to punch in and get assignments from a dispatcher and foremen. By 8:15 a.m., most of them are already on their way, Mercado says.

The rest help Mercado with "limited inside repair jobs and maintenance." Mercado says he hopes to set up a preventive maintenance program that will eventually cut costs by half.

"We're currently spending about \$60,000 for maintenance of our fleet," he said. "I hope to get that down to \$35,000 in our first year of operations here."

Hoboken Council approves raises

The Hoboken City Council approved raises last night for its non-uniformed employees and the fire fighters.

Both groups are slated to receive 5 percent salary increases Jan. 1 and 2.5 percent increases July 1.

The council also introduced a resolution that would provide 10 percent salary increases for employees of the Community Development Agency. That measure will be considered again at the next council meeting.

A \$30,000 emergency resolution to

pay municipal utility bills was passed unanimously. The resolution was made necessary by the rise in the cost of fuel and electricity over the course of the year, according to Councilman Robert Ranieri.

The council accepted a \$75,000 CETA grant to fund a project to hire high-school dropouts to maintain and improve the city's vest-pocket parks.

A \$200,000 federal grant was also accepted by the council to provide "seed money" for a variety of rehabilitation projects in the southwest quarter of the city. The money will be used to offset rising in-

terest rates for the loans necessary to fund the rehabilitation projects, Ranieri said.

After a heated debate, the council allocated an additional \$500 to com-

plete repairs to the 5th Street pumping station which has been inoperative for the past 3 1/2 years. The final allocation brings the total cost of repairs to \$79,500.

Head Start kids to get meals

The North Hudson Community Action Program, a federally-funded anti-poverty agency in Union City, is sponsoring a Child Care Food Program for children 18 and under.

Under the program, children enrolled in the federal Head Start program will be eligible to receive

free and reduced-price meals at CAP's two child-care centers, provided their family income falls below federally-set minimums.

The two child-care centers are located at 401 Palisades Ave., Union City, and 7611 Broadway, North Bergen.

Boys Club will offer activities for all tastes

By KATHY MOORE Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The new Hoboken Boys Club is due to open in September, bringing basketball, books, ceramics and much more to young people, all for just \$1 a year in dues.

The City Council Wednesday night awarded a \$38,000 contract to G. Belgiovine building contractors to begin the \$600,000 rehabilitation of the old Jefferson Recreation Center at 119 Jefferson St.

The center has stood more than two years ago because of the building's run-down condition. Currently, a section of the 44-year-old building is being used by the Head Start program, which paid for the renovation of that section.

Design plans have already been drawn and actual construction could begin in two to three months, according to Peter Beronio, community services director.

Beronio said Belgiovine will be doing preliminary demolition work, which will cost about \$20,000.

The total project will cost more than half a million dollars, he said. Grants from the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Department of Housing and Urban Development will pay for most of the work.

The half-acre site, 44 percent of which is covered by the building, is being provided by the city. The Boys Club of America will in turn provide coed recreational programs in sports, arts and crafts, and other activities, Beronio explained.

He said the facility will accommodate up to 200 young people daily, costing each only a \$1 annual membership fee. Construction should be completed by late August, he said, and the club should open by September.

Republican named to Hoboken council

By JEFF KISSELOFF Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A festive standing-room-only crowd picked the City Council chambers yesterday and watched as Republican Helen Macri was sworn in as councilwoman-at-large replacing Bernard Scrivani, who later took the oath as director of Revenue and Finance.

Macri, who owns a Washington Street boutique here, will serve out the remainder of Scrivani's term, which runs until May.

Scrivani, who has served on the council since 1983, assumes the \$25,000-a-year post from Frank Bartletta, who resigned because of illness.

However, Macri was not the unanimous choice as his replacement. After her name was placed in nomination by Council President Walter Cramer, a resolution to table her nomination was offered by Councilman

E. Norman Wilson. The motion was defeated 5-2, with only Councilman Nunzio Malfetti joining Wilson in favor of the proposal. Minutes later, another 5-2 vote gave her the seat.

The council vote was answered with prolonged applause from the crowd, that included a number of area GOP officials. One official, who clearly seemed pleased with the nomination, was Mayor Steve Cappiello, who publicly congratulated the council on its choice.

It was clear from the start, though, that Macri was Cappiello's choice. The choice of Macri, for what is generally regarded as a GOP seat, was seen as an effort by the mayor to shore up Republican support for his re-election campaign.

Curiously, the only opposition to Macri came from Wilson, who is viewed as Cappiello's potential mayoral opponent.

"It was just too well orchestrated," said Wilson.

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In other business, the council unanimously overruled a decision by the Historical Commission to designate a building owned by the Washington Savings Bank as a historical landmark.

The designation would have saved the four-story Italianate structure from demolition. The bank will now go ahead with its plan to destroy the building and erect a parking lot in its place.

Speaking for the council, Walter Cramer leaned heavily on the testimony of building inspector Al Arezzo, who found over two dozen violations in the building making it "unfit for human habitation."

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the local Knights of Columbus chapter.

Meanwhile, Gabriele disclosed that the development corporation has fired the building's developer, the Frank Briscoe Co. of Plainfield, because officials were not satisfied with the company's progress in securing financing.

He said a new developer, the Carlin-Altas Co. of New Rochelle, New York has been hired.

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By JEFF KISSELOFF Staff Writer

UNION CITY—Fulvia Monotti was in her Pastena, Italy, apartment the night the sky flashed a fiery red and the earth toyed with her building like a baby playing with its rattle.

She was sure it was the end. And as the walls trembled around her, she gathered her two children in her arms and thought, "I am happy to die with my children."

But with her cousin, Dora DeRuggerio, acting as an interpreter, explained that the three of them escaped from the building only seconds before the stairway collapsed. Once outside, she found her husband, who was running home from a visit with friends. Their home was gone. His business, a wholesale bakery, was also destroyed. But at least they were all alive.

"I was worried to death when I couldn't get through to them," said Dora. "But two days later they called and said they were okay."

The family arrived from Italy Wednesday night for what will be an

extended visit. So yesterday there were four extra plates set for Christmas dinner at the DeRuggerio home in Union City. Dora hustled back and forth from the kitchen to the living room, serving as a translator and tending to the macaroni at the same time.

But she did not seem to mind the extra work. "No. I just kept thinking how could I help these people. When they called and asked if they could come for the holiday, I said sure it was all right," she explained with an emphasis on "sure."

While she spoke, Giuseppe Manotti, 43, flipped through a small photo album containing pictures of the quake's destruction. The photos show huge cracks in apartment walls, running from floor to ceiling, while plaster and debris is piled on the floors. One picture, taken of a neighbor's home shows the complete interior of their dining room, but the photo was taken from the street. The entire outside wall was gone.

For five days, the Manotti family lived in one of Manotti's five trucks. Then a family gave them lodgings for

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ten days in a nearby villa. But since then, the family had lived in a school with about 300 other Italians in a resort town, situated just outside Salerno.

Manotti said he does not expect to move back into his home for another year. Instead, he is hoping that the Italian government will come through with its promise to build temporary homes for the victims.

As for his business, which he said was a successful one before the quake, he does not know what will happen. It was not covered by insurance, he said, and he does not know if the government will help to rebuild it. "He just has a lot of good will," Dora said.

He was asked about whether or not families have received the clothing and food that was sent by the ton from the United States. Both he and his wife shook their heads. Some of it did come, his wife explained through Dora, but much of it ended up in the hands of people who did not need it and were able to profit by it.

We were lucky, she said, because we were able to salvage much of our own clothing. She said they could have used some blankets though. The school where they lived had no cooking facilities, they either eat dry food, or sometimes grab a meal at Fulvia's mother's home, who lived nearby.

It has not been easy, but for the time being the Christmas spirit and the inviting aroma of simmering pasta has put the tragedy in the background.

Asked if he ever thought he would be in the United States for Christmas, Manotti smiled and said, "No."

"He always wanted to come," said Dora. "But not under these circumstances."

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Mrs. Manogue calls for task force to assess Hoboken housing needs

By Randolph Diamond

The chairwoman of Hoboken's Environmental Committee, Helen Manogue, called today for the creation of a task force to look into the current housing situation to see how housing can best be provided for all the citizens of the city.

Specifically, Mrs. Manogue said she would like the task force to address questions concerning the displacement of low-income residents from Hoboken and how policies of the

new Reagan administration nationally will affect the city's renaissance.

"From what we know the number of federally-funded housing assistance programs will be cut drastically in the Reagan administration," she said.

The federally-funded programs have been considered by many city officials to be an important factor in the city's renaissance.

Mrs. Manogue said the issue of displacement of long-time Hoboken

residents due to rising rents is of great concern, but cautioned that the problem was not in Hoboken alone.

"Displacement is not only happening here but all over the country," she said.

Mrs. Manogue said she would like members of the task force to come from all segments of the community and eventually to make recommendations as to the best way to deal with the current situation.

She said she expects some of those recommendations could con-

cern changes in the city's rent leveling law. City Council President Walter Cramer and some members of the city's rent leveling board have already proposed some changes in the law.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he had not yet talked to Mrs. Manogue about the creation of the task force but added he thought it was a very good idea.

"I plan to talk to Mrs. Manogue about it as soon as possible," he said.

Rec Center renovation at starting point

A half-million project to modernize Hoboken's downtown recreation center will be getting underway within the next few weeks.

Pierre Manieri, the city's construction site manager, said he an-

pects a contract with the G. Belgiojoso Construction Company of Lyndhurst to be signed in the next few days. It will cover the first phase of the project, the demolition of interior walls.

The Belgiojoso Company submi-

ted a low bid of \$34,100 for the job.

Peter Beronio, Hoboken community services director, said the demolition will take 60 days. Interior renovation will be the second phase to go out on bid.

Beronio said the center should be re-opened by August.

The city and the Boys Club of Jersey City have already signed an agreement for the Boys Club to run the facility once it is opened.

Hoboken wants fast fire report

By Randolph Diamond

A 17-minute delay by PATH officials in reporting a minor fire at the Hoboken PATH station yesterday morning came under attack yesterday from Hoboken Public Safety Director Charles Gallo who said the next time there is a fire in a PATH station he wants the Hoboken Fire Department at once.

"It creates a dangerous situation when they don't tell the fire department immediately about a fire," said Gallo. "We don't know how long the fire was burning and how much damage it did to the PATH station."

Gallo maintained that after three days and nearly two weeks of investigation, the fire department has not been able to determine the cause of the fire.

The fire, which broke out at about 10:30 a.m., killed one Hoboken PATH station with heavy damage and

caused hundreds of PATH commuters to rush to the station to see the fire.

Yesterday's fire was the fourth to break out in the PATH station in the last four days. In addition, an explosion caused damage to a PATH station at the Hoboken Street parking lot in Jersey City on Monday.

The Belgiojoso representatives of the PATH system, maintained today that the fire was of a very small nature and that the PATH safety regulations are the main reason that it did not spread.

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Hoboken Council shuns role in bank demolition

A brief closed meeting between three members of the Hoboken Council and representatives of the city's Historic District Commission held before last night's council session will be continued Jan. 8, according to Walter Cramer, council president.

The council members discussed a decision the council made concerning a building at 111 Washington St. that the commission wants to demolish for a parking lot.

Cramer said that any decision on whether demolition would be allowed would have to come from the city's planning board.

He said the council believed there were some deficiencies in the ordinance creating the commission and historic districts and these deficiencies

would be discussed at the January meeting with both sides to suggest improvements to the law.

Set for consideration at today's council meeting is the salary ordinance amending pay for municipal employees to reflect wage increases won during collective bargaining. There was no discussion of the ordinance last night.

The council also received a letter from Superintendent of Schools George Maier certifying state approval of partial funding for repairs and construction of vocational facilities for 175-200 handicapped students at Rue School.

A total of \$1.2 million is needed with nearly all of that—\$900,000—for Rue School repairs. On the repairs the state will reimburse whatever principal and interest the city pays out. For the vocational work, the state would pay two-thirds of the cost.

Public Works job assignments still unresolved

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The Civil Service Commission to see if the man can do other work.

"If they can't," he said, "they'll have to find another way to fill the job."

But Edwin Stiles, Hoboken's business manager, said he was making arrangements to have the job filled by going to the Civil Service Commission.

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Hoboken opens new central garage

Hoboken's centralized public works and public safety garage got through its first full day of operations yesterday with some minor snags.

Lt. Mario Mercade, garage superintendent, said "90 percent of our equipment has been moved off the Port Authority's Pier A but we still have some rough spots."

There are some problems with the electronic system that opens and closes the garage doors along Observer Highway at Park Avenue and the western side of the garage is without heat, Mercade said.

"We're also running short of storage space for some of our departments to keep their equipment materials and tires but we're trying to make it around," he said.

Most of the city's available parking has been reserved to a shop on the Fifth Street side and the

rest is being stored temporarily in a former public works facility on Jackson Street.

The Jackson Street site has no roof but Mercade says the roof will be adequately covered to protect it against the elements.

Mercade said the garage, which cost the city about \$1.2 million to build, isn't yet fully occupied by the city and won't be until a "comprehensive parking plan" is completed.

"We wanted to get in before the bad weather began," Mercade explained. "You can't really check out how the place will operate unless you test it out under these conditions."

The only equipment kept inside the garage are direct-powered vehicles, the city's buses, street sweepers and police cars. All other vehicles are parked outside in the outdoor yard, he said.

"There's just no room for it in the outdoor yard," he said.

"Although I hope some day the city can be equipped to expand the facility," he said.

More than 100 city employees, many of them from the public works department, are working in the garage to pack up and move equipment from the outdoor yard to the new garage.

The rest help Mercade with "general maintenance and minor repairs." Mercade said he hopes to set up a preventive maintenance program that will eventually cut down on the need for repairs.

"We're currently spending about \$20,000 for maintenance of our fleet," he said. "If we can cut that down to \$10,000 in the first year of operation, that's a big saving."

Hoboken cops drop 32-hour shift

By Randolph Diamond

The Police Department's Association of Hoboken has withdrawn its request for a four-day, 32-hour work week.

Thomas Martin, the PDA president, confirmed today reports that the PDA, after an arbitration proceedings with the city, had

withdrawn the request saying the PDA feels the move will harm the city.

A PDA source had said the Jersey Journal last week that a part of PDA's withdrawal was to get the city to agree to a 32-hour work week.

However, at the time the PDA

was sticking to its request for the 32-hour week.

Martin said today he has put a new request on the bargaining table for policemen who work on the evening shift in the police department to receive a \$300 per-year differential.

The said city officials reported it was still "bargaining in the field."

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Hoboken Council approves raises

The Hoboken City Council approved raises last night for its own employees and for the city's firefighters.

Both groups are slated to receive a 5 percent salary increase Jan. 1 and a 2.5 percent increase July 1.

The council also approved a resolution that would provide for a 5 percent salary increase for employees of the Community Development Agency. That measure will be considered again at the next council meeting.

A \$50,000 emergency measure to

pay municipal utility bills was passed unanimously. The resolution was made necessary by the city's lack of cash and the city's need to pay the bills.

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Republican named to Hoboken council

By JEFF KIMBLE

HOBOKEN—A festive standing-room-only crowd picked the City Council chambers yesterday and watched as Republican Helen Macri was sworn in as councilwoman-at-large replacing Bernard Scrivani, who later took the oath as director of Revenue and Finance.

Macri, who owns a Washington Street boutique here, will serve out the remainder of Scrivani's term, which runs until May.

Scrivani, who has served on the council since 1985, assumes the \$25,000-a-year post from Frank Barabito, who resigned because of illness.

However, Macri was not the unanimous choice as her replacement. After her name was placed in nomination by Council President Walter Cramer, a resolution to table her nomination was offered by Councilman

E. Norman Wilson. The motion was defeated 5-2, with only Councilman Martin Mottoli joining Wilson's vote of the proposal. Martin later, another 5-2 vote gave her the seat.

The council vote was announced with prolonged applause from the crowd, that included a number of area GOP officials. One official, who phoned Macri to tell her she had been named, was Mayor Steve Cappiello, who publicly congratulated the council on its choice.

It was clear from the start, though, that Macri was Cappiello's choice. The choice of Macri, for what is generally regarded as a GOP seat, was seen as an effort by the mayor to shore up Republican support for his re-election campaign.

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Cops plan 'nuisance' violations sweep to get clothing \$\$

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Police here are planning a strict crackdown on motor vehicle violators tomorrow in an effort to pressure the city into granting them their \$300 clothing allowance before the Christmas holidays.

PBA President Thomas Meehan said yesterday that the rule-book job action would single out government vehicles

because many of them do not meet safety specifications.

"During Christmas, Washington Street can become a zoo and we can really make it a zoo," he warned. "It's our money (the clothing allowance). If they say they don't have it, that's a lot of b.s."

"We're going to go by the rules," Meehan continued. "There are vehicles owned by the city that don't meet specifications, and we'll have to take it from

there."

The PBA leader added that his members will escalate the "nuisance" job action next week if the city does not grant them the allowance by Dec. 17. "That's the last payday before Christmas. Right now we'll do things moderately, but if we don't get the money by then, there will be a really heavy-duty job action."

Business Administrator Edwin Chius maintained that the city did not have the money. The PBA itself, he said, offered to defer the allowance until 1981 when the men were told that the department had a \$14,000 deficit and might have to lay off or demote personnel to make ends meet.

Chius added, however, that he told the

PBA that since there were more than 130 members in the department, only part of the allowance would have to be delayed until January. Nonetheless, the entire allowance was deferred, creating a budget surplus.

The surplus was used in September to promote 17 officers, including James Giordano, then public safety com-

missioner, who arranged the promotions. "You didn't hear any complaints then from the PBA," Chius added.

Meanwhile, Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo, asked about the threatened job action, said yesterday, "We can handle it. It's just like going to fire. You don't know what you have until you get there. But we're always prepared."

City Hall information? Try getting it

The number is in the phone book but don't think getting Hoboken City Hall information is as simple as that.

The trick is to get someone to answer the phone. And at times it would be a good trick indeed since the

phone is often disconnected by employees of the Public Works Department, where it is located.

Of course, the caller on the outside doesn't know the phone is disconnected. All he or she hears is the phone ringing.

Of course, sometimes someone does answer the phone.

A Jersey Journal reporter, who made 10 phone calls to the information line at various times over the last three days, got two answers. The other eight times the phone just rang.

Taking a look at the information

phone, which is located on the back deck of the Public Works Department office on the second floor of City Hall, the reporter understood why no one answered. The jack activating the phone was disconnected.

The reporter's attempts to reach the operator at the City Hall information line were made after he had received several complaints from local residents about the phone line.

Andrew Amato, Hoboken Public Works director, maintained today that someone did usually answer the phone.

He said, however, that Lena Vitale, the regular City Hall phone operator, has been on vacation since last Friday and the phone has had to be answered by another employee, Marion Purcell.

But he said Mrs. Purcell was sick yesterday and is also entitled to lunch breaks, which does leave times that the phone is not answered. He said three other secretaries in his office have other duties and do not have time to answer the phone.

Amato, however, said he was not

aware the phone was sometimes disconnected.

Meanwhile, secretaries in the business administrator's and mayor's offices say they often get requests for City Hall information, apparently some of them from people who can not reach the information line.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he will not tolerate the situation. "We're going to have the phone line answered all the time even if we have to pull someone from another office to answer it," he said.

Groups seek space in Service Center

The game could be called "Who's going to get space?" If it were a game.

But, already, numerous community groups have made requests to Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius requesting that they be given the 2,000 square feet of space on the second level of the city's Multi-Service Center.

And, Chius notes, this is at least two months before the St. Mary Hospital Mental Health Clinic, which now occupies the space, moves out.

"I expect I'll be getting many more requests," Chius noted.

Chius said he has gotten requests from the Hoboken Recreation Commission, the Hoboken senior citizens

center, HOPES, and the Hoboken Health Center asking for the space. And, he said he knows of at least two other requests that he will be getting in the next few days.

Chius said he will completely investigate each request before making a decision. But, he noted, one request he is leaning against is the one from the recreation commission.

"They are requesting space for recreational purposes but the downtown recreation center, which will be open next year, is only a few blocks from the Multi-Service Center. We need more recreation programs in the uptown section, not the downtown section."

Cucci raps utilities panel before Hoboken council

Jersey City Councilman Anthony Cucci made the Hoboken City Council his first stop yesterday in what he says will be a campaign to stop what he calls the political "wheelings and dealings" of the Hudson County Utilities Authority.

Cucci told the city council he wants all municipalities which will be served by the authority to have veto power over their budgets and hiring.

"It's a political patronage theater," he told the Hoboken council. "I don't want politics in there at all."

Citing the appointment of Francis Fahy as the authority's director, Cucci said "the HCUA is rewarding someone who has illegally used the taxpayers money and was found guilty of it. It's revolting." Fahy pleaded guilty in 1976 to charges of in-

come tax evasion.

Cucci also told the council it was "strange" that Samuel DeLuca was named as the authority's counsel after the cable television company which he represented, the Controlled Cable Co. was awarded a franchise by the Jersey City City Council over seven other companies.

"It's starting to smell more and more each day," he said.

"The Jersey City Council will consider the issue at its next meeting," he said. "But in the meantime I want to get as much support as I can from other communities to be served by the HCUA."

"If we stick together the HCUA will be morally bound to give the municipalities the right to disapprove or approve of their budgets," he said.

Project Focus ready for '81 cleanup drive

Project Focus will come alive again early next month as the Coalition for a Cleaner Hoboken, in cooperation with city administrators, renews its campaign to clean up the streets of the city.

Helen Manogue, one of the Project Focus coordinators, said a stretch of Washington Street from Observer Highway to Fourth Street will be chosen as the target area for the volunteers.

The volunteers, she said, will scout the target area looking for sanitary violations of any kind and will then report them to the mayor's office. That office will dispatch a sanitation inspector to give out a summons or a warning.

All residents, storeowners and

landlords in the target area should be getting letters shortly, Mrs. Manogue said, informing them that Project Focus will be beginning.

Last winter, the coalition started Project Focus in the area of Washington Street from 14th to Eighth Street. The campaign ended in June and Mrs. Manogue said she feels the area is definitely cleaner now than before Project Focus started.

Numerous summonses were given out to violators during the Project Focus campaign in the uptown area.

Mrs. Manogue said she feels the new Focus campaign will also have a definite impact on the downtown area.

32-hour week request withdrawn

City and PBA near contract agreement

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The city and the PBA are in the home stretch of their protracted contract negotiations as the Jan. 5 deadline for the submission of final proposals nears.

Last week arbitrator Irving Halsey met with representatives of both sides in the dispute. Following the talks with Mayor Steve Cappiello and PBA attorney David Solomon, the policemen withdrew their request for a 32-hour work week, which was regarded as the major stumbling block in the negotiations.

The city had claimed that the request

would cost the city nearly half a million dollars a year and would take patrolmen off the streets at a time when crime is increasing.

Instead, the PBA is asking for a pay differential of \$300 a year for officers working nights. Halsey gave the city until Jan. 5 to submit its counter offer.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said yesterday the city may propose a plan for a pay differential for superiors, which would be similar to the pact accepted by the fire officers in their negotiations this year.

Chius said there is little dispute about the salary increase to be granted to

members over the two year contract, which amounts to a 5 percent increase every six months during the length of the contract. The withdrawal of the 32-hour work week request means the members will continue to work on the regular 40-hour five-day work week.

Chius characterized the remaining items of dispute as "junk issues," dealing with such topics as the right to wear beards and the number of men riding in patrol cars.

Meanwhile, PBA President Thomas Meehan, said yesterday he did not think the two sides were close at all. "We dropped the 32-hour work week, but we

still have the issue of the night differential," he said. "They didn't agree to anything, the arbitrator still has to make his decision. That brings it all back to square one."

The police have been working without a contract for nearly a year now. Negotiations between the two sides have been bitter at times. Last month, the PBA threatened a job action if the members were not given their clothing allowance before the end of the year.

They backed down, however, in the face of pressure from city hall and with the promise that the allowance would be forthcoming in January.

FBI probing charges that police beat suspect

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The FBI is investigating brutality charges pressed against police officers here in October.

The charges stem from a Sept. 11 incident in which Miguel A. Morales, 19, of 1043 Bloomfield St., was arrested in connection with the mugging of Kay Hottendorf that evening.

Morales alleged that after his arrest he was severely beaten in the station house by several policemen who allowed Hottendorf to participate in the beating.

His story has been supported by Hottendorf as well as medical records, which indicate that

he was admitted to St. Mary Hospital's emergency room that night with bruises and lacerations on his face. Furthermore, an officer at the scene of the arrest said Morales was not bruised when taken into custody.

FBI agent Frank Gallagher said the bureau became interested in the story after reading the details of Morales' charges in The Dispatch. "After reading the article we decided to take a look at the case," he said. "We have completed most of the overt part of the investigation," but added that more work remained to be done.

Gallagher added, however, that since local charges already are pending against the po-

licemen, the bureau will wait for the cases to be decided before acting on its own. "We will advise the Justice Department of the outcome. Then it is up to the department to make the decision if any additional prosecution is necessary," he said.

Meanwhile, Morales' attorney, Dennis McGill, said yesterday that his client has been shown photographs of Hoboken police officers and has identified five present during the beating, at least three of whom he says participated.

Two officers have already been charged by Morales, Sgt. John Aiello and Patrolman Walter Wehrhahn. Both have pleaded guilty to non-indictable disorderly person charges.

McGill also said he has written the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office to complain about the charges' being non-indictable. "He also expressed concern that Hottendorf, who admitted joining in the beating, was not charged."

McGill said he was not present when Morales signed the complaints, which were apparently prepared beforehand and merely needed his signature to be processed.

The prosecutor's office is also looking into the charges. Several witnesses were called before the grand jury earlier in the month.

Morales himself has been in jail since the beating, pending trial on charges of mugging Hottendorf.

Cappiello hints he will run for a third term

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Speculation over whether Mayor Steve Cappiello will run for re-election is expected to end on Jan. 29.

"The reason why I state that date is because at that time we'll be having meetings with several groups of people," Cappiello said. The mayor confided yesterday that he would "like to stay around" for awhile.

The mayor didn't offer any specifics on the meeting. However, one local government source said the day will be capped by a "big political blowout" at which the mayor will announce his plans in front of a large audience of his supporters.

Although Cappiello refused to confirm whether he will run

again, he hinted broadly that he was looking forward to a third term. "I'd like to stay around to see the stability of Hoboken continue along," he said. "There are programs I'd like to see continued. The greatest of all is the development of the waterfront."

It is expected that at the same time, Cappiello will announce the rest of his ticket, which will consist of three councilman-at-large candidates.

Long-time Cappiello ally Thomas Kennedy, an incumbent councilman, is seen as a shoe-in for one spot. The other could go to recently appointed Councilwoman Helen Macri. With Macri, a Republican, on the ticket, the mayor would pick up some vital GOP support, which could make a difference if the May municipal

election is a close one.

The third spot could go to Councilman Robert Ranieri. Although Ranieri, who ran with the mayor in 1977, has been a consistent critic of his administration, he has maintained a cordial working relationship with Cappiello.

He is apparently willing to accept a spot on the ticket, but Ranieri said yesterday he has not heard "either way" about whether the third spot on the ticket is being reserved for him.

Cappiello's mayoral opponent is expected to be Fifth Ward Councilman E. Norman Wilson. Yesterday, Wilson refused to either confirm or deny that he will be a candidate. However, he did say he will make a final decision by the end of January.

Cappiello says he'll fire goof-offs where caught

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he's had it with public works employees goofing off.

"We're not going to give the men any more warnings," the mayor said. "We are just going to suspend them on the spot."

The mayor said he discovered that one water department employee had not done any work in the last three weeks, other than signing his timecard.

"I've been doing some checking of city public works employees and some of them aren't doing their jobs at all," he said. "We've given them adequate warnings about this and now we won't stand for it any more."

Only yesterday Public Works Director Andrew Amato reported that most members of his nine-man repair crew were constantly goofing off.

Cappiello said if Amato's observations are true he will suspend them too.

"I'm going to meet with Amato on Monday about that," he said.

The mayor would not name the water department employee who has been goofing off because he says for-

mal charges have not yet been brought against him.

However, he said the employee's name will be revealed as soon as the charges are detailed.

Rent board chief resigns

HOBOKEN—Juan Torres, the youngest chairman ever to serve on the rent leveling board here, resigned yesterday.

Torres, 24, said he was beginning a second career and would not have time to serve on the volunteer board. Despite obtaining a real estate broker license recently, he would not comment as to the nature of his new job.

Hoboken bookkeeping needs improvements

Hoboken's auditor has made eight recommendations to improve the city's bookkeeping methods.

Seven of those eight recommendations were made last year by the city's auditor, Frank T. Italiano, and many of them have been made for years before that yet city officials have done nothing to implement them.

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the recommendations are all based on minor deficiencies in the city's books and said all the city's financial accounting practices are in good shape.

Chius also said one recommendation—that a supporting record for bail balance by the court clerk be maintained and kept up to date—had been implemented in mid-1980 but was not struck from the audit because it covered the period

ending in December, 1979.

Other recommendations the auditor made were:

- That the water department ordinance requiring deposits from consumers in certain instances be updated. If not amended, the provisions of the present ordinance should be strictly enforced.

- That the records of the Rent Receivership Bureau be kept on a current basis to properly reflect receivables.

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

- That all offices deposit their receipts within 48 hours as required by law.

- That all tax collector records be properly proved at the end of each year.

- That all required reports of the collector office be filed.

- That all payroll accounts be properly reconciled.

All the recommendations except the last one were in Italiano's report last year.

The recommendation concerning the water department refers to a 1933 ordinance that used to require industrial customers to leave a deposit.

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato had said last year he would ask the law department to prepare a resolution to eliminate the ordinance from the city's books since water deposits are not now required for water service in Hoboken.

But today he said the law department has apparently never gotten back to him. Amato said he will check into the matter next week.

Concerning the recommendation

that all deposits received by offices be deposited within 48 hours, Chius said it would be impractical for that to be completely enforced. Chius said some departments received deposits late Friday before City Hall closes and it is not possible to deposit them until the following Monday.

Meanwhile City Tax Collector William Reynolds said with the shortage of staff he has in his office it would be impossible for him to prove all the city tax records by the end of the year. The soonest he could do that, Reynolds said, was the end of January.

The other recommendations came under the city's revenue and finance department whose director, Bernard Scrivani, was unavailable for comment.

Cappiello's decisions shape City Hall races

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The ever-present cigar, unlit now, drooping from the right side of his mouth, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello sat in his shirt sleeves at the long table in the front of his office. He was obviously tired.

He was asked about his re-election plans. "I don't know if I'll live that long," he groaned.

But moments later, when discussing the accomplishments of his administration, his mood picked up. "There are programs I'd like to see continued. I'd like to stay on and see the stability of Hoboken continue along."

The mayor's apparent vacillation is reflective of recent times in the Mile Square City, whose economic rebirth has earned national attention. But at the same time, the pains of growth have left many suffering in its wake, enough apparently to present a serious threat to the mayor's political survival.

Waiting in the wings for what they believe is the mayor's eventual downfall, are a number of potential candidates.

Right now, none of them have officially declared their intentions. Thus, nearly four months before the election, the contest still looks more like a hide and seek game than a horse race.

But in a city where the political game is

frequently played with a hardball and where the patronage stakes are high, the serious candidates will not commit themselves too early, and will not allow themselves to be left at the starting gate either.

"Politics here is a tough business," said one insider. "It's the main sport, the Super Bowl."

'When it comes to survival, he's a master manipulator. He is a smart politician.'

But the serious politicians are jockeying for positions behind the scenes. No one will take a public position for a while yet.

So while the politicians play it close to the vest, speculators have a field day guessing what the May lineup will be. Much of the conversation centers around Cappiello's plans. Although he has publicly wavered on the decision, most people expect he will run for a third term.

If he does decide to run, the mayor has a number of accomplishments that he can point to during his campaign. During his administration the city has gone through a rebirth that

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Chius stirring up trouble, Amato claims

In a sharp attack on the administration of Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, Public Works Director Andrew Amato today accused Business Administrator Edwin Chius of "meddling in the affairs of my department" and of "intimidating DPW workers by using his 'political power.'"

Chius is considered Cappiello's right-hand man and one of his closest political allies.

The mayor was unavailable for comment and Chius said he did not want to say anything at this time on Amato's statements.

Amato said Chius has "been using the power of the city political machine to set my workers against each other."

"Eddie Chius is putting his nose where it doesn't belong," Amato went on. "He's trying to run my department using Gestapo tactics."

Specifically, Amato said Chius has had workers spying on each other and has threatened them on a number of occasions.

Amato said Chius is making extra work for some public works employees who are out of his political favor while making less work for others.

"Everyone knows all the men in the department have been hired because of political seasons and Chius is now playing everyone against each other," Amato said. "I want him to stay out of my department."

Amato said Chius also recently ordered about 60 garbage cans from an out-of-town firm and he said he hears from city councilmen that the cans can be purchased for less in the city.

The public works director said he has kept his office clean during his three-year tenure "by being honest and above board."

"I'm owned by no one," Amato said.

Amato is a close friend of Hoboken Fifth Ward councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. and Wilson has been strongly considering a run against Cappiello in the May mayoral election.

Cappiello urges Byrne sign bill on terminal payments

Hoboken stands to lose \$200,000 in taxes if Gov. Brendan T. Byrne does not sign a bill giving the city payments in lieu of taxes for the old Transport of New Jersey downtown bus terminal, Mayor Steve Cappiello warned today.

Cappiello said the loss of money could create a serious problem for Hoboken

and could mean layoffs in the city's work force.

The mayor said he has sent a telegram to the governor informing him of the seriousness of the situation and urging him to sign the bill. Both the Assembly and the Senate have passed the bill.

The mayor said a number of other cities

in New Jersey will be affected if the governor does not sign the bill. The state has taken over the various Transport of New Jersey bus terminals.

Council quizzes Bado on development grant

Hoboken Community Development Director Fred Bado came under attack yesterday from two city councilmen who questioned his lack of leadership in not doing anything with \$250,000 the city received four years ago to form an economic development corporation.

Councilmen Robert Ranieri and Anthony Romano said they couldn't understand why Bado had never formed the EDC and questioned what his four-man economic development staff has been doing all along.

Bado had been summoned to appear before the Hoboken City Council because it didn't understand an ordinance proposed by Bado that would change the name of the city's Planning and Economic Development Division to the Economic Development Division.

Bado said he just decided to change the division's name and leave out the word planning.

Bado said his economic development staff has done numerous waterfront studies over the last few

years and is currently working with the Port Authority and other groups on new studies.

He said the economic development staff is currently working with three local industries to help them obtain grants for expansion and has already helped one industry obtain such a grant.

Bado said the \$250,000 to start up the EDC would not have been enough and the CDA had hoped to obtain additional money to set up a loan fund, but the additional funds fell through.

However, Bado later told the council, after being questioned by Ranieri, that his economic development staff was working on its own loan program for local industry.

In response to a question by Romano as to why it has taken him so long to start all those programs, Bado replied, "It's common for there to be a year or two lead time on these kinds of programs."

But Ranieri pointed out that the CDA has had a staff for economic development for five years.

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has attracted national attention. The rebirth has taken the form of skyrocketing real estate values, as large numbers of wealthier residents are attracted to the city. In other areas, one government official, who is not a Cappiello supporter, called the city's home improvement program "a model for the rest of the country."

In addition, an applied housing program is well under way, as are plans for a major redevelopment of the city's waterfront property.

But there are also problems. As property values have risen, so have taxes. The current assessment of \$112 per \$1,000 is a tremendous burden to most property owners, who are already suffering from the pains of inflation.

For tenants, many of whom are senior citizens who live on fixed incomes, higher rents and increased taxes have forced an end to what was at the least, a secure lifestyle.

Many have been forced to leave areas where they have lived for years, and with long waiting lists for applied and senior citizens housing, many have even had to leave the city.

If their security has not been threatened enough by high rents and increased taxes, street crime is on the rise in the city as it is across the country.

Thus, with the city in a state of flux, there is enough discontent to indicate that the mayoral contest will not be a repeat of the 1977 race when Cappiello defeated Anthony Romano by nearly a 2-1 margin.

Fifth Ward Councilman E. Norman Wilson is widely recognized as one mayoral hopeful. The 43-year-old director of the city's HOPE program has so far not made any official announcements, but the quiet, soft spoken attorney has indicated privately his willingness to run.

Although Wilson is confined to a wheelchair, the handicap would not become an issue in the election. Nobody could question his tenacity as a fighter, especially Cappiello who came out bruised and bleeding from a fight with Wilson in 1979.

It was then, that Wilson was elected to his post following a runoff contest with City Council President Marty Brennan.

The Cappiello administration pulled out all the stops to defeat Wilson, who was seen as being too independent minded. Cappiello stepped in personally and cam-

paigned door to door on behalf of Brennan, who still lost the election by 66 votes.

In addition, Wilson is particularly popular among senior citizens and has a reputation as a clean politician. He is an outsider with the regular Democratic organization, as opposed to Cappiello, who is tight with the city machine. That could be used to Wilson's advantage during a campaign.

Although most speculation seems to have centered around Wilson as the candidate, another possibility is two-term Councilman-at-Large Robert Ranieri.

The 51-year-old furniture dealer has a well-earned reputation, along with his brother, Rudolph, who is a former 1st Ward councilman, as an effective advocate. Even his opponents concede that he generally is the best prepared councilman, which is quickly apparent to any visitor at the bi-monthly council sessions.

Ranieri is in an interesting position politically. He ran successfully on the mayor's ticket in 1977 and since then he has become a frequent critic of the administration's policies. Relations between Ranieri and Cappiello are still cordial, and he could still run with the mayor in 1981, along with Republicans Helen Macri and Thomas Kennedy.

But that would mean eating a lot of crow, and Ranieri, who has worked hard to establish a record of independence, might not be willing to do so.

One alternative for Ranieri would be to run for re-election on Wilson's ticket. The risk there is that Wilson's viability as a candidate across the city is still an unknown factor. But if he goes to take the risk and break away from the mayor's grasp, a better gamble might be to go for the top spot since the risks would be about the same.

It could happen. Although, he has previously said that he would not run unless the mayor backs out, whisperings around the city indicate that he may be changing his mind.

In addition, there have been indications from Wilson's camp that he would back down and take a councilman-at-large spot if a suitable candidate mayoral comes along.

As one person said of Wilson: "He is not as ambitious and doesn't want the job as much as he wants Cappiello out of there."

The ticket could be filled out with Wilson's close friend Nunzio Malfetti, a dockworker and longtime opponent of Cappiello who is a popular figure around the city. Another candidate could be Francis Leahy, the former councilman, who garnered the most votes in a losing cause with the Romano ticket in 1977.

Other possibilities include Frank Duroy, who also ran with Romano in 1977, and newcomers Mary Gaspar and Virginia Zanotich.

Taking a look at race from a ward-by-ward perspective, a ticket headed by either Ranieri or Wilson, on paper at least, would give the mayor more than just a run for his money.

THE 1ST WARD: This is a hard one to figure. It is a changing ward. With the Marine View Tower complex and the applied housing many of the old neighborhoods and voting habits are now gone. In their place have come a new breed of independent voters.

However, Romano, who has his power base here, can still bring in a good number of votes. This ward is a key one, and it is no secret that Romano relishes the position of being a power broker in the election.

There are those who say he is in Cappiello's camp but others say that is not true. Either way, it is clear that his support would be a strong asset to any candidate.

THE 2ND WARD: What used to be known as the "silk stocking ward" has changed somewhat also. Its population now is more heterogeneous, mixing many new residents from New York as well as Hispanics with the old line Italian and German families. This ward is also a tossup.

It is generally regarded as an independent ward, headed by Independent Councilman Walter Cramer. That could work in either Ranieri or Wilson's favor. In addition, the ticket would receive an added boost from Leahy, who is also a popular figure in here. This ward went for Gillen in the last primary, which may further indicate some anti-organization feeling.

THE 3RD WARD: The mayor's home base is populated mostly by Hispanic voters and second generation Italian families and is naturally considered to be a strong ward in his favor.

THE 4TH WARD: Probably the poorest of the six wards. It houses a smattering of the old-time families, but is populated mostly by poor Hispanics and blacks. Councilman Louis Francone is the most popular figure here, but his relationship with Cappiello is a tenuous one.

But insiders say it would be dramatically improved if Francone's brother-in-law, Ray Vitale, was given an administration post, particularly as director of public works. The post is presently held by Andrew Amato, but it is no secret around City Hall that Amato is on his way out.

But Amato is also popular here, as is his wife, Florence, who ran second to Francone in the 1979 council race. An Amato-Francone split could in effect neutralize each other.

Another important factor in the 4th Ward race could be Leahy's popularity, which is also considerable here.

THE 5TH WARD: Hoboken's most populous ward is much like the Second Ward in content with its two- and three-family houses and heterogeneous population. It is also Wilson's strongest ward. He is immensely popular here, as the 1979 election would indicate.

THE 6TH WARD: The smallest ward in the city is also filled with two- and three-family houses and old-time Hoboken families. It is represented by Malfetti, whose popularity here would be a big boost to the opposition. In 1979, Malfetti defeated administration backed Edward McLaughlin, as well as candidates put up by Business Administrator Edwin Chius and Welfare Director James Farina, but not by much.

On paper, it seems the mayor can be beaten. However, there is still one huge variable which still establishes him as the pre-season favorite. That is the power of the incumbency, and the ability to convert patronage into huge blocs of votes that goes with the office.

By all appearances, Cappiello is personally a popular man. Even his opponents concede he is well versed in the business of politics, and the more he is threatened, the bigger the push will be for his survival.

"When it comes to survival, he is a master manipulator," said one insider. "He is a smart politician with many favors out there, and he's not afraid to call them in."

Against what should be his opposition, he may have to.

City Council and Bado resolve dispute over economic agency

By JEFF KISSELOFF
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HOBOKEN—A disagreement between the City Council and Community Development Agency Director Fred Bado over the staffing of an economic development corporation was settled amicably at yesterday's session.

Several councilmen were upset because funds they set aside for the corporation were not being used by the CDA, which was instead instituting its own program for development.

Bado assured the council that the CDA's programs have been effective and that the corporation, for which \$250,000 was allocated three years ago, is no longer necessary.

"The main purpose of a corporation would be as a private developing entity for the waterfront," Bado said. "But that development hasn't materialized."

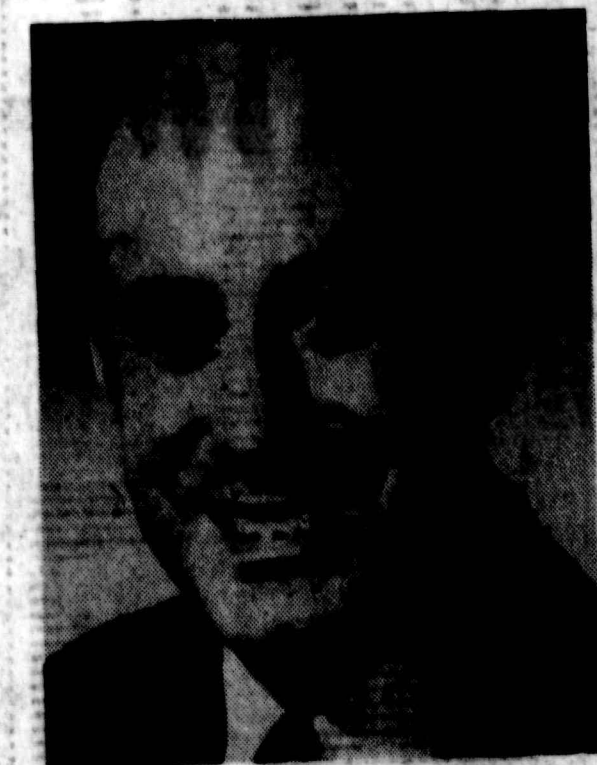
If the CDA staffed a corporation at this point, he continued, it would amount merely to a "duplication of efforts."

Outside of the waterfront area, Bado told the council, the CDA's major thrust was in creating a subsidy program for small businesses and light industry in the city. Bado told The Dispatch he would probably ask the council in a few months to divert the \$250,000 to the subsidy program.

In other action, by a 7-1 vote, the council voted to pay \$19,963.84 to the firm of Mayo Lynch and Associates Inc. as a final payment for inspection services on a contract for construction and reconstruction of the city's water distribution system.

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri was most vocal in opposing the payment. In a speech to the council, Ranieri contended that the fee was a result of change orders on the project which were wrongly authorized by the engineering consultants.

However, Council President Walter Cramer said



Robert Ranieri
Opposes payment to Mayo Lynch

that, since the city had lost a lawsuit on the matter, the council had no choice but to authorize payment.

A vote was then taken, and although several councilmen said they agreed with Ranieri in principle, they voted for the resolution on legal grounds.

Hoboken-state seek tenants for Grogan Plaza

Hoboken and the state Housing Finance Agency will work together to attract companies to Hoboken and rent vacant space in the basements of the two Grogan-Marineview Plaza high-rise apartment buildings, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

Cappiello said he and Housing Finance Agency officials feel the now vacant space would be ideal for offices. Cappiello said there was approximately 5,000

feet of space available.

Meanwhile, the mayor announced he was satisfied with progress by the Moderate Income Management Corp. in putting the buildings into shape.

Tenants of the buildings have been complaining of poor maintenance and security but Cappiello said it has been improving and the management corporation would be improving security measures.

\$8 million effort fails to stop Hoboken leak

By Randolph Diamond

The Hoboken City Council has approved the last \$19,000 payment for an \$8 million overhaul of the city's water supply system but the city is still losing 35 to 50 percent of the water it receives from its supplier, Jersey City, according to water department statistics produced by Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri.

Ranieri said the explanations for the loss of water are numerous including leaks throughout the water distribution system, broken meters for homes and industries, and some with no meters at all.

Ranieri's explanations were also documented in a consultant's report done nine months ago.

On a typical day, according to the statistics, Hoboken uses eight million gallons of water, but loses anywhere from 2.5 to 4 million.

While the upgrading of the water system was started four years ago and finished slightly over a year ago the water department figures produced by Ranieri show the city is still losing the same volume of water as before.

Ranieri claims this documents the need for a separate water and sewer department in the city and said he expects to introduce an ordinance at the next city council meeting to that effect.

However, Ranieri has tried to introduce the ordinance in the past but has not had the support of the rest of the council.

The payment the council approved yesterday was for \$19,000 which went to Mayo Lynch and Associates, the Hoboken firm that acted as consultants on the renovation project.

Council to quiz development chief

HOBOKEN—Community Development Director Fred Bado has been summoned to appear before a special City Council caucus this morning, one hour before the scheduled council meeting.

The council is apparently upset because the Community Development Agency has not agreed to a special economic development corporation the council proposed three years ago.

The matter came to a head at Monday night's caucus, when an ordinance setting the salaries for CDA employees was heard. The ordinance listed six employees as working under Miriam Kohler, the

city's director of community planning.

Councilman Robert Ranieri expressed surprise at seeing anyone listed as heading such a program. "We were told several months ago that the concept of an economic development corporation was dead," he said. "Now we find six months later that someone was heading a program that we didn't know existed. I think we are being duped."

Mayor Steve Cappiello said the council had been informed of Kohler's duties, adding quickly that he was "tremendously impressed" with her work. The mayor also said he approved of how the

CDA was proceeding with its economic development program.

Monday night's caucus also heard a tirade from Public Works Director Andrew Amato, who erupted when questioned about the city's purchase of wire garbage baskets. When Councilman Nunzio Malfetti said he could have gotten a lower price than the \$57 paid for the 40 baskets, Amato said he knew nothing about the purchase since it was ordered by the sewerage utility.

Hoboken dentists drop Medicaid patients

TRENTON (UPI) — Democratic lawmakers will meet Thursday to formulate a plan to prevent Medicaid funding cuts that threaten program services for thousands of New Jersey residents.

In announcing the meeting Monday, Assembly Speaker Christopher Jackman, D-Hudson, promised extra funds would be found to bridge the \$38.6 million Medicaid deficit.

"I am prepared to say we will come up with the money necessary to make sure there will be no cuts in Medicaid, period," Jackman said.

Jackman said needed funds to offset threatened cuts in non-mandated services would likely be found in a "building" general revenue surplus, forecast to eventually reach more than \$150 million.

In addition, he said funds could also be gleaned from the "realignment of services throughout the entire government."

The specific plan, however, aimed at raising the necessary money will be formulated during Thursday's meeting of the Legislature's Democratic leadership in New Brunswick.

"The money will be available, we feel," asserted Jackman.

Other funding gaps to be dealt with, Jackman said, include a \$7 million deficit in the Department of Corrections' budget and a \$5.7 million deficit that had threatened layoffs within the Division of Mental Health.

Jackman said he and Senate President Joseph Merlino, D-Mercer, met with Harold Hodes, Gov. Brendan T. Byrne's chief counsel, and informed him of the Democrats' intent to solve the Medicaid program's fiscal woes.

He said the plan devised during the Democrats' Thursday caucus would be introduced in the Legislature Jan. 13.

While he can get \$20 for a filling from a private patient, Coyne says Medicaid pays less than half.

"The last price increase we got was in 1973," he said. "And the costs of running my office have gone up 100 percent since then."

Ironically, Coyne says the administrator of the Medicaid program in New Jersey, the Prudential Insurance Co., has been given cost increases totaling 170 percent over the last 10 years.

Another dentist who has also stopped seeing Medicaid patients and asked not to be identified, said he also felt sorry for his Medicaid clients — but asserted he just wouldn't see them any more.

Where should Medicaid clients go when they need dental care?

"Let them go to a clinic," said one dentist bluntly, who also asked not to be identified. "I haven't taken Medicaid clients in five years because it's just not worth it for me."

Bado to explain economic agency

Community Development Director Fred Bado will be answering some questions at tomorrow's 10 a.m. Hoboken council meeting about the apparent establishment of economic development division in his agency.

The council has never been notified of the formation of the division, although individual councilmen including Anthony Romano and Robert Ranieri have pushed for such a division for several years.

Word of the new division came at last night's council caucus when a review of an ordinance to amend the salaries of employees in the agency showed nine positions for the economic development agency.

Council President Walter Cramer recalled the council was told several years ago that formation of such a division was "necessary and wonderful for the city. It was rush, rush. We set up legislation and appropriated money for it but nothing ever happened."

Cramer said he was not sure whether the nine jobs in the new division were "just paper talk" or would actually be filled and this would be answered by Bado.

Ranieri criticized the agency for establishing the jobs after telling the council that the agency was already performing the function as part of its general responsibilities and did not need the division.

Ranieri also criticized a bill from Mayo Lynch Associates for almost \$40,000, the final payment for the firm's inspection services for one phase of the water distribution system under a 1976 contract totaling \$4.1 million.

Ranieri charged the firm had overexpended the city's budget on the project by \$250,000 without council approval and urged the final payment be withheld.

Cramer said Ranieri "had a perfect right to be upset," but added that "if you owe it, you owe it." He also said the firm may have charged the city at a lower rate than it could have and he wants to check this out tomorrow.

Freeholders choose Cappiello as vice-chairman

By CAMILLE KENNY
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JERSEY CITY—The Board of Freeholders unanimously elected Freeholder Steve Cappiello its vice-chairman at yesterday's reorganization meeting, replacing Freeholder Samuel Kaye, and re-elected Freeholder Morris Longo to his third term as chairman.

Kaye, who represents Bayonne and is a close ally of Hudson County Executive Edward Clark, has served two terms as vice-chairman. Although he voted for Cappiello, also mayor of Hoboken, Kaye said at the board's caucus meeting, "If there's a change in the vice-chairman, there should be a change in the chairman."

He also complained that he had not been told that he was not being nominated for re-election, and called the board's handling of the reorganization "not businesslike." The nominations were made by Freeholder Peter Mocco, former mayor of North Bergen, and seconded by Freeholder Ann O'Malley.

"I will say the chairman has done an outstand-

ing job, but my record speaks for itself," said Kaye.

Other freeholders explained Cappiello's election as a move to share the two offices between North Hudson and South Hudson. Longo represents Jersey City, and Cappiello, Hoboken and Weehawken.

"North Hudson is synonymous with Steve Cappiello," declared Mocco.

But privately, one freeholder said the others did not like Kaye's "attitude." On a few recent important issues, Kaye has sided with Clark, who is currently facing a less than friendly Board of Freeholders, against the other eight members.

Clark was in Washington on business yesterday and could not be reached for comment on Kaye's replacement, his secretary said.

One bone of contention between the freeholders and Clark is the board's recent vote to appoint its own attorney rather than use County Counsel Frank Morley, who also serves Clark, for legal advice.

Clark has said he will veto the resolution, even

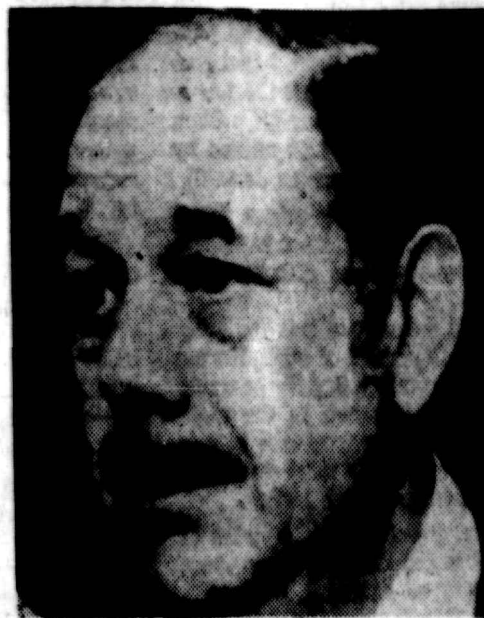
though the freeholders approved it 7-1 — more than enough votes to overturn his veto.

Longo met with Clark Friday, but said, "Nothing is changed." He will meet with the county executive again today. Longo said he hopes Clark will withdraw his veto, and that he has a proposal for Clark which he hopes will settle the matter amicably.

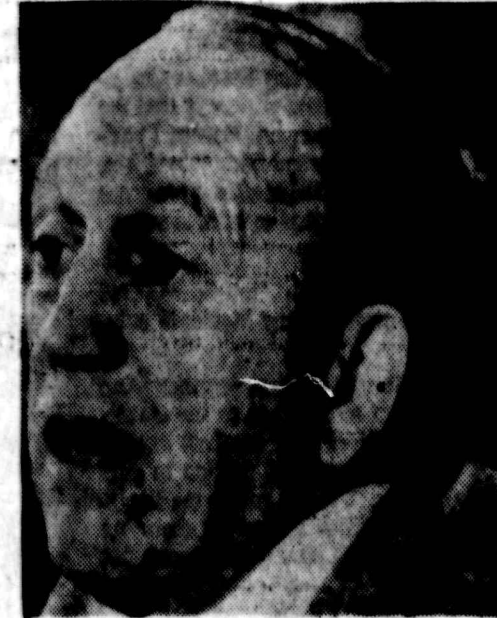
Longo would not elaborate on his proposal, saying only, "With what I'm going to present to him, he should understand a little more of what the freeholders are thinking of."

Longo was unbending, however, about the freeholders' intention to appoint their own counsel and said they want "someone experienced in the (county administrative) code."

He said he will have an attorney, either the permanent appointment or a temporary one, present in Superior Court on Monday when Morley appears before Judge Thomas S. O'Brien to challenge the freeholders' right to have held a public hearing on Clark's dismissal of Dr. Anne Jerene Robbins.



Samuel Kaye
Niffed at being replaced



Steve Cappiello
Chosen to represent North Hudson

Fire victim sues Hoboken for losses

By Randolph Diamond

Wilbur Wright says he's fighting for his life — a life he says was destroyed in a Hoboken fire on Sept. 28, 1979. He has filed suit in federal court in Newark charging the city was "criminally negligent" for not compelling the landlord to correct violations in the building.

The 62-year-old former contractor still remembers the events of that day vividly: The fire that had started at 1036 Willow Ave. spread within a matter of minutes to his building at 1038 Willow Ave. and left both buildings uninhabitable.

Wright and his wife, who both have heart conditions, and her sister, who Wright says is mentally retarded, were without a home. They have since moved to Bayonne.

"I remember thinking what the hell am I going to do," Wright said, and "the mayor of Hoboken who was standing right next to me at the fire scene told me to go to the relocation office. I did but they told me there is no relocation aid for fire victims."

"Everything I had made as a contractor until my heart attack in 1977 I put into that apartment. I had \$11,000

worth of furniture and belongings that were totally destroyed."

Wright had moved into the apartment from Newark shortly after his heart attack because he said he just couldn't afford the rent at his former place anymore.

"It was approaching \$300 a month so we came to Hoboken and found the Willow Avenue apartment for \$135 a month."

The cause of the fire was later determined as arson — an 11-year-old girl admitted to setting that fire and eight others in the two buildings over a period of a few months.

But Wright remembered the housing and fire violations in his apartment and in the hallways and basement of his building — violations that were documented by Hoboken housing inspectors on two separate occasions, Sept. 7, and 28 — the day before the fire.

The Hoboken housing inspector's office had not given the owner of the buildings, Abe Cramer, any summonses for the violations but inspectors maintain that Cramer would have received a summons the next

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Mrs. Gallo denied transfer

Hoboken's recreation coordinator, Mary Ellen Gallo, has asked Mayor Steve Cappiello to transfer her out of the Health and Welfare division headed by director James Farina because she feels he is ignoring her ideas on a teen-age recreation program.

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Cappiello denied the request saying Mrs. Gallo and Farina "will have to learn to get along together."

Farina said Mrs. Gallo took place because he was unable to secure facilities at Hoboken High School for the teen-age recreation program because of the fact that an adult education program is already

going on there.

Farina said he also tried to obtain the facilities of the high school drama lab for a program as requested by Mrs. Gallo but was denied the request by Principal Joseph Buda.

Mrs. Gallo refused to talk on the record about her dispute with Farina.

Farina said he has been looking for an alternative site for the teen-age recreation program and thinks he has found it — the Brandt School.

Meanwhile, Suelien Newman, chairman of the city's recreation commission, says she and the rest of the commission are disappointed in the apparent lack of cooperation Farina has been giving Mrs. Gallo.

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week for at least some of the violations.

"We normally give a landlord a few weeks to remedy his violations," said Jude Fitzgibbons, a Hoboken housing inspector.

In all, 65 violations were found. Wright is claiming those housing violations helped spread the fire in his building and caused his belongings to be destroyed.

After the fire, Wright borrowed some money from friends and moved to an apartment in Bayonne.

Not able to work because of their heart conditions, Wright and his wife live on their combined SSI checks of \$362 a month. Their sister-in-law receives a \$250 a month Railway Retirement check because her father used to work for the railway.

Wright is asking for \$18,000 from Hoboken — \$11,000 for the damage to his belongings and the rest for the mental anguish he says he and his wife have suffered since the fire.

He is acting as his own lawyer because he couldn't afford an attor-

ney and "legal services say they didn't want it."

Hoboken's lawyer, Ross London, is claiming that the state provides immunity to the municipality for a failure to inspect or to follow up and cite a landlord on particular violations.

"The Wright case is a tragic situation," said London. "But the city of Hoboken enters into the inspection process to help out a tenant. It can't be held liable if it tries to improve conditions and in the process of that something happens to a building."

In addition Wright is claiming in his lawsuit that his denial of relocation assistance is a violation of due process as guaranteed by the 14th Amendment.

Persons displaced from their apartments by government action are entitled to relocation aid and Wright maintains that fire victims should be, too.

But London says the state statutes clearly state only persons displaced by government action are

entitled to relocation benefits.

"The government did not cause this fire," he says.

London has asked federal Judge Frederick Lacey to dismiss Wright's case and the judge is expected to issue a ruling by the end of next week.

Meanwhile, the buildings at 1036 and 1038 Willow Avenue as well as an adjoining one at 1040 Willow Ave. are now being remodeled by Cramer.

"I'm going to try and rent them at \$350 an apartment," says Cramer, "and get these New Yorkers coming to Hoboken to rent them."

Amato assails separate water unit

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato contended today a separate water and utility division is not what is needed to stop some of the loss of 35-to-50 percent of the city's daily water supply — what is needed, he asserts, is "more manpower."

Amato says he only has five men in the whole meter division, which has the responsibility of reading and repairing all meters in the city, and only four men in the water department repair crew, charged with repairing all water leaks.

Amato said, "I need twice the

men to do an adequate job."

Amato claimed a separate water and sewer utility division would just create an added layer of bureaucracy and not solve the problem of water loss.

"We can do that now," he said. "But in order to make money you have to invest money."

Amato also says the figures that Hoboken loses 35 to 50 percent of the water it receives from its supplier, Jersey City, are misleading because at least 20 percent of that waste cannot be stopped.

Amato said that is because of

open hydrants and water used to fight fires, and he says the 20 percent loss figure is normal for most cities.

The public works director also said that some recommendations by Storch Associates, an engineering consulting firm hired by Hoboken to do a study on the city's water system nine months ago, have been implemented, such as better supervision in the meter division.

Representatives of Storch had found meter reading not doing their job and falsifying meter reading records. Amato claims this is not happening any more.

But, Councilman Robert Ranieri, proposed the separate water and sewer utility division — recommendations also made by Storch Associates — says the fact that the amount of water Hoboken is losing today is the same as it was nine months ago before the Storch reports shows that nothing is changed.

"There is no supervisor in the water department," Ranieri charged. "The water department is biggest joke around."

Meanwhile, Mayor Steve Cappiello says he wouldn't object to the creation of a separate water department but he refused to say if he was for it.

Edwin Chius, Hoboken business administrator, says he believes the idea deserves serious study.

"I don't think the problem in the water department is that there's not enough manpower," Chius said. "It's that there is not enough brainpower."

'Cap' meeting set with state

By LENA H. SUN
Staff Writer

Representatives of six Hudson County municipalities are scheduled to meet state officials in Trenton today to discuss rulings by the state attorney general, which, if put into effect, could force local governments to cut their proposed 1981 budgets sharply.

The rulings on the "cap" law, the state-imposed limit on municipal spending, are part of an overall discussion on the budget.

Barry Skokowski, director of the state Division of Local Government Services, said yesterday that the meeting had been called by his division and would be attended by Commissioner Joseph LaFente, chief of the state Department of Community Affairs, and representatives of the 40 municipalities who receive state urban aid.

The Hudson County municipalities expected to send

representatives are Bayonne, Hoboken, Jersey City, North Bergen, Union City and West New York.

Skokowski said they also plan to discuss legislation on the rulings that is to be introduced in the Assembly and Senate.

The rulings, made last year by Attorney General John Degnan, deal with the base figure on which a municipality can base its budget for the following year.

Degnan said that under the law, a municipality cannot include in its base figure either state urban aid or proceeds from the sale of municipal assets when it plans budget increases.

Under the cap law, state municipalities' annual budget increases are limited to 5 percent of the previous year's expenditures. With lower base amounts, the 5 percent increases become even smaller.

Water and sewerage department considered

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The proposal to create a water and sewerage department outside the Department of Public Works picked up some important administration support today.

Both Mayor Steve Cappiello and Business Administrator Edwin Chius said they would go along with the proposal, although the mayor was less emphatic than Chius on the subject.

"I think water and sewerage is serious enough to consider isolation," he said. "I have no objection, and I would support it if the council thought it was for the best."

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri, who is behind the push for a separate department, seemed somewhat piqued at the mayor's lukewarm endorsement, coming in the face of recent revelations in The Dispatch concerning charges of waste and mismanagement in the department.

"I think the mayor must realize that he has ultimate responsibility in this," he said. "All of this has gone on during his administration. He must make the decision whether to back the Storch Report or not. I decided to do so, and I think he should, also."

Chius was less hesitant in his support of Ranieri's bill. However, he said the bill won't

be ready by next week's City Council caucus, as was originally expected.

During that session, Storch engineers will be on hand to explain the report, and Chius said he thought it was better to wait until after their appearance before the bill is introduced.

"I want to wait until after the caucus, because this way we can get the engineers' input, and also we don't want anybody claiming that we ramrodded this thing through. One thing we don't want is another sham director."

Meanwhile, Ranieri, who is being mentioned as a possible mayoral candidate in May, said yesterday that the water problem is not one

caused by drought but rather by mismanagement.

"You're not going to solve the problem by telling people to take two-minute showers," he said. "You will solve it by solving the problems in the municipalities."

"The problem in Hoboken is the same problem that they're having across the state. The mismanagement that Storch found is not only in Hoboken, it's in Newark and Jersey City and all across the county."

"When I hear the governor say we should all drink less water, I get sick. That's a grandiose bureaucratic solution by people who don't know anything."

Bado out to boost CDA morale? 1/15/81 JS

Some workers in Hoboken's Community Development Agency are disgruntled they aren't getting the \$2,500 retroactive check a few months ago as part of their contract settlement with the city and will receive other 0750 checks this month and in June. Meanwhile, the 30 workers in the CDA just received their \$1,000 retroactive checks yesterday.

Fred Bado, Hoboken CDA director, said he doesn't think he will be able to give the CDA workers the extra \$1,500 the city workers will get. "We have a very tight budget here and we just don't have the money," said Bado.

CDA workers say morale is low at the agency because of the pay, which averages around \$14,000 for staff workers.

"I have a family to feed," said one worker who asked not to be identified. "It's unfair that the city workers can receive a wage increase and not us."

But Bado, while admitting many of his workers are underpaid, says he doesn't think an increase in pay would increase morale.

"Morale is increased for a half-hour after they receive their pay increase," Bado said. "Then morale falls again."

Bado said the problem is that some CDA workers really don't care about helping Hoboken and just see

their CDA work as a way to collect their paychecks.

"This is not an assembly line operation where you finish 20 cars and you leave," Bado said. "We have to be more dedicated than that."

The CDA director said he doesn't

think his staff is doing all it can and he wants increased productivity from them.

"This is not to say I think most of them aren't doing a good job but there always has to be a push for productivity," he said.

\$125 dinner planned to boost Cappiello 1/16/81 JS

Dinner tickets that cost \$125 each will be sold in the next few weeks to create a war chest for Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello's intended run for a third term in May.

Cappiello said he expects at least 200 tickets will be sold for the fete which is being billed as a salute to him and will be held at the Union Club on Feb. 28. The mayor said he will use the receipts of the dinner "specifically for election purposes."

But, the mayor has yet to even announce for a third term, saying he is unsure if he will do so. "I have to eat," he joked.

However, a high City Hall source and confidant of Cappiello said the mayor has already decided to run and is just stalling in announcing because he thinks it will be a tactical advantage to do so after his opponents.

Cappiello's only anticipated opponent is Fifth Ward Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. who says he has not yet made a decision as to whether he will run or not.

The source also said running with Cappiello for the three council-at-large seats will be the current holders, Helen Macri, Thomas Kennedy and Robert Ranieri.

There has been some speculation around Hoboken that Ranieri would be dropped from the ticket because of his often bitter criticism of the mayor but the source said peace has been made.

The source, however, said Ranieri has agreed to remain on the ticket only under the condition that Cappiello will give Ranieri

the organization's backing to run for an Assembly seat next November in the 33rd District.

That seat is currently held by Thomas A. Gallo of Hoboken who will be pressured to retire, according to the source.

Ranieri, meanwhile, claimed he had no idea if he would be running with the mayor and Gallo refused comment.

Gullo cited for assisting police officers 1/13/81 HD

HOBOKEN—A police sergeant recommended yesterday that Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo be honored for coming to his aid on New Year's Day.

The citation, which will be recommended to the City Council, caught Police Chief George Crimmins by surprise. "As long as I've been here, no public safety director has received something like this," he said.

Gullo, who often accompanies police officers on patrol, was riding with Sgt. Bruce Elshewich during the early hours of Jan. 1.

Shortly after 4 a.m., the sergeant's report said, the two were assisting a motorist on Observer Highway when an apparently drunken driver almost crashed into them. Gullo was able to get Elshewich and the motorist out of the way and avoid an accident.

The two then chased down the driver, caught him and placed him under arrest. The driver resisted the arrest, and Gullo stepped in to restrain him.

The prisoner again became violent at police headquarters and kicked the desk sergeant, Michael Lipowski, in the lower groin. Elshewich said Gullo again helped subdue him.

Gullo's "never-ending tenacious spirit for law and order, as well as his determination to give a seemingly 150 percent effort to his duties, should be a model for all to follow," Elshewich said.

There will be one problem with the award though, Crimmins said. "It's presented by the public safety director," he said, laughing. "I guess he's going to have to present it to himself." —Jeff Kisseloff

Hoboken board sets out to upgrade high school 1/15/81 JS

The Hoboken Board of Education has formed a special subcommittee to work on increasing academic standards at Hoboken High School to meet new state standards which require seniors to be proficient in reading, writing and mathematics before they graduate.

The new standards go into effect in June 1985 and will apply to all students who begin high school next year.

The subcommittee will be chaired by board member Steve Block, who says the committee will look first into

improving the high school remedial courses so that graduates will be able to pass the state-mandated competency tests.

Block said the new standards will also require that all graduates follow a curriculum that mandates how many years a student must take a subject. The new standards, for example, will require four years of English.

Block said the committee will look into that change, too, and how to deal with it in a way to serve the needs of the students.

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Three landlords get big Hoboken rent increases

Big rent increases were granted last night to three Hoboken landlords by the city's rent leveling board, whose members said they did not really want to grant them.

In another matter, acting board president Michael Mastropasqua repeated the board's call for a full-time legal counsel to attend all future board meetings.

Each of the increases given last night was for hardship applications from landlords who had included interest paid on mortgages among their expenses as allowed by a 1977 state court decision. Though agreeing the practice appeared unethical, the board members said there was nothing they could do about it.

"Our hands are tied in the matter," Mastropasqua said at one point.

Receiving increases were:

- Kenneth Robinson, owner of 1012 Garden St., a \$176.50 per month boost at the four-family house.

- Former city councilman Rudolph Ranieri, owner of 226 Hudson St., a \$158.53 rise for tenants on the first and third floors of the building, whose occupants now pay \$290 and \$295, respectively, per month. The board voted to exclude the second-floor apartment because of outstanding building violations inside the apartment. Ranieri's brother, Robert, is presently a city councilman.

- Charles Hall, a boost of \$145.61 per month at 824 Washington St.

Each of the increases becomes effective March 1.

On the Hall application, the four

members split 2-to-2 in voting for it with Mastropasqua casting the tie-breaking vote. Member Alfred Avitable, who joined with MHARY Lemanowicz in opposing the Hall application, also voted against the Ranieri hardship application.

According to Mastropasqua, the only way to stop landlords from receiving large increases would be if the City Council revises the city's rent control ordinance to stop the practice. The council has been considering changing the ordinance for the past several months, he said.

However, Councilman Nunzio Malfetti, who attended the meeting, said the council had not been totally informed of the situation by the board.

One tenant who is retired, Constantine Biscone, of 824 Washington St., said last night's increase would force him to move because he could not afford the new rent. Biscone's rent will increase from \$200 to \$345.61 because of the increase.

"Concerning the call for legal counsel, Mastropasqua said he had written a letter on Dec. 12 to the city's legal department asking for a full-time attorney to attend the meetings to answer legal questions.

Mastropasqua said he has not had any reply yet, but board administrator Bernadine Van Carpelis said the department did not believe the board needed an attorney at every meeting.

Judge may send landlords to own cold flats 1/20/81 JS

Acting Hoboken Municipal Court Judge Chris Pappas warned landlords yesterday that if they do not provide heat in their buildings, he would send them to jail or make them sleep in their own heatless tenements.

Pappas made the comments following the hearing for landlord Michael Spano, in court yesterday on charges he has not provided heat at 214 Park Ave. and 153 First St. Spano asked for a postponement in order to obtain a lawyer and Pappas rescheduled the matter for Friday.

In Bayonne, Judge Harvey Birne fined a Bayonne woman \$100 for failing to provide adequate heat at a building she owns at 1000 Broadway. The judge warned her that additional fines would follow if the matter was not corrected within 24 hours. The woman, Rosa Sanchez, told Birne she had already contracted to have the problem repaired immediately.

In the Hoboken hearings, Pappas reserved decision on a case against Planning Board Chairman Ben R. Goodman for allegedly not providing heat in a building at 1033 Washington St.

Goodman stated that his boiler was having mechanical problems and was now in working order. But in a second case involving Goodman's building at 1036 Washington St., where tenants also say there is no heat, the case was put off two weeks.

Court Clerk Pasquale DellaFave said he did not receive the summons stating there was no heat in that building from the health department until after court had started.

DellaFave said Goodman's lawyer, Archie Udan, said he was going on vacation and would not be available for two weeks.

Outside buzzers set up at Hoboken fire stations 1/16/81 HD

Outside buzzers have been placed on two of Hoboken's firehouses and the city's other two in light of a fire four months ago in which some residents claimed they could not gain access to a firehouse to let the firemen know about a blaze.

Two children died in that blaze at a tenement house on Jefferson Street, less than a half-block from the city fire headquarters at Second and Jefferson streets. Some friends of the fire victims claimed they had knocked on the side door of the fire headquarters, but firemen denied the claim, a charge that firemen denied.

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Problems plaguing Hoboken water agency 1/16/81 HD

By JEFF KISSELOFF Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—It has been nine months since the Storch engineering firm told the city about its water department meter readers falsifying timecards and submitting fictitious readings.

Has the situation changed any since then? "Sure it has," said one water department employee. "It has gotten a lot worse. It's an everyday happening," he added.

Councilman-at-Large Robert Ranieri agreed. "The job has been known for years to be the softest in the city. They set up their own routes, hours and vacations. It all goes back to the problems of management or lack of (it) that was mentioned in the report."

However, Ranieri insisted that some improvements have been made since the report was released last spring. But even with the improvements, there are still problems.

For example, he pointed to the city's meter replacement program, which Storch found to be non-existent. The old meters, Ranieri said, cost

\$100 to purchase, and when they broke down — an all-too-frequent occurrence — the cost to fix them was more than \$200, according to the administration critic.

At Ranieri's urging, the city has purchased new meters, at \$35 apiece. The meters are guaranteed for five years, and if they break down after that, the cost to repair them is about \$5. During the past year, hundreds of these meters were installed around the city.

The problem is, according to Storch, that the new meters aren't very reliable. Storch tested five of the new meters. Four registered 95 percent accuracy, while one registered 95 percent.

The city has also developed a program to plug leaks in the water lines, which Storch estimated cost the city tens of thousands of dollars each year. According to Ranieri, the department now has a program under which residents responsible for the leaks are informed in a registered letter that the problem exists.

If it is not repaired within a certain period

of time, the matter is sent to Municipal Court, where the resident can be slapped with a fine.

Ranieri said he didn't know if the program was successful. Several weeks ago, a check was made with the department, and it was found that even though letters were sent, most of the outstanding leaks were not repaired.

An effort was made two days ago to reach Charles Florio, the department's superintendent of the meter division, as well as Public Works Director Andrew Amato for comment. But both had left for the day by 3:30 p.m. Another attempt was made yesterday. But this time, both reportedly were gone by 3 p.m. and they could not be reached.

According to Business Administrator Edwin Chius, both Amato and Florio were told to read the report and to implement many of the changes recommended by Storch. They were also told that if they wanted to refute any of the findings, they would be welcome to do so. Asked if they did, Chius replied with a firm, "no."

He also said there were other problems concerning department management that were not covered by the report. The most glaring, he said, was uncovered by the mayor, who noticed that the department's funds were being kept in a checking account rather than an interest-bearing account.

Thus far, the department was losing out on hundreds of thousands of dollars that could have been earned in interest had the money been invested wisely. That problem has since been rectified, Chius added.

Ranieri's bill, which will come before the City Council at its next caucus, is an attempt to implement the major proposal put forward by Storch — the separation of water and sewage responsibilities from public works, and hiring a competent manager to head the utility.

"I want a qualified professional engineer," Ranieri said. "I don't want any hackneyed political appointee, and this time I think the council is behind me."

Hoboken officials differ on why water lost

Recommendations for better accountability of the flow of water into Hoboken drew mixed reactions last night from City Council members and water officials.

Also, Council President Walter Cramer said he would delay all discussion and action on the city's controversial rent control ordinance until he and other council members could meet with tenant leaders.

At present, Hoboken loses about

1.8 billion gallons of water flow per year, according to Michael D'Altilio of Storch Engineers, who gave a formal presentation of a water study prepared last year for the city. That amount averages to about 45 percent of the total amount the city purchases from the Jersey City Division of Water, he said.

The report largely blames the problem on a lack of supervision in the utility and incorrect estimations

made by meter readers. However, both Public Safety Director Andrew Amato and Meter Supervisor Charles Florio blamed the utility's lack of manpower and equipment.

"There's just not enough men to do everything," Florio said after the presentation. The utility employs about 13 people, he said, of which only two are meter readers. In addition, the meter repair shop only consists of one man working in a 9-by-10 foot shop

in the city's new municipal garage. As a result, the utility runs behind in making line repairs and meter service, according to Florio.

The Storch study, which cost the city about \$25,000, was first given to city officials in March of last year. Last night was its first presentation to the entire council.

Both Cramer and Councilman Robert Ranieri described the study as only guidelines to help them solve the

water problem. Cramer said the council would now begin going over ways to implement the recommendations.

"If we can cut down on the amount of water we don't count," Cramer said, "we could pass this on to the individual customer, lowering their bills."

In referring to the rent control ordinance, Cramer said he wanted some more information on the issue before considering changes. Last week,

three landlords, including Ranieri's brother, receive hardship rent increases between \$145 and \$176 per month from the city's rent leveling board, after they had used mortgage payments in their applications.

Cramer said he had planned to meet with the tenants two weeks ago at St. Francis parish hall, but the meeting was canceled after several of the meeting's organizers became ill.

Romano and Chius get subpoenas in U.S. probe involving Botti firm 1/20/81 JS

By Randolph Diamond

The federal probe of the Eastern Supply Co. of Hoboken and Union City Commissioner Robert Botti, a sales agent for the firm, spread yesterday to both the Hoboken Board of Education and the city of Hoboken.

Both Anthony Romano, business manager for the board of education, and Edwin Chius, the city's business administrator, were hit with subpoenas from the U.S. Attorney's office requiring them to produce all records relating to business conducted between them, Botti and the firms with which he is associated. The records must be delivered on Feb. 9 at the U.S. Attorney's office in Newark.

The government is requesting all school board and city records for the last five years with 24 individuals and companies, all of which are believed to be connected directly or indirectly with each other.

The Hoboken school board and the city now join the ranks of other agencies and governing bodies in

Hudson County that have received similar subpoenas. Among them are Jersey City, the Weehawken Housing Authority, West New York, Weehawken, North Bergen and Guttenberg.

The companies and names listed on the latest subpoenas include Botti, Eastern Supply Co., Bobcat Supply and Chemical Co., Glormar Steel Co. Eastern Equipment and Supply Co., Whitaker Products, Consolidated Chemicals, Supplies Unlimited.

Also, P.R. Supplies Co., New London Supply Co., Lam Associates, Milton and Gloria Reed, Dory Rhodes, Jeanne Becker, Ruben and Rebecca Levy, Sara and Nathan Lapidus, Ruben Lopez Industries, High Point Equipment and Supply Co., Imperial Supply Co., Standard Steel and Blade Co. and J. London Supply Co.

Both Romano and Chius maintained they had done very little business with Eastern and none at all with the other companies and individuals. The two said they will fully comply with the subpoenas.

Cappiello viewed as certain to run 1/16/81 HD

By JEFF KISSELOFF Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—There's no question about it. Mayor Steve Cappiello will head one slate in the May municipal election.

Although the mayor has yet to publicly announce his decision, tickets are being distributed for a \$125-a-head fund-raiser scheduled at the Union Club Feb. 25.

The mayor insisted recently that the benefit is for the ticket and not him personally. However, when he was asked if he will be on the ticket, he said, "You can assume that."

Actually, the only remaining question concerning the mayor's side of the race is who will fill the slate's third councilman-at-large spot alongside Helen Macri and Thomas Kennedy, who are already set.

Administration officials say there is no question about that, either. It will be incumbent Robert Ranieri, they say, who will be at the mayor's side Jan. 29 when he is expected to confirm his plans.

"The ticket's all set," said one Cappiello ally. "Ranieri will be on it."

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A decision by Ranieri to accept the spot is bound to raise a few eyebrows around the city because of his consistent criticism of the administration.

Ranieri, who has talked of making his own race for the top spot, refused to confirm or deny that he will join the ticket, saying instead, cryptically, "It is premature and perhaps not predestined."

If Ranieri does run with the mayor, insiders say he will get the nod to run for Thomas Gallo's Assembly seat. Ranieri lost to Gallo in the primary last year, and it is no secret around the city that he would like to try again, but this time with the administration's blessings.

Ranieri's opting to go with the mayor, if he does so decide, will also pave the way for 5th Ward Councilman E. Norman Wilson to announce his mayoral candidacy. Wilson has been holding off until Ranieri, who was seen as the only other viable candidate, makes his intentions known.

Ranieri had been viewed by some as a natural to head the opposition ticket.

But apparently he felt the chances of losing were too great to risk his council seat. Wilson, who is not up for re-election, faces no such risk.

Wilson will have to move fast to catch up with the mayor's organization.

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There is a dispute in Hoboken over whether the city's turn of the century Grand Street Firehouse should be sold — for an estimated profit of \$100,000 — or whether it should be converted into a teen recreation center and an arts center for children.

Those who favor the teen-arts center proposal say the firehouse is one of the best sites available in the city for such a purpose.

Those who question the center proposal say converting the firehouse would require a federal grant which would not cover the costs of manning or maintaining the center.

Now comes word from the Department of the Interior that approval of such a grant would be "a long shot."

That should not be the end of the proposal. Somewhere in Hoboken there should be a place where teens can have their own recreation center and where art classes could also be held.

Teen recreation and culture for children are important enough to require a little effort by city officials. Somebody in the city's official family should be willing to do something.

Where there is a will, there is usually a way, but where there is a won't, there is no way.

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It's "Radiology Week" at St. Mary Hospital

Sister Grace Frances Strauber, president of St. Mary Hospital Hoboken, recently announced that Jan. 12-17 will be observed as "Radiology Week" at the hospital.

This observance is being held in commemoration of the newly renovated radiology department, which is now equipped with the most modern, up-to-date equipment recently purchased and installed under N.J. certificate of need approval for vital patient diagnostic services.

Radiology, an integral part of the organized medical staff at St. Mary Hospital, is able to provide a full range of radiologic procedures.

Radiology services are available 24 hours a day as a service to the Hoboken and North Hudson community and as an aid to the physician seeking accurate diagnosis while developing patient management programs.

The department, consisting of staff radiologists, a department manager and 15 certified technologists, is headed by the medical director who is board certified in radiology.

The newly installed radiology equipment permits cardiovascular special procedures, tomographic x-ray, remote control radiographic-fluoroscopic procedures and chest and general purpose radiology.

The new facilities were officially opened for service beginning today. Further information may be obtained by calling the hospital at 792-5300.



ROBERT GRAVES, technical administrator of St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken, makes an interim check of newly installed X-ray equipment during remodeling phase of project.

Hoboken students push for observance

US holiday sought to mark hostage release

A group of Hoboken high school and college students called on President Reagan and Congress yesterday to declare Jan. 30 a national holiday. They want to make sure the nation never forgets the day the American hostages won their freedom.

Leaders of the 24-member Young People's Action Organization said they wanted Jan. 20 declared "Americanism Day."

"Our slogan is 'America Needs Americanism Day,'" explained Angelo Valente, the group's spokesman. "We feel it's an opportunity for people to become more patriotic, especially on the occasion of our hostages returning."

He added a national holiday would be a "reminder of what a great country we have and what freedom is."

Valente said the group mailed letters to Reagan and New Jersey's two Democratic senators — Harrison A. Williams Jr. and Bill Bradley — asking for their support of the proposal.

The 3-year-old, non-partisan organization also plans to seek support from other groups and political and community leaders, and may

make a trip to Washington to drum up support for the proposed holiday, Valente said.

Clerics, civic leaders and just plain citizens throughout the state yesterday celebrated the release of the 52 Americans, who spent 444 days in captivity in Iran before they were freed Tuesday.

In Newark, a special noon Mass of Thanksgiving was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral to honor the former captives.

"I join the millions of my fellow Americans in rejoicing with the hostages and their families at their release from captivity," Archbishop Peter L. Grety said.

"We all thank God that their long separation from their loved ones has come to an end and that they are safely freed from their unjust and unlawful incarceration," the archbishop added in a statement.

Grety also urged all parishes in the archdiocese "to offer fervent prayers of thanksgiving" this weekend.

Meanwhile, the Newark City Council planned to adopt a resolution at its evening meeting

commending former President Carter for his efforts in securing the honorable release of the 52 Americans held hostage by the government of Iran for the past 15 months.

Trenton Mayor Arthur Holland declared yesterday a day of thanksgiving for the release of the hostages and called on Americans to "reject the inclination for recrimination and see this as the new beginning for international traditions."

In other parts of the state, the celebration was less formal, but just as heartfelt.

Billboards at shopping malls, restaurants and movie theaters throughout New Jersey carried messages of welcome to the freed Americans, and American flags were displayed in many areas.

Vineland Mayor Patrick Fiorilli said the city planned no organized ceremonies honoring the hostage release.

"Let's just be grateful they're here and not overplay it," Fiorilli said.

But he noted that dozens of yellow ribbons — which became a kind of national emblem of remembrance during the long ordeal — were

distributed around the community by a local service organization.

Atlantic City officials held a noontime prayer service on the front steps of City Hall and Mayor Joseph Lasarow asked residents to display American flags yesterday.

In Wildwood, Mayor Guy Musiani ordered civil defense sirens to sound at 12:23 p.m. — 24 hours after the Algerian jets carrying the hostages to freedom left Iran.

A local cable television station broadcast several "welcome back hostages" messages, and yellow ribbons were also tied to the front of City Hall, Musiani said.

More prayer services were scheduled for later in the week, he added.

Millville city officials planned a motorcade for today, and churches throughout the community were asked to ring bells at 7 p.m.

A thanksgiving ceremony was also scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Millville High School, and an interfaith Thanksgiving service was planned for 8 p.m. tonight at the Princeton University chapel.

Ranieri urges revaluation of property

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Angered by a recent tax board decision that cost the city nearly \$100,000, Councilman-at-Large Robert Ranieri yesterday called for an amendment to the state constitution which would allow for a revaluation in the city.

The tax board's decision awarded the Union Dry Dock Co. \$99,000, after agreeing with the company that its waterfront property had been overassessed for three years — from 1976 to 1978.

Ranieri said the city has lost similar appeals during the last 10 years. He said that during that span, the city has had to increase the tax rate by \$1 each year, in order to make up the loss. The rate is now \$112 per thousand.

Ranieri said he has spoken with city officials who have told him that more and more industries are filing appeals similar to Union Dry Dock's. "Our experts tell us that these appeals are snow balling," he said.

"Every year we lose them, and every year the city

does nothing. It looks at the situation blindly, and never sees over the horizon, where there is going to be trouble."

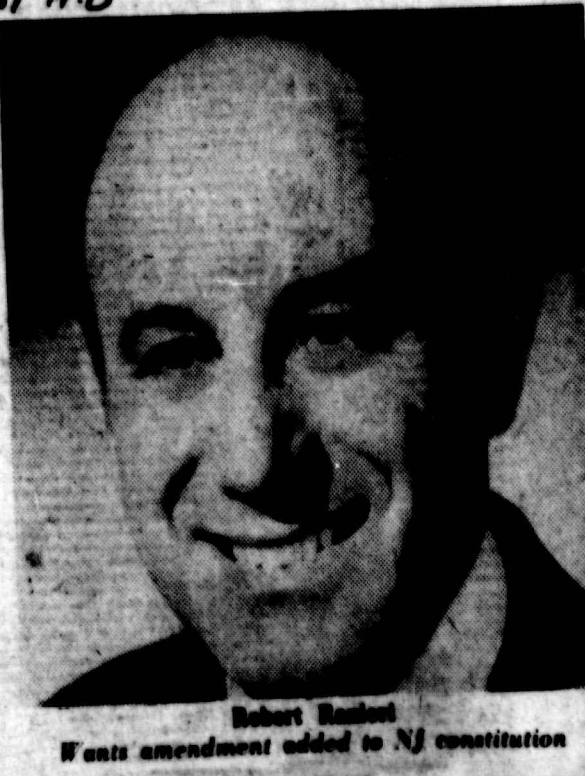
What is happening, Ranieri added, is the city's tax base is dwindling, while expenses are rising. "Soon residents will have a choice. We will have to raise taxes dramatically, or there will be a cut in services. Anybody who doesn't realize that is just sweeping their problems under the rug."

He said that one solution would be to do a revaluation throughout the city. However, since the last evaluation in 1968, property values in the city have skyrocketed, with much of the boom occurring in the last two and three years.

A higher valuation would bring a jump in taxes which could prove to be a burden on homeowners.

"What should be done, is to have a constitutional amendment which would allow for separate valuations for private and commercial properties," he said.

"There is no way you should put the two on the same basis. The small ones will be overwhelmed."



Robert Ranieri
Wants amendment added to NJ constitution

Jail term and one last chance for landlord

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken landlord Michael Spano was fined \$500, ordered not to collect December and January rent from his tenants and given a 30-day jail sentence after he pleaded guilty in municipal court to eight counts concerning lack of heat in two of his tenement houses.

It was the strongest penalty ever imposed in Hoboken Municipal Court against a landlord.

In imposing the sentence, acting Hoboken Municipal Court Judge Chris Pappas said he would suspend Spano's jail sentence if there was heat in Spano's tenement house at 214 Park Avenue by this Tuesday.

But, if there isn't, Pappas said Spano would not only have to serve the jail sentence but pay an additional \$400 a day until heat is provided.

Heat has been restored already to Spano's other tenement at 153 First Street where Hoboken health inspectors had issued Spano four summonses for not providing heat. Spano claimed the pipes had frozen. Twenty-five tenants from both 153 First Street and 214 Park Avenue were in the courtroom as

Judge Pappas announced Spano's penalty and many of them applauded.

Spano's lawyer, Herb Klitzner, asked Pappas to hold off sentencing for a week and give Spano until next Friday to provide heat.

Klitzner said that the boiler had been malfunctioning in 214 Park Avenue and that it might not be possible to fix it by Tuesday.

But Pappas, who heard testimony by residents at 214 Park Avenue that they had been without heat almost the whole winter and had been sick countless times due to the cold, said he would not put off sentencing.

"How would your client feel if he had to live in the building?" Pappas asked Klitzner. "I don't care what he has to do even if that means buying a new boiler. But I want heat in there by Tuesday."

When asked by Klitzner how putting Spano in jail would alleviate the problem, Pappas replied, "Let his son the plumber run the building," a reference to Spano's son Louis who, it was brought out in testimony, is a licensed plumber.

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Cappiello kicks off drive, Wilson gets set

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello kicked off his re-election drive last night during an event at the Union Club at which he asked supporters to give him and his running mates a chance to finish some of the things his administration has started.

Fifth Ward Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. also indicated yesterday he would seek the mayor's seat in the May election but said he would make a formal announcement within the next two weeks.

Cappiello, seeking his third term, said he would like to continue his work on the development of the Hudson River waterfront so as to attract jobs and new housing and see the development of new parkland.

"Our theme is to keep unity among all the people who live in our city so we can all reside in peace," Cappiello told

the crowd. "We want to continue to do the things we've been acclaimed for over the past years and continue the renaissance."

Cappiello pointed out his administration has kept the tax base stable for the eight years he has been in office as mayor and has achieved "perhaps the lowest crime rate increase in Hudson."

Wilson made his statement from St. Mary Hospital where he is a patient, suffering from back problems.

A lawyer who heads the Hoboken Organization against Poverty and Economic Stress, Wilson said his campaign theme will be "It's time the people had their own mayor."

Wilson charged that Cappiello has run the city's various departments using "politics instead of performance as a base."

As for the Hoboken renaissance, Wilson said that while Cappiello is partly responsible for it, the renaissance for the most part has not benefitted lifelong Hoboken residents and, in many cases, has caused them to be displaced.

A revision of the city's rent control ordinance is needed to end this displacement and prevent the numerous hardship increases that have been granted by the city's rent leveling board.

With the exception of the fire department, which he said is well run, Wilson declared the city's departments are not delivering the services they should and jobs are held not by "what you get done, but by who you know."

Wilson said he has not yet decided on the three councilmen-at-large candidates who will run with him but asserted he is considering several persons.

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Klitzner claimed after he entered Spano's guilty plea that the landlord kept on fixing the boiler at 214 Park

Avenue but that it kept on breaking down.

Pappas, however, allowed city attorney Ross London to question a

Farina promises to help ease housing plight for artist living in hallways

Julio Dones, a partially-blind Hoboken artist, who has been living on the street during the day and sleeping in a apartment hallway at night, will be given temporary accommodations by the city.

James Farina, health and welfare director, said today after reading about the artist's plight in The Jersey Journal, that he will house Dones in a hotel until he finds an apartment.

"It's a tragic situation," said Farina. "We can't let him live as he has been doing the last two weeks."

Farina said he will also try to help Dones in his apartment search.

"I'm going to personally pull all the stops I can see that this deserving young man finds a permanent home," he said.

Dones, who only has partial vision, was evicted from the apartment where he had lived many years

because a new owner occupied Dones' apartment for his own use.

The artist, who lives on his \$261 a month SSI check, had searched throughout the city for an apartment without any luck.

He even went to Mayor Steve Cappiello who said he would try to help him, but was unable to find him anything. Cappiello did not offer Dones any type of assistance such as the temporary shelter Farina is now offering.

Farina said it is not the city's policy to offer such shelter, but said in this case he doesn't see how it can be denied.

"We can't let someone live like this," said Farina, "especially someone who is handicapped and has trouble getting around normally. I just wish I knew about this case sooner."

Flooding fails to bring help from landlord

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Water has filled the basement and yesterday ice chunks floated in 3 inches of water in the first-floor apartment at 800 Willow Ave. In one corner of the living room, water fell noisily from a hole in the ceiling. The landlord has not responded to tenants' pleas.

This morning, Philip Seriale, owner of the building, is due in Municipal Court to explain why the leaks haven't been fixed. Seriale, whose construction company does a lot of business with the city, bought the building two years ago with the intention of rehabilitating it, along with several others on the block.

So far, that hasn't happened. In the meantime, tenants still are living there, and they, along with the city, are concerned about the conditions in the building.

"These leaks have been going on for months," said Luis Calderon, 71, a retired seaman who lives on the second floor. As Calderon spoke, he was standing outside the building near the basement entrance.

Underneath the grating that covers the basement steps, the water flowed almost to the sidewalk. The smell was very unpleasant. "That's about nine feet of leakage from the toilets," one neighbor said. And rats roam the first floor.

Upstairs, in Calderon's neatly kept living room, the paint is peeling because of water seepage. In the kitchen, a steady stream pours from a faucet in the kitchen, and Calderon pointed to a hole in the bathroom floor that had to be drilled to relieve frequent floods.

"You call them and they don't do anything," he said. "They just want to get us out of here. But they don't want to pay us anything to leave."

Calderon pays his rent to the Lieber Realty Co. An employee of the firm, who sold the building to Seriale two years ago, said he was aware of the water leaks, but was not able to do anything about it. He also said, something was "in the works" regarding compensation for the tenants.

Councilman-at-Large Robert Ranieri, said he was concerned about the problem, not only because of the tenants' situation, but also because of the areawide water shortage. "You're losing thousands of gallons of water there," he said.

Ranieri had only sketchy knowledge of the charges against Seriale. He did say, however, that Seriale previously has been indicted for the same problem. In addition, he said, Public Works Director Andrew Amato also was aware of the leak. He said Amato had agreed that, if necessary, he would repair the leak himself, and charge the costs of Seriale.

The water bill, Ranieri said, was "astronomical."

Computer firm to Hoboken

Waterfront Plaza, Hoboken, will be the new home of Arbat Systems Ltd., a computer company, a subsidiary of the British firm of Arbat Consultant Ltd.

The Arbat group, which has offices in London, Hong Kong and New York, is a leading supplier of advanced banking and tele-communication systems.

Young fans to bid Carter goodbye

By LENA H. SUN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Their candidate lost the election, but they are going to tomorrow's Inauguration Day ceremony to root for him, anyway.

The 15 children who attend a private school here are going for a last look at President Jimmy Carter.

The children had received tickets to attend tomorrow's ceremony in Washington, D.C. through the efforts of Rep. Frank Guarini of Jersey City and Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, according to Larry Litman, headmaster of the Mustard Seed Elementary School.

Litman said the youngsters, aged 9 to 11, had been following last year's presidential campaign very closely and had predicted that Carter would win.

Bundled up in heavy winter coats, woolen caps and mittens, 12 of the 15 waited impatiently in the back of a van for the six-hour trip to begin. Piled in front of them on the floor were their sleeping bags for the two nights they planned to spend on the floor of St. Luke's Church in Silver Spring, Md.

Asked why she was making the trip, 11-year-old Ruth Rosado said excitedly, "We're going to see Carter 'cause he's a good president. He got the hostages released and Reagan said he was gonna bomb Iran." (The president-elect never made such a threat).

"I know it's gonna be cold," piped up Felix Ortiz, who was wearing a gray coat, a red-and-white knitted cap and mittens. "But we're gonna yell Reagan is full of cheese."

Litman explained that the youngsters, who were in his homeroom class at the private Christian school at Sixth Street and Park Avenue, had followed the progress of each candidate and had based their prediction on what states the candidates had visited and the reaction to their respective debates and speeches.

Litman said the class had also studied the geographical layout of Washington as a city as part of a science project in polar coordinates.

The Litmans and two other parents were scheduled to leave with the children yesterday. Three other children are scheduled to leave from Union City today and join the group in Washington, Litman said.

The Carter fans are scheduled to come back to Hoboken tomorrow night.



YOUNG PUPILS from Hoboken's Mustard Seed Elementary School crowd into a van yesterday for a trip to Washington, D.C. to say goodbye to President Jimmy Carter at Ronald Reagan's inauguration tomorrow.

Photo by Ted Boswell

NYC threatens to end free help from fire boats

Staff Writer

For more than a century, Hudson County pier fires have been extinguished with the free help of New York City fire boats. But that complimentary service may soon be withdrawn if some New York officials have their way.

Citing 1980's \$50,000 price tag for fighting New Jersey waterfront fires, Fire Commissioner Charles Hynes told the New York City Council last week that his depleted fleet should end service to New Jersey unless a cost-sharing agreement is established.

"We're stripping New York City of fire protection for people who aren't paying taxes for it," said fire department spokesman Frank Cull. "We're financially strapped. We once had 10 fire boats. Now we only have four, and they have to patrol 300 miles of waterfront and 600 piers."

Though sympathetic to New York's financial plight, Hudson County officials believe their neighbor should continue the free service because of longstanding agreements.

"We go through this every time a new fire commissioner takes office over there," said Jersey City Fire Director Raymond Maloney.

Citing an agreement signed in 1833 and revised later, Maloney said the two municipalities had a long history of mutual aid. "We send fire engines to Staten Island," he pointed out.

"There are certain reciprocities that should be respected," said Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello. "We have to contend with long lines of autos heading into New York. We suffer the pollution but we don't blame New York for it."

Maloney, who expects to meet with New York fire officials soon, said Jersey City would be hard-pressed to afford fire boats of its own. "The cost of a manned boat for one year is about half a million dollars," he said. "If service is cut we'd have to rely on the Coast Guard, at least initially."

Cappiello said smaller cities such as Hoboken "would have to depend on state or federal agencies"



Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello
Expects 'reciprocity' from New York

if New York ends its service.

Port Authority spokesman Ed Franzetti was non-committal on the subject, saying his agency would "consider the alternatives" and that "the problem is not the exclusive problem of the Port Authority."

If the problem is not worked out in meetings planned soon, New York Mayor Edward I. Koch will make the ultimate decision on whether to cut off service.

A Hoboken pier fire in early November required the Mile Square City's entire fire department, two Coast Guard fire boats and a New York City fire boat to bring it under control. The fire was contained by training water on it from land-based hoses on each side of the 900-by-75-foot pier and from fire boats on the river. Flames rising almost 20 feet in the air were reported, as well as huge clouds of smoke.

Ranieri says he will run with Cappiello

By Randolph Diamond

When Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello announces he's running for re-election tonight at Hoboken's Union Club, alongside him will be Hoboken Councilman Robert A. Ranieri.

Ending months of speculation, Ranieri said he will be running with Cappiello for reelection as councilman-at-large.

Ranieri said Cappiello formally offered him the spot to run with him again at a meeting Monday night and the councilman said he accepted at that time.

The 51-year-old councilman ran with the mayor in both 1973 and 1977 but throughout his eight years as councilman, he has often criticized the mayor and his policies.

Only two months ago, Ranieri had accused Cappiello of being "a dictator," "usurping the powers" of the city council by not consulting it on some of his various appointments and programs.

While Ranieri maintained today that his criticism of the mayor still stands, he feels Cappiello has generally done a good job for the city.

"The Hoboken renaissance that occurred in the city throughout the 1970s is largely due to his efforts," Ranieri said. "Hoboken is in much better shape than it was when Cappiello took over eight years ago."

When he first ran with the mayor in

1973, Ranieri said he made two promises to himself: That he would never run against Cappiello if he kept his word to improve the city and that he keep his name clear of any wrong-doing or corruption.

Ranieri said Cappiello has upheld those two conditions.

The councilman did confirm reports that he had two meetings with Hoboken Fifth Ward Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. last week and that Wilson asked him to run for the council-at-large seat on a ticket that Wilson would head.

But Ranieri said he had "a frank discussion with Wilson" and said he told the councilman that his loyalties were with Cappiello.

Wilson is expected to announce within the next two weeks that he is running for mayor against Cappiello.

Meanwhile, a high aide to the mayor who asked not to be identified said that Cappiello promised Ranieri either the 33rd District Assembly seat now held by Thomas Gallo or the executive director's post of the North Hudson Council of Mayors in return for Ranieri's agreeing to run with him.

Gallo could not be reached for comment.

Also announcing tonight along with Cappiello and Ranieri will be current Councilmen-at-large Thomas Kennedy and Helen Macri who will both be running with Cappiello.

Cappiello will run for third term

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Before an overflow crowd of more than 1,200 persons at the Union Club here, Mayor Steve Cappiello, promising to keep Hoboken moving in the right direction, declared his candidacy for a third term last night.

The mayor spoke before a standing-room-only crowd, which one observer called the largest political gathering he had seen in the city.

Also on the ticket and greeted warmly by the crowd, were the three candidates on the mayor's slate for councilmen-at-large — Robert Ranieri, Helen Macri, and Thomas Kennedy.

Ranieri has consistently criticized the mayor and his administration in recent years.

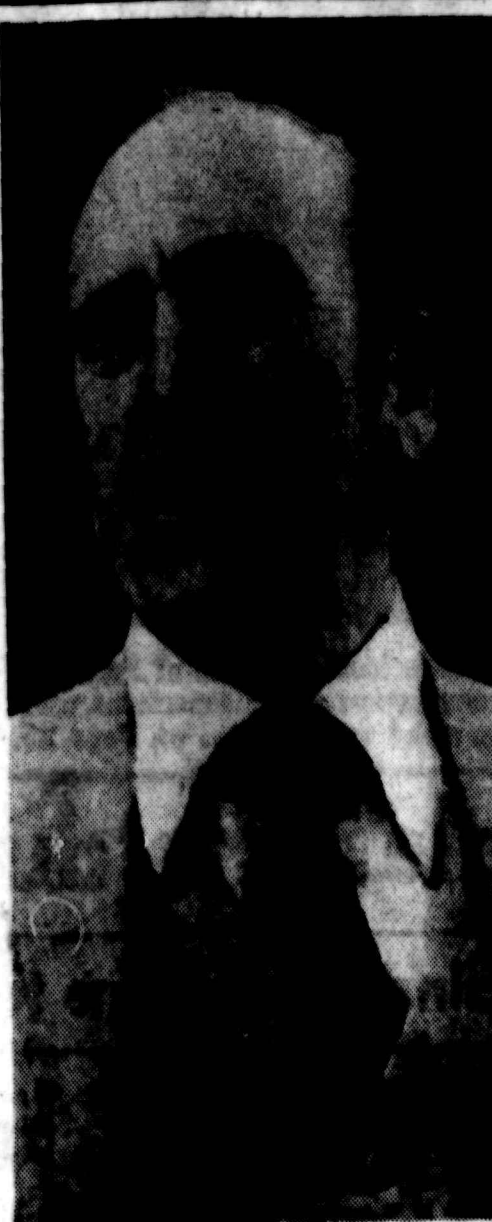
Perhaps in a reference to Ranieri's outspokenness, Cappiello spoke last night of the pride that he took in the "independence" of his running mates.

A note of interest was the appearance of 1st Ward Councilman Anthony Romano at the affair. It was Romano who ran against the mayor in 1977, and went down to a resounding defeat.

But Romano was all smiles as he sat on the dais last night, and no doubt Cappiello was happy to see him there, as his support is regarded as a good omen for success in the May election.

Council President Walter Cramer acted as master of ceremonies. He, too, is figured to be a valuable addition to the mayor's campaign team.

Not in attendance were embattled Public Works Director Andrew Amato and 6th Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti. Both are regarded as supporters of 5th Ward Councilman E. Norman Wilson, who is expected to be the mayor's opponent.



Steve Cappiello
Spoke to standing-room-only crowd

Cappiello's supporters were handed yellow ribbons as they entered the club in honor of the 33 hostages' return from Iran.

While the crowd waited for the mayor and his team to arrive, they were entertained by a choir accompanied by a band singing, "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Around the Old Oak Tree," the hostages' theme song.

Ranieri renews his plea for separate water unit

By JEFF KISSELOFF
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri renewed his call yesterday for a bill separating the department of water and sewerage from the public works department after Monday night's caucus meeting, when Storch Engineers gave the City Council an oral report detailing mismanagement in the water department.

"Within the next 30 days, there must be policy discussions within the administration leading to the bill," he said. "Monday night was a key night in the history of Hoboken. The savings, if Storch's recommendations are adopted, could be enormous."

Michael D'Attilio, a Storch engineer, gave a two-hour presentation complete with graphs and charts, most of them contained in Storch's report of March 1980. The report found that water not accounted for costs the city nearly \$1.2 million a year. Among other problems, it found faulty meters throughout Hoboken and fraudulent readings by meter readers.

A bill authorizing the creation of a separate department was to have been ready for Monday's caucus. It was de-

liberately held up, however, because administration officials said they didn't want to seem to be ramrodding it through the council.

The bill might have appeared if Mayor Steve Cappiello stood openly in favor of it. He doesn't. Instead of pushing his own recommendations, he said yesterday, he will go along with whatever the council wishes.

The mayor did say, however, that he favors putting the department "in the hands of somebody who knows what he's doing," a leading proposal of the Storch engineers.

Cappiello's reluctance has piqued Ranieri, who has pushed the bill for a long time, mostly on his own. "The legal department moves as quickly as the mayor desires," he said with a smile. "But I think this time there will be a united effort by the council."

At least two administration officials, Director of Public Works Andrew Amato and Charles Florio, chief of the meter-reading division, actively oppose the proposal and voiced vehement opposition to Storch's findings at the caucus. They are the ones who stand to lose the most if Storch's recommendations are taken up by the council.

Rentpayers group moves to force Hoboken action

About 100 persons attended the first city-wide organizing meeting of Por Le Genet (For the People), a group that will deal with problems and complaints from Hoboken rentpayers.

The group had been in existence for about two years, but operated out of St. Joseph's Church. It is now moving to establish a city-wide membership.

Chairpersons Sister Norberta of St. Francis School and Rev. Geoff Curtis of Holy Innocence Episcopal Church will draw up a list of the complaints heard last night when they meet with the group's committee on Monday at St. Joseph's Church rectory.

These problems will be presented to the city and the group hopes for some official response from municipal officials before Por Le Genet's next general membership meeting in March.

The group is specifically looking for changes in the present rent control ordinance that will, from the rent-payer point of view, better deal with escalating rents and evictions and displacements.

Mayor Steve Cappiello and most of the City council attended the meeting, along with members of the city's rent control board.

Hoboken sisters are a dynamic duo

Two Hoboken sisters who look enough alike to be identical twins, also have led almost identical lives.

The young women, Madeline and Toni Ann Petroselli, recently shared another accomplishment. Both received Gold Medals for attaining first honors in their classes at St. Peter's College.

They also both won prizes in the Hudson County Science Fair, graduated at the top of their classes at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Hoboken, and both are members of the Cosmos cheerleading squad.

Despite their many similarities, the girls are really very different. Madeline, one year older, is quieter, appears more serious and has a subtle

sense of humor. Toni has a more outgoing personality, is quick with a wisecrack and is more talkative.

Their personalities give a clue to their career goals. Madeline, who is majoring in political science, hopes to become a lawyer, and Toni who describes herself a social butterfly, plans to go into public relations.

It was Toni who talked Madeline into trying out for the Cosmos cheerleaders. They were both members of the St. Peter's cheerleaders when Toni tried for the soccer group. Madeline gave it a try and both made the team.

Some of their greatest experiences have come as a result. Besides sharing in the excitement of

soccer, they also have met a host of celebrities including Micky Jaeger and Eric Heiden.

At home, while they share the household chores, Toni relishes them and is forever cooking, cleaning and baking. She also has a special duty, the family pet, Penni, who she describes as a particularly vicious dog.

"Some day," Toni quipped, "I hope I have a husband I can treat as well as I do this animal."

Probably because of their individuality, there is little competition or rivalry between them. They are constant companions, and go out socially together and support each other in their activities.

"And," said Madeline, "having a sister also means you'll always have a friend."

School board asks \$2 million more in Hoboken

The Hoboken Board of Education has proposed a budget for the 1981-82 school year that is \$2 million higher than the current budget, according to Robert Wendelken, board president. The board last night adopted a

tentative budget totalling \$20,669,316. The budget for the present year totals \$18,634,712, Wendelken reported.

The state formula used for computing the amount of increase allowed in this year's budget gives the board a

12 percent cap. The cap is determined by among other things, comparing the individual system's expenditures per child against a state-wide figure for per student costs.

The proposed budget will be sent to the county superintendent of schools either today or Monday, Wendelken said. Once approved by the county, it will be sent to the Hoboken Board of School Estimate for approval or revision.

Cappiello readies to conquer

HOBOKEN—On the first day of his re-election campaign, Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday he had not developed any "campaign strategy" for this year's race and predicted the people of the city "will vote on a politician's record."

Sitting in his office with his sleeves rolled up and a pencil lodged over his ear, the mayor appeared confident as he began the first day of his official campaign.

A little weary from the previous night's festivities

at the Union Club where he declared his candidacy, the mayor said he had been pleased with the large turnout.

"There were many friends and relatives there. We had a handsome number of women and Hispanics, as well," he said, acknowledging the large group of supporters who came to the Union Club.

Cappiello said that while he looked forward to serving a third term, he would direct his attention to servicing the city, rather than campaigning.

Hoboken zones its cleanup crews

The Hoboken Public Works Department has been reorganized against the wishes of Andrew Amato, public works director.

Edwin Chius, business administrator, said today a reorganization of the department was put into effect this week by himself and Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Chius said the reorganization involves the splitting of the city into four zones — each with a foreman and designated public works workers assigned to it.

Chius said the feeling is that the zones will provide greater employee accountability.

"Before if we were looking for a worker we would have to go all over the city," Chius said. "Now we know

they will be in a particular area."

Amato said he was not for the change but he went along with it because the mayor and Chius ordered it.

He said he felt the old system had worked fine.

Three new foremen have been hired, two replacements for employees who had left.

Better way

There must be a better way to run recreation than Hoboken is running it at its Uptown Recreation Center.

That center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but youngsters can use it only at lunch time and after 3 p.m. when they are not in school.

For this three-hour availability, the city is paying \$4,500 a year rent and about \$20,000 a year for two recreation workers.

The present site cannot be used at night because it is a meeting hall for another organization. The city official in charge of recreation says he will look for another site in the springtime and will give the workers additional duties meanwhile.

In a city of 40,000 residents, there certainly should be more than one site available for consideration as a recreation center. And there certainly should be a center more available than three hours a day.

Hoboken hopes to add 30 cops in 3 years

Hoboken should be hiring 30 to 40 new patrolmen over the next three years, Hoboken Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo said today as he revealed that applications will be available in his office for an upcoming civil service test.

Gullo said he expects the test to be given sometime this spring. He said only Hoboken residents are eligible to take the test. He said he expects 10 patrolmen to be hired each year over the next three years.

Hoboken to cut off leaky residences

As his drive continues to cut water waste in Hoboken, Public Works Director Andrew Amato announced today he plans to cut off water to houses where the owners refuse to repair leaks in their service lines.

"We're going to shut off the tap, if they don't fix their leaks," said Amato.

Amato said he will talk to members of the city council's water and sewerage committee tonight to inform them of his plan and to make sure they have no objections to it.

The Public Works director said he would prefer to have the city repair service leaks when the owner refuses and then bill the owner. But he said he was told by the city's law department he couldn't do that.

"It's apparently illegal for us to do the work and then bill them," he said. "But the law department says we can cut off the water from the city's main water lines to the service lines and that's what I plan to do," he said.

Amato said he plans to give house owners three days notice to fix their service line leaks before cutting off the water.

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Hoboken to cut off leaky lines

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Last week, Amato had announced the transfer of 10 men from the public works department to the water division and the transfer of three men from his meter division in his crack-down on water loss throughout the city.

Amato's actions come after the Hoboken City Council started discussing a proposal last week by Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri which calls for the creation of a separate water division in the city.

Ranieri and a consultant hired by the city last year to do a study of the city's water system both state that the city is losing 30 to 45 percent of its daily water supply from its supplier, Jersey City.

Churches, civic group joining in Hoboken to form tenants union

By Randolph Diamond

Saying that Hoboken is in a "serious crisis" because of rising rents that are driving low and middle-class persons out of the city, representatives of churches throughout the city are joining together with a civic group to form a tenants union.

The first meeting of the Hoboken Tenants Union will be tonight at 7:30 at St. Joseph's Hall at 67 Monroe St. Members of the city council as well as the mayor are expected to attend.

Sister Noberta of St. Francis Church in Hoboken, a spokeswoman for the new group, said for La Gente, a civic group concerned with bettering housing conditions in Hoboken, and the Social Concerns Committee, which is made up of representatives from just about every church in Hoboken, are joining to form the tenants union.

"One of our main goals will be to stop the soaring rents that are happening all over the city," said Sister Noberta. "We are presently in a crisis that is driving numerous poor and middle-class families from the city."

Thanks, Jim!

In the past, we have not been especially enthusiastic about the job performance of Hoboken's Health and Welfare Director James Farina.

In fact, we have been more than impatient with his often-announced and slow to arrive teen recreation program. And we haven't found much to say in praise of his ice skating arrangements.

But he has conducted a one-man campaign on behalf of the city's homeless elderly people that deserves attention, encouragement, and applause.

He has gone out on the streets to find the homeless elderly and then he has gone ringing doorbells himself until he has found them shelter. When he can't find it, he has dug into the city's pocket to put the homeless elderly up in hotels as a temporary measure.

On behalf of the helpless, homeless elderly in Hoboken, thanks, Jim Farina.

Tenants union says Hoboken rent board should be pro-tenant

Saying the proposed revision of Hoboken's rent leveling ordinance by the City Council isn't as pro-tenant as it should be, one of the organizers of Hoboken's Tenants Union says it's time for the council to choose sides.

"We want to know where they are at," said Sister Noberta of St. Francis Church in Hoboken. "Right now they are trying to play both sides of the fence and it wouldn't work."

The main revisions of the rent leveling ordinance being proposed by the City Council include a 13-month ban on hardship rent increases and the hiring of a part-time referee to act as a hearing officer on rent leveling applications and make recommendations.

Sister Noberta said while the tenants union is in favor of the 13-month ban on hardship rent increases, what is really needed is additional staff to do a complete investigation of every hardship application.

She said the referee would only be part-time and a number of full-time people may be needed to thoroughly investigate a hardship application.

"It may cost the city some money to do it our way but it has to be done," she said.

Sister Noberta says the tenants union wants at least half the city's rent leveling board members to be tenants.

"We need a balance on the board," she said. "We need some representation."

The tenants union will be holding a meeting tonight at 7:30 at the Demarest School at Fourth and Garden streets to further discuss the rent leveling ordinance.

Tenants union organizing tonight

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Sister Noberta said the crisis is due to the Hoboken renaissance that is bringing many New York City residents to the city.

"Every month the rent leveling board approves another few rent increases that are in some cases doubling tenants' rent," she said.

Sister Noberta echoed thoughts expressed by numerous residents, including City Council President Walter Cramer, who said there must be a ban on hardship rent increases for new landlords and landlords should not be allowed to use a second mortgage to justify a hardship rent increase.

Sister Noberta said the landlords are creating the hardships so they can get tremendous rent increases from the rent leveling board.

Cramer has said in many cases he believes that it is true and said he wants the city council to revise Hoboken's rent control ordinance. Cramer said he will use tonight's meeting as a guide to see what the tenants want before actually going ahead with the revision.

Sister Noberta said she hopes the tenants union will be affiliated with the New Jersey Tenants Association to give it more power.

She said organizers also hope it will look into other issues besides the rising rents such as sub-standard conditions in various tenement houses in the city and what tenants can do about them.

Sacred Heart fund drive starts tomorrow

Campaign to raise \$250,000 for the Academy of Sacred Heart in Hoboken will emphasize the school's 112-year history.

"We have a long record of accomplishment," says Sister Marion Houghton, principal, as she anticipates the dinner-dance that will kick off the campaign tomorrow night at Stevens Institute of Technology, "and we're committed to continuing the good job that is part of our tradition."

Part of that good job, she feels, is due to the presence of teaching nuns on the faculty. She hopes the \$250,000 that will be used to renovate a residential building knext door as a convent will encourage other nuns to join the staff.

The five teaching nuns who now serve on the 23-member faculty live within the school itself. When the convent is ready, their quarters will be converted to classrooms, permitting an increase in the student population from 215 to 250 young women and the addition of laboratories, computer technology and a library-conference room.

When the academy was founded in 1868, classes were held in a frame building that soon was torn down and replaced with the present brick structure. This building was expanded once.

The school wasn't always limited to women, and it wasn't always exclusively a high school. Originally it included an elementary school for boys and girls.

The school has produced some distinguished citizens. Daniel Kealy, who graduated from the elementary school in 1906, became a superintendent of schools in Hoboken and later vice president of the National Education Association.

Lawrence Fagen, another early graduate, became Hoboken's mayor, and his son Arthur became co-owner of the Jersey Observer. Harold Mintern became a county judge; Edward Coyle, a county clerk.

Most of the young women who graduated from the academy in the early days went on to study at the old Newark Normal School. But one alumna, Frances Foley Ganon, became the deputy market commissioner of the City of New York. Hazel Bishop of the well-known cosmetic industry was another graduate.



HOBOKEN WAR CHEST — Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, second from right, and candidates for council-at-large seats are pleased by the \$50,000 proceeds from a campaign fund-raising dinner at the Union Club. The council candidates are, from left to right, Thomas Kennedy, Helen Macri and Robert R. Meri.

Program is a hit with Hoboken teens

While Hoboken's new teenage recreation program is only entering its second week, apparently it's a big success.

James Farina, Hoboken Health and Welfare director, said today that over 100 teenagers attended each of the first three sessions of the program last week.

"It's a much bigger turnout than we expected," said Farina. "The teenagers of Hoboken apparently really wanted something like this."

The program is being held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Saturday afternoons at Hoboken's Wallace School at 11th and Clinton streets.

Farina said much of the credit goes to his recreation coordinator, Mary Ellen Gallo, who, he said, spent numerous hours planning the program.

The program consists of sports, weight training, drama and dance.

Hoboken had been without a teenage recreation program since last August when the city's teenage recreation coordinator, Maurice Fitzgibbons, lost his job because of a lack of funds.

Fire fighting gets priority

By Randolph Diamond

As in Jersey City, Hoboken officials are making plans to pump water from the Hudson River to fight fires in the city if the water crisis becomes more severe.

Mayor Steve Cappiello announced today that plans were being drawn up to use the fire department pumpers to pump the water out of the river to fight fires.

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Hoboken workers chief narrowly reelected

The acting president of the Hoboken Municipal Employees Union barely edged out his opponent yesterday as all but 11 of the 165 members of the unit turned out for balloting to choose officers.

Jude Fitzgibbons, the acting president since the resignation of John Wallington last year, tallied 81 votes, eight more than his challenger, Thomas Vezetti, a security guard at the municipal garage and a frequent critic of the administration.

All the candidates who ran with Fitzgibbons, were also elected. They were Robert Van Ingen, vice president, 81 votes; William Quinlan, 3-year trustee, 82 votes; Donna LiButti, one-year trustee, 79 votes; and Thomas Lucino, sergeant-at-arms, 83 votes.

In addition to Vezetti, the opposition slate consisted of Charles White, vice president, 73 votes; Dennis O'Connor, 3-year trustee, 69 votes; Edward O'Connor, one-year trustee, 74 votes, and Ruben Rivera, sergeant-at-arms, 64 votes.

The organization represents all municipal employees except the police, firemen and crossing guards. The balloting was held in the court room at city hall from 3 to 5 p.m.

A public question that proposed the retention of a single shop steward for all employees was defeated 69-53 and unit members will soon choose individual shop stewards by department.

Police applications go fast in Hoboken

It appears that a lot of people want to become patrolmen in Hoboken.

The police department yesterday received 140 applications to give out to persons interested in taking the spring police department Civil Service test. By late evening, only 20 applications were left.

That was in addition to the 80 applications the police department mailed out to the people who attended the training course run by the department to prepare applicants for the test.

"It seems that everyone wants to become a cop," said Police Sgt. Michael Lipowski who was manning the police desk yesterday. "Every few minutes a new person would come in for an application."

Hoboken Police Lt. Steve Darago said being a cop is apparently "in" again.

"A lot of people are realizing again that cops are out there to help people," he said.

But Police Chief George W. Crimmins Sr. believes the reason for the high number of people obtaining applications is the economy and the high unemployment rate in Hoboken.

The police chief said that while cops can be laid off their positions are usually relatively secure and if they are laid off, they have the option to be re-hired.

Miss Hoboken teen pageant set

The third annual Miss Hoboken Teenage Pageant will be held at 8 p.m., Feb. 21 at the Union Club in Hoboken.

All local teenage girls between the ages of 13 and 19 are eligible.

Angelo Valente, founder of the parent and a third-year student at Montclair State College, is executive director. Richard Bozone Sr., a vice president with the Hoboken firm of Mayo, Lynch and Associates, is honorary chairman.

Judge are Barbara Caporinno, Irene D'Amelio, Margaret Di Nardo, Marietta DeBari, Tony Van Cleef, Marilyn DeBari, Kim Dunne, Vicki Cretissimo and Marie Fiore. Committee members are Frank Rizzo, Anne Marie Rizzo, Mary Anne Meehan, Cathy Gaspar, Christine Calderone and Linda Procosino.

Hoboken sweepers back on duty

Hoboken's mechanical sweepers will be back in force on Monday. All three of the city's street-cleaning machines will be back out on the streets, a city public works spokesman said. And driving in front of the sweepers will be police violation officers giving out tickets to cars parked in front of the sweepers. At least that's what the spokesman says. Numerous other times the city has announced that the sweepers and the ticket parking violation officers ahead of them would be out on the streets — but they never showed. Machine breakdowns and lack of personnel were the reasons given. But this time the spokesman says it's all go. "We have the manpower and the machines are in good shape," he said.

Center's roof to be repaired

HOBOKEN — The roof of the Jefferson Street Recreation Center is in danger of collapsing due to deteriorating beams, Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday. Cappiello called an emergency meeting of the City Council for 9:30 a.m. today to award a contract for the repairs.

The mayor said the building is "unsafe" and the 100 pre-school children who are enrolled in the head start program there will move to another city facility until the repairs are completed. Cappiello said the rotten beams were found a crew who were doing renovations to the building.



Sister Marion Houghton, principal of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Hoboken, reads in her tiny room adjacent to the school's classrooms. The Sisters of Charity who teach at the school also live at the same building.

Hoboken welfare rolls swell after cops quit checking

By Randolph Diamond

Since the Hoboken Police Department's welfare investigation squad was disbanded three months ago, the number of city welfare recipients has increased from 700 back to 1,000 — the number it was before the unit was started last summer.

The 300 recipients cut off the rolls were all found to be receiving welfare aid illegally and city officials admit they wouldn't be surprised to find that many of the new recipients are also obtaining funds illegally — although most relief rolls are up in the area.

But according to James Farina, Hoboken Health and Welfare director, the police unit can't be reactivated because the state Division of Public Assistance told him it's illegal for policemen to look at welfare records.

"The welfare department had one investigator and we just hired a second one but we really need four or five," he said. "All we can do at this point is check a person's address when he first applies for welfare but"

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after that he could move out of Hoboken and we wouldn't know about it."

Farina said there just isn't money to hire additional investigators. He said the police squad, which was made up of four men, didn't do the city anything because the men were already on the police force.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said it was the state which created Hoboken's welfare roll increase by not allowing the unit to continue.

But Ben Strauss, a spokesman for the state Division of Public Assistance, said allowing policemen to look at welfare records is a clear violation of the department's confidentiality laws.

"What Hoboken was doing would be equivalent to someone applying for a Master Charge card and then having their name fed into the FBI's crime index," he said. "You just can't do that."

Strauss said he also didn't see why Hoboken would want to use policemen to check out the welfare rolls when welfare investigators (who are supposed to be trained social workers) are paid half of what a policeman makes.

"In the long run it would be cheaper if they used welfare workers," he said.

Cappiello plans to tap river

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"In Hoboken, we have to be sure that we can fight fires no matter how bad the water situation gets," the mayor said. "Otherwise a building fire could spread to a whole block."

The mayor noted that with attached building the potential for a full scale disaster is very real.

Cappiello said he expects to meet with other city officials in a meeting early next week to detail conservation measures that could be taken to save water if the emergency continues.



Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello presents a key to the city to Brooke Alexander, Miss World America. With them are Reina Viruel, left, Miss Teenager of Hoboken, and Patricia Cattera, right, Miss New Jersey.

Beauty pageant winner wants modeling career

Last September 18-year-old Brooke Alexander was working as a receptionist in a modeling agency in Hawaii and looking for a way to break into the modeling world.

Now just six months later, Brooke Alexander is Miss World America and is residing in New York for the next six months — her base from which she will make appearances throughout the entire country.

"In my wildest dreams I never thought anything like this would happen to me," says the attractive blonde. "It's a real opportunity for me and I plan to take advantage of it to the fullest."

Alexander was in Hoboken over the weekend to attend the Miss Teenage Hoboken beauty pageant and she spoke to reporters over a steak dinner at Hoboken's Clam Broth House.

Alexander said she was asked by friends at the modeling agency in Hawaii where she was working if she would enter the tryout for Hawaii's representative to Miss World America beauty pageant. She agreed.

Hawaii has no formal competition but Alexander so impressed the state organizers in a lengthy interview that she was chosen to represent the 50th state.

Late this fall she won the Miss World America title over 51 other women at New York's Studio 54. "Everyone was worried that be-

ing a beauty queen was going to change me," she says. "My mother, my boyfriend who's going to college on the West Coast, just about everyone I know. But it's not going to change me. I believe in being real and honest and I'm going to continue to do that."

Alexander admits that in winning a beauty contest as well as in becoming a successful model there is a danger of the fame going to one's head.

"People start thinking they are great, that they are hot stuff," she says. "But I know I'm just a person who has problems like everyone else."

Alexander says she sees her Miss World America title as a golden way to break into the modeling business. But she says if she doesn't get any modeling contracts within the next year she will leave the profession and go to college.

"My other love is film and photography," she says. "If I can't make it in modeling then I'll try that."

Alexander's spare-time interests center around sports.

"I love basketball especially," says the five-foot-eight-inch beauty queen. "I played on our high school basketball team for four years."

Other sports that Alexander says she loves include tennis and, with coming from Hawaii, of course, swimming.

Tom LaBruno is living a dream

By Mary Fitzgibbons

When the name Hoboken is mentioned, people think of two legends — Frank Sinatra and the Clam Broth House.

But all that might soon change if Tom LaBruno has his way. A native son of the "miracle mile," the 18-year-old's career as a professional model and actor are on the ascent.

LaBruno's story reads like a Hollywood movie script.

The five-foot-eight-inch brown-eyed brunette has been interested in entertaining since he was a youngster.

And at the age of 16, he got his chance to prove himself in an entertainment special sponsored by the Hoboken Community Development Agency.

At the show one night sat a talent agent, who spotted LaBruno and signed him with the Ford Modeling Agency.

On the day he signed with the agency, LaBruno got his first job — to pose for the cover of a teen magazine.

From that moment on, his career took off.

LaBruno has participated in fashion shows for Pierre Cardin and has modeled clothes by famous designers in ads for Bloomingdale's and Saks Fifth Avenue.

LaBruno describes his look as "Italian preppy."

His going rate? \$100 an hour," he says.

To many youngsters, this success might be enough, but not for LaBruno. He had been bitten by the cing bug and wants to try his luck on the boards.

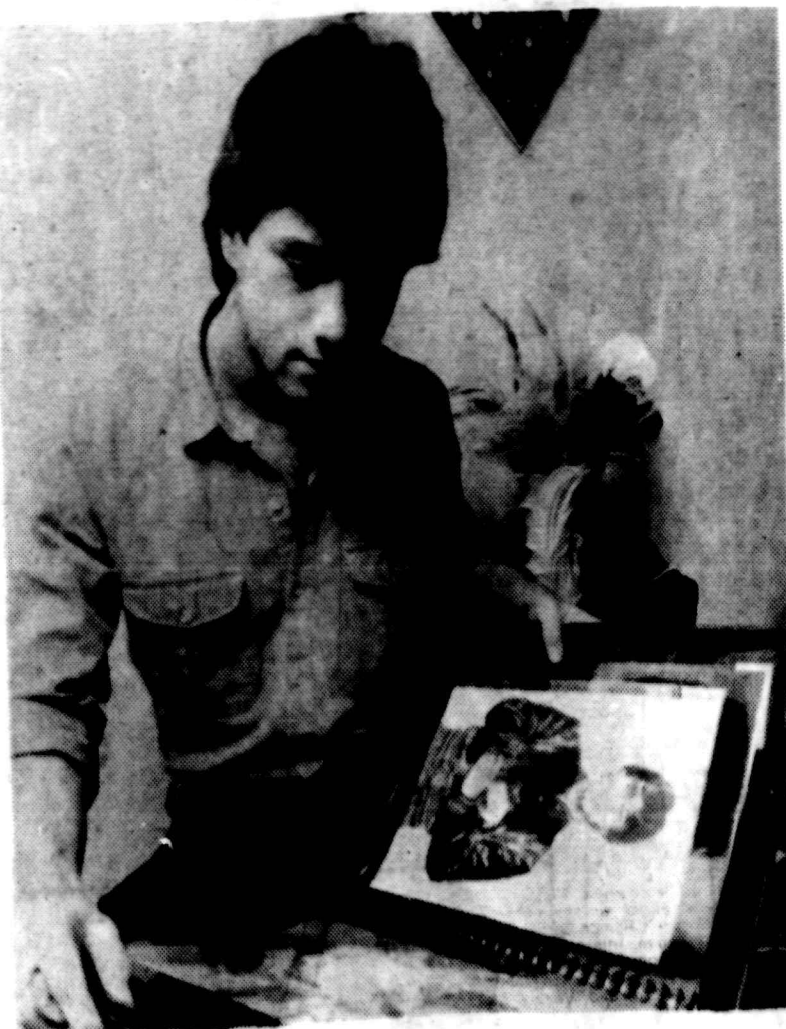
Success has followed the Hoboken High School graduate here as well.

LaBruno recently completed a starring role in a television movie called "A Man of Honor." His co-stars include Ben Gazzar and Paul Sorvino.

The movie, which was filmed on location in Staten Island, has a May air date.

LaBruno has high regard for Gazzara, who plays his father in the movie.

"He was very helpful in scenes with me," says LaBruno. "He really took time out to develop a father-son relationship with me that was necessary for the script."



Hoboken resident Tom LaBruno, who works as a professional model and as an actor, thumbs through a scrapbook of his Hudson Street home.

La Bruno especially enjoyed the feeling of camaraderie on the set because he says it reminded him of home.

Home consists of his father Sal, an employee of the city's school system, and mother Kay, a CETA worker, as well as three brothers and one sister.

One of his older brothers, Carmen, is a detective-sergeant with the Hoboken Police Department.

The future holds great things for the bachelor model-actor.

He recently completed a screen test for CBS Television and is up for one of the lead roles in a projected series called "Family Reunion," starring Bette Davis.

Acting and diction lessons in New York City also take up much of LaBruno's free time. But for him that's all part of the job.

Fires leave over 60 homeless

By LENA H. SUN

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Two fires during the weekend destroyed two buildings, heavily damaged others, injured one firefighter and left more than 60 people homeless.

The causes of the blazes were still undetermined yesterday.

Early yesterday morning, a two-alarm fire quickly engulfed and gutted two wood-frame houses at 71 and 73 Monroe St. and caused extensive water damage to the first floor of St. Joseph's Church next door.

No injuries were reported in the fire, which broke out at 4:50 a.m. The 17 tenants in the two buildings are living with friends and relatives.

On Saturday, a three-alarm fire burned through the top two floors of a five-story brick tenement at 108 14th St., leaving more than 50 people homeless and heavily damaging the rest of the building and two adjacent ones.

Fire officials said the blaze started at 2:30 p.m. on the fourth floor and burned through the roof.

Fire Capt. Alan Brause was taken from the scene of the fire to St. Mary Hospital, where he was treated and released for burns on his neck, back and left shin.

The Red Cross moved all the tenants to the Holiday Inn at 3827 Tonnele Ave. in North Bergen, fire officials said.

Charred walls were all that remained of the two buildings on Monroe Street.

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Some say 'wild dogs,' chief calls it hogwash

By Mary Fitzgibbons

A pack of 12 wild dogs is terrorizing residents of Hoboken's Fourth Ward and dirtying up the ward besides, according to Councilman Louis Francione.

The councilman said the dogs have residents afraid to walk the streets at night.

"Everyone's really scared about it," said Francione.

But the police chief called the report "hogwash."

Francione says he has gone to Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina about the problem but said nothing has been done about it. Farina was unavailable for comment.

One resident of the Fourth Ward, Lois Johnson, 65, said she was almost attacked by one of the dogs Wednesday night.

"It was terrible," she said. "I was walking home from the grocery store with a bag of dog food when all of a sudden this giant dog comes from out of nowhere and starts barking. I thought that was the end of me but all of a sudden he went away."

Mrs. Johnson said as the dog ran away another two dogs joined it and they also seemed to come out of nowhere.

George Crimmins Sr., Hoboken police chief, however, said he had no reports of any pack of dogs being loose in the Fourth Ward.

"I would say the whole thing is a lot of hogwash," said Crimmins.

The police chief said any incident involving dogs on the loose was an isolated one.

Dinner dance to help save aging Sacred Heart Academy

By Mary Fitzgibbons

A 112-year-old Hoboken institution is in danger of closing its doors forever unless the public helps.

The Academy of the Sacred Heart High School, a Catholic learning center for girls for over a century needs public support in order to upgrade and continue its services.

To achieve this aim, the school is sponsoring a fundraising dinner-dance on Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken.

"We need help, its as simple as that," says Mary Ashe, a spokesman for the school.

The funds collected through the

Feb. 28 event will go toward three main areas:

- Restoration of a brownstone next to the school as a residence for the Sisters of Charity, who staff the school.

- Renovations within the school to provide additional class space and resource rooms for instructional purposes.

- To provide financial aid for students.

"The seven nuns who teach at the school are living in the school itself," says the spokesman in describing the need for public and private funding.

The seven Sisters of Charity and 23 staff faculty follow an academic

line of instruction aimed at preparing students for college. College preparatory subjects, including classes in journalism and computer sciences, are taught.

The school, with a total enrollment of 215 girls has an 80 percent college attendance rate, says the spokesman.

Persons interested in attending the dinner-dance fund-raiser are urged to contact Mary Ashe at the school, 713 Washington St., Hoboken, N.J. 07030.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Dappiello and Jersey Journal Woman of Achievement, Mary Stack Gaspar are co-chairmen of the event.

Calligy weighs ban on rent increases

Hoboken's law department has been unable to determine whether it would be legal to place a 13-month ban on hardship rent increases for landlords — one of the main changes being considered by a committee looking into revising the city's rent leveling ordinance.

Thomas Calligy, assistant city

law director, said previous court decisions concerning challenges of various city's rent leveling laws have not been clear enough.

Calligy said the courts ruled that rent control and rent leveling laws were legal if landlords were allowed to make a reasonable return on their investment. But he said a reasonable

return has never been defined and it is not clear whether putting a temporary ban on hardship rent increases would be considered not entitling a landlord to his reasonable return.

Hoboken City Council President Walter Cramer said if the law department can't make a decision he would be in favor of putting the ban in effect.



Hoboken historian John Heaney displays one of the historical plates in his home collection.

Hoboken history is recalled by 'Mr. History'

By Randolph Diamond

"Mr. History" sits in his 11th Street house in Hoboken and reminisces about the Stevens family and the Elysian Fields of colonial days, the cobblestoned tree-lined streets of row houses and the boat clubs.

John Heaney is Hoboken's historian, having been appointed officially to that position last fall. Heaney had been considered the unofficial Hoboken historian for the last 30 years.

During the bicentennial in 1976 he wrote a 176-page history of Hoboken, which was filled with historical anecdotes and stories about people who made Hoboken's history. It contained more than 200 pictures of old street scenes, homes and public buildings.

"It was a labor of love," said Heaney, who spent more than a year researching the book.

In conversation with Heaney, the topic of the Stevens

family seems to predominate.

"How can anyone study Hoboken history and overlook the accomplishments, generosity and just plain activity of one of the nation's first families?" he asked.

Heaney's other devotion is to Holy Innocents Episcopal Church where he acts as a caretaker.

The historian is impressed with the Hoboken renaissance of the last few years, saying it has put charm back in the Mile Square City.

"A lot of buildings are being restored," said Heaney. "This city is on the rise again."

In his home he has volumes of history gleaned from spending hours with the late Col. Basil M. Stevens when the pair worked into the night collecting data and doing research on Stevens family members.

Heaney is considering writing a second book on Hoboken.

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yesterday. A strip of red curtain dangled from a broken window of the smaller two-story, pale green house where Leo Medina lived with his wife and five children.

"I put all my savings into these two houses," the 45-year-old landlord said yesterday as he surveyed the scene. "And all of a sudden everything goes down the drain."

"But I don't get tired of thanking the Lord enough because nobody got hurt, not even a scratch," he added. "And I feel good, because life cannot be replaced. I didn't even cry."

Medina said the tenants were able to get out of both buildings in time because they had been alerted by smoke detectors and fire alarms.

Around 4:30 a.m., he recalled, the tenant on the first floor of the three-story house next door pounded on his door to tell him of a fire in her kitchen. With his

18-year-old son Albert, Medina tried to put out the flames with a fire extinguisher.

"But it was too late," he recalled. "By that time, everybody was out except for the top floor tenants (of No. 73). I could hear them screaming on the roof, and there was smoke everywhere."

Using a fire exit that led from his house to the roof, Medina was able to reach the six tenants who were stranded and bring them out of the building.

The smaller house where Medina lived was insured for \$25,000 and the larger, which he rented out to three families, for \$30,000. He is still not sure how much he will receive from the insurance company.

"But whatever I get," he vowed yesterday, "I plan to rebuild the houses."

As neighbors and friends came to offer their sympathies yesterday, he added, "I've lived here for 25 years and I'm going to stay here. It's a beautiful neighborhood."

Cappiello wants speed on rent rule change

Hoboken's mayor and City Council are still on a collision course over revising the city's rent leveling ordinance.

Mayor Steve Cappiello today switched his position on wanting at least a two-month delay before the city's rent leveling ordinance is revised, saying he now agreed with City Council President Walter Cramer that a revision should be done by the end of this month.

But Cappiello said he still wants a special task force to study the rent leveling ordinance and said if necessary the ordinance could be revised a second time — depending on the task force's recommendations.

The mayor had originally said the task force report would take at least two months and he didn't want a revision of the rent leveling ordinance.

The mayor said that the rents of some tenants doubled and convinced him of the need for an immediate revision of the ordinance.

Cramer, however, maintained the

decision to revise the ordinance is up to the council and said he doesn't think a task force is necessary.

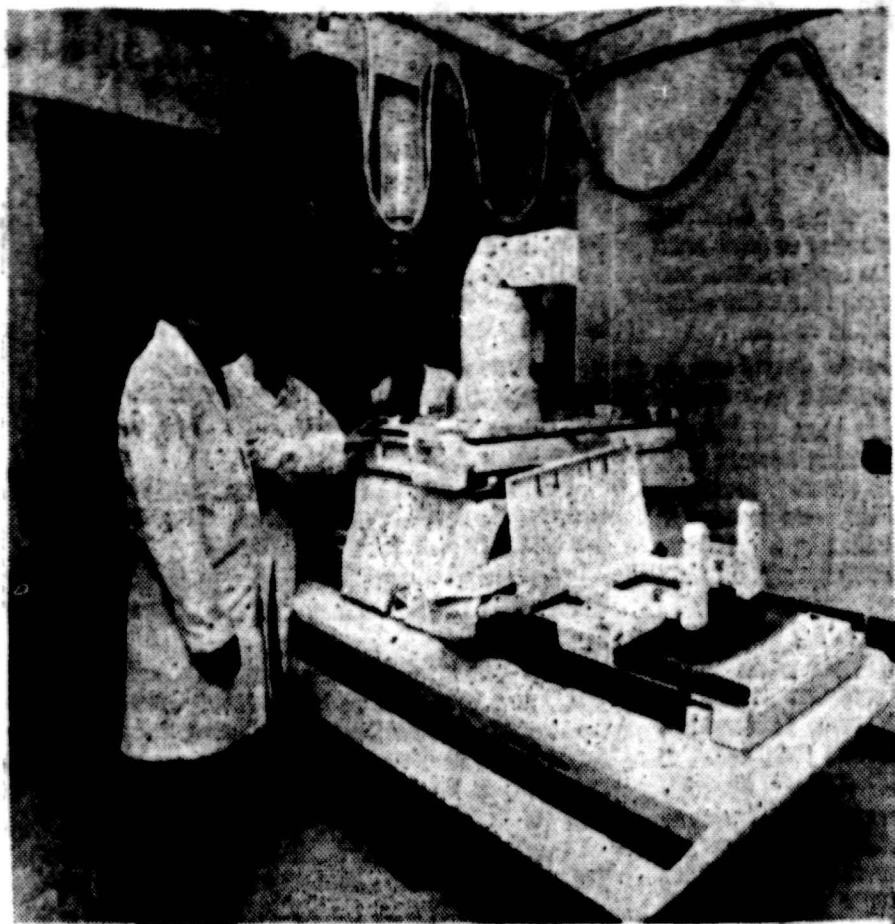
"We could study this thing to death," said Cramer. "But the issues are pretty clear and I don't see a need to revise the ordinance twice."

Cramer is believed to have the support of most of the council members.

Cappiello said he will attend Friday night's closed caucus to discuss revisions of the ordinance.

"We should have a temporary revision now so some of the high rent increases given to landlords can be stopped, but we really need a task force to study the effects the revision would have on the city," the mayor said.

St. Mary Hospital has a healthy outlook for the 80s



ST. MARY HOSPITAL, the oldest general hospital in New Jersey, continues to fulfill the health needs of residents of the area by adopting and instituting the most modern equipment, health centers and experienced staff during its 118 year history. Today, Dr. Hushang Amiri, director of radiology and Andrew James, technical administrator, on the right, view the newest radiology equipment at the hospital.

"St. Mary Hospital is looking ahead to the challenges of the 80s with renewed spirit and dedicated optimism," according to Sister Grace Frances Strauber, S.F.P., who as president heads the 330 bed Catholic hospital in Hoboken — the oldest general hospital in New Jersey.

"My optimism is based on the faith and trust in an extremely competent medical, professional and administrative staff. Our employees are dedicated and resourceful with a compassion that is felt by patients and their families," she said.

"As an institution which has been treating patients longer than any other hospital in the State of New Jersey, we have moved forward with a kind of planned progress during our 118 years of service to our community," sister explains, "because we have always been flexible in meeting the evolving health needs of the people of the seven North Hudson communities we serve."

"Our historical past gives evidence of our diversity when one realizes the kinds of programs St. Mary has responded to, such as the home for abandoned children in 1866; later its work embattling contagious disease, brought about through embarkation traffic at the Hoboken waterfront in 1888, and later the much needed St. Anthony soup kitchen of the 30s to help depression victims with two free meals a day for the poor," sister added.

There are many "firsts" that the hospital is proud of, according to Sister Grace Frances. "An orthopedic clinic,

one of the earliest in New Jersey, was established in January 1939 referrals made to it by the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis and the State Crippled Children's Commission. A physical therapy unit established in 1945 and in 1955 and a 45-bed maternity building that was converted from a contagious disease wing. In 1958, an inpatient psychiatric unit was started which today has been expanded, modernized and backs up our Community Mental Health Center a few short blocks away.

"It makes our mission more critical than ever in the history of our hospital," she added, "but I am optimistic about overcoming obstacles of the future because of our startling achievements of the past."

St. Mary Hospital stands out as an inner city hospital that has been able to stay in the forefront by providing modern and up-to-date facilities in which it renders outstanding health care. During the 1970s the physical plant was completely rebuilt.

St. Mary Hospital ranks as one of the top medical centers in the United States. It is located in Hoboken near the original site that four Franciscan nuns of the Sisters of the Poor founded in 1863.

St. Mary was founded Jan. 11, 1863 by four Franciscan sisters of the Poor who came to Hoboken to establish a hospital at the request of the Rev. Anthony Cauvin, first pastor of Our Lady of Grace Church. Its continuing mission is to provide for the health care needs of the residents of the City of Hoboken and the communities of Union City, Weehawken, North Bergen, Guttenberg, West New York, Secaucus, as well as neighboring portions of Jersey City.

The most recent modernization and rehabilitation project was completed just last month in Jan. 1981 with the opening of a modern, newly equipped Radiology Department that was in the planning and development stages for the past five years.

As an acute care, community hospital, St. Mary provides the following patient services:

Acute Care Services - A full range of inpatient and outpatient specialty and

sub-specialty medical and surgical services for the acutely ill of all ages.

Critical Care Services - are provided in a consolidated center which contains a Coronary Intensive Care Unit, a Medical/Surgical Intensive Care Unit and a Special/Care Unit for patients in need of intermediate levels of care.

Obstetrical Services - A new unit which focuses on both parents with the opportunity to participate in the child-birth experience. The unit includes private labor rooms, a birthing unit, and sophisticated monitoring equipment.

Cardiology services complete for diagnostic and treatment for both adult and child alike are provided. Individualized programs for cardiac evaluation and exercise training helps identify hidden cardiac problems.

Psychiatric and Mental Health Services are available in both a comprehensive mental health center and a new short term acute care inpatient unit in a residential setting.

Emergency Services - Professional emergency 24-hour services are available to area residents on a 7-day a week basis with modern lifesaving equipment and skilled professional care.

Rehabilitation Services - Diagnostic and therapeutic services designed to assist in the post-acute phase of illness or disabilities, including the fitting and use of prosthetic devices.

Hoboken wants to hire rent raise referee

Members of Hoboken's City Council have reached agreement on a number of revisions in the city's rent-leveling ordinance.

The agreement came at a closed meeting of the city council on Friday night and the revisions sought were announced publicly today by Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri.

The revisions council members want, according to Ranieri, are as follows:

- Putting a ban on hardship rent increases for new property owners for 13 months.
- Hiring a trained referee who will recommend to the rent-leveling board whether a hardship rent-increase application should be approved.
- Barring a landlord from remortgaging his

building unless he can show it is being done to provide funds for renovation.

- Allowing landlords to pass along any increase in fuel bills to tenants.

Ranieri said he feels the hiring of the referee is the key to the whole revision since such a person would be trained in and have extensive knowledge of rent-leveling laws.

"The rent-leveling board is now making decisions that are frankly going over the heads of its members," he said. "They are a volunteer board and they do not have the expertise to fully understand the financial information a landlord provides to them when he asks for a hardship increase."

Ranieri said the rent-leveling board would still

make final decisions after hearing the referee's opinion.

In some cases, the councilman said, rent increases have been granted by the rent-leveling board when capital improvements were made which did not directly benefit the tenants. But, Ranieri notes, a close reading of the ordinance indicates that in considering a rent increase, the board should determine whether the capital improvements have benefited the tenant.

Ironically, the revision barring remortgaging except when the money goes to improve a property would have invalidated a decision last month in which Ranieri's brother, Rudolph, was allowed to almost double the rents at a building he owns.

Ranieri had remortgaged his property after he had

paid up his initial mortgage, saying he needed more money to pay for his two daughter's college education.

The councilman said the ban on hardship rent increases for 13 months would prevent landlords from intentionally putting low down payments on buildings so they could get a large mortgage and a hardship rent increase. He said council members felt the fuel pass-along was only fair since landlords are being hit with higher and higher fuel bills.

Ranieri said he will ask the law department to determine this week whether the council's planned revisions are legal and then he said the council will have one more closed building meeting to go over the revisions once more.

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Hoboken wants referee for rents

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The councilman said the soonest he sees the ordinance being introduced would be the beginning of March.

Hoboken City Council President Walter Cramer had said he wanted the council to act on a revision of the ordinance by the end of this month. But Ranieri says that would be impossible, given the fact that there are a number of steps that must take place before the new ordinance becomes law, including holding a public hearing after the ordinance is introduced.

Guess what Hoboken's tool library doesn't have

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken's free tool library, where First Ward homeowners were to borrow power tools for free, hasn't done any business since its official grand opening in early January.

The reason is simple — it has no tools. In fact, Hoboken Housing and Neighborhood Development Coordinator Sal Santaniello admitted the tools — \$2,000 worth of them — had only been ordered yesterday and said it would be at least another two weeks before they arrive.

State Community Development Director Joseph LeFante attended the "grand opening," along with Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto and other Hudson County political figures.

LeFante's agency had given Hoboken \$100,000 for a variety of projects in the First Ward, including the tool bank.

It was announced at the ceremony that the tool bank would be opened the following week.

The man who made that announcement, Victor Valazquez, director of the state-funded program in the First Ward, said today he just said that the tool bank would be open — not that there would be tools there.

Why hadn't the tools been ordered? All Valazquez would say is it takes time.

Santaniello, however, said Valazquez made a mistake in announcing the opening of the office when there were no tools.

"He was new on the job and he made a mistake," said Santaniello.

Valazquez had been on the city payroll since November. Santaniello maintained the delay in ordering the tools was because it took awhile to determine exactly what tools were needed.

"We wanted to plan this right," he said. "For example, we spent two weeks determining the size of the cage that would adequately cover the tools. We want to do this right."

The tool bank office at 141 Garden St. has also been plagued with flooding (when it rains) ever since the city rented the office in December.

The city pays \$300 a month rent to landlord Irene Fugazzi for the office.

Santaniello maintained he knew nothing about the flooding problem when the office was rented and said the city is trying to resolve the problem.

Gambling raid nets 8 persons

HOBOKEN—Eight persons were arrested and about \$4,000 in cash was seized in a raid by the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office on an alleged illegal gambling establishment here yesterday afternoon.

Prosecutor Harold Ravoldt said seven persons were taken into custody at an abandoned restaurant on Fourth Street, where the cash and alleged gambling bets and records were seized.

Marilyn G. Sica, 36, of 312 7th St., North Bergen, was arrested as she was getting into her car near 300 Jefferson St., he said. The car, a 1969 Oldsmobile, also was confiscated.

Also arrested were Joseph Mascolo, 46, and James D. Malatesta, 50, both of 414 Grand St., Hoboken; Gilberto Torres, 45, 457 12th St., Hoboken; Sam J. Saulina, 78, 46 Pierce Ave., Jersey City; Vincent J. Salome, 60, 82 Fulton St., Weehawken; Joseph Buscolich, 47, of 457 Third St., Pullman Park; and Ronald Montanile, 28, of Belleville.

Ravoldt said the raids were made with search warrants issued after the location had been watched and activity discovered. — Camille Estay

They help themselves by helping others

By Randolph Diamond

A hospital stay can often be a lonely and frightening experience but a group of Hoboken high school students are trying to make the experience a little less painful for some patients.

The students are volunteering to run the craft cart program in St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken, the only program of its kind at a Hudson County hospital.

While other hospitals in Hudson County have volunteer programs, none of them allow high school students to work directly with the patients — as the 14 Hoboken High School students now participating in the craft cart program are doing.

The high school students visit the patients in their room with carts full of crafts and teach them how to make anything from a necklace to a puppet. "The key to the program is the patients not only have something to keep themselves busy by learning to do the various crafts but that they also get companionship from the volunteers," said Sue Wallace, a hospital occupational therapist.

Ms. Wallace helped organize the

program two years ago because of what she says was the great need for it.

"There are numerous elderly people who become patients here, for example, and many of them don't have any family left in the Hoboken area," Ms. Wallace said. "There is a need for them to socialize and have stimulation and often the nursing staff is so over-burdened that they don't have the chance to do it."

But just as important Ms. Wallace says the program is also offering an opportunity for the high school volunteers to learn how to relate to people better by having them talk to and teach the patients and also gives them a chance to find out what a hospital career would be like.

Carmen Ortiz, who is 15 and a sophomore in Hoboken High School, has been participating in the craft cart program just a little over four months but already she says she has decided to enter the medical field because of it.

"I had no idea what I wanted to do for a living before I started volunteering in the hospital," she said. "I had just heard of the program and figured

it would give me something to do after school."

But Miss Ortiz says she soon found herself going from volunteering one day a week a program to working every day of the week.

"I really enjoy helping the patients by teaching them the crafts and talking to them," she said. "It gives me a nice feeling when I see someone sad and lonely change to being happy after I am with them for a while."

Another volunteer, 15-year-old Naomi Rivera, says participating in the program has made her less shy.

"I used to have problems talking to people, but I feel better about it now," she said. "And I've got interested in crafts and I do some of the projects myself that we teach the patients at home."

The students who participate in the program say generally patients are very receptive to their presence through an occasion they meet someone who just isn't interested in participating.

Miss Ortiz remembers one patient who started yelling at her — wanting to know why the high school student wanted her to participate.

"I couldn't get it through to her that I just wanted to help," she said.

But most patients seem to feel like Sue Vella, a middle-aged woman who was in St. Mary Hospital for a few weeks last month for a heart condition.

"It gives you something to do while you're in the hospital," she said. "I would have to say that the visit of the students was my daily entertainment. But what's really nice is I can take all the craft projects I made home with me."

Henry Henning and Ann Accetta are the mother and father of the program, acting as counselors to the volunteers, most of whom are girls ranging in age from 14 to 18.

Henning and Ms. Accetta both senior citizens, help the volunteers improve their communications skills with patients and show them how to do the various crafts projects.

"The nice thing I see is the growth in the volunteers," said Ms. Accetta, a volunteer herself in the hospital for many years. "They learn how to take responsibility by caring for other people. The patients benefit and so do they."

Hoboken needs more punch in time card rule

By Randolph Diamond

One year after Hoboken decided to use time cards to keep track of city employees' work hours, abuses still exist, according to the man who instituted the new system.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said he has learned of situations where employees have been late but their names have been signed on their time cards by fellow employees to indicate they came on time. "It's going on in most of the city's departments,

including mine," said Chius. "It's not super-wide spread but there are definitely some abuses."

Chius said the responsibility to make sure employees truthfully report hours rests with the city's department directors, including himself.

"I'm going to be more careful in supervising my employees and I expect other department directors to do the same," he said. Chius said he expects to meet with other city department directors later this week.

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The business administrator said he has not yet determined which city department has the most abuses concerning the time cards but said he did find two divisions — the library and the health department — where time cards are properly signed.

"In those departments if someone comes in at 9:20 a.m. instead of 9 o'clock then it goes on the timecard as 9:20 a.m.," Chius said.

Ranieri balks at Hoboken fighting fires in the Shades

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri today blasted a plan under which the Hoboken Fire Department would fight fires in the Shades downtown section of Weehawken without any reimbursement from Weehawken.

Ranieri, who is running for re-election as a councilman on Mayor Steve Cappiello's ticket, said the taxpayers of Hoboken shouldn't be forced to pay for services being provided in Weehawken. Our taxpayers are burdened enough as it is," he said.

Cappiello had said last Wednesday that Hoboken and Weehawken officials were working out the mechanics of an agreement under which Hoboken would help out during fires in the Shades section.

Cappiello's announcement came after Lindsley announced the closing of Weehawken's firehouse at 18th Street and Willow Avenue because the building had become structurally unsafe. Weehawken is also scheduled to lay off 11 firemen.

Cappiello maintained today that the agreement with Weehawken is just an expanded form of the mutual aid pact now in effect between Hoboken and Weehawken.

The mayor said a Weehawken deputy fire chief will respond first to a fire scene and then if it's a major fire, will call Hoboken in addition to calling for more manpower from the Weehawken fire department.

Hoboken's business administrator, Edwin Chius, also said the new system is really not much different from the old one.

"It really makes no difference between what we will be doing and what we had been doing," he said. "The announcement of the Hoboken fire coverage of Weehawken was just made to get Lindsley off the hook for closing down a firehouse."

Weehawken officials could not be reached for comment.

Ranieri said he was especially disturbed over Hoboken helping out Weehawken with their fire department problems because Weehawken refused to

help out Hoboken four years ago when Hoboken officials asked them to renegotiate a contract for sewage disposal with Hoboken.

In 1958 Weehawken signed a 35-year agreement with Hoboken calling for sewage disposal services to be provided for Weehawken at the cost of \$20,000 a year.

But Ranieri says the actual cost to Hoboken now is \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year for the services provided. He said Weehawken officials refused to renegotiate.

Ranieri also said he did not see how Cappiello could put into effect the new fire-fighting plan without getting the Hoboken City Council's approval.

Cappiello said approval by the council was not needed because this was nothing more than expanded mutual aid. But after being informed of Ranieri's criticism, he said he would take the issue to the council.

Hoboken Fire Chief James Houn said the plan for Hoboken to give extra aid to Weehawken has already gone into effect.

Hoboken to start revising rent law soon

Hoboken City Council President Walter Cramer said today that the council should be ready to start proposing revisions of the city's rent-leveling law shortly.

Cramer said the only delay now is the scheduling of a meeting with representatives from banks in Hoboken to find out what their views would be on revising the rent-control ordinance. Cramer said he expects that meeting could be held "very shortly."

The council has already met with representatives from the real estate interests and tenants. Once the meeting with the banking officials is held, Cramer said, the council will be ready to start firming up the exact revisions they want in the rent-leveling law.

Cramer had already proposed a

ban on hardship rent increases for new owners of buildings for a period of three years and banning the use of second mortgages as a base for hardship increase.

Today, however, he softened his ban on the three-year ban for hardship increases, saying a time period less than that might better serve the needs of the Hoboken community.

Cramer said he was concerned the three-year ban could have a detrimental effect on investment in real estate in Hoboken.

The council president did, however, present a new proposal calling for a 25-percent ceiling on any hardship rent increase.

This, Cramer said, would stop the current hardship rent increase being granted by the rent-leveling board which has in some cases doubled tenants' rents.

Defer talks on rent rule revisions

About 25 Hoboken tenants, who attended last night's council caucus meeting in order to discuss proposed revisions to the city's rent control ordinance, will have to wait until tonight to be heard.

Meanwhile, Mayor Steve Cappiello said he agrees with the recommendations as announced by Councilman Robert Ranieri on Monday.

The tenants had come to the meeting because of reports circulating through the city that the council would specifically discuss the revision, according to Sister Norberto, of St. Francis parish, one of the city's leading tenant organizers.

However, council president Walter Cramer announced to the audience before the meeting that the revisions were not on the agenda and would not be discussed and there would be no public participation.

Despite Cramer's comments, most of the tenants remained through the meeting, hoping, Sister Norberto said, that the councilmen would bring up the subject.

Ranieri said after the meeting that he would discuss the proposed revisions at tonight's regular meeting, beginning at 7 p.m., if it is brought up during the public session.

Sister Norberto said she would definitely bring up the revisions.

Sister Norberto said she was withholding any judgment until she could examine the revisions at length.

Among the revisions announced by Ranieri were: putting a ban on hardship rent increases for new property owners for 13 months; hiring a trained referee to recommend on hardship applications; barring a landlord from remortgaging his building unless it is for renovations; and allowing fuel costs to be passed along to tenants.

Earlier in the day, Cappiello said he favored most of the recommendations. He also said he no longer

believes a task force he had proposed to study changes would be necessary because of the announced revisions would be enough.

Also at the meeting, Councilman Louis Francone and Public Works Director Andrew Amato became engaged in a heated discussion on how dirty the city's streets are.

Francone charged that city street-cleaning crews were not doing a proper job in cleaning the streets. Amato countered that his department does not have the manpower and that maintenance of street-cleaning machines was not being properly done by the public safety department.

Editor, The Dispatch:

On behalf of Hoboken Recreation Commission, I wish to congratulate you and your staff on the conscientious job they did at church Square Park recently following the heavy snowstorm. Many of us witnessed how you had the park carefully swept and clean within hours of the snowfall. We were particularly pleased and amazed at the effort you made to clear the snow from the basketball courts so that the children would still be able to play and many did!

Your tireless dedication is very much appreciated. Thank you again for trying to make Hoboken a nice place to live.

Sue Ellen Newman
Chairperson
Hoboken

Fire pact will have Shades covered by Hoboken's men

By Peter Hallam

Hoboken and Weehawken fire officials are working out the mechanics of an agreement under which Hoboken will help out during fires in the Shades downtown section of Weehawken.

Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken said that he and Mayor Wally P. Lindsley met Wednesday afternoon on the matter, prompted by the closing of Weehawken's firehouse at 18th Street and Willow Avenue because the building had become structurally unsafe.

"Chief James Houn of the Hoboken Fire Department and Chief Robert Cahill of the Weehawken Fire Department are working out the mechanics as quickly as possible so that Hoboken can provide fire protection service to the southern portion of Weehawken," said Cappiello. "We see it as a form of expanded mutual aid."

Cappiello added that, as Weehawken's neighbor,

Hoboken was helping out the township during an emergency situation and that Weehawken would do the same for Hoboken if the situation were reversed.

Since the firehouse was closed more than a week ago, the men who manned it have been reassigned to the Jane Street and Park Avenue firehouses and their engines put in storage. The Jane Street firehouse is the closest to the Shades area. However, Hoboken's firehouse at 14th and Washington streets is even closer and will be the source of most responses to fire calls from the Shades.

According to Cappiello, the agreement is only a temporary measure. Hoboken will become involved in firefighting operations only when a structure is burning. Minor fires such as those in autos or grass will still be handled by Weehawken, he said.

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Although the agreement has not been brought to the attention of the firemen's unions in Hoboken and Weehawken, Cappiello said he didn't anticipate any problems.

Hoboken firemen are represented by the International Association of Firefighters Local 1076 and 1078, and Weehawken is represented by the firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association. Officials of those groups were not available for comment.

Meanwhile, the Weehawken FMBA doesn't believe that the township's financial crisis is real and

may demand an audit following the notification of 11 firemen that they will be laid off.

A spokesman for the FMBA said prior to the announcement by the two mayors that it is conferring with its attorney on the possibility of having an audit conducted on the township's records for the last two or three years to determine whether the financial problems are real or the result of "mismanagement."

"Following an \$11 tax increase last year we find it extremely difficult to believe that the township is really as financially-strapped as officials are making out," he said.

"And, if it is, was it really beyond the control of our elected officials to prevent it or was it due to their actions?"

The 11 firemen were among 48 township employees who received layoff notices with their paychecks yesterday. Eleven policemen and the police matron also got the notices. The remaining 25 employees come from other municipal agencies. If the township follows through—and there's a chance that it won't—about one-third of the total workforce will be eliminated.

According to Lindsley, it is unlikely that all 48 employees will be laid off since the township expects some financial assistance from the state.

Lindsley said the layoffs were the result of a number of factors over which the township had no direct con-

trol. The major one was the failure of Seatrail Lines to pay its taxes for 1979 and 1980.

"There was no way we could have foreseen this," he said. "It probably would have happened regardless of who was in office."

Held as disorderly

Port Authority police arrested a Newark man at the Hoboken PATH station early today and charged him with disorderly conduct, aggravated assault and resisting arrest. Hoboken Police said Estaban Santiago, 28, punched P.A. Patrolman Thomas Pittarese when he was being placed under arrest for using loud and abusive language around 2:30 a.m. According to police, Santiago had to be subdued by several policemen and the motorman.

Hoboken's parking worst in nation

By Randolph Diamond

A consultant's report commissioned by the Hoboken Parking Authority at the cost of \$12,000 has found that the city's parking problem may be the worst in the entire country and that finding a parking space at night is next to impossible.

The study done by Frank McGee Associates of Washington, D.C., concludes that 800 more parking spaces would be needed to adequately serve the needs of uptown Hoboken. In fact, Joseph Hottendorf, Hoboken Parking Authority executive director, said officials of McGee Associates told him they have never seen a more severe parking shortage in all the cities they have surveyed in the United States than ex-

ists in uptown Hoboken.

The survey concluded that after 11 p.m., 105 to 107 percent of all parking spaces in the area of uptown Hoboken between 9th and 14th streets and Hudson Street and Willow Avenue are filled.

"What this means is that it's impossible to find a parking space late at night," said Hottendorf. "And it means that people are parking in crosswalks, in bus stops and by hydrants."

The surveyers also interviewed 155 people about their feelings concerning parking in the uptown section and only one didn't complain.

Some of the typical comments the reports cite from those filling out the survey are: "It stinks" and

"The parking here is worse than anywhere."

Hottendorf, who only has a draft copy of the report, is now waiting for the final report to be printed so he can discuss it with members of the city council. It will be up to the council to decide whether they want a phase-II report which would deal specifically with the possible locations of parking lots uptown.

The parking authority last year opened up a 23-car parking lot at 11th Street and Willow Avenue in the uptown section. It cost \$40,000 to build.

But Hottendorf admits that that lot is just a drop in the bucket in solving Hoboken's parking problems. He

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said that even a few more small lots would not do that much to change the parking situation uptown.

But he said it would not be possible to build a garage uptown, as the authority did ten years ago when it built three downtown garages. The

authority would be unable to float bond issue as it did to build the downtown garages.

Hottendorf noted that when the authority floated a million-dollar bond issue 10 years ago, it did so with the stipulation that it would not float any more bonds until the old ones were retired. Hottendorf says that will not be until the year 2010.

Cappiello subpoenaed in fed probe

UNION CITY—A federal investigation of allegations of municipal corruption has spread to the campaign finances of the regular Democratic organization here and to the city of Hoboken.

Federal agents served a subpoena on Union City Commissioner Arthur Wichert, the former treasurer of the Y.O.U. (Your Operation Uplift) campaign, and on Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello. The grand jury

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By JIM DOWDY

Staff Writer
is investigating an incomplete \$136,179 contract that Hoboken's Community Development Agency has with the Orlando Construction Co.

The owner of Orlando, Rudolph Orlandini, has told FBI agents that he paid over \$500,000 in bribes and kickbacks to city officials from a construction contract with the board of education in Union City. He claimed he generated the cash for the bribes by charging the board for work and supplies that were never delivered.

In Hoboken, Orlandini worked on the Municipal Square Park, a small lot between City Hall and the public works garage.

"We'll cooperate fully," said Mayor Steve Cappiello, who said he was served with the subpoena yesterday.

He said he does not know of any Hoboken officials who have been informed that they are targets of the grand jury. The records are due before the federal grand jury in Newark on Feb. 18, the mayor said.

Cappiello said the Community Development Agency, which he oversees, had contracted with Orlando to work on the park, although he had few details.

Other Hoboken sources said Orlando was awarded the contract early in 1979, and was paid approximately \$80,000 by the summer of 1979.

The sources said Hoboken officials became concerned when they learned through articles in The Dispatch that Orlandini was not paying subcontractors on the Union City projects for supplies and services. The officials were also alarmed, according to sources, when they learned the board of education had paid directly some subcontractors that Orlandini should

have paid, in effect, paying twice for the same goods and work.

Hoboken officials reportedly asked for certification that the subcontractors had been paid by Orlandini. According to the sources, this was never provided, and the Community Development Agency paid approximately \$30,000 directly to the subcontractors.

The Community Development Agency projects are funded by federal monies. Fred Bado, the director, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

In Union City, the grand jury is now making an inquiry into the 1978 campaign finance records of the Y.O.U. team. Wichert, who was not a candidate that year, was the treasurer of the campaign and was served with the subpoena yesterday.

"Anybody who wanted to do a little work could get the records down in Trenton," he said.

Urges merger of 2 school offices

An analysis of the Hoboken School District's business administrator's office by the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce and Industry recommends combining the position of business administrator with that of the board's secretary and giving the school superintendent full power to veto decisions made by the person in the new position.

The report comes shortly after criticism of the business administrator's and secretary's offices

by school board member Steven Block.

Block criticized both offices two years ago in a report that was sanctioned by the mayor, saying they were poorly managed. And he repeated that criticism in a recent interview with The Jersey Journal.

The chamber's report, sanctioned by the school district, also found a number of other deficiencies in the operation of the business administrator's office, which is headed

by First Ward Councilman Anthony Romano.

Among the findings:

- The school system had made no provision for security at its facilities.
- There are not enough personnel and/or budget funds going into the maintenance of school buildings.

- The school system's carpenters are being used to replace glass in broken windows and doors when it would be most cost efficient to use

outside contractors.

- There is not enough competitive bidding in the procurement of supplies for the school lunch program.
- There are no standard forms used by the maintenance department so that principals can state what is wrong in their buildings.

The report says the combination of the business administrator and secretary's office would lead to more effective management.

Council can't rush change in rent rules

Although Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello still wants the city's rent leveling ordinance revised immediately, the City Council is sticking to its guns and maintaining that such action can't be taken until March.

About 60 people from tenant and homeowner organizations attended last night's council meeting. Council President Walter Cramer invited discussion on the revisions after the regular meeting ended.

After listening to the input, Cramer told the audience that he couldn't give a timetable because the council is still meeting with consultants from various groups.

Cappiello said he wanted special council meetings to rush the revision but Councilman Robert Ranieri said it wouldn't help.

"With all due respect to the mayor," said Ranieri, "the special meetings would be to no avail if there aren't actual amendments prepared by the council, approved in form by the Law Department and actually voted on by the council."

"His intentions are good but the practicalities of legislation require more time."

Earlier this week, the council revealed a number of revisions that they had agreed upon.

These included banning hardship increases for new property owners for 13 months; hiring a trained referee to recommend to the rent leveling board whether a hardship rent application should be approved; barring landlords from remortgaging their buildings unless they show it was done to provide funds for renovation; and allowing landlords to pass fuel bill increases to tenants.

In other business, the council unanimously passed ordinances for new salaries for the police chief, fire chief and policemen in general. The ordinances now go to Cappiello for his signature.

Also, the council passed, on first reading, an ordinance that would allow the water department to make repairs on service lines when the owner fails to do so and to charge the landlord for the repairs on his monthly bill. Ranieri termed the legislation a "conservation measure."

Liebers plan to renovate 25 buildings

Hoboken landlord Ernest Lieber announced plans today to fully renovate 25 of his buildings in the city's First Ward in what would be the largest rehabilitation project ever done in that area.

Lieber, who owns the buildings along with his wife, Lisalotte, have for years had a running battle with the First Ward Block Association, the state Bureau of Housing and the city over conditions in their houses.

At one point the state Bureau of Housing found over 600 violations in the Liebers' houses.

Lieber said the renovations will be done in phases and should take three years. The first renovations he said, will be done in two houses on Garden Street and should get under way by mid-spring.

Reconstruction of those two houses should be finished by the fall at which point, Lieber stated, Phase II the renovation of eight more houses, would begin.

Together the 25 buildings contain over 250 apartments.

Lieber stated that he has applied for federal funding through Hoboken's Community Development Agency.

He said he has hired former Jersey City Community Development Director Neil Piro to help him with the paper work.

Sal Santaniello, Hoboken Housing and Neighborhood Development coordinator, cautioned that the whole proposal was in the preliminary stages and said his agency has not yet given approval for the renovation of the first two houses.

Santaniello said the renovations would be done under a federal program designed to help low- and moderate-income families.

Santaniello said he expects displacement would be minimal since he said the Liebers plan to try and relocate tenants whose houses are being renovated to their other properties and eventually move them back to the rehabilitated homes.

Hoboken officials fighting over revision of rent law

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and members of the city council are on a collision course over the revision of the city's rent leveling ordinance.

The mayor said today he wants at least a two-month delay before a revision to allow him to set up a special task force to study proposed changes in the rent leveling law.

But Council President Walter Cramer said he expects the council will be ready to act on a revision of the rent leveling ordinance by the end of this month.

Cramer said he has called a special closed meeting of the city council for Friday night to discuss the revisions.

The council president, who is believed to have the support of most of the other eight council members, said the time for the council to act is now before many other hardship rent increases are approved by the rent leveling board.

A number of recent hardship increases awarded to landlords by the rent leveling board have doubled

tenants' rents and caused some of them to leave Hoboken.

Cappiello, however, said since any revision of the rent leveling ordinance could have a big effect on the sale and purchase of real estate, he doesn't want the council to act until the task force can come out with a report.

The mayor said that should take at least two months.

Cappiello said the task force would be composed of city officials, rent leveling board members, city council members and community representatives.

Cappiello also said he wants the city to hire a lawyer trained in real estate matters to work with the task force.

The mayor said he will empanel the task force by the end of this week.

But Cramer said he and fellow council members are firm on their decision to revise the rent leveling ordinance by the end of the month.

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Cappiello for tighter rent increase rules

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he wants the City Council to rewrite Hoboken's rent leveling ordinance to allow for a complete inspection of any building in the city where the landlord is asking for a hardship rent increase.

In addition, Cappiello says he wants it written into the ordinance that any landlord who owes the city back taxes cannot be granted a hardship increase, or even the normal 7½ percent rent increase landlords are automatically allocated under the rent leveling law.

But, the mayor said he would be opposed to a proposal that has been advocated by Council President Walter Cramer that would ban hardship rent increases for a set period of time.

Cramer had first proposed a three-year ban but now says he's flexible on the subject and would like to talk to banking officials to get their opinion on what effect, if any, a ban

would have on real estate investments in the city.

Cappiello said he feels a time ban on hardship increases would have a detrimental effect on real estate investment in the city and would be something that could stop Hoboken's renaissance.

The mayor said he expects to talk to Cramer in the next few days to convey his views.

Cramer had said on Monday that the council will be ready shortly to begin discussing the exact revisions it would like in the rent control ordinance.

Hoboken Library activities

The Hoboken Public Library, 500 Park Ave., Hoboken, Children's Department, will have the following activities for April 1981.

Films, Fridays at 3:30 p.m. April 3 and 10-Flash Gordon-completed. April 2-2 films-50 years of Baseball Memories and Look Who's Number 1.

Pre-School Films-Wednesday at 10 a.m. April 15-3 films-Little Train, Mom's The Midget House, and Mother Goose Stories. Arts and Crafts-Sign up April 8 and 9. Classes-April 15 and 16: Making Easter cards, Easter egg coloring and decorating and making bunnies.

It's Cappiello vs. Cramer on rent law

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Cramer said the only way he could see the council delaying the revision of the rent leveling ordinance would be for the council to enact a temporary ban on all hardship rent increases for the next two months. But the city council president, who is a lawyer by profession, said he didn't think that was legal.

Thomas Calligy, Hoboken assistant law director, said Cramer was correct and said there was no way the city could put a temporary ban on hardship rent increases.

"You can't suspend one part of an ordinance," said Calligy. "The only thing you could do would be to eliminate the entire rent control ordinance temporarily. But then you would have landlords raising the rent any amount they wanted."

The city's rent leveling ordinance currently allows landlords a yearly 7½ percent rent increase. But landlords who can show they are not making a reasonable return on their property — defined in the rent leveling ordinance as 11¼ percent — can apply to the rent leveling board for a hardship increase.

Among the revisions in the rent leveling ordinance being discussed among council members have been barring the use of second mortgages as a base for a hardship rent increase and barring any hardship rent increase for new property owners for a set period of time.

Public Library announces activities

The Hoboken Public Library, 500 Park Ave., Hoboken, Children's Dept., will have the following activities for March 1981.

Films: March 6, 13, 20. At 3:30 p.m. "Flash Gordon" Computers "The Universe." Book Display: Celebrating Spring.

Teens to get city-run recreation program

While some skeptics are still holding their breath, Hoboken Health and Welfare Director, James Farina, said today a city-run teenage recreation program will start tomorrow night.

Farina said the program, which is

being jointly sponsored by his department and the city's Community Development Agency, will run Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 and every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 4.

He said the program will be run in Hoboken's Wallace School at 11th Street and Willow Avenue and that registration for the program will be allowed at the site.

Farina said the program will consist of art, drama and jazz dance classes, basketball volleyball, a weight training class and special events. Teenagers between the ages of 15 and 19 are eligible.

Farina had announced numerous times in the past few months that a teenage recreation program would be starting soon, but each time plans kept on falling through which Farina blamed on him being unable to find a suitable location for the program.

Farina vows to put 100 on workfare

Annoyed that only four welfare recipients have been placed at worksites in Hoboken by employees of the state's "workfare" program, Hoboken's Health and Welfare Director James Farina says he will move himself to place at least 100 welfare recipients at worksites in the city.

Farina said he would take the move today after learning from state officials that he had the power to

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place eligible welfare recipients at worksites if the workfare program does not.

"I think at least 100 people could be placed at our two worksites at the city's Church Square Park and at the public works garage," he said.

There are currently 279 Hoboken welfare recipients enrolled in the state's workfare program but only four of them have been placed at Hoboken sites by the state.

But Anthony Checki, supervisor of the Hudson County branch of the workfare office, said many of the other recipients have been found unsuitable to work at the two sites because they have minor physical disabilities or mental problems or because they are women.

Checki said the two worksites set up by Hoboken involve physical work more suited to men than women.

But Checki said if Farina can find more people who can work at these sites than he can, then Farina should go ahead and place them and the state will cooperate with him as much as possible.

Farina said he's sure he can find at least 100 recipients who can work and he said he has no objections to putting women at the worksites.

Checki said he had never heard of women being assigned to parks or public works anywhere in the state under the workfare program but he said if Farina wants to do it — let him go ahead and do it.

Tenants, city to meet to settle differences

A special city council committee looking into a revision of Hoboken's rent leveling law will meet representatives of Hoboken's Tenant's Union within the next few days to try and work out their differences.

Sister Noberta of St. Francis Church, spokesman for the tenants union, had attacked the proposed revision by city council members saying it didn't go far enough to help the tenant.

Specifically, Sister Noberta says she wants investigators hired to investigate hardship applications filed by landlords and that at least half of the composition of the rent leveling board be made up of tenants.

The main revision of the ordinance proposed by council members includes a ban on all hardship rent increases for 13 months and the firing of a referee to make recommendations to the rent leveling board on whether a rent increase should be granted.

Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri, a member of the special committee along with City Council President Walter Cramer, said the committee wants to fully explore, with Sister Noberta, why she feels the current planned revision doesn't go far enough and what her provisions would do. Ranieri said he expects the meeting to be held in the next few days.

Wilson run for mayor now unlikely

By Randolph Diamond

It appears that Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello may be running virtually unopposed in the May mayoral elections.

Hoboken Fifth Ward Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. who said last month in an exclusive interview with The Jersey Journal that he would be opposing Cappiello, declared today he wasn't sure of his plans.

Wilson re-entered Hoboken's St. Mary Hospital yesterday for tests related to a condition in which an excess of fluid had developed in his back. The councilman, who is confined to a wheelchair, had been in the hospital the last four weeks to have the fluid drained from his back — getting out only two days ago.

The councilman said today that he didn't know if he would be running or not and added a decision would not be made until he was informed by his doctors of tests results.

But speculation that Wilson has decided not to run was furthered yesterday with the announcement of Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato that he is supporting the mayor for reelection.

The move by Amato, one of Wilson's closest political allies, sent shock waves throughout the City Hall.

Not only have Amato and Wilson been allies for years, but the public works director and the mayor have been feuding and attacking each other for the last two years. Political observers note

that Amato would not abandon Wilson unless he was told by Wilson that he wasn't running.

Amato did not even show up at the mayor's \$125-a-plate political fundraiser last week and he claimed he didn't even know about it. The rumor around city hall was that Amato was to be fired any day.

In a prepared statement announcing his support for the mayor that was given to members of the news media, Amato said, "I am convinced that the mayor has proven himself as a progressive mayor and under his leadership the city of Hoboken has regained much of its stature that made us so proud in the past."

The statement went on, "The mayor has expressed his confidence in my capacity as director of public works and I am happy to serve this administration in that capacity."

Amato would not talk to reporters after handing out the statement. In fact, after reading the statement he ran into his office and gave his secretaries instructions not to let any reporter talk to him.

Cappiello, when asked about Amato's declaration of support for him, said he was happy the public works director was joining his camp.

And, in a surprising turn-around, he said he thought Amato was trying "very hard" to do a good job as public works director.

"I think Andrew is working very hard to make the public works department serve the city effectively," he said.

Cappiello's statement praising Amato was considered especially surprising because the public works director had been stripped of virtual

all control of the public works garage employees by the mayor.

Those employees are reporting directly to Hoboken Sewage Plant Superintendent Roy Haack, who was also put in charge of the public works garage by the mayor last spring. Amato, however, has retained control of the water department and in the last few weeks has personally directed a realignment of that department.

Wilson, upon being informed by a reporter of Amato's letter of support for the mayor, said, "That's news to me. I don't know anything about it."

If Wilson doesn't run, the only candidate opposing Cappiello will be Michael DeLano, an independent longshot with no campaign organizations who has run in virtually every recent municipal election without gathering a significant amount of votes.

There was a rumor yesterday that Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti, an ally of Wilson and an opponent of Cappiello, would run for mayor if Wilson decided not to.

But, Malfetti told The Jersey Journal he has no intention of running. And political observers note with the aynal elections only two months away Malfetti would be hard-pressed to mount a campaign without having made any advance planning for it.

Cappiello is considered by most political observers in the city as virtually unbeatable in his bid for a third term, having almost the whole Hoboken Democratic organization behind him as well as the local Republican organization.

Hoboken running out of parking tickets

The Hoboken Police Department has just about run out of summonses books, virtually halting the issuing of tickets for illegal and overtime parking.

George Crimmins Sr., Hoboken Police chief, said his policemen have no more than 100 summonses left that could be issued. He said he has told his men that summonses should only be given out for serious violations such as moving motor vehicle infractions and parking in front of fire hydrants.

But Crimmins said by the end of this week his men may not have even summons to give out for those infractions.

Officials at the Hoboken Parking Authority, who patrol the city's parking meter, say they are just about out of tickets too.

Edwin Chius, Hoboken's business administrator, said he hopes a shipment of 40,000 summonses will arrive by the end of the week but he admitted they were not due officially until April 1st.

Chius said he was aware the summonses were running out in early January and said at that time he solicited bids for new summonses —

with a contract being awarded to the Guardian Supply Company of Stratford, New Jersey.

But Chius says the printing of the summonses books takes time. He said, however, officials of the printing company told him they may have the summonses ready early — by the end of this week.

Chius said the bidding procedure caused the delay in obtaining the summonses but he said he doesn't see how he could have gotten around the state bidding law because it wasn't an emergency.

"We still have tickets," he said. "We're not out of them yet. I don't see how we could say it's an emergency."

Thomas Meehan, Hoboken's Police Benevolent Association president said the lack of summonses was certainly serious in his book.

"We had a car parked in front of a hydrant yesterday and we had to call three patrol cars to find out who had the summons book," he said. "This is a waste of manpower."

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said he was shocked to learn that the city was almost out of summonses and he said he would investigate the situation personally to see who was at fault.

Hoboken may have to blacktop street or lose state funds

By James Kopchans

Hoboken Council members will soon have to decide on whether to use state funds for temporary repairs on River Street of risk losing the funds altogether in seeking money for more permanent repairs.

As outlined at last night's caucus meeting, the city's dilemma focuses on \$32,000 in state transportation funds issued for the re-surfacing of River Street.

The state has ordered the city to use the funds only on River Street, according to town engineer James Caulfield. The city has already made plans to blacktop the road's entire length, he said.

However, this would be, at best, only a temporary solution to the pothole-ridden road.

According to Caulfield, the real problem lies in the fill supporting the road. Because it was improperly placed under the road when the road was last repaired in the 1950s, the fill has been settling unevenly, he said.

This has caused the road to buckle and cave in at points which, Caulfield said, would not be solved by adding another layer of blacktop.

"The \$32,000 would put the road in passable condition for the next year or two," Caulfield said, "but after that it would just become the same as it is now."

The only permanent solution, he said, would be to rip the entire road up and reconstruct it with new fill. However, to do this it would cost between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

"To put any of the money on that street now would just be a waste of taxpayers' money," Mayor Steve Cappiello told the council.

Adding to the problem is the state, which has already granted the city an extension for using the funds, has ordered that specifications be drawn up and contracts awarded by June, according to Caulfield.

In order to use the funds towards more permanent repairs, the city would have to ask the state for its permission, Caulfield said.

City Business Administrator Edward Chius recommended that specifications for both re-surfacing and reconstruction be drawn up while the council discusses the matter. This way, he said, it could be ready to go ahead quickly before the June deadline.

Sacred Heart helps students mature

All too often young people marry in haste without realizing the responsibility this partnership coupled with raising a family entails. The results are often very sad awakenings.

For these reasons, the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Hoboken, has extended its role as a community learning institution to include a Parenting Child Development class to its schedule of required senior courses.

What does it mean to be a parent? is only one of the questions explored in this class, according to Yvonne Granwaite, teacher.

And students are able to ex-

perience child care, development and parental responsibility due to the cooperation of the Mile Square Day Care Center located next to the school.

Once each week for one hour, students interact with the tots at the center says Ms. Granwaite.

And for many, the results are staggering.

"So many students who at the start of the class were eager to become parents," she says, "have learned that parenting is a tough all day job with inbuilt responsibility. Besides caring for children, stu-

dents view films regarding the birthing process, including the "birth without violence" lamaze technique.

Other topics discussed include marital cooperation and marital values, says the teacher.

One of the results of the class is that marital cliches are being torn down.

"Our students no longer have the Hollywood style version of marriage," explains the teacher, "they know it is a give and take process."

This class is only one of the examples of how the 112 year old learning

institution has sought to keep abreast of the times. To prepare teenagers for adulthood is at the forefront of the school's ideology, one which they hope to continue indefinitely.

The Hoboken girls high school recently began a drive to raise \$250,000 to refurbish and renovate the school as well as the building next door, so that the traditional education offered will not "be silenced," according to a school spokesman.

Persons interested in contributing toward this cause are urged to contact Mary Ashe at the school, 713 Washington St. Hoboken, 07030.



Mary McGuire, 3, sits enthralled while Academy of the Sacred Heart student Gino Sciarra reads to her from a story book as part of the Parenting Child Development class at the high school.

Hoboken will offer free test of child skills

The Hoboken Board of Education and the HOPES headstart program are joining together to give free health and developmental examinations to pre-school children.

The program announced jointly today by Jerry Costa, director of the HOPES headstart program and Anthony Russo, director of special education for the board of education, is the first of its kind ever held in the Hoboken area.

"We will be giving parents an opportunity to have their children tested to find out if their health and developmental ability is OK," said Costa. "Normally these tests would cost a parent \$100 but there will be no charge at all."

Russo said the program is open to any resident in Hoboken with a pre-school child, regardless of income limit.

The first screening will be held Thursday, March 26th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Hoboken's Wallace School at 11th and Clinton Street.

The second screening will be at the HOPES headstart headquarters at 117 Jefferson Street on March 27th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the third screening will be held on Saturday, March 28th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Mary Hospital's Community Mental Health Center at 609 Washington Street.

Hoboken to get 1-man patrol cars

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello says he will put a number of one-man patrol cars on the streets of the city following an arbitrator's decision which allows him to do that.

The mayor said he would end the practice of two patrolmen paired together in one patrol car for the most part in favor of the one-man patrol car.

"This will give the city better police coverage," he said. "We can have twice the number of patrol cars roaming the streets."

The police department normally has three patrol cars out on any given shift.

But Thomas Meehan, Hoboken's Police Benevolent Association president, said yesterday's decision by arbitrator Irving Haley will jeopardize the safety of both Hoboken policemen and the public.

Meehan said a patrolman not having a partner for

an immediate backup would be a very dangerous situation especially in the case of robberies.

Referring to the robbery of a grocery store Monday night in Hoboken where five armed men had held up the clerk, Meehan wondered what would have happened if a solo radio patrolman had responded to the call.

"He would have had no backup," Meehan said. "It could have been fatal."

Cappiello said if the cops didn't like the idea of the one-man patrol cars they "should quit the force."

"We don't have any place for them if they don't want to work," he said. "I mean this and I don't care if it's an election year."

The mayor, a police sergeant on leave, maintained he did not see any danger with the one-man patrol cars

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saying the city's walking beat patrolmen, who go out solo, have not encountered any problems.

"All I can say is we're going to sue the hell out of them if anything happens to the cops," said Meehan.

Haley yesterday also ruled in favor of the patrolmen who work on the night shift and on special details and awarded them a \$300 per year differential. Haley also awarded the patrolmen a \$120 per year legal plan.

Those issues had been a point of dispute between the city and the PBA in their contract negotiations. The two sides finally agreed to a 20 percent pay increase for the patrolmen last year.

City officials estimate the arbitrator's decision on the differential and the legal plan could cost Hoboken at least \$100,000 because both the firemen's union and the municipal employees union have reopening clauses in their contract which allows them to rebargain if another city union gets an added benefit.

Fear arsonist torching schools

By Randolph Diamond

Two suspicious fires, both believed to be arson, have occurred in two Hoboken elementary schools in the last two days causing school system and fire officials to impose a special security watch in all of the city's public schools.

The first fire heavily damaged a second-floor supply room in Hoboken's Brand School at Ninth and Garden streets, according to Hoboken Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo.

At least 100 children were participating in an after-school program in the school's gym at approximately 4:30 p.m. when the fire broke out, fire officials say. The gym is right below the storage room. The fire was discovered by a janitor.

In the second fire, which occurred at 11:34 a.m.

yesterday at Demarest Junior High School, another second-floor supply room, which housed a duplicating machine, was heavily damaged.

The school was immediately evacuated.

Gullo said he fears both fires were set by the same person.

"We can't say they are related," said Gullo. "But two fires in two days is awfully suspicious."

The public safety director said he doesn't want to worry parents but admitted that a special security watch has been imposed at all schools.

Chief Hoboken Fire Inspector Ray Falco said the first fire was definitely not the work of a professional arsonist but most probably a child.

Gullo said he doesn't know yet how the second fire started although he said it definitely looks like arson.

One man

The one-man patrol car proposal which Hoboken's Mayor Steve Cappiello intends to put into effect will be studied by other police departments in the country.

The instant opposition from the Policemen's Benevolent Association can be a factor in the effectiveness of the patrol. Rather than announcing immediately that such a program jeopardizes the safety of the policemen and the public, the PBA should cooperate in a fair trial.

And the mayor's reaction that any cops who don't like the idea of one-man patrol should quit, is also premature and far from fair.

Test it, but if the safety of the police or the public is threatened, don't continue it.

Mayor won't say yes on Amato

While Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato may be supporting Mayor Steve Cappiello in his reelection bid, the mayor maintains that does not mean that Amato will be serving four more years as public works director.

"I have made no commitment to Andrew beyond the current term," the mayor said. "I will not make any decision until after the May mayoral elections."

Amato announced on Thursday that he was supporting the mayor for reelection.

Amato and Cappiello had been feuding the last two years and Amato is a close ally of Hoboken Fifth Ward Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. who last month had announced he was running against

the mayor. But Wilson said on Thursday he wasn't sure he was running because of ill health.

One-cop cars value disputed in Hoboken

One-man police patrol cars have been put into effect in Hoboken, but the acting police chief says that doesn't mean there are more patrol cars on the road.

Police Capt. John Ferrente, who's filling in for Police Chief George Crimmins Sr., whose mother died, said today that the same number of patrol cars are going out.

"We have two to five cars going out on the evening shift and from two to three on the day shift," he said. "That's the same as before."

The captain said the second man in the two-man cars was often on overtime. The one-man patrols allow the city to cut costs, he said.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, however, who had said the number of patrol cars on the streets would be doubled with the one man patrol cars, disputed Ferrente's figures.

Cappiello said he was sure there were more patrol cars on the streets but admitted he did not have the figures to prove it.

Landlords ignore Hoboken law

By Randolph Diamond

Only about 25 percent of Hoboken's landlords are informing the city's rent leveling administrator when they raise their rents, making it difficult in some cases to determine what the legal rent for an apartment should be.

Bernie Van Carpels, Hoboken's rent leveling administrator, said today that only some landlords are complying with city law which stipulates that any time they raise the rent they must let her know about it.

But Mrs. Van Carpels said she's so busy she cannot try to find the landlords who do not notify her.

There are 2,000 multiple dwellings in Hoboken but Mrs. Van Carpels says she has rents in only 500 buildings recorded.

Hoboken Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti said the lack of records in Mrs. Van Carpels' office is making it possible for landlords to raise rents to whatever level they want when new tenants come in.

"The fact that the rents aren't being recorded in Mrs. Van Carpels' office is why I and my fellow councilmen kept on hearing of numerous cases where rent doubled and tripled," he said. "This is an outrage that has to be stopped."

Malfetti said the fact that the legal rent levels for most apartments aren't on file is especially ironic when the council is considering revising the whole rent leveling ordinance.

"It doesn't matter how many times we revise it," he said. "If we're not going to enforce it."

Under the current ordinance, landlords can raise their rent only seven and a half percent in a given year unless they show they are not making a reasonable return on their investment — defined as eleven and a quarter percent — in which case they can apply for a hardship rent increase.

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Hoboken police say nabbing of school arsonist is imminent

By CHUCK SUTTON

HOBOKEN—A suspect will soon be arrested in the rank of arson plaguing the city's schools, police said yesterday.

Detectives are concentrating their efforts on a suspect seen running from the Demarest School Wednesday, minutes before the third school fire in three days broke out. Public Safety Director Carmine Gullo said evidence indicates that the culprit is a student.

The first and worst fire was set Monday afternoon at the Brand School, where 644 students had left for the day. It was confined to a storage closet.

A similar fire started five blocks away Tuesday morning in a storage room at Demarest, where 612 students were evacuated. The third fire broke out a few feet away Wednesday when the curtains of the school's auditorium were ignited by a match, according to fire department reports.

Superintendent of Schools George Maier said he is hopeful that an arrest is imminent. Youngsters tend to brag about their exploits, he said, and such information will eventually reach the police. He expressed concern, however, about the fires' impact on the students and their parents and the danger of "copy-cat" crimes.

"We're taking up security on this," Maier said. "We've issued a memorandum concerning materials being stored in the closets, the kinds of material used in the schools and a re-examination of our safety equipment. We're also cooperating with the investigation. We know that if there is another fire it will have an effect on the parents."

Harmful effects on students and parents already are

apparent. Student attendance is down, and parents arriving to pick up their children for lunch were talking about their fears.

"It's scary in there," said one woman who would identify herself only as the wife of a Hoboken fireman. "One more fire and I'm taking my kids out of school until he's caught."

Carmine Cruz, a Hoboken policeman's wife, was willing to say more. She has five children in Demarest and stands outside the school from 10 a.m. until they leave.

Cruz told The Dispatch, through an interpreter, that her children are afraid there will be another fire. They tell her it is hard to learn when worried about attending classes on the second floor, where both fires occurred.

Maier said the school system is taking all precautions to prevent more fires, but said the influence of the media, especially television, creates the danger of a future arsonist.

"They'll read about it in the papers," he said. "It's infectious. They see it on TV, they are in Bed-Stuy (Bedford-Stuyvesant) and in Newark."

The superintendent said the alarm system alerted officials to the recent fires long before they did much damage and added that the schools hold regular fire drills.

Why would a student endanger the lives of his fellow classmates and teachers?

"We have students who, for the first time, are being required to perform at an acceptable level," Maier speculated. "Those incapable become vindictive, wanting to strike back at the establishment."

The result, he believes, has been the first wave of arson in Hoboken's public schools.

Cappiello gets support from Romano's backers

It was all smiles, handshakes and hugs yesterday between supporters of Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and First Ward Councilman Anthony Romano.

Romano and the mayor praised each other on working together to benefit the city.

The occasion was a party sponsored by Romano's political organization in the lobby of the Marineview Plaza office building. It was a far cry from four years ago when Romano and the mayor ran against each other. There were bitter attacks at that time.

Things were quiet for a while after Romano lost to the mayor. Then Romano and the mayor made peace.

So Cappiello goes into this May's election with the support of Romano and his club members.

Aides of Malfetti see mayoral bid

By Randolph Diamond

Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti may oppose Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello in the May mayoral elections.

The 60-year-old independent councilman picked up filing petitions late last Thursday and he and his campaign workers have been going door-to-door gathering signatures.

Malfetti needs 10 percent of the city's approximately 13,000 voters to get his name on the ballot by the filing deadline of March 26.

Malfetti said he is considering a run but he has not made up his mind yet. However, two of his aides, who asked that their names not be used, said Malfetti has decided to run.

Only two weeks ago, when Malfetti's ally, Fifth Ward Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr., backed off his original statement that he would run against Cappiello, Malfetti said he would not run.

But his aides said Malfetti decided to throw his hat into the ring

because he feels someone must oppose Cappiello.

Malfetti and Cappiello are bitter political enemies.

Malfetti, who works as a checker on the Hudson County docks, first won election to the city council in 1975 when in an upset victory he beat incumbent Councilman Edward McLaughlin, a supporter of Cappiello. In 1979, McLaughlin unsuccessfully challenged Malfetti, trying to regain his seat.

Political observers noted that while Malfetti is a popular figure in the Sixth Ward he faces an uphill battle in the city's other wards.

Cappiello has the support of all major political leaders in the First through Fourth wards and has some support in the Fifth Ward, which is Wilson's.

Malfetti's aides, while admitting the councilman will have a tough fight, said he can put together a coalition of disenchanted senior citizens, blacks and Puerto Rican voters to beat Cappiello.

Many elderly, black and Puerto Rican voters in Hoboken are upset with the mayor over the "renaissance" that has been occurring in the city.

As the "renaissance" has continued in Hoboken, rents have doubled and even tripled, forcing many of the senior citizens, and blacks and Puerto Ricans out of the city or into inferior housing that has not been affected by the rising rents.

Malfetti is expected to make a formal announcement of his candidacy next week.

His aides note that he is delaying a formal announcement until he finishes interviews to choose three running mates for the three at large council seats that will be contested in May.

The three incumbent councilmen-at-large — Robert Ranieri, Thomas Kennedy and Helen Macri — all supporters of Cappiello, are running for re-election.

Cappiello to give warchest to charity, if unopposed for mayor

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello says he will give the \$50,000 raised at his recent \$125-a-plate dinner to charity if no major opposition surfaces against him in his bid for a third term as mayor of Hoboken.

The mayor said today he would be more than happy to give the money away to worthy causes if he has no major opposition in the May mayoral elections.

The mayor's statement came after Fifth Ward Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. said he wasn't sure, after all, that he would be opposing Cappiello.

Wilson, who has been in ill health, has been in and out of St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken over the last

month. He is currently a patient there due to a condition in which an excess of fluid has developed in his back.

Wilson had said last month that he would be opposing Cappiello but yesterday said that he would have to evaluate his health before making any decision.

Hoboken's Public Works Director Andrew Amato, one of Wilson's closest political allies announced yesterday that he would be supporting the mayor, adding to the speculation that Wilson would not be running.

Among the charities Cappiello said he would consider donating the \$50,000 to would be The Boys Club of Jersey City, which is scheduled to operate the downtown recreation center when renovation is complete

this fall, the Elks Crippled Children's Fund and St. Ann's and St. Joseph's churches.

The filing deadline for the mayoralty election is March 31 and the mayor says he wouldn't give away the money until after that deadline.

However, Cappiello says in the meantime he is still making plans to raise additional campaign funds by holding a \$50-a-plate brunch one Saturday morning in April. The mayor said the date of the brunch is still undetermined.

Other than Wilson, the only announced candidate against Cappiello is independent Michael DeLanzo who has no campaign organization and has not seemed to have gathered much support.