

\$500M development act set for okay in Hoboken

TRENTON — The Senate is expected to enact today legislation authorizing the Port Authority to undertake a \$500-million development of 130 acres on River Road in Hoboken — at least a five-year dream worth thousands of new jobs.

Sen. Nicholas LaRocca, Union City Democrat, sponsors the act. P.A. Chairman Alan Sagner said would begin creating onsite jobs by next spring.

These would be the vanguard of 10,000 construction jobs linked to 2,500 to 4,500 permanent jobs in the multi-purpose development which would inspire other waterfront improvements in Hudson, proponents maintain.

With Senate approval today, the Assembly could adopt an identical version by Assemblyman Christopher J. Jackman, West New York Democrat, at its next session, tentatively scheduled Nov. 15.

Final New Jersey legislative approval in turn would encourage the New York Assembly to complete action on an identical version already passed by the New York State.

Gov. Thomas H. Kean made the LaRocca-Jackman act a top priority and successfully encouraged the Senate State Government Federal Interstate and Veterans Affairs Committee to release the measure without amendment two weeks ago.

Sagner said worldwide bids would be solicited next spring for these elements in the proposed Hoboken rebirth:

- 670 luxury apartments.
- 60,000 square feet or retail and specialty stores.
- at least one million square feet of office space.
- a restaurant.
- a 370-boat slip marina.
- seven acres of open space near the Stevens Institute of Technology campus.

Meanwhile, the Senate is prepared to act on a bill by Sen. Edward T. O'Connor Jr., Jersey City Democrat, making it a criminal offense for the use of bullet-proof body vest during the

commission of violent crimes. O'Connor said "law enforcement authorities have noted an alarming increase in the use of body vests" and his act would make it a crime of the third degree to wear them during or attempting to flee from murder, manslaughter, robbery, sexual assault, arson, burglary, kidnapping, criminal escape or assault.

Senate approval also is expected on conditional veto recommendations by Kean on a Jackman bill requiring a two-thirds vote, rather than a simple majority, of the municipal body to dissolve a municipal port authority. It is directed at Weehawken and is supported by Mayor Stanley D. Iacono.

Success a contest away for Hoboken actress

By Peter LaVilla

Gidget Medina, a Hoboken actress and model, won first place in a talent contest and is a finalist in a modeling contest sponsored by the Ultimate in Pageants Production Co. of New York.

Ms. Medina, who has performed in numerous stage productions in Hudson and Bergen Counties, is eligible for the grand finals to be held May 1 at the Doral Inn in New York.

"I really didn't think I had a chance at winning," beamed the actress. "I was just happy to be there and in the competition. The people I competed against were all wonderfully talented people."

The Hoboken resident has a chance at winning \$3,000 in cash and prizes, a three-year contract with Sunshine Talent Agency of Long Island, and a \$500 modeling course with Vogue Models of Long Island.

Ms. Medina captured the attention of the judges with a monologue from a play in which she starred with the Joyce Engle Repertoire Theater group in Bergen County.

When not performing, Ms. Medina is seen regularly at the Maxwell House plant in Hoboken where she is employed as quality control specialist.



Gidget Medina Talent winner

Methadone clinic opposition unites Hoboken

By BILL GYVES Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The chorus of opposition to a methadone clinic proposed for a 14th Street site here is a rare display of solidarity for a city often sharply divided on an issue.

Not one city official or political group has publicly defended the program proposed for the old Hostess Cake Building at 200 14th St. In fact, the clinic's proponents would be hard pressed to find any local support, as not even the city's usually vociferous administration critics disagree with the city's official opposition to the clinic. It seems clear that the Metropolitan Institute for Health Services — the clinic's sponsor — is being told to stay clear of Hoboken.

"There is absolutely, positively no way a methadone clinic is moving here," City Councilman Thomas Kennedy said. "When the people of Hoboken have invested so much to see the city get to where it is now, you can't expect us to put up with that type of thing."

Kennedy, City Council President Walter Cramer and city Health Director James Farina are spearheading the opposition to the proposal. All three officials decided to inspect the site after rumors began circulating last week that clinic employees were moving furniture into the building, and they have been checking it twice a day since.

The reports proved unfounded, but the opposition to the clinic appears as strong as it has been ever since the project was approved in the spring. A few months ago, the City Council unanimously approved a resolution opposing the project.

The Hudson Health Systems Agency Inc., which is not a county agency but which reviews applications for health services planned for the area, approved the clinic in April. Less than a month later, the proposal was endorsed by the division of Alcohol, Narcotics and Drug Abuse of the state's Department of Health.

No local resident has yet been heard in favor of project

"We approved the clinic because the evidence for its need was very clear," said Jesse Huang, executive director of Hudson HSA.

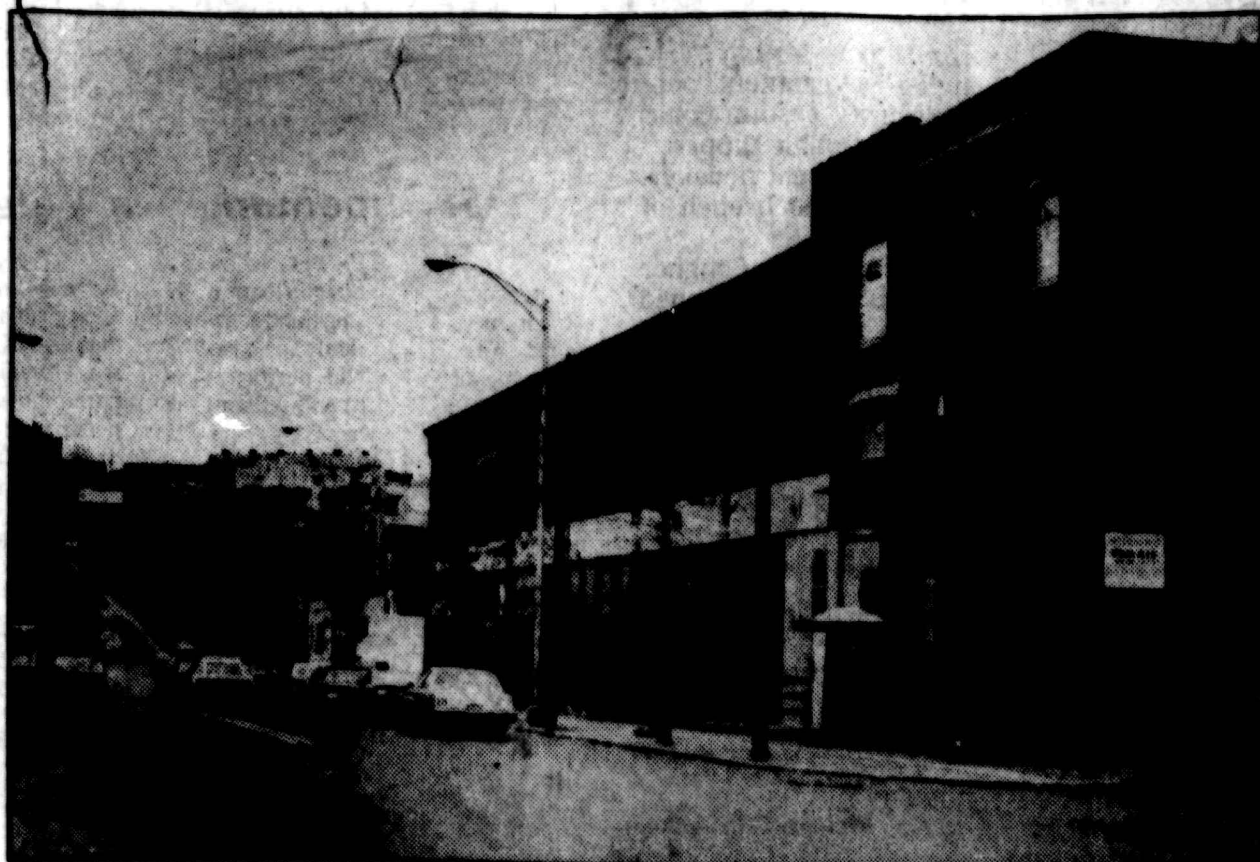
"People really need help with their drug addiction, and we all say 'Let's help, let's help,'" Huang said. "But at the same time we don't want the clinics in our neighborhood."

Hudson County's 8,000 heroin addicts, Huang said, form an addict population second only to Essex County's 13,500. But in comparison to Essex County's system of methadone treatment centers — there are 10 in Newark alone — Hudson County is serviced by only one major clinic located in Jersey City.

Huang and other state and local health officials, insist the Hoboken clinic would help alleviate crowded conditions at the Jersey City facility.

Kennedy, Cramer, and Farina join other residents who argue that the proposed clinic is too close to surrounding schools and a nearby senior citizens center, that the city's crime rate will jump; that the clinic's patients will loiter outside the building; and that the gains the city has made in recent years will be negated by the introduction of the clinic.

And the significance of the large block of voters gathering on one side of this issue has not been missed



THE OLD HOSTESS BAKING CO. FACTORY at 200 14th St. in Hoboken has been proposed for the site of a methadone clinic, much against the wishes of some city residents.

by either the city's elected officials or their opponents.

"There is definitely good political sense in rallying around the methadone issue," said one member of the City Council. "It's one of the few issues you can't lose

on, and some people are saying, 'Hey, we took a beating (on the defeated Nov. 2 referendum calling for an end to runoff elections), so let's jump on an easy one while we can.'"

Basic Skills scores clue to school needs

Scores on national achievement tests normally help evaluate each student's progress in his studies. However, Hoboken school officials will be using their scores to evaluate their school system.

Hoboken students from kindergarten to 12th grade took the California Test for Basic Skills (CTBS) in April and the

test results were received in June, according to Frank McGorty, assistant superintendent of schools.

For the next couple of weeks, principals and staff at the city's six elementary schools and high schools will be going over the results to spot clues that may indicate changes needed in classroom programs.

McGorty said the schools have been giving a similar test for the past several years to students, but largely used the test scores to evaluate each student's weaknesses and strengths in certain subjects.

As in the past, the students were quizzed in language skills, social studies, mathematics, and sciences, McGorty said, and

those scores will be used to evaluate the student. But for the first time, the scores have been grouped together by grade, school, and district wide and graphed to show general trends where improvements may be needed.

"It's too easy to blame the student and just say that he has a weakness in a certain area,"

McGorty said. "What we can get from this is to try to get at the core of what we are doing in teaching the student."

McGorty credited Superintendent of Schools Dr. George Maier for the evaluation, saying it is another step in Maier's and his staff's efforts to upgrade the city's school system. McGorty said the district has

also scheduled three "institute days", half-day workshops in which the scores will be discussed and specific improvements suggested by administrators and faculty.

"We're not looking to point fingers," McGorty said. "We are asking what can we do differently and more to reduce student deficiencies."

Hoboken Head Start expanding its program

By James Kopchans

"You know when it all started it was a big gamble. We had to go from a summer to a year-round program without knowing how much we could expect in aid."

The gamble that Hoboken Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. is referring to is the city's Head Start program now entering its fourth year of year-round service.

And not only has the program lasted through its four years, but now it's expanding to enroll 30 more children.

According to Maryanne Palceski, director of the program, about 105 children are now enrolled in the program at the Jefferson Street Recreation Center. Of that number, only 15 are full-time members; the others attend class part-time.

On Monday, the program will

have two full-time classes of 15 children each at a satellite center at Mount Olive Church at 719 Washington Street. "We really needed the full-time classes. There are too many children who need more than just part-time care," Ms. Palceski said.

Head Start is one of the most successful federal education programs. Geared to 3-to-6-year-olds, the program provides free classes for needy youngsters.

The program is free to those parents who meet minimum income guidelines set by the federal government.

"Basically, we get the children ready for school — in short, we give them a 'head start,'" Ms. Palceski said.

"Often a child may be un-equipped to handle the pressures of entering school or has a handicap or impairment that is not easily diagnosed. Besides helping

the child cope with growing up, we also catch some problems that might work against the child and help to correct them," Ms. Palceski said.

She has been the director of Head Start since September of last year. As director Ms. Palceski works closely with Wilson, who as executive director of HOPES sponsors the program, and James Ronga, chairman of the programs' policy council.

At present, Head Start in Hoboken is run with about \$257,000 yearly from the federal government and \$32,000 from the city's Community Development Agency. However, Wilson said it has been a gamble all these years because of the uncertainty of the aid.

"It took a lot of thinking before we decided we wanted to go with a full-time program," Wilson said.

Tax revaluation delay in Hoboken

Delays in computing final assessment values have pushed back the completion date for a citywide tax-assessment revaluation in Hoboken for at least another month.

Exterior inspections of houses in the city have already been completed and officials had announced that the first letters informing the property owners of the new assessments would be sent out by Monday.

However, the city's tax assessor, Woodrow Monte, said yesterday that a lot more paperwork still needed to be done in computing fair market value for property in the city — an important ingredient in creating new property assessments.

Monte said the revaluation will be completed for 1983 and estimated that it would probably take until the end of this year to complete it. He said all assessment figures must be filed with the Hudson County Board of Taxation by Jan. 10.

Besides the exterior inspections of property, Monte said inspectors from the Landmark Appraisals Corp. of Perth Amboy have almost completed in-

specting the interiors of these buildings. However, he estimated that about 16 percent of the homes have not yet had their interiors inspected for assessment.

Anyone whose property interior has not yet been inspected is urged to contact the tax assessors office to arrange an appointment.

"We're asking for the cooperation of the people. Those who don't cooperate are not doing themselves any favors," Monte said. The inspectors will then just assume the most expensive price for the interior of the building.

"The inspections are still only 65 percent of the work required," Monte said. He said his office is now gathering a list of all property sales over the past ten years and other information regarding property values in order to gauge just what a true market value of property would be in Hoboken.

One of the problems delaying this is the failure of many businesses to file statements of income and expenses with the city, Monte said that less than one-half of the businesses have done so at this point.

Keep budget tight, Hoboken is told

Budget preparations for next year have already begun in Hoboken and Mayor Steve Cappiello is ordering each city director to "hold the line" on the money they'll need for next year.

Cappiello said yesterday that there would be "little room" in city revenues next year to permit any budget increases, except those for mandatory costs such as labor contracts and inflation.

This year's budget was created only after a lengthy and bitter fight within the city's administration. The \$19,856,101 budget was finally passed by the city council on June 28 — only after \$1.3 million had been trimmed from the original budget by laying off 58 full and part-time employees.

This budget still forced up the city's tax rate another \$9.29 to \$147.33 per \$1,000 assessed value.

tion — the highest tax rate in the state.

Department heads are preparing their budget requests for the city council. The council will accept these requests at a public hearing on Nov. 29 at 2:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers in City Hall.

"I'm asking that they stay within where they are right now," Cappiello said about the budget.

Cappiello said that with the exception of the development being planned for the city's Port Authority piers, there were very few other "growth possibilities" in the city for additional revenue.

Meanwhile, Cappiello said the city must be prepared for additional costs in new contracts being negotiated with the city's police, fire, and municipal employee unions.

Hoboken suspends janitor for heatless City Hall

Hoboken Public Works Director William Van Wie yesterday suspended a City Hall maintenance man for refusing to heat the building.

Van Wie suspended Albert Chiazola for three days without pay for refusing to turn on the furnace. According to Van Wie, Chiazola said heating the

building was not his responsibility, and he wanted extra pay to do it.

Chiazola could not be reached for comment yesterday. He had reportedly complained in the past that he was being forced to perform extra duties because of layoffs to city employees.

Sweet shops enjoy smell of success

By James Kopchans

Hoboken has suddenly become a very sweet place to live.

The city has always had the reputation as a "meat-and-potatoes" type of city, but now it has four chocolate shops — three of which have opened within the past two months.

These new chocolatiers say it's nothing but a coincidence, but is it really? Or have Hobokenites suddenly developed one giant sweet tooth?

"We just looked around and thought it was a good spot to set up a shop," Louis Gomez, owner of Margo's Candy Castle, 534 Washington St., said. "For one thing there was a need. We've gotten a very good response. A lot of people have told us they always wanted to see this type of shop on Washington Street."

Gomez opened shop on Labor

Day with his sister, Donna Markowitz. Following them were the two newest shops, the Hoboken Candy Emporium on First Street, and Lepore's Chocolates at 537 Garden St.

The fourth chocolate shop is certainly no newcomer. Schnackenberg's Candy, which also contains a luncheonette, has been selling homemade candy at its 11th and Washington streets location for over 51 years.

All of the chocolate makers said they did not consider themselves in competition with each other, though if there is, they said it would be considered a happy one.

"There are a lot of people in Hoboken, more than enough to support all of us," Ed Shirak, part-owner of Lepore's, said about the competition.

"I don't consider ourselves in competition with Lepore's,"

Gomez said even though Margo's is located only two blocks away from Lepore's. "I even went in an congratulated them and wished them good luck when they opened."

"When you start a chocolate shop you should have set up some word-of-mouth among chocolate lovers before you do it," Rick Siano, owner of the Hoboken Candy Emporium, said. "We started out giving chocolate that my wife made as gifts to our friends and family because we have a large family," Siano said.

"What happened was that friends started telling their friends and other friends and it just got out of hand." So much so that Siano soon gave up a position as accountant with Scott Printing Co. in Jersey City to open the shop and sell the chocolate his wife, Georgeann, makes.

Also, Gomez and Siano said

that the recent influx of new, young professionals from New York City into Hoboken has created a market for homemade chocolates.

"If we were starting out five years ago we'd have to really consider whether this area could support a chocolate shop," Gomez said. "I wouldn't know if it could."

What is the favorite type of chocolate among the Hoboken residents?

"We sell a lot of truffles, all the types that we have," Mario Lepore, the chocolate maker at Lepore's, said. "People also love my Viennese Twirls. They're gone almost as soon as I can put them out."

Gomez said his customers like his chocolate jellies and those containing nuts. Siano said he sells a lot of special molds made specially for customers.



Mario Lepore weighs a batch of chocolates before wrapping them for a customer at his chocolate shop on Garden Street in Hoboken.



Ronnie Markowitz shows off a pair of house specialties as if to prove that Margo's Candy Castle in Hoboken has a sweet for any holiday season.

Higher license fees in works for Hoboken

The Hoboken City Council is considering raising city license fees — many of which haven't gone up since the Depression.

The council Monday night introduced an ordinance raising all license fees. These licenses range from taxicab operators to movie theater owners to street peddlers.

"This is something that should have been done years ago. Some of these licenses cost the same as they did in 1930," Leo Serrano, the city's licensing officer, said.

Serrano said he suggested raising the fees about two years ago, but the suggestion was not considered a priority until recently. About six months ago, the council's revenue and finance committee began a full investigation of the fees.

"The revision of the fees was definitely needed and it will be a good way for the city to increase its revenues," E. Norman Wilson Jr., a member of the committee, said. Wilson said that many of the fees had not been properly revised over the years.

In most cases the fees will

jump substantially should the council adopt the new schedule at its next meeting. In some cases, the fees will jump 10 times.

A public hearing on the ordinance will be held before the council votes at its Dec. 1 meeting which begins at 10 a.m.

The proposal fees are: Taxi cabs \$50 from \$21; taxi drivers, \$15 from \$5; going out of business sale licenses, \$50 per month from \$10; liquor \$600 from \$500; private club, \$120 from \$100; auctioneer \$175 from \$100; motion picture and legitimate theater licenses \$250 from \$201.

Peddler (non-food) \$50 from \$15; pool tables \$75 per table from \$5; moving vans \$100 per truck from \$15; second-hand general merchandise dealer license \$50 from \$15; used car dealer \$250 from \$15.

Auto wrecking yard \$500 from \$25; carnival \$50 per day from \$10; parking garage \$100 from \$25; lumber yard \$150 from \$50; motor vehicular repair garage \$250 from \$25; waste material handling plant \$500 from \$100.

City must wait rent surcharge OK

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Managers for the Grogan-Marineview Plaza in Hoboken say they have \$22,928 in rent surcharges waiting to be turned over to the city if they get state approval.

Woodrow Monte, the city's tax assessor, said that Richard Bluttal, executive vice president of Resources Property Management Corp., has the money, but is waiting for permission from the state Housing Finance Agency to hand it over.

Meanwhile, Gordon Reeder, of the HFA, said yesterday that the agency was checking whether the money must be turned over. Until then, he said officials there would not give permission.

The amount represents rent surcharges owned under a tax abatement agreement with the city. The agreement says that the firm will charge tenants who earn above a listed amount in annual income a surcharge which is paid to the city. The amount represents the surcharges from 1979 to September of this year.

Book is launched to huzzahs

By James Kopchans

The S.S. Mauretania . . . Titanic . . . Lusitania . . . Ile de France . . . Queen Mary . . . Queen Elizabeths I and II . . . Andrea Doria . . . the United States . . .

Just the very names of these great passenger ships can evoke memories of giant bows plunging into chilly Atlantic waters ferrying travellers from Europe to North America.

Their heyday defined a whole generation and now stand as a symbol for a way of life forever lost.

William Miller remembers this era better than most. The great ocean liners were very much a part of his dreams and aspirations growing up in Hoboken.

"Many of the big ships used to dock at the Hoboken piers," Miller was recalling yesterday during lunch break at the Calabro School in Hoboken, where he teaches sixth grade. "I used to always go out to the parks right on the river and watch them come in and go out. The New York Times used to always print the times they would be in and I'd try to be there."

This early love blossomed into a lifelong passion for the great liners. Miller recently finished collaborating with another liner fanatic, Frank O. Braynard, in writing and publishing "Fifty Famous Liners" detailing the history of some of the most notable ships ever to sail the oceans.

Both Braynard and Miller will be at the Unicorn Bookstore 518 Washington St. in Hoboken on Monday between 5 and 7:30 p.m.

at a "champagne launch" for their new book.

"We selected the most famous liners we could think of," Miller said. "It's as if we wrote a book on Hollywood stars; we'd first write about the 50 most famous stars and then in later books maybe concentrate on the lesser-known stars."

The new book is the first collaboration between the two writers, though both have a rich background to draw upon.

Braynard has a world-wide reputation as a marine historian. He was general manager and one of the earliest supporters of the Operation Sail '76 celebration for the nation's 200th birthday. Braynard has already written 15 books on marine history, including a six-volume set on the liner S.S. Leviathan.

Braynard is curator of the Museum of the American Merchant Marine at Kings Point, N.Y., commuting there from his home in Sea Cliff, N.Y.

Miller has written over eight books on passenger and cruise ships as well as many magazine articles on the subject. Besides his job as an elementary school teacher, Miller also has taught a 16-week course on ocean liners for the New School of Social Research in New York City.

The book has already received good reviews from critics and other ocean liner buffs. With fresh pictures of the great ships and new information on each of the 50 ships, the book is already being described as a "must" among hardcore liners buffs.

Walter Lord, author of "A Night to Remember," which detailed the sinking of the Titanic in 1912, wrote about "Fifty Famous Liners." "What makes a good ocean liner book? . . . the answer depends on three ingredients: an author who knows his stuff; fresh illustrations; and a really good production job. 'Fifty Famous Liners' passes all three tests with flying colors."

Miller said he's already nearly finished



William Miller
It started in Hoboken

with a follow-up book on "Fifty Famous Liners," in which he will chronicle the service of the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth I in transporting troops during the Second World War.

He said he is still looking for reminiscences by soldiers and sailors who sailed on either ship during the war. Miller said that anyone who would like to share their memories of the trip might send him a letter at 409 New York Ave., Jersey City, N.J.

'Tough cop on waterfront' will retire after 30 years

By James Kopchans

The toughest thing to do when you're thrown from a horse is to get up and ride it again.

Similarly, the toughest thing for a policeman is to return to active duty after being injured in the course of that duty. The fear of once again risking one's life in the course of doing his duty has driven many a police officer into early retirement.

But to Vincent Pasculli, a 30-year veteran of the Hoboken police department, the return to duty meant he had to overcome a double difficulty. Shot in the face and throat during a liquor store holdup in 1971, Pasculli has been

performing this duty for the past nine years with a constant reminder of the shooting — a bullet lodged in a sensitive area of his neck.

"The bullet is too close to the spinal cord. The doctors said it would be too dangerous to remove it," Pasculli said.

"I was out for nearly two years, some of it on the critical list, but there was no thought that I wouldn't come back. I just wanted to do my duty and do my job."

Pasculli, 62, will finally be calling it an end to his years of law enforcement next month when he retires. For the past several years he has been assigned to the city's municipal jail escorting prisoners to municipal court.

Prior to that he patrolled the

city's waterfront. "I was known as the tough cop on the waterfront," Pasculli said.

Pasculli won the state medal of honor for his bravery in the shooting incident. According to Pasculli, it occurred when he tried to break up a robbery on March 19, 1971.

Pasculli was off-duty at the time. "I saw several people moving in the store and decided to look in. Then I saw it was being robbed."

Pulling out his gun, Pasculli said he drew it on the two robbers at the register, but did not see a third robber who began shooting from the back of the room. The three fled, but were later apprehended by police.

With his retirement so near, Pasculli said he had no plans to do anything but "take it easy" during his retirement.

Garbage firm executive admits anti-trust guilt

An executive of a solid waste disposal firm in Hoboken has pleaded guilty to restraining competition in the industry while another Hoboken executive is scheduled to go on trial Monday for the same law violations.

Joseph Scugoza, 39, described as an executive of Haulaway Inc., of Hoboken, admitted to anti-competitive practices and entered a guilty plea yesterday in the state Superior Court in Somerville. He faces a possible fine of \$40,000.

His plea brings to 22 the number of corporate executives who have confessed to the illegal practices. Five others are scheduled to go on trial for the same alleged offense Monday. Among the five is John M. Gentempo, 43, of the Hudson County Sanitation Association which is based in Hoboken.

Marineview wants 24 percent rent boost

By James Kopchans

Managers for the Grogan-Marineview apartments in Hoboken are now requesting from the state a 24 percent rent boost for new tenants.

Kenneth S. Shatten, a representative of the Marineview Housing Co. No. 1, notified tenants at the building on Monday that the company was seeking the rental increase in order to "provide a measure of stability to the rental structure" at the building which is consistent with those of comparable rental units in Hoboken.

Meanwhile, officials of the building's tenants association have sent a letter to state law officials complaining of harassment in their attempts to obtain information pertaining to the rent increase application.

According to Thomas Illing, president of the association, the management is stopping the group from photocopying the material in order to prevent it from filing an objection to the application within the 30 days prescribed by law.

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The increase application was submitted with the New Jersey Housing Finance Agency, which helped to finance the building through a state mortgage. Under the law, the management there is to provide the material justifying the increase to anyone who wants

to copy it for 30 days after the application is received.

However, in the letter, which was addressed to the Banking Insurance, and Public Securities Section of the state Division of Law, Illing states that he tried to make photocopies of the material but was denied.

Present tenants are not expected to be affected by the application. The new rents would only apply to new tenants moving into vacant apartments.

The rent scale for apartments is now between \$253 and \$523 and would rise to between \$315 and \$650 with the increase.

Stabbed man in serious condition

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A 33-year-old city man remained in "very serious condition" yesterday in St. Mary Hospital after being stabbed in the stomach by an acquaintance following an argument at a bar concerning \$2.

Luis Rivera, whose address was listed by police as 465 First St., was stabbed Sunday in the stomach outside Aguas Buenas Social Club at 500 First St. at about 1:15 a.m., police said yesterday.

Rivera was operated on Sunday night for wounds to his bowel and one of his kidneys, hospital spokeswoman Joan M. Quigley said last night. He has regained consciousness but remains in "very serious condition" and was on a respirator. Quigley said.

After being stabbed, Rivera, who tried to stop the bleeding with a wad of paper towels, began walking along First Street before a passerby, Jose Santiago, 27, of 112 Jefferson St., came to his aid.

Carlos Velez, 35, whose address was listed by police as 118 Jefferson St., was arrested and charged by police with aggravated assault after surrendering to two guards for Boyd Security shortly after the incident, police said.

Velez was taken to the hospital by the police. Where Rivera identified him as his attacker, authorities said yesterday. Velez is being held in Hudson County Jail in Jersey City awaiting a grand jury hearing, police said.

Cops: Man hit officer

HOBOKEN—A 36-year-old man arrested for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol was later charged with assault after punching the arresting officer at police headquarters, police said yesterday.

The suspect, Aziz Mehmet Oksar, whose address was listed by police as 908 Washington St., was arrested at 1:30 a.m. Sunday by Patrolman Charles Kosbab. Police said Kosbab observed Oksar driving, apparently under the influence of alcohol, as he passed Seventh Street and Sinatra Drive.

When Oksar was brought to police headquarters he punched Kosbab in the head, police said. He was charged with assault, in addition to the charge of drunken driver, police said.



What Happened to Hudson's Big Leaguers?

(Second of a Series)

HONEY ROMANO: Even his wife booed

By Larry Babich

The wind played havoc with the ball and the players at San Francisco's Candlestick Park that day more than 21 years ago. But for a Hoboken favorite son, John (Honey) Romano it was as calm and exhilarating as lying on the beach at Waikiki.

It was July 11, 1961 and Romano was the starting catcher for the American League in the 30th annual Major League All-Star game. For the pride of the Mile Square City, it was the culmination of seven years of hard work, five of them in the minors.

Romano, now 43, remains a serious, soft-spoken man with a great deal of pride.

"Being picked for the All-Star Game was the biggest thrill of my career," he reminisced. "That was when the All-Star Game wasn't a popularity contest as it is today."

"I was voted by the players ahead of Yogi (Berra), Elston Howard, Earl Battey, Sherman Lollar and Gus Triandos," he continued. "It was a great honor being selected over them. I was acknowledged by my fellow ballplayers as the number one catcher in the American League."

The climb to the top wasn't easy for Romano, who has been living in Upper Saddle River for the past 20 years with his wife, the former Irene DeMarco (they were high school sweethearts at Demarest), and their three sons, John Richard, 22, a senior at Rutgers; Allen, 20, a sophomore at Rockland County College, and Robert 13, a student at the Cavalini School.

Some must work harder

Catching doesn't come easily. Those who are blessed with the talent are fortunate. Those who aren't naturals must work harder. Romano was one who had to work harder.

"I never caught before I tried out for the Demarest team as a freshman," Romano, now employed by the Bergen County Community Development Program, explained. "Sugar Kane (Demarest coach) looked at me and said 'You're a catcher' and without any hesitation I said 'Sure I am.'"

By the time he became a senior, his hitting exploits drew the attention of all 16 big league teams. Scout Dutch Deutsch of the Chicago White Sox eventually won out and signed Romano upon graduation in 1954.

"That was some experience, my first year in pro ball," he noted. "I thought they were sending me to Double A ball and it wasn't until a month after reporting to Dubuque, Iowa, that I learned I was playing Class D ball."

The second year turned out to be just as interesting for the 5-foot-11, 204-pound team.

The manager of the Class B Waterloo team, Dutch Dorman, unimpressed with Romano's hitting and catching, had benched him soon after the 1955 season started.

"I was disgusted and ready to quit," Romano recalls. "I called home and spoke to my father and he advised me to stick out another week. Just about that time, a White Sox coach, John Mostil, came down to Waterloo and told me to be patient. A week later, Willard Marshall (former major league slugger and now a Fort Lee real estate agent) took over as manager and put me back into the lineup."

"Every day Marshall would throw sliders to me for hours, always working with me," Romano continued. "I went on to hit 38 homers, just about all of them in the second half of the season. In one streak, I hit 10 in nine games." He also hit .321 with 124 RBI to be named the Three-I League's most valuable player and rookie of the year.

During the next two years, the Hobokenite played with Memphis in the Double A Southern Association, Vancouver in the Triple A Pacific Coast League and Indianapolis of the Triple A American Association.

Didn't get the call

He continued to wield a potent bat, but there



John (Honey) Romano as Indian slugger

was no call to the major leagues. His defensive ability was suspect.

"All the managers I played for during those first four years had been either infielders or outfielders and they couldn't teach me too much about catching," Romano noted. "It was when I returned to Indianapolis in the 1958 season that I received the brushing up I needed to be a big league catcher."

Walker Cooper (former standout National League receiver) was the manager and he taught me a great deal," he added. "He helped me most because he had enough confidence to stick with me."

Romano, who hit .275 with 15 homers for Indianapolis, went up to the White Sox near the end of the 1958 season and remained with them for the entire 1959 campaign.

"When I was brought up to the White Sox, (owner) Chuck Comiskey told me that if I showed him I could play in the big leagues he'd give me a raise," Romano said.

During the midst of the 1959 pennant struggle, Romano was sitting in the bullpen when manager Al Lopez ran out of pinch-hitters and was forced to summon Romano to hit against reliever Billy O'Dell of Baltimore with the Orioles holding a two-run lead late in the game in Chicago.

"I hit O'Dell's first pitch, a high fastball, into the upper deck at Comiskey Park to win the game," Romano recalled. "The next night I was back in the bullpen, when Lopez called me in to pinch hit with the team down by one and two men on. Paul Richards (Oriole manager) had just brought in O'Dell to pitch. His first pitch was another high fastball and I hit it into the exact same spot as the night before to win the game again."

"After the game, Chuck Comiskey called me into his office and asked me how much I wanted, referring to his promise of the year before," he said. "I was thinking a \$200 or \$300 bonus would be fine, when he tells me he's giving me \$1,500."

Lollar and Romano alternated the remainder of the season behind the plate with Romano's .294 batting average and five pinch-hit homers contributing to the White Sox pennant victory.

Traded to Cleveland following the 1959 season, Romano took over as the Indians' starting catcher and hit .272 with 16 homers in 1960.

His finest season

He enjoyed his finest season the following year when he hit .299 and 29 doubles, 21 homers and 80 RBIs. In 1962, he had 25 homers and 81 RBIs. His slugging feats earned him four All-Star game appearances those two years as the mid-year classic went to a twice-a-season format.

Romano, despite some nagging injuries that hampered him for the next few years, remained a long ball threat with the Indians and later with the White Sox again. After the 1966 season, he was dealt to the St. Louis Cardinals and within a year he was out of baseball at the age of 33.

Obtaining his release from the Cardinals after they won the 1967 World Series, Romano tried to hook on with the Yankees. "Ralph Houk (manager) told me that he wanted me and would sign me, but a week or so later, Lee MacPhail called and said the Yankees were going with younger players," Romano said. "I called the Mets and was told the same thing. So at the age of 33 I called it a career."

Romano, whose nickname "Honey" stems from being the youngest of six children, however, has many fond memories of his 10-year major league career.

"I played for some great managers and for some not so great managers," Romano said. "Al Lopez and Jimmy Dykes were the two best. They were great gentlemen and they really knew the game. Eddie Stanky, Birdie Tebbets and Mel McGaha were some that I didn't see eye to eye with."

Romano, who led AL catchers in total chances per game in 1964 and both assists and doubleplays in 1965, recalls a time in Cleveland when the fans almost booed him out of town.

Even my wife booed me

"We were playing Kansas City and there were more than 70,000 people in the stands," Romano explained. "I struck out on nine pitches my first three times up, leaving something like seven men on base. The fans, including my wife, were booing me."

"In the eighth inning, we loaded the bases and I was due up. I begged Tebbets (Indian manager) not to put me up. 'The people will kill me,' I told him. He told me to relax, that I could do the job."

"Tom Sturdivant (the ex-Yankee pitcher) was on the mound and he bounced two knuckleballs in the dirt that I swung at and missed. That was 11 straight swinging strikes. One more knuckleball and I was gone, probably run out of Cleveland."

"Suddenly, I see Sturdivant shaking his head and I couldn't understand it. The catcher, Doc Edwards, runs out to the mound and I figure he may not throw me a knuckler. He's going to push me back off the plate. And he tried to."

"The pitch was up and in and I hit a grand slam homer to put us ahead. I was safe again in Cleveland."

Assembly OKs Hoboken waterfront project

The New Jersey Assembly unanimously approved legislation yesterday allowing the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to proceed with its proposed \$500-million revitalization project along the Hoboken waterfront. Legislation for the project must now be approved by the New York State Assembly.

The bill authorizes the Port Authority to expand its activities to waterfront development projects, which includes 130 acres of land along River Road in Hoboken. Hoboken's proposed revitalization plan for the area

along River Road — the Erie Lackawanna Terminal, Piers A, B and C and Piers 5 and 6 — would create a complex with office buildings, high-rise apartments, retail stores, restaurants and a marina.

The Assembly yesterday voted 72-0 in favor of the bill, which was sponsored by Assemblyman Nicholas J. LaRocca, D-33rd, and state Sen. Christopher J. Jackman, D-West New York.

But the New York State Assembly first must approve similar legislation because the Port Authority

is a bi-state agency. A bill is scheduled to be discussed before a special Assembly session on Monday.

Port Authority Chairman Alan Sagner said yesterday that work on the complex could begin by next Spring if the project is not stalled by a rejection in the New York Assembly.

If the Assembly rejects the legislation, or fails to vote on it by Dec. 31, the bill then will have to be reintroduced before the new Legislatures of both states next year.

Mayor Steve Capriello echoed Sagner's restrained optimism yesterday, saying that although he was encouraged by the New Jersey Assembly's action yesterday, "It's just another rung in the ladder."

Capriello said he would not express complete certainty concerning the project until the bill has been approved by the New York Assembly and signed by Gov. Thomas H. Kean and either New York Gov. Hugh L. Carey or Gov.-elect Mario M. Cuomo, who will assume office in January.

Charges school owes \$179,051

Eastern sues Vo-Tech for payments

By BARBARA DEMICK
Staff Writer

Eastern Supply Co. of Hoboken, a firm whose sales to the Hudson County Area Vocational-Technical School are the subject of Union City Mayor Robert C. Botti's upcoming federal trial, is suing the school for \$179,051 it claims it is owed for supplies delivered.

In a lawsuit filed yesterday in Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City, Eastern Supply contends it delivered 57 separate shipments of janitorial supplies between Dec. 15, 1979, and April 15, 1981, for which it was never paid.

"The plaintiff satisfactorily delivered all goods specified in the agreement to the defendant who has accepted them," according to the complaint.

Eastern Supply's owner, Milton Reid, pleaded guilty last year to federal charges he conspired with Botti to sell goods to Vo-Tech at inflated prices through a bid-rigging scheme.

Botti, who had been a part-time salesman for the firm, faces federal trial in Newark next month on charges that he sold more than \$50,000 worth of supplies through the scheme between July 1977 and January 1980.

Eastern's attorney, Stephen Mongiello of Hoboken, said yesterday of the contested \$179,051. "There is no dispute that these sales were done in compliance with regular bidding practices. This suit has no bearing at all with any investigations, indictments or anything like that."

Attached to the complaint were copies

of 57 invoices for the purchases, which were all marked with the initials "ccBB." Mongiello said the initials stood for "carbon copy," but was unsure whether the "BB" referred to Bob Botti.

"BB" could have been one of the girls in the office," he said.

Stanley Pressment, another attorney who has represented Eastern Supply, said yesterday that Botti was the firm's salesman for all Vo-Tech purchases.

Vo-Tech Superintendent Earl Byrd said yesterday that he had no knowledge of the lawsuit. The school's attorney, Union City Commissioner Manuel R. Diaz, said last night that he has not been served with a copy of the suit.

The supplies involved in the suit are mostly detergent products, rags, sponges

and other janitorial supplies.

Since Botti's indictment on Sept. 23, a number of civil suits have been filed concerning the company. The firm is suing Hudson County for \$36,096 worth of supplies sold to the county Jail in Jersey City; the Youth House in Secaucus; and Meadowview Hospital in Secaucus and B.S. Pollak in Jersey City, which it contends it has not been paid. County lawyers insist they will not pay unless Eastern can prove it delivered the supplies at fair prices.

Botti also is suing Eastern for \$25,000 in sales commissions he says he is owed, while Eastern has threatened to file a countersuit against Botti to recover \$70,000 for supplies it says Botti sold. Botti is not party to the lawsuit filed yesterday.

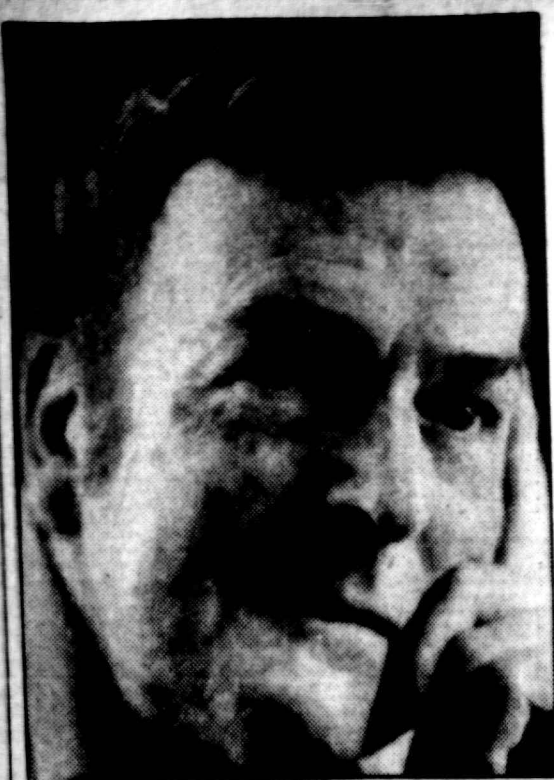
Rent board reschedules hearing

The Hoboken Rent Levelling Board has postponed a special hearing for Tuesday on the controversial substantial rehabilitation rent increase at 923 Garden Street.

The hearing has now been rescheduled for Dec. 21 at 7 p.m., according to Edwin Chius, the city's business administrator. He said Tuesday's hearing was postponed at the request of the at-

torney for the landlord, P.P. Mody, who said his client was outside of the United States at this moment and would not be able to return for the hearing.

Meanwhile, the board approved three substantial rehabilitation rent applications. Chius said the buildings approved were at 839 Willow Avenue, 706 Willow and 127 Washington Street.



Karlton Kelm
"Pamperedness was my downfall"

Writer returns from 30 years in the wilderness

By DANIELLE MORTON
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Few lives fall into a 30-year cycle as neatly as that of Karlton Kelm.

While in his 20s Kelm lived with a few close friends in a small town in an ascetic style. Writing and ambition filled his life. Now retired in Hoboken and in his 70s, he is living what he calls "a scaled-down life." He still lives with a few friends and has returned to writing after a hiatus of more than 30 years.

"You enjoy what you want at the time," Kelm said. "All of writing, like life, is a process of selection."

By the time Kelm stopped writing in 1950 he had published more than 50 short stories, and through his literary magazine, The Dubuque Dial, published writers such as James T. Farrell and William Saroyan. The New York Times reviewed his book, "The Cherry Bed," in 1937 by saying, "It is doubtful if the spring season holds

Famous and successful in the '30s, Karlton Kelm picks up the pen again

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anything more promising in the way of a first novel."

Kelm also sold three plays to Broadway producers, including the Shubert Brothers. But when two of these plays closed in previews and the other ran off-Broadway for only a few performances, Kelm simply refused to write any more—that is until the fall of last year.

Here was a writer who, unlike the stereotype, had had nothing but success. His first story was accepted by a Paris literary magazine on the day he graduated from college. He was asked to come to New York by a producer who wanted him

to try his hand at drama.

"A rival writer acquaintance of mine who had ended up working on a popular magazine called me up about a year after I stopped writing," Kelm said. "He said he wanted to do a story on my writer's block. I told him that there was no story to write about, a writer who was not trying to write. He could not believe that I simply had no desire."

The notion of no desire is difficult to accept for anyone who fancies himself a writer. Writers are notorious for their rampant desire. But Kelm admits it was more than the simple fact of three

successive failures that stopped him.

"I had led an extremely pampered life and it was the pamperedness that was my downfall," he said.

The younger of two sons born to a Portage, Wis., lawyer, Kelm showed an early talent for plays that was encouraged by his mother.

"I was one of those children who hardly ever went outside to play with the others," Kelm said. "I was inside writing."

His father died when Kelm was 10 years old, but since the man had also worked as an insurance salesman, he left the family well situated. The money he left allowed Kelm to concentrate on his writing, never holding a job until he stopped writing.

But this is not to imply that Kelm was not working. "I arranged my day so that I was finished with writing at 2 (in the afternoon)," Kelm said. "I was ready for other projects."

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In addition to his writing, Kelm became part of the drama department while in Columbia College in Dubuque, Iowa. Beside writing plays, he also acted and directed. By the time he was graduated, Kelm had earned himself quite a local reputation.

He was teaching creative writing at the adult school and also instructing "society dames from the best Dubuque families on the latest in culture and literature so that they would have names to drop at the next society function."

These same women became the patrons of his fledgling literary magazine, The Dubuque Dial. Kelm published their names in the magazine as a reward for their patronage.

The first issue of The Dial was devoted to Iowa writers, three of whom Kelm had discovered while teaching his creative writing classes. Soon after that Kelm's publication began to attract the likes of J.T. Farrell, William Saroyan, Kay Boyle and the leftist writer Josephine Johnson, whose novel "Now In November" won the Pulitzer Prize for literature on the day her short story "Safe" was published in "The Dial."

In 1937 Kelm was called to New York. He had an agent, Alice Kauser, who had noticed his work when she was on a talent search of obscure local literary magazines. By this time, the correspondence between agents and authors and buyers of his work became so voluminous that "helpful communication became difficult."

He moved his brother William, who had collaborated with him on plays and was his typist for much of his work, and his mother to a house in Norwalk, Conn. At this point, Kelm was at the peak of his powers and self-confidence.

"I think there are, or there should be two phases in a writer's life. There is the initial success where you are riding along, knowing that you can only write masterpieces. And then you hit a large valley where you realize that you still have a tremendous amount of work to do. I stopped writing just before I hit that realization."

Kelm's mother died in 1939, before he was called off to serve in World War II. When he returned, he and his brother moved into a huge suite with a 40-foot living room at the Royalton Hotel in Manhattan, then a high class hotel, which caught the overflow from the more famous Algonquin across the street.

They began peddling their plays and sold three of them in one year. But when these were unsuccessful, Kelm and his brother decided to

take jobs. They became valet personal assistants to songwriter Jack Lawrence, cooking gourmet meals in his townhouse in Greenwich Village for his private parties of theatre and movie personalities.

Kelm said his brother, who had published some of his own stories, was a goaded him constantly about his work. When his brother died of heart disease in 1953, Kelm felt he had no reason to write.

"I had been supported by my mother and by the money we had inherited," Kelm said. "I was not used to a rigorous life. When my brother died it seemed as if all my support, financial and emotional, was gone."

Kelm moved to Hoboken where he got a job cooking for the doctors and nurses at Meadowview Hospital in Secaucus. He retained that job and an active social life for 20 years. On the month of his retirement in 1973 he took the unlikely step of enrolling in The Famous Writer's School in Connecticut.

"I thought I needed something to get myself started again," Kelm said. He received one of

the few A grades the school has ever given on an assignment. "Their theory is if you can get an A you don't need their school."

Kelm admits writing is much more difficult now than it was when he was young. "Now I know what I don't know. I'm much more conscious of my mistakes than I was before."

He also acknowledges a peculiar mix of patience and impatience with his work. Patience in the fact that he is not so concerned with making a name for himself; he has had that before. Impatience in the fact that he feels he does not have many productive years left.

"I tell editors who accept my stories but want to hold them for a year that some of the kids whose stories they want to publish have the rest of their lives," Kelm said. "I haven't got all that long."

"I'm not in any rush to hammer out a second career. Whatever comes to me now is welcome. I get the feeling now when the mail comes that their might just be some good news, an acceptance. I'm not making much money, but it is a good life."

Civic unit seeks storefront for referral center

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A Hoboken civic group is looking for a storefront in the city to begin an assistance center for residents.

The center, which would be run by volunteers from the Fifth Ward Civic Association, is scheduled to open next month, according to James Ronga, the association's spokesman. However, a storefront must be leased first, he said.

"We don't need much room, just enough to put a desk, a chair, and a telephone," Ronga said.

"It's going to depend on how much it'll cost us to run the center. Obviously if the rent is too high, I'll have to recommend not to open one."

Ronga said the association has already been approached by several volunteers to work several hours a week to run the center.

As planned, the center would provide help to residents by contacting the proper governmental or private agencies.

Ronga said the idea has been considered by the association for several months. Last Thursday, several residents complained about the lack of such an office during a public "town meeting" sponsored by the association.

"They said there was just nowhere to go when they had a problem," Ronga said. "Everyone seemed to think such an office would be a great idea."

The meeting was to give residents the chance to air complaints about the city, Ronga said. About 100 persons attended, he said.

Among the main topics subjects of concern were the lack of parking and groups of noisy teenagers.

Breast-feeder's plan ends a bust

Only 10 backers show for restaurant protest

By BILL GYVES
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HOBOKEN—A protest held in front of the Hoboken House restaurant to rally the public against the establishment's recent ouster of a woman for breast-feeding her child was a bust last night, with the establishment's owner refusing to comply with the woman's demand for a public apology. Her refusal was reported through the restaurant manager, Dave Friedland.

Tammy Ahern, 33, of Jersey City, was ousted from the Hoboken House Saturday night as she began breast-feeding her 3½-month-old daughter Shannon while sitting at a table toward the back of the restaurant.

Ahern said the restaurant's manager told her the city's health code prohibits breast-feeding at the table, and asked her to stop.

Ahern insists no ordinance exists that prohibits breast-feeding in a restaurant. She also said none of the diners in the immediate area of her table protested her feeding.

When she refused to stop nursing her daughter, Friedland asked Ahern and her husband, Sean, to leave. The couple then refused to pay for a bottle of wine they had ordered, and were later escorted from the premises by the police.

Ahern called for an "informational picket" in front of the restaurant, located at 237 Washington St., saying she wanted to inform the public of what she called the discrimination still facing women.

She said yesterday that if the restaurant's owner—the manager would describe her only as a woman who belongs to the National Organization for Women—refused her demand, she would sue on the grounds that she was harassed, embarrassed and discriminated against because of her sex.

"This is a woman's issue—I'm not just a nursing fanatic," Ahern said. "We live in a modern world, and we as women have to fight to be part of it."

Only about 10 people participated in the rally. Ahern attributed the low turnout to last night's chilly drizzle, not to a lack of sympathy for her cause.

Friedland said he thought the protest was "ridiculous." He said Ahern's version of the incident was incorrect, but said he could not comment on the matter further until consulting with the restaurant's attorney.

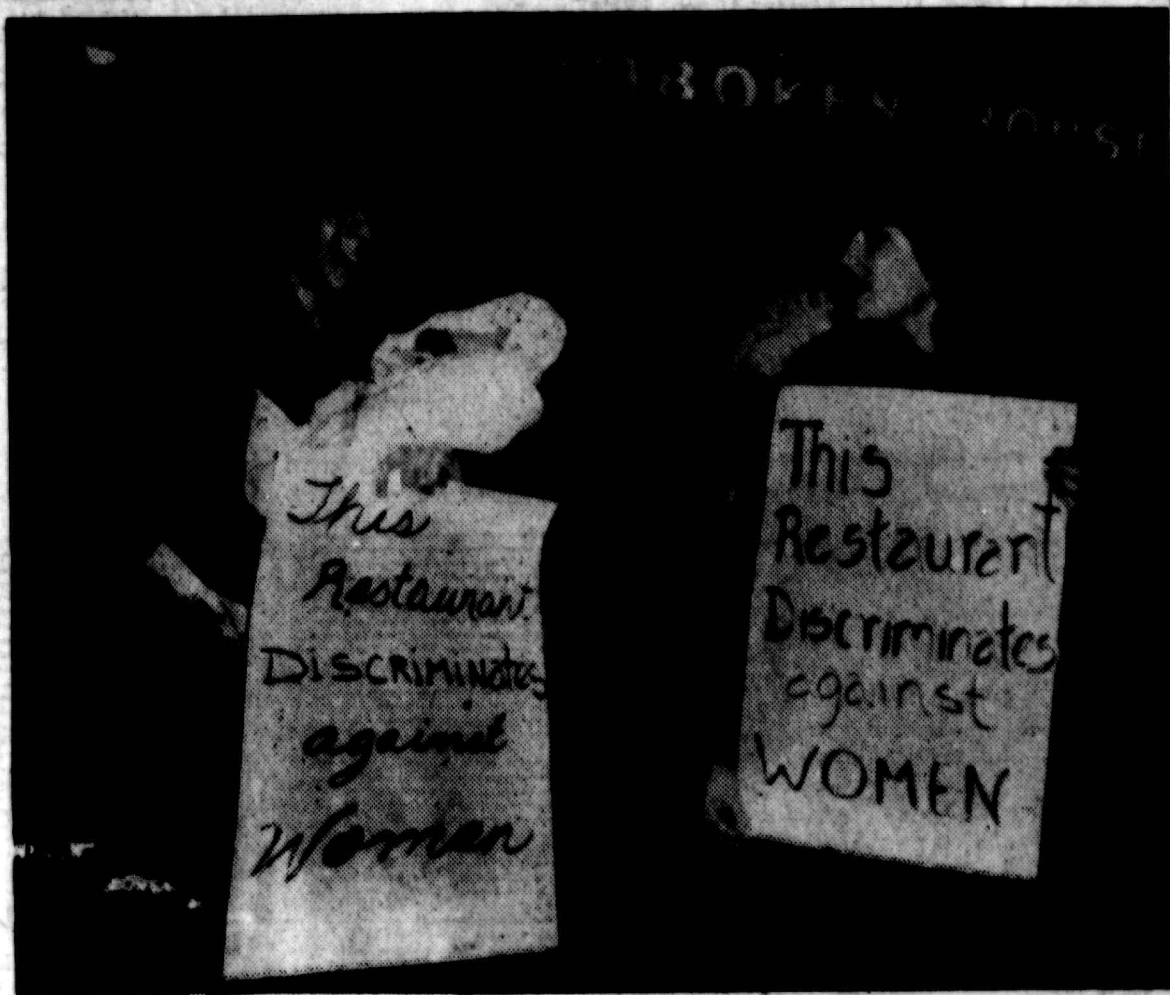


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TAMMY AHERN, right, who was ejected from the Hoboken House for breast-feeding her baby, joins Chris Lomolino in a protest outside the Hoboken restaurant last night.

Jersey City and Hoboken get good news on municipal bonds

There's good news on bonds for two Hudson County communities today.

Jersey City has received a rating of AAA for \$18 million on bonds it plans to sell next month.

It is believed to be the first time the city ever received a top rating for its bonds, and it could mean a saving of more than \$3 million in interest during the life of the bonds.

In Hoboken, with interest rates lower than they've been in a long time, city officials have decided to sell more than \$5 million in municipal bonds.

City Comptroller Matthew M. Cannarozzi said the bonds should go out on the bond market next month.

Jersey City received news of its top rating given by Standard and Poor's from the American Municipal Bond Assurance Corp.

The bonds the city plans to sell include \$5 million for improvements to its water system, \$3.8 million for street improvements, \$3 million for new fire trucks and other vehicles, \$2 million to pay for the new fire headquarters, \$2.6 million for im-

provements to City Hall and other buildings and \$1 million for sewer improvements.

The \$5 million in bonds Hoboken will issue include those approved for the construction of a new central municipal garage, the purchase of fire engines, the renovation of the David E. Rue School, and a \$2 million bond issue passed this year for renovation work at all the city's schools, Cannarozzi said.

Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann said the rating is a sign of confidence in the city from the financial community.

"Wall Street is telling us we're coming back," he said. "Most major cities have been downgraded."

The last time the city sold bonds in January of 1979, it had a rating of AA.

Mayor's spokesman Thomas Golodik said the higher rating could mean a reduction in the annual interest rate the city must pay of as much as one percentage point. He said the \$5 million water improvement bonds have a 20-year life span while the \$13 million general improvement bonds are for 15 years.

At present, Hoboken

Comptroller Cannarozzi said municipal bonds on the market are receiving interest rates between 8½ and 9 percent a year. Only a few months ago, he said, the rates were between 10 and 11 percent.

Also, Cannarozzi said, a new state law that goes into effect on Jan. 1 would require the city to register every bond sold with the state, which would tack an additional registration cost on the bonds sold.

"It's to the city's best interest that the bonds be sold before the end of the year or else we'd have to contract a firm to help us register the bonds," he said.

Under the current law, once a bond issue is approved, the municipality has up to five years to actually sell the bonds on the market. Until then cities usually obtain bond anticipation notes from banks. These notes are then paid off with the revenues from the bond sale.

The five-year period allows the municipality to wait until it can receive the lowest interest rate from bond buyers. The bonds are then paid back over a 10-to-20 year period.

Landlord's fraud case put off

By BILL GYVES
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HOBOKEN—A hearing scheduled for a landlord accused of submitting fraudulent receipts in order to secure approval from the city for a 76-percent rent increase for his building at 923 Garden St. has been postponed at the request of the landlord's attorney, who said he has not seen his client in six weeks.

George B. Campen, who is representing Union City landlord Prataprai P. Mody, filed the postponement request Wednesday with the rent-leveling and stabilization board. The board granted Campen a three week extension, setting a Dec. 23 date for the hearing that was originally scheduled for Tuesday.

Campen, in an interview, said he has not had any communication with Mody since the landlord left the country six weeks ago for a trip to India. But, Campen said, Mody is expected to return early next month.

Last month, the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office joined the board in investigating charges that Mody submitted several fraudulent receipts in order to secure the rent increase under the substantial rehabilitation section of the city's rent-leveling ordinance.

The section states that a building may be removed from rent controls if its landlord can prove he has performed renovations totaling at least 100 percent of the building's assessed valuation.

The board granted Mody the 76-percent increase in March, after he submitted receipts for \$51,462 worth of renovations. The increase raised tenants' rents \$154, from \$196 to \$350, and reportedly forced three of the building's seven families to leave the structure.

But a memo from Business Administrator Edwin Chius said an investigation later indicated that Mody padded the \$51,462 figure by submitting receipts with inflated totals.

Six contractors have been subpoenaed to appear at Mody's hearing. In addition, Mody and several of his tenants are expected to testify at the Dec. 21 hearing.

To fit residents for waterfront jobs

Businessmen propose job training

By BILL GYVES
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HOBOKEN—An organization representing the local business community has proposed that a comprehensive job-training program be established to ensure that city residents are qualified for the thousands of jobs expected to be created here if the proposed waterfront project receives legislative approval.

The Hoboken Industry and Busi-

ness Association board of directors Wednesday approved a plan to begin negotiations with local and state officials, as well as with Secretary of Labor Raymond J. Donovan, to determine the feasibility of establishing such a program here.

Although enabling legislation empowering the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to begin waterfront development projects has yet to be approved, 10,000 construction jobs and up to 4,500 permanent

jobs are projected if the Port Authority waterfront revitalization project proposal becomes a reality.

But members of HIBA have expressed concern that the city has not reached an agreement with the Port Authority on how many of the jobs will go to city residents.

"To talk euphorically about jobs without providing some base-level type of training is premature, and smacks of opportunism on the part of those who view the waterfront as

the millenia," said Richard T. Bozzone Sr., administrative director of HIBA.

"We have to be, quite frankly, selfish about helping out our own," Bozzone said.

With the unemployment rate in Hoboken near 16 percent, Bozzone said, city officials could not afford to be timid in approaching the Port Authority on the question of how many of the projected jobs would go to city residents.

Garment contractors wage war on 'cheap' imports

Hudson County is losing jobs. Traditionally the major area of commerce where Hispanics have found employment has been in the ladies wear and garment industry that had flourished in Jersey City, Hoboken, Union City, West New York, North Bergen and to some extent in neighboring communities.

Many of the well-established people in the Hispanic business community will tell you stories of how they arrived in Hudson and went right to work in the area garment plants and factories. It was their start, and after several years of hard work they were able to make it on their own. But no more. "People come to us every

10 minutes looking for work," said Vito DePinto, owner of Atom Originals in Hoboken where he puts together cut material for coats and other garments. "What can you tell these people? The industry is suffering and this year is worse than ever. "I know of five businesses that have gone under this year and have cost

Hoboken almost 2,000 jobs. This is going on in the other towns as well. "It's on all the labels: made in Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Haiti or anywhere else that provides cheap labor and materials. A group of Hoboken garment contractors have gotten together in a bid to fight back. They created a committee and called it The

National Association for the Protection of the Garment Industry with DePinto as president. His brother, Mario DePinto of Holiday Fashions, was named sergeant-at-arms. Other officers are Joseph Del Aquila of Aldila Creations, vice president; Frank Gadaleta, Lucy Ann Fashions, secretary; and Anthony Toma of Craftsman Coats

Inc., treasurer. "In several weeks we will hold a meeting that will kick off our campaign to force Washington to help our industry," said DePinto. "We would like to see tariffs set on these See NEIGHBORS — Page D.



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countries which use cheap labor and material and we would like to see the government provide credit for small business in our field which are trying to survive.

The clothing contractor said his group will recruit more members in the garment industry from within the state and other business in the country and to start a national advertising campaign to support their point of view.

He said they will lobby in this country's capital to see measures taken to protect their industry and DePinto claimed to have the support of U.S. Rep. Frank Guarini and Sens. Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg. Mayor Steve Cappelletti has given the new lobbying group his local support.

Robert Menendez, the former school board secretary, was once a showpiece for former Mayor William V. Musto. Whenever Musto was asked about the role of Hispanics in local government, he would point to Menendez and his school chum, Manny Diaz, as proof of the strides the Spanish-speaking population was making.

No one said anything when Menendez and Diaz had school and municipal posts, respectively, while attending the Rutgers University School of Law in Newark during the day. The queries about how the two could function in their salaried positions and study strenuous law courses was explained away by noting that they had "flexible hours."

Times have changed. Menendez testified against Musto who was convicted in a federal trial for racketeering involving the "embezzlement," as one school trustee put it, of \$600,000 in school construction contracts. Menendez was no longer the fair-haired boy.

The State Department of Education has completed an audit of the school system's finances, which it does every five or six years. The report has gone to the Board of Education which is dominated by Musto supporters. At a school panel meeting last week, Board President Gean Ghignone said a public

hearing will be held on the audit, as prescribed by law, but not before questioning several former board employees in private and at length about the results.

Menendez said he is the one the Board of Education will try to spank in connection with the audit.

"The intent is to aim the audit discrepancies at me," said the former school trustee and board secretary. "An audit is based on what one shows them. I don't keep the books. There are bookkeepers and accountants who were under me but I don't keep the records."

"While I was in office, I kept independent audits. The state never made recommendations. The Hudson County superintendent of schools never made any recommendations either."

"Many of the items that were looked over by the state audit were things that were handled six or seven years ago when I was never in that office. They were practices that were always done for years before."

No one is saying just what is in those reports yet because the school panel is a stickler for privacy but Menendez supporters say they expect items to be judiciously leaked.

On Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Anthony's Church Hall, a most interesting bazaar will be held in an attempt to put a religious accent to the meaning of holiday shopping.

With the help of foreign missions, the church Resource Center obtain many interesting religious artifacts for sale. There are also statues from Spain, Mexican crosses and carving from Africa and other countries. Rosaries from the Holy Land are being shipped in for the bazaar.

Meanwhile, the members of San Martin de Porres of St. Anthony's is collecting clothes and toys for Cuban refugees living in tents in Peru. A spokesman for the group said they were hoping to collect enough donated items to send in time for Christmas but if they do not, the Good Cheer is expected to be sent in January, possibly for the Day of Kings on Jan. 6. He said donations could be sent in care of St. Anthony's.

Unicorn presents first crafts show

A lot of people in Hoboken still haven't figured out exactly what the Unicorn is.

It's supposed to be a bookstore, but then why is there a cafe with tables in the back of the store at Fifth and Washington Street? And if it's supposed to be a restaurant, why is there an art gallery upstairs?

Little wonder that even its owners have difficulty explaining it to outsiders.

"I like to think of it as a center, as a sort of gathering place for people in Hoboken," Lynn Spencer, one of the three owners of the store, explained.

It's this combination that makes the Unicorn the perfect place to host the first crafts show by Hoboken artists. The store will be featuring work made almost

exclusively by Hoboken craftsmen and women through December in its upstairs gallery.

The show itself is as varied as the different kinds of craftwork. There are several displays of pottery, weaving, woodwork, batik design, paper art, tilework, and iron work, all done by Hoboken residents.

Among the artists featured are Renata Guzman's pottery; Bonnie Cooper's pottery; stained glass by Robin Field; and weaving by Cynthia Bachinsky.

The gallery is open free to the public and all the pieces are for sale. Mrs. Spencer said. The store's hours are from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Mondays; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays.

Photography exhibit at Hopoghan Gallery

When asked in 1921 to describe his life, American photography pioneer Alfred Steiglitz summed it up in four short sentences:

"I was born in Hoboken. I am an American. Photography is my passion. The quest for truth is my obsession."

All through December the Hopoghan photography gallery in Hoboken will be presenting the work of Steiglitz and several other photographers. However, Kathleen Eckles, one of the directors of the gallery, said the show will focus more on the photographers' art than on their historical importance.

"This is to be a visual show that has some historical interest, but the focus will be definitely on the pictures," Ms. Eckles said.

As founder and editor of the influential photographic quarterly camera work Steiglitz was important to photographers at the turn of the century. Ms. Eckles explained that he gave recognition to many promising young photographers by getting their work out to the public at large.

"He was very important in having photography in this country finally recognized as an art form," Ms. Eckles said.

"When he came back after studying in Europe, he found that photography was mostly considered only a commercial vocation," Ms. Eckles said. "He was always advocating it as fine art."

Over the years, Ms. Eckles said, Steiglitz also became famous internationally for his own photographs. Today she said that quite a number of books have been printed displaying Steiglitz's photographs.

Besides Steiglitz, other photographers that will be featured at the showing are Edward Steichen, Gertrude Kasebier, Robert Demachy, Alvin Langdon Coburn.

The showing will run from Thursday until Jan. 8 at the Hopoghan Gallery, 92 Hudson Street. The gallery hours are from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays and also by appointment.

Hoboken official helped save growth bonds

By Robert Larkins

The director of policy for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority has praised Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri for helping to block a National League of Cities resolution the EDA considered harmful.

The resolution would have urged Congress to impose further restrictions on tax-free industrial development bonds. The EDA uses those bonds to spur industrial development projects in the state.

"At the National League of Cities convention in Los Angeles, Calif., now underway," said EDA policy director Sam Calaby, "Councilman Robert Ranieri... spearheaded the motion to return to

the Financial Assistance and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the league its proposed resolution number one, which would have urged Congress to enact further restrictions on the use of industrial development bonds in the United States."

The league is an influential voice with Congress and the Internal Revenue Service, Calaby said. The EDA had asked some of New Jersey's representatives at the conference, including Ranieri, to oppose the measure.

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Ranieri wins EDA plaudits

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"Due primarily to his speeches and actions," Calaby said, "the committee voted not to bring the resolution to the convention floor. Instead the committee will further consider, for the ensuing year, information which will be reported to the U.S. Treasury on national industrial development bond use in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Equity and Financial

Responsibility Act of 1982...

"Here at the New Jersey EDA, we feel the provisions of that act are an ample restraint on industrial development bond usage. Certainly a year should go by, which would allow the national reporting requirements... to operate, which is absolutely essential for any further policy consideration of this matter by the National League of Cities or anyone else."

Waterfront plan faces Assembly

By BILL GYVES

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Legislation enabling the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to proceed with the \$500-million revitalization project proposed for the Hoboken waterfront is scheduled to face a final floor vote in the state Assembly today.

Assembly approval of the legislation would leave the New York state Assembly's approval as the only roadblock for the project slated for 130 acres of waterfront property along Hoboken's River Road.

The bill, sponsored by state Sen. Nicholas LaRocca, D-33rd, who represents this city, requires the approval of the legislatures and governors of both New York and New Jersey.

The Port Authority's plan, in addition to the Hoboken complex, calls for a waterfront development project at a yet unnamed New York City site.

Both states' senates have approved the measure, and New York Gov. Hugh L. Carey and New Jersey Gov. Thomas H. Kean have expressed support for the Port Authority's proposal.

But the bill must pass in the assemblies of both states prior to the end of the year, or it will have to be reintroduced to the new legislatures of New York and New Jersey at the start of the 1983 legislative session.

LaRocca's bill was released Tuesday for a floor vote before the state Assembly after the Assembly Independent Authorities Committee voted unanimously in favor of the legislation.

The New York state Assembly is scheduled to vote on the legislation Dec. 6. If approved, the plan calls for the development 670 residential units, a 400-room hotel with 30,000 square feet of conference space, 60,000 square feet of retail store space, approximately 1 million square feet of office space, a restaurant, a 7-acre recreational area and a 370-foot slip marina.

Applied Housing denies favoring rich

By BILL GYVES

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Applied Housing Associates, scheduled for investigation by the City Council for alleged improprieties in its huge subsidized housing operation, yesterday rejected the allegations as unfounded.

Applied Housing President Joe Barry, whose corporation is the largest holder of subsidized housing units in the city, yesterday denied charges that the corporation is offering its subsidized units to wealthy "out-of-towners" and neglecting Hoboken's lower-income residents.

Councilman Nunzio Malfetti urged the City Council Monday to investigate the allegations. Council President Walter Cramer presented the case to the council's law committee for consideration.

Barry said Malfetti's request was motivated by personal differences he has had with the corporation after Applied Housing failed to house "four or five" residents the councilman recommended. Malfetti "vowed to get even" with the corporation, Barry said.

Barry said 87 percent of Applied Housing units are occupied by lower-income Hoboken

residents, and 13 percent by low-income residents of other areas in Hudson County.

"Very few, probably less than 1 percent" of the residents in Applied Housing units are wealthy "out-of-towners," Barry said.

Barry said Federal Housing and Urban Development regulations require that the subsidized units be distributed to residents throughout a given region, and not simply in one city.

"Let's hear (Malfetti's) numbers with these 'out-of-towners,'" Barry said. "We'll share our statistics with the city or anyone."

Councilman E. Norman Wilson, chairman of the council's law committee, said the committee would "entertain" Malfetti's request for the investigation within the next two weeks.

Formal plans for firehouse

The Hoboken City Council will receive a formal presentation next week on the planned expansion of the Jefferson Street firehouse.

Storch Engineers of Florham Park will make the presentation following Wednesday's regular meeting, which begins at 10 a.m. Storch recently completed a feasibility study for the firehouse

and recommended two proposals for expanding the station — one for \$900,000, the other for \$1.1 million.

Each proposal calls for a two-story expansion onto an empty lot next to the station at Second Street and Jefferson. The more expensive proposal would include garage space for another pumper truck and an elevator in the station.

Fire department officials already have recommended that the council float bonds to fund the \$1.1-million expansion proposal.

In other business, the council is scheduled to vote on giving permission to organizers of an Italian-American festival to use the city's Shore Road between Fifth and Sixth streets for the festival on June 24, 25, and 26.

Rubber mats get attention

Rubber matting in Hoboken's parks will soon be repaired and be given a more permanent base by the city in order to cut down on park vandalism.

Recreation Director James Farina said he was working with the city's carpenters to find a way to more securely place the matting around the city's playgrounds. At present, the matting is only glued down and is often ripped apart by vandals.

ture of rubber playground matting and a booklet detailing a stronger method of attaching the matting.

The matting is installed in the playgrounds to help prevent director of the Hudson School. Mrs. Newman sent Farina a pic-

serious injuries to small children playing on the swings, slides, and other equipment.

Farina said the new method of attaching the matting would essentially have each piece of matting individually bolted into the playground.

Hoboken planners OK condo plan

The Hoboken Planning Board last night approved a variance for the conversion of a former commercial building at 412

Washington St. into a 17 unit condominium complex.

The project is being constructed by the architectural firm of Capobianco and Zemsky of Secaucus.

The variance was approved without any parking being provided by the developer. Tenants will use the three municipal parking facilities on River Street for their vehicles.

The next planning board subcommittee meeting will be held Dec. 8 and the regular meeting on Dec. 22.

Ejected for breast-feeding baby, she'll file suit against restaurant

A Jersey City woman plans to file charges against a Hoboken restaurant which ejected her for breast-feeding her child on the premises.

Tammy Ahern, an independent television producer, said she has been consulting with attorneys and officers of the local chapter of the National Organization of Women about filing charges against the management of the Hoboken House Restaurant on Third and Washington streets.

Mrs. Ahern said a rally has been planned for 5 p.m. on Friday in front of the restaurant to protest the action.

Mrs. Ahern said she and her husband, Sean, were ordered out of the restaurant on Saturday night after she attempted to breast-feed her 3½-month old daughter Shannon at one of the tables.

"They chose an extremely hostile way to do it," Mrs. Ahern said. She said the manager forced the couple to remain in the restaurant until they had paid for a bottle of wine they had ordered.

When they refused to pay for the wine, Mrs. Ahern said the management summoned police, who asked for the couple's identification and then escorted them

out of the restaurant. "They made us feel like criminals. They described me as a hysterical woman. I was not. I argued my point, but I never raised my voice," Mrs. Ahern said.

The restaurant management would not comment on the incident except to explain that Mrs. Ahern had been offered a separate room at the restaurant to breast-feed her child, which she refused. Mrs. Ahern denied that any room had been offered to her.

"I've taken Shannon out in many restaurants and public

places and never had any trouble about feeding her," Mrs. Ahern said. "They had no right to throw us out."

Hoboken Health Officer Patricia Mitten said the city health code does not prohibit the breast-feeding of children in a restaurant.

Mrs. Ahern said she had been a television producer for the past several years. Recently, she received a fellowship for media arts from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, and has produced documentaries on Northern Ireland and teen-age pregnancy for WNET-TV.

Girl held on murder threat

HOBOKEN—Hoboken police arrested a 16-year-old city resident yesterday after she allegedly threatened to kill a woman Tuesday.

According to police, the juvenile, whose name was not released due to her age, has repeatedly threatened Josephine Henderson, who gave her address as 580 Marshall Drive.

On Monday, the girl threatened to "kick Josephine Henderson's butt" at Third and Wash-

ington streets, police said.

And then again Tuesday, the juvenile approached Henderson with a kitchen knife and said, "I am going to kill you," police said.

Henderson filed complaints with the Youth Bureau Office of the police department following both incidents, police said, and the juvenile was arrested yesterday and charged with harassment and simple assault, police said.

Grogan Plaza challenges state on housing fines

The managers of the Grogan-Marineview Plaza apartments in Hoboken are now asking for an administrative hearing challenging a list of housing violations found at the building by inspectors.

In a letter to the state Bureau of Housing Inspections, Kenneth S. Shatten, of Moderate Income Management Co. Inc., managers of the building, formally requested the hearing in order to contest the findings by the inspectors.

The building was issued a \$1,000 fine in September by the bureau for housing violations found by state inspectors. Shatten, in his letter, said that nearly one-half of the violations cited as not having been abated referred to apartments rented by the Stevens Institute of Technology as housing for its students. These floors are expected to be repaired by Stevens when its students are moved from the building into new dormitory facilities on the campus, Shatten said.

Also, violations were found on the building's ventilation system which Shatten said was caused by tenants covering vents in their apartments which he said results in a decline of efficiency in the system. Shatten said an analysis is currently being undertaken to determine the system's efficiency.

Finally, Shatten said that the other violations referred only to minor cosmetic details which he said do not constitute a negative

health or safety condition in the building and should not be fine.

No free junket for Hoboken officials

By James Kopchans

As every year, Hoboken officials are preparing to take off a few days next week to attend the annual state League of Municipalities convention in Atlantic City.

Only, unlike every year before this, they're not going to be reimbursed this year by the city for attending.

With the city having to cut employees this year in order to cut expenses, the city council won't be providing any reimbursements to officials who choose to attend the conference, which begins Tuesday.

Last year, the city council was severely

criticized for providing stipends totalling \$7,800 to the 26 officials who attended the convention. Many critics charged that most of the officials who made the trip were there only for pleasure and not for business.

The year before that the council had authorized sending 33 officials to the convention at a cost to the city of \$9,900.

"It'll be interesting to see how many officials go this year," one city official said yesterday.

Edwin Chius, the city's business administrator, said that city officials will be allowed the time off to attend the convention, but will not be able to use vacation time for the time spent there.

Charges on landlord detailed

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A confidential memorandum of the rent-leveling and stabilization board, obtained yesterday, outlines for the first time details of an investigation into charges that a landlord submitted to the board fraudulent receipts to secure a 78-percent rent increase for his building at 923 Garden St.

Prataprai P. Mody, a Union City-based landlord who owns six other buildings in the city, is accused of submitting the bogus receipts to secure the increase under the capital improvements section of the city rent-leveling ordinance.

City officials confirmed last month that the board and the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office were actively investigating Mody. But the officials would not release the details of the charges.

The memorandum, dated Sept. 29 and sent to the board by city Business Administrator Edwin J. Chius, outlines three major fraud charges facing the landlord.

According to the memorandum, Councilman E. Norman Wilson, who has been conducting an independent investigation into the increase, has substantiated that Mody padded one receipt by at least \$1,000.

The memorandum says Wilson has documented the fact that Mody paid Jefferson Storm Windows \$3,000 for its services. The landlord submitted a \$4,000 receipt to the board in March.

In addition, the memorandum says Mody submitted "phony" bills to document a \$5,300 expenditure for electrical work, when only \$1,300 was paid. According to the memorandum, Mody's receipts for the electrical work are suspect because the electrician contracted for the work testified that he writes his bills by hand, while Mody's were typed.

The memorandum also indicates that Mody may have forged a signature on a bill he presented to the board to document a \$17,200 expenditure for having the apartment building painted. City officials have been searching for the painter, George Cooper, since June and have not located him, according to the memorandum.

In the memorandum, Chius expresses doubt that such a sizable paint job could have been done on the property, which is an averaged-sized apartment building. He also expressed doubt that Mody paid the \$17,200 in cash, as the landlord reported in March.

At its March 23 meeting, the

board had ruled the requested 78-percent increase was justified under the capital improvements section. The section states that a building may be removed from rent-control restrictions if the landlord proves he performed renovations totaling at least 100 percent of the building's assessed value.

Mody presented \$51,482 in renovation work receipts for the building, which is assessed at \$32,600.

The increase became effective in May, and boosted tenants' rents \$154

from \$196 to \$350. Three of the families living in the building prior to the increase have since been forced to leave.

Earlier this week city officials announced a special meeting of the board is scheduled for Nov. 30. At that meeting the Mody case is slated to be re-opened.

According to sources, more than a dozen witnesses will testify at the hearing, and subpoenas are expected to be issued by the end of the week.

Hoboken wants stiffer fines for clogging sewers

Hoboken Public Works Director William Van Wie wants to toughen the ordinance against dumping contaminants in the sewer system.

Van Wie will ask the City Council to increase the penalties for dumping motor oil or other contaminants.

Yesterday, Allied Freight Systems Inc., was fined \$275 in municipal court for leaving several barrels of motor oil unattended in September.

Van Wie said the oil ran into a catch basin at 10th and Madison streets.

At present, the maximum fine is \$500. Roy Haack, the city's sewerage director, said, which can be much too low for the

amount of clean-up needed.

"To remove the stuff can run anywhere from \$1,000 to \$20,000," Van Wie said. "The fines cannot help us repay it all."

The Allied dumping did not cost the city much because the firm assumed responsibility and paid for the clean-up, Van Wie said. However, a worse spill five years ago put about 20,000 gallons of naphtha in the system and caused an explosion that severely damaged the 11th Street pumping station, Van Wie said.

Oil must be kept out of the system, Van Wie said, because it clogs the machinery in the sewer stations. He said he would discuss a new ordinance with the legal department.

Hoboken tenants petition for reductions in rent

Three appeals by tenants seeking rent reductions will be heard by the Hoboken Rent Levelling and Stabilization Board at a special meeting this Tuesday.

According to Edwin Chius, business administrator, the three hearings involve cases that have been in dispute for the past several months. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

One involves tenants at 82 Bloomfield St. Chius said the landlord has reportedly told the tenants they would have to pay for utilities rather than having it

paid through their rent. The tenants have asked the board to order a rent reduction, Chius said.

In the second case, Chius said one tenant, George Summers, has been petitioning the board to order a reduction due to violations he said have not been abated by the building's owner at 155 Eighth Street.

The third case involves a tenant at 1231 Park Avenue who Chius said, claims his landlord raised his rent above the 25 percent level that the city allows landlords to charge for vacant apartments.

Hoboken waterfront hearings conclude

The Hoboken Waterfront Advisory Committee last night completed the last of its public hearings on the proposed development of the city's decayed waterfront as more than 300 residents turned out to express their fears, doubts and hopes for the project.

The committee begins working now on compiling the public input from its series of hearings to produce a report and recommendations for the mayor and City Council early in the new year.

In the course of a four-hour hearing at Hoboken High School, the committee heard from 43 speakers who expressed concern that local politician would spoil the project, that the poor and working class would be forced out and aesthetic values would be sacrificed.

Several speakers voiced mistrust of the Port Authority, which would be "partners" with the city in the waterfront project.

Salvatore J. Samperi, the P.A.'s director

Waterfront Development, said that legislation pending in the New York and New Jersey legislature will give the City Council the power to block any move by the P.A. it considers not in the best interests of the city.

One speaker asked that a public referendum be called when a final decision was to be made on how the waterfront is to be developed. Councilman Robert Ranieri said a referendum would not be necessary because the public input would be provided by the council which ultimately would have to answer to the public at the polls.

Administration critic Thoms Vezzetti warned that local officials would ruin the project for their own selfish ends.

Community activist Steve Block, who is also a member of the city's Board of Education, gave a similar warning.

Block urged that the advisory committee be converted by ordinance into a municipal port

authority to handle the development

The Rev. Joseph Madden, who said he spoke on behalf of all the city's Catholic priests, called for continued public access to the waterfront and assurances that poor people "get a piece of the action."

Lucy Holland of the Hoboken Cultural Council asked that an arts and cultural center be included in the development.

Knights housing dream coming true after decade

By James Kopchans

What began as a dream 10 years ago by the Knights of Columbus in Hoboken is fast becoming a reality.

The 135-unit Columbian Towers, an \$8 million subsidized housing project for senior citizens may start construction this month, almost 10 years since it was first conceived by the Hoboken Council 159.

Groundbreaking ceremonies have been tentatively scheduled for Nov. 27 on the building's site on Bloomfield Street between Observer Highway and Newark Street and full construction work is expected to start immediately and continue until its projected completion date in March of 1984.

But to get to this point required a lot of years of persistence and waiting. According to Maurice J. DeGennaro and James Gabriele, two of the prime

movers of the project for the council, the first site for the Columbian Towers was to be the council's original headquarters at 716 Hudson Street.

"We had decided that the headquarters had become too big for us to handle any longer and we wanted to use the property for some good for the community by erecting apartments on the site," DeGennaro said.

However, after several years of trying to raise funds through the state Housing Agency, the council was told the land would not be big enough for the project.

The council then tried to raise funds to build on city-owned land on Second and Hudson streets, but though it was considered a high priority by officials at the State Housing Finance Agency, Gabriele said it never was funded and soon the land reverted back to the city.

The present site is being funded through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development which DeGennaro said agreed to fund it after efforts by both the council and city officials.

The building will be standing on a former parking lot. Gabriele said the council will purchase the site for \$135,000 from the city with the federal funding.

When completed, the building will stand 16 stories high and contain 135 one-bedroom and efficiency apartments. All the apartments will be subsidized with funds from HUD.

DeGennaro said the building will be managed by Applied Housing Corp. under federal guidelines. He said the firm, which is also managing several other federally subsidized buildings in the city, was very helpful in obtaining the funding.

Street collapse may be severe

The sewer collapse at the intersection of First Street and Willow Avenue in Hoboken appears to have been more extensive than at first thought.

The collapse, first thought to be limited to the intersection, may have actually been part of a gradual collapse of the line on First Street between Willow Avenue and Clinton Street, according to Roy Haack, the city's sewerage director.

Haack said the crews will soon begin inspecting the entire line between Willow and Clinton. Meanwhile, Haack said city engineer James Caulfield was preparing cost estimates for the installation of a replacement line along First.

The original collapse was discovered last Wednesday when plumbers could not find the main sewer line to attach an auxiliary line. An inspection found that the entire top por-

tion of the wooden sewer line there had collapsed and fallen into the line.

Because of this collapse, the street was being held up only by the wooden ties of an old trolley line.

Haack said he would meet with Caulfield and William Van Wie, the city's public works director today to go over the alternatives for repairing the line. Two alternatives, he said, would be to either replace the top portion of the line with concrete or to remove the remnants of the line and place a new line on First Street.

Either alternative would mean the street would continue to be closed to traffic for several weeks, he said.

Hoboken gets rent surcharge

Hoboken financial officers have finally cleared the red tape and have received the first payment on over \$22,000 owed the city by the managers of the Grogan-Marineview Plaza.

The \$22,000 represents additional rent charged to certain tenants because they earned above a federal maximum income guideline. The city had been trying for the past two months to collect the surcharges.

Methadone clinic faces fight for Hoboken OK

Hoboken officials are watching a proposed methadone clinic on 14th Street to make sure it secures the proper city approval.

Health Director James Farina said he has reports that the clinic directors have been moving furniture into an office on 14th Street and Park Avenue.

The clinic will be sponsored by the Metropolitan Institute for Health Services. According to Farina, it would need a variance

from the zoning board of adjustment.

Meanwhile, James Roarty, an activist in the city's Second Ward, where the clinic would be located, said that many of the residents are not aware of it.

Farina said he has been checking the site periodically.

The center has already been approved by the state Department of Health and the county's Health Systems Agency. Besides other counselling services, the

center would provide methadone maintenance for about 125 patients.

The City Council has already gone on record opposing the clinic. Farina said he has collected over 3,000 signatures from residents opposing it.

However, Roarty said the petitions did not reach enough people.

"If this clinic should dispense methadone," Roarty said, "all residents should demand its immediate closing or relocating."

Council rapped on mart denial

Supporters for a planned Pathmark supermarket in Hoboken's uptown section are criticizing the City Council's decision against hearing an appeal of a variance denial for the market.

The council voted last Wednesday not to hear the appeal by the Hoboken Manufacturers Association. The market would go on 15th and Washington streets. In voting against it, Council President Walter Cramer said the council had no other choice since the city's zoning ordinance (passed in May) did not allow appeals of variance denials.

However, Rocco Cavallo, spokesman for the Concerned Citizens for Ratables, criticized the council for having passed such an ordinance in the first place.

"The council has been criticized as being 'rubber stamps' and that is exactly what I believe happened in May when the council voted away their right

to hear any appeals," Cavallo said.

"I believe that the city council should be allowed to vote to void their votes on this ordinance

because they did not know what they were voting on in May and then take a vote on the appeal by the Hoboken Manufacturers Association."

Firehouse future debated

Hoboken fire officials will recommend the city council accept and authorize funds for the \$1.1 million enlarging of the firehouse at Second and Jefferson streets.

Fire Chief James Houn said yesterday that he and his staff have reviewed a feasibility study for enlarging the firehouse and demolishing the present station on Observer Highway.

However, Councilman Louis Francone, whose ward contains both the Observer Highway and Jefferson Street firehouses, said

he opposed any attempts to close the Observer station.

Francone said at last Wednesday's council meeting he felt the money that would be spent on enlarging the Jefferson house should be used to renovate the Observer station.

"The people around there need the two firehouses and I want to see them kept open," Francone said.

The plan to enlarge the Jefferson station was made Storch Engineers, of Florham Park. Storch had offered two alter-

natives for enlarging the two-floor structure — one that would cost \$989,000 and the other \$1,187,000. The more expensive alternative would allow the structure to house another pumper truck and a hook and ladder and put in an elevator.

Houn said it would make more sense to spend the additional money in enlarging the house. "If we choose the cheaper plan, we'll be building the additional and then find out that we needed the other things and then it will cost us two or three times that amount."

Hoboken board rehires teachers

The Hoboken Board of Education last night rehired three teachers laid off in April and also hired five bilingual aides to serve on a daily basis.

The teachers brought back include a bilingual teacher, a former teacher who will act now in the capacity of a guidance counselor, and an elementary school teacher.

The new positions will be paid by funds from a Title 7 state grant awarded in September, according to board vice president John Pope.

Waterfront referendum called for

Michael Schaffer, who initiated the legal action to change the wording on the recently defeated ballot referendum dealing with waterfront development.

Schaffer said he will contact members of the city council in Hoboken, and the city's industry and business association to work together to bring any proposed development "under the scrutiny of the voters."

Schaffer said the Mayor Steve Cappelletto and the nine city councilpersons "owe it to the voters to protect their interests against outside developers whose only interest is to reap a profit from proposals to develop the waterfront area."

Schaffer noted that "at two public meetings held by the business and industry association and the waterfront advisory committee, Fred Bado, of CBA, a member of the committee said that people in Hoboken will 'have the final word on any development proposals. This was also echoed by Port Authority representative John Donovan at the NHA meeting earlier. I now call on the waterfront advisory committee and the mayor and city council to enact legislation to place such a referendum on the ballot early next year, or at the appropriate election in the near future."

Schaffer said the "while Mayor Cappelletto is politically aligned with Mayor William Maestri, I don't intend to have Maestri's hand picked successor, Senator Nicholas LaRocca or the rest of Cappelletto's political partners in the state or county dictate to Hoboken what is best for us. No one is going to jam down our throats a proposal until it is thoroughly investigated and researched."

The Beat Goes On, In Hoboken, That Is

By WILLIAM ALPERT

I'm a little bit crazy. But this is my lucky break.

—THE INDIVIDUALS

MUSIC was percolating through the streets of this riverfront city well before Frank Sinatra sang at the Clam Broth House and then did his best to obliterate his ties to his native town.

It is still percolating, and nowadays the Hoboken connection is not something to be denied. Take Hoboken Pop, for example. It started about five years ago, when Steve Fallon opened Maxwell's at Washington and 14th Streets and began serving avant-garde jazz at the family-operated restaurant-bar.

Soon, two neighbors, Richard Barone and Glen Morrow, asked if they could play their New Wave-inspired rock music in the front room.

Today, Maxwell's is a landmark on the national concert circuit, and the 26-year-old Mr. Fallon is unwrapping Hoboken's first record label — Coyote Records.

Mr. Barone's group, The Bongos, is dicker with RCA and CBS and has just returned from its latest West Coast tour. Mr. Morrow's group, The Individuals, has been touring to promote its first album, "Fields." The dBs (it stands for Decibels) continue to win rave reviews after two albums and are very popular in Sweden.

"We're definitely on the verge of something," said "The Bongos' bass player, Bob Morris, originally from the Union County community of New Providence. "We're not quite sure what, but we're on the verge."

At first, the three bands — now a major trio in New York pop music — wore the Hoboken label ruefully. Not so today.

"Everywhere we go, we're known as the band from Hoboken," Mr. Morris said. "We don't mind it; it sets us apart from the New York bands."

All the bands got a lot of practice at Maxwell's before going on to national audiences.

In the late 1960's, echoes of the New York rock scene sounded in the dozens of ramshackle bars that lined Hoboken's piers. One of the bands then was The Insect Trust, whose Robert Palmer is now a pop music critic for The New York Times.

That scene vanished in the early 70's, when the city demolished the bars to make way for high-rise apart-

ments. With the swell of the New Wave music after the mid-70's, young musicians once more came to the New York City area, many settling in Hoboken for the same reasons that motivated upwardly mobile young professionals.

"Mostly, people came over to Hoboken because of cheaper rent," said Bob Singerman, who manages the dBs and handles bookings for all three groups.

"The Bongos couldn't have existed anywhere else than in Hoboken," said Mr. Barone, who insists that the band's rhythms are influenced by the Latin music The Bongos heard their Puerto Rican neighbors play.

Mr. Fallon runs his club — it is named for the Maxwell House coffee factory across the street — in a low mood, booking the bands directly and adjusting the sound system himself.

"Maxwell's is still a nice place to play, as opposed to a New York club with a lot of city action and big-money dates," Mr. Singerman said.

Mr. Fallon has consistently tried to expose new bands to his audiences at a time when many New York clubs book only well-known combos.

"Everybody has an opportunity to play here at least once," he said. "If they're horrible, they're horrible and they don't come back, that's all."

The first graduating class of Maxwell's all share traditional pop ingredients, each with quirky twists.

The Bongos' album, "Drums Along the Hudson," is a breakneck stream of riddles that ask, "Why did you call?"

The dBs are urbane and witty, even if their two British-produced albums are not quite Dorothy Parker, and the unified "Fields" album of The Individuals is a danceable celebration of such everyday activities as "Swimming in the Streets" and "Dancing With My 80 Wives."

Major record labels have been slow to acknowledge newer American bands, but the groups say that may soon change.

"I told you about the leap of faith," The Individuals sing in one of their songs. "Take the leap now."

The new Hoboken record label — Coyote — will be coming out soon with an extended-play release by another local group, Rodio Beat. As a result, New Jersey may eventually shake its reputation as a "Cover Band Heaven," namely a state filled with bar bands playing only the tunes of such groups as The Doors or The Grateful Dead.

"We just have to show the record companies that we can move those units," Mr. Morrow said.

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Building restoration nearing completion

A large chunk of New Jersey history is being preserved in downtown Hoboken, where a major restoration of the historic building at 12 Hudson Place is essentially complete. Just as important as the preservation effort, however, is the fact that the structure is being made more efficient as a commercial office building.

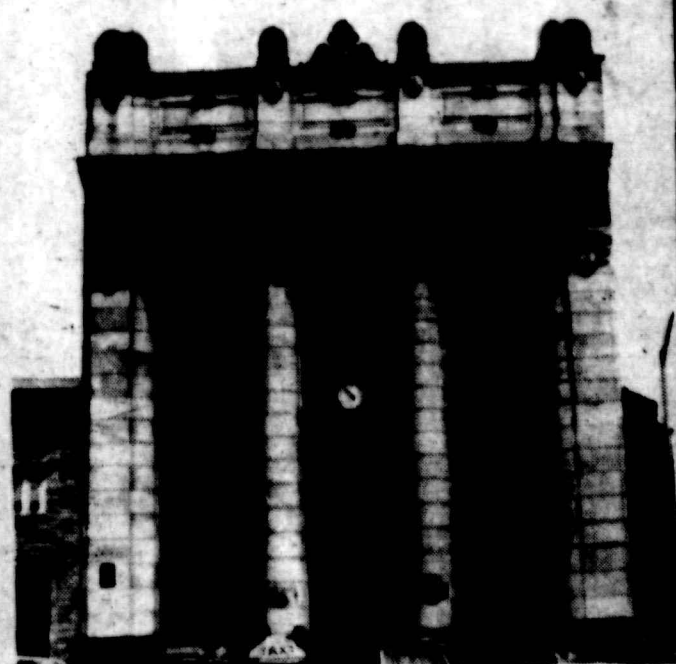
The owners are keeping and accentuating the best of the old and carefully incorporating the best of the new," according to Jay Colbert of the Meadowslands office of Helmsley-Spear, Inc., exclusive leasing agent for the property.

The two-story, 10,500 square foot structure is a designated Federal Historic

landmark. Built 82 years ago, it closely reflects the J. P. Morgan era with its sweeping staircases, high ceilings, ornate moldings, roof gardens and fireplaces, all of which are being preserved and restored.

"In addition to irreplaceable elegance, the building also enjoys an enviable location — just a half minute walk from Conrail and PATH lines to Manhattan, 13 minutes to midtown and 9 minutes to downtown," says Colbert. "It is also in the heart of the \$1 billion Hoboken Waterfront Area recently identified for development," he adds.

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the Hudson River especially from firms in need of accessibility to Manhattan.

"This project also reflects Helmsley-Spear's continued interest in the

New Jersey waterfront, as exemplified by its representation of 77 River Street and 95 River Street in Hoboken and 75 Montgomery Street in

Jersey City," he notes. With offices across the nation and throughout the metropolitan, Helmsley-S-

pears, Inc., is one of the country's largest full-service real estate organizations.

Restaurateur apologizes to nursing mother

A woman who was escorted out of a Hoboken restaurant by police after trying to breast-feed her infant daughter last week says the restaurant's manager apologized as she and a dozen supporters picketed the place yesterday.

The manager of the Hoboken House restaurant apologized for the incident, according to Tammy Ahern of Jersey City, and said the restaurant does not have a policy of discriminating against breast-feeding women. She said the manager suggested that the feeding take place in a separate dining area.

Mrs. Ahern attempted to breast-feed her daughter Shannon a week ago today and she and her husband wound up being escorted out by police after a restaurant official objected.

Mrs. Ahern said she returned to the restaurant yesterday with men and women friends who picketed the place for an hour. Restaurant officials were unavailable for comment last night.

Mrs. Ahern said early in the week that she would sue the restaurant. Last night she said she was thinking the matter over.

HUD holds judgment on project

Action on an application to construct 20 new two-family homes on First Street in Hoboken has been put off by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Peter Guarino, of the city's Community

Development Agency, said the application, submitted by the non-profit Caparra Home Development Corp., was up for approval by HUD this week. However, the department decided to delay judgment on it until more financial commitments could be obtained.

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Until it is replaced, Van Wie and Haack said their department would continue doing only spot repair jobs.

Hoboken police arrest youth in fatal stabbing

A 17-year-old Hoboken youth has been arrested by Hoboken police and charged in the stabbing death of a Washington Street Liquor store owner on Sept. 18. The youth was not identified because he is a juvenile.

Another suspect is being sought in the murder of Stanley Dopart, the owner of the Falcon Liquor Store, 716 Washington St.

Capt. Patrick Donatucci, head of the city's detective division, said the suspect was

arrested yesterday at the Hudson County Courthouse where he was facing charges on possession of burglar tools. He said the suspect was taken to the Youth Correctional Facility in Secaucus to face arraignment today.

Donatucci described the suspect as an unemployed high school dropout who lived in the downtown section of Hoboken. It has not been determined whether he was the one who actually attacked Dopart with the knife.

Dopart, 33, was stabbed during robbery attempt at his store at about 8:43 p.m. on Sept. 18. He reportedly was attacked when he refused to go into the store's back refrigerator and then scuffled with the robbers.

The attacks reportedly stabbed Dopart several times in the chest and stomach. He died on Sept. 30 at St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken.

Donatucci said the arrest was largely made through "good solid police methods," but would not elaborate on that statement. He credited Det. Lt. Frank Garrick, Det. Sgt. Martin Kiely and Edward Garcia, and Dets. Paul Tewes and Fred Ferrante in contributing to the arrest.

Union City board bloc denies teacher firing was 'political'

Union City school officials have formally denied charges that they dismissed 14 teachers earlier this year for "political reasons" and have asked that the charges, filed by the three minority members with the state Commissioner of Education, be dismissed.

The charges were filed by board members Jose Fuentes, Bruce Walter and Julia Valdivia against Jeanne Ghigione, Louis Marchesani, Frank Rieman, Frank Clark, Mario DeLuca and Carl Mirasola, who are members of the school board majority. The charges also included Richard Hanna, superintendent of

schools, and Herbert Kiltzner, the board's attorney.

The minority members contend that the board officials acted illegally, arbitrarily and unreasonably and were politically motivated in not rehiring the teachers. They also contend that the teachers did not receive individualized statements from the board of its reasons for their non-employment as required by state law.

According to Kiltzner, the matter is now up to an administrative law judge for the Commissioner of Education. "He may dismiss the accusation or schedule a conference if

he feels that there is some merit in them," Kiltzner said. "The purpose of that conference would be to outline and simplify the issues. However, we have not been notified by the state of the status of the charges."

At the turn of the century, the neighborhood around the Hoboken piers was one of the most vibrant in the metropolitan area, being filled with steamships, German beer gardens and immigrants from a dozen countries.

Today, the piers are deserted, and Hoboken, despite a renewal of brownstone neighborhoods over the last decade, still ranks as a troubled city with a weak tax base. But the State Senate has now approved legislation setting the stage for a \$900 million waterfront revitalization program to bring the area back to life.

The bill — S. 1077 — authorizes the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to involve itself in waterfront development projects, which are now prohibited by the agency's charter. The legislation — it was sponsored by Senator Nicholas LaRocca, Democrat of Union City — was patterned after a similar measure passed by the New York State Senate last summer. The Legislature and Governors of both states must approve the Port Authority's new role before any action can be taken.

If the New York and New Jersey Assemblies do not act before the end of the year, new legislation will have to be introduced. The Assembly bill in New Jersey was sponsored by Assemblyman Christopher J. Jordan, Democrat of West New York, and could be voted on at tomorrow's session.

Salvatore Samperi, the Port Authority's assistant director for waterfront development, said that the agency would provide \$100 million to clear and prepare the Hoboken site. Private developers will build the planned housing, offices, stores, restaurant and marina and operate the facilities.

Legislation that returns to Hoboken the piers that were seized from German steamship lines during World War I has been signed by President Reagan. The city will have to pay for the piers, but the price will take into consideration all the revenues Hoboken lost while the property was under Government control.

Hoboken's waterfront project in line for Assembly OK today

By Special Correspondent
TRENTON — The Assembly was considered certain today to authorize a \$500 million project on Hoboken's waterfront that, coupled with the Senate's earlier approval, may enable the Port Authority to begin work as early as next spring.

The "top priority" administration project would create up to 4,500 permanent jobs provided the New York Assembly enacts an identical version already passed by the New York Senate in its next session Dec. 6. This would allow Kean and Gov. Hugh Carey to sign the legislation.

The bi-state P.A. is prepared to advance \$100 million from its bond resources to begin transforming rotten and abandoned piers and derelict waterfront into the "showcase" of harbor development.

Rising from the long-neglected pier areas would be luxury apartments, an office tower, retail and specialty stores, hotel, restaurant, marina, and recreation open space.

All these projects are expected within the next five years from major developers who will be solicited for bids by the P.A. next spring. By then, the agency expects the first of 10,000 permanent workers will be in the field, clearing up the pier areas and preparing for the necessary utilities.

The Senate approved, 37-1, Nov. 8, the measure by Sen. Nicholas LaRocca of Union City, and Assemblyman Christopher J. Jackman of West New York will move today to make minor amendments in his version to make it identical to the LaRocca act backed by Gov. Thomas H. Kean.

Hoboken will probe subsidized housing

By Earl Morgan

Acting on a request by Councilman Nunzio Malfetti, the Hoboken City Council last night agreed to investigate charges that Applied Housing, which controls most of the city's federally subsidized apartments, is freezing out residents and giving preference to "out-of-towners."

The council also pulled from the agenda a request for approval of a federal grant application to the owner of property on 15th Street.

A portion of the property is in the area proposed for a supermarket denied a variance several weeks ago.

The council's law committee will handle the

investigation of Applied Housing. Malfetti said local residents have complained to him that "they are being frozen out of subsidized housing and are being forced to relocate out of Hoboken because they can't pay double or triple rent increases."

Applied Housing officials could not be reached for comment.

Malfetti said the council should see that citizens be given preference over out-of-towners and "certain officials who have an inside track with Applied Housing." Malfetti did not name any of the officials.

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The council pulled the request of Anthony Dell Aquila for a federal "Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG)" because they had no information about the grant application including the dollar amount being sought. The law committee will also handle further inquiries about the grant.

Just two weeks ago the council, on advice of the law department, declined to vote on the city zoning board's decision to deny a variance for the construction of a Pathmark Supermarket on land in the vicinity of the area the UDAG grant would develop. The

supermarket developers have taken the matter to Superior Court.

Councilman E. Norman Wilson said "the council wants to know how it is that Dell Aquila had agreed to sell the property to the developers for a supermarket and now wants a grant to develop something else on or near the property."

The councilman assured several members of the public that any development plans conceived by the Port Authority for piers A, B, and C will have to have the approval of the council before any construction begins.

Guardian Angels seek Bayonne, Hoboken, Union City recruits

The Guardian Angels volunteer citizens patrol group is looking for recruits from Union City, Bayonne and Hoboken so that they can begin patrols in those cities "as soon as possible."

According to the Angels' Hudson County coordinator, Eduardo Garcia, at least 34 people are needed from Hoboken, 40 from Union City and 34 from Bayonne to adequately patrol those municipalities.

The Angels already have a start in Union City where there are 10 recruits who, once they're trained, will be led by Garcia's brothers, Jose and Alexander.

Meanwhile, the group is still planning to begin bus patrols on the Bergen Avenue Bus Line in Jersey City Monday night.

Recruits can call 435-4594 or go to the Jersey City YMCA, 654 Bergen Ave., Room 202, on Saturdays and Sundays after 5 p.m., said Garcia.

Another Hoboken registration called 'lost'

By Robert Larkins

A new complaint about an allegedly "lost" Hoboken voter registration has been received by Hudson County Elections Superintendent Joseph Brady.

Brady said his bureau is investigating the complaint, received by mail, and investigating an earlier complaint that about 100 persons who registered at the River City Festival in Hoboken

did not have their registration forms processed.

The new complaint did not involve any of those who signed up at the fair, Brady said.

Brady said his office also received a complaint about a separate voting issue. A Kearny woman called after the election to say a number of persons on at least one block in that town had

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Supermart site hearings

The Hoboken City Council's legal committee will be continuing hearings into circumstances surrounding the site of a proposed Pathmark supermarket at 15th and Washington streets.

Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr., a member of the committee, said the committee would soon be requesting to speak with owners of the Hoboken Manu-

facturers Association about reports of a possible sale of the property.

Reports of the pending sale came up at a council meeting on Nov. 15, when the council voted to table a request for approval of a federal grant application for adjacent property to the Pathmark site.

However, Thomas E. Durkin Jr., attorney representing the

owners of the Pathmark site, said in a letter to Council President Walter Cramer that no other contract has been made with any other firm than Pathmark.

Durkin said that should anything change concerning the property he would notify the council.

Wilson said the committee has been trying to find out exactly what is the situation surrounding the Pathmark contract and the grant application. On Nov. 19, the committee spoke with Thomas Aherm of the city's Community Development Agency, which helped prepare the grant application.

The supermarket site was turned down for a variance in August by the city's board of adjustment and is now under appeal by Durkin. Recently, the council voted not to hear an appeal of the board's decision, explaining it did not have the jurisdiction under the city's ordinances to hear its appeal.

Hearings resuming for fire captains who refused arson duty

After nearly two months' delay, disciplinary hearings involving five Hoboken fire captains are resuming today.

The fire captains were scheduled to appear at a hearing on Sept. 29, but the hearing was called off after a loud verbal dispute between Public Safety Director James Giordano and representatives for the fire captains.

The five, Eugene Failla, Gerard Peterson, Robert Moore, John Lisa and Michael Waldich, have all been charged with neglect of duty for refusing to comply with orders to make safety checks of a building an arsonist tried to torch in July. The captains have maintained that to follow such an order would have risked their lives since it was a duty that required police training.

The disputes at the Sept. 29 hearing were caused when Giordano announced that the hearing would be held behind closed doors after previously announcing it would be open to the press and public.

Man gets 6 months in Hoboken theft

Nathaniel Green, 30, of Newark, who pleaded guilty to a downgraded theft charge yesterday as a result of his arrest in the mugging of Walter H. Rissland, 62, of Hoboken, in a rear yard on Park Avenue, has been sentenced to a six-month Hudson County Jail term by Judge Edward F. Zampella in the county's central judicial processing court. Green admitted taking \$14 after threatening Rissland, Friday night.

Antonio King, 18, of Jersey City, arrested early Friday by Patrolmen Peter J. La Rocco and John Carroll inside the Liss Drug Store, Journal Square, during closing hours, was sentenced to a three-month county jail term by Judge Zampella after pleading guilty to criminal trespassing.

Hector Rivera Montie, 25, of West New York, arrested Wednesday by Patrolman Richard Maggi after breaking into Miguel Lopez's auto on 63rd Street in that town, was sentenced to a 30-day county jail term after pleading guilty to criminal trespassing. Montie, credited with six days already served, spent Thanksgiving in jail, but will have one wish

granted: getting released in time for Christmas.

Hector Rivera of Jersey City, arrested Sunday, was sentenced to the county jail for 10 days after pleading guilty to attempting to steal tires from an auto owned by Jeff Kaplowitz of Jersey City.

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received no sample ballots.

Brady said the plates for that block of voters was checked.

"Our plates were soaked wet from the ink," Brady said.

He said that confirmed for him that the sample ballots were printed. He said all the sample ballots printed were delivered to the post office in the appropriate municipality well before last Tuesday's election.

"Once before," Brady said, "we had some trouble in one of the towns when a pile of (sample) ballots fell behind a cabinet. The postman didn't find it until the day of the election."

Hoboken Legion to send color guard to ceremony

A full color guard representing American Legion Post 107 of Hoboken will travel to Washington D.C. this week to participate in the dedicating of the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Meanwhile, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and the city council have declared the period between Nov. 10 and 14 to be Vietnam Week — honoring all men and women who served during the Vietnam War.

This past Saturday veterans groups from Hoboken joined in

Veterans Day services at Elysian Park. Speaking at the services were Andrew Geerloff and William Van Wie, past commanders of Post 107. Other groups represented were World War I Barracks 3258; Jewish War Veterans Post 55; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 158 and its ladies auxiliary; and the 40/8 veterans and auxiliary.

Post 107 has also scheduled a meeting for Veterans Day this Thursday at 8 p.m. at the post's headquarters, 1229 Willow Ave.



HONORED — Jacob and Betty Marks of Hoboken will be the guests of honor at the annual State of Israel Bonds Testimonial Breakfast Sunday at 10 a.m. at the United Synagogue of Hoboken.

Way cleared for garage

The Hoboken Parking Authority last night passed a resolution approving an agreement for revisions in the

specifications for a soon-to-be-built parking garage at Marine View Plaza.

In other business, the com-

missioners authorized the executive director, Joseph Hotten-dorf, to advertise for bids for the recoating of steel beams in three parking garages owned by the authority at Marine View Plaza.

Authorization was also given to solicit bids for new control equipment at the garages.

The roof improvement specifications are part of an agreement that the authority has to negotiate with the city's housing authority, which owns the land the garage will be built on once a developer is found.

Parking lot leak traced

Water department officials in Hoboken and Jersey City have found the source of a leak at the city's boundary.

William Van Wie, Hoboken public works director, said that an investigation into the leak yesterday morning showed that the leak had occurred on the Jersey City side of the boundary at Marshall Street and the Paterson Plank Road. He said the Jersey City crews would repair the leak.

Water from the leak had been continually pouring into the parking lot of the Regional Import and Export Corp. on Marshall Street, drowning it under about two feet of water. Van Wie had been trying to have the leak closed since last week.

The water leak was reportedly coming from a leak in an old water pipe on Hope Street near the boarder.

Public silent on Agency

Hoboken residents were given the opportunity last night to comment on the projects of the Community Development Agency, but only one person attended the meeting and that person didn't speak.

The purpose of the public hearing was to solicit input from citizens about the various programs the agency is administering, according to Fred Bato, director of the CDA.

"We simply want the public's response as a way to know whether the programs should be continued or not," Bato said.

In addition, the meeting was held to present a progress report of activities in the areas of housing and neighborhood preserva-

tion, physical development, economic development and community services. The agency is required by the federal Housing and Urban Development Agency to present an annual performance report to the public.

Asked about the sparse turnout, Bato speculated that people are more interested in specific issues, such as waterfront development, rather than the general scope of the agency's work.

He said the agency's strategy will remain unchanged, with housing development for lower and moderate income people as the first priority followed by its secondary focus on economic development.

Only old trolley ties prevent cave-in of street in Hoboken

By James Kopchansky

Only some old trolley ties are keeping portions of First Street in Hoboken from collapsing but city officials don't have the funds to do anything but temporary repairs.

Yesterday, a portion of the street's wooden sewer line was discovered rotted away at First Street and Willow Avenue.

"The only thing holding up the street were the ties of the old trolley line that used to run here," Roy Haack, the city's sewerage director, said. "If it wasn't for them the whole street would have collapsed into the line."

The ties, Haack said, lie just below the pavement, covered over with asphalt. These ties supported the street, but there was nothing below them.

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Until it is replaced, Van Wie and Haack said their department would continue doing only spot repair jobs.

Hoboken told: shun garbage business

A professional study comparing possible methods of garbage collection in Hoboken recommends the city continue to hire private contractors rather than start its own garbage collection service.

The study, done by Storch Engineers Inc. of Florham Park, was given to council members at a closed caucus Monday night. The Jersey Journal obtained a copy of the report yesterday.

According to the study, the city would save between \$214,000 and \$257,000 per year over six years for a total of \$1,392,861 by 1987, by continuing its present practice of contracting private collection firms.

In addition, the study found that private contractors give the city greater flexibility in assigning workers and equipment to handle the city's load. Among the advantages are: the ability to shift personnel and equipment from other cities during peak days in Hoboken; the ability to hire laborers on a daily basis; the

incentive for efficiency that a private company needs to survive in the market place; and the possibility that all operations will not be in strict conformance with law.

Also, the study said that should the city start a municipal collection service, it would be very difficult for them to end it if they would ever desire to do so.

Storch said the city should allow the council to fully evaluate its options on garbage collection. Councilman Robert Ranieri had contended during the spring that the city would save money by picking up its own garbage rather than hiring an outside firm.

As a compromise, the council agreed to hire the present garbage contractor, LaFera Contracting Co., for only one year, rather than the three-year contract the company was seeking, while a study was done on collection systems.

In comparing prices, Storch researchers compared the price

of the present contract and estimated increases in that contract at an eight percent cost-of-living rises. It then compared these prices with the costs the city would have to assume in hiring personnel, buying equipment and other overhead.

As an example, the study estimated that the cost of contracting the collection service out in 1987 would be about \$2,212,028 while the cost of operating a municipal service would cost the city \$2,425,693 for that year — a saving of \$213,665.

Hoboken site owner hit with subpoenas

The Hoboken Rent Levelling Board has filed subpoenas with the owner of 823 Garden St. for all financial records regarding the substantial rehabilitation rent increases given to the building in May.

The building has been the center of a growing controversy focusing on the rent increases granted it under the substantial rehabilitation clause in the city's rent levelling ordinance. Tenants in the building have claimed that the landlord, P.P. Mody of Union City, deliberately forged several

bills submitted for work done on the building in order to receive the rent increases.

Rents at the building were raised as much as 78 percent after the board approved the application. As a result, five of the ten tenants living in the building were forced to move, according to the tenants.

The board has set a hearing for Nov. 30 to review the original information in the application. In addition, the Hudson County Prosecutor's office is reportedly also conducting an investigation of the records.

Hoboken needs for 1983 total \$2 million

Two new streetsweepers and two more dumptrucks are included in a list of \$2 million in capital improvements needed for Hoboken next year.

City officials are presently putting together a list of the needed projects after having completed a full assessment of the city's capital needs, according to city Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Chius estimated to do all the capital improvements being listed would take a total of about \$2 million. However, he said he didn't expect that every item would be funded next year.

The list will be presented to the council at its Dec. 13 meeting caucus. The council will then debate how many of the projects should be funded.

Among the projects needed, Chius said,

besides the street sweeper and dumptrucks, a new fire pumper, improvements to City Hall, including repairing the sidewalk, and installing new lavatories and fire safety improvements.

Other improvements being considered are repairs to the walks inside Church Square Park, and building a rock salt bin to store the salt needed for the city's streets during the winter.

Hoboken plans for P.A. piers

The Hoboken Waterfront Development Committee is now preparing to present a series of recommendations for the planned development of the Port Authority piers in Hoboken.

Thomas Aherm, director for the committee, said yesterday he

hopes to have the information and opinions given at two public hearings on the development ready for presentation to the City Council by Christmas.

Meanwhile, Mayor Steve Cappiello has appointed three new members to the committee, raising its number to 19 members. The three newest members are former deputy fire chief James Halloran, storeowner Nelson Ortiz, and Det. Eugene Drayton.

Aherm said the committee

has all the minutes taken at the two hearings held in October and November and will begin using them to make up a list of recommendations for the council.

A full report will be given to the public at a hearing in January, Aherm said.

The public hearings on the development were held to inform Hoboken residents of the development, which has been estimated will cost about \$500 million, and to obtain public input into what the development should include.

Mysterious noises drown out council

HOBOKEN—Yesterday morning's City Council meeting wasn't an unusually heated affair, but it was so noisy that hearing the proceedings was nearly impossible.

The noise began as a roar, and council members attempted to talk over it. It didn't work.

Then the Municipal Court chamber's windows were closed. But that didn't work either.

Finally, it was decided the solution was to shut off the speaker system in the chamber. That worked.

"I don't know what it was or why it happened, but it sure was annoying," said Frank Fortunato, assistant city clerk.

The nuisance apparently was the result of radio signals that ran astray and attracted to the speaker system, sending a relatively loud stream of music out into the chamber.

Tenants turn against landlord

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The seven-month battle between city officials and their landlord is still under way, but the tenants at 223 Madison St. apparently have crossed the battle line.

The tenants yesterday filed a formal complaint with the city against the landlord, Luis Miele, arguing he has failed to provide adequate heat and other essential services.

The tenants said they also intend to begin working with the city in having Miele removed as the building's landlord, thus having themselves declared the owners under a cooperative-management agreement.

In addition, the tenants are looking to officials to alleviate their heating problem by enacting a city ordinance letting the city purchase heating oil and pass

Call vital services lacking

the expense directly to Miele.

Only 2½ months ago, the tenants rallied behind Miele at a Municipal Court appearance on multiple safety violations. But Casilda Quinones, president of the building tenant association, said things have changed.

"I think he used us," Quinones said. "When he needed us, we were there. But when we need him, what happened?"

Quinones said the building has been without heat for a month, a situation she says is complicated by the fact that seven windows are missing. She also said the

work to see that the tenants "are not exploited."

"But inasmuch as this is a controversial issue, I wouldn't do anything without the law department's consent," Cappiello said.

Cappiello and other city officials have been embroiled in a battle with Miele since building inspectors cited 223 Madison St. for several safety violations, and the tenants were ordered out as a result.

City officials argued the tenants were asked to leave for their own safety. But the tenants said they were being harassed because they are Hispanic.

tenants currently are heating themselves with their stoves.

Quinones said no complaints could be relayed to the landlord because before yesterday, Miele had not been seen for three weeks.

"Sure, today he's around — you know that. It's the first of the month," she said, referring to the date the tenants' rents are due.

The 23 tenants, however, will not be paying Miele any more rent, according to Ramon Irizarry, an attorney who has been representing the tenants throughout the seven-month battle.

Irizarry said he has scheduled a meeting with city officials for next week to discuss the possibility of working with them to help have Miele removed as landlord.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday the city would

Firefighters' hearing off for 2nd time

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The scheduled disciplinary hearing for five Hoboken fire captains who refused in August to enter a building suspected of being an arson target was canceled for the second time Monday, after it was discovered the captains' attorney was not notified.

Hoboken Public Safety Director James W. Giordano canceled the hearing after being notified that the hearing date was never confirmed with attorney David S. Solomon. Giordano is the arbiter in the case.

Solomon failed to arrive at Giordano's office for the hearing and the trial could not proceed without the captains' having legal representation present.

A Dec. 28 hearing has been scheduled, and confirmed, by both sides, according to Bill Bergin, president of the Hoboken Fire Officers' Union.

The December hearing will be held early three months after the original Oct. 29 hearing was canceled when Solomon protested that the captains were not receiving a fair trial.

The captains are charged with insubordination for refusing an order to inspect a building at 715 Clinton St. on Aug. 3, three days after firefighters found evidence of arson there.

The five told their superiors that such an inspection was not included in their contracts, arguing that a search for an arsonist should be made by armed police officers.

The city, however, charged the five fire captains were shirking their duties. At the time, Mayor Steve Cappiello labeled the captains' action "a flagrant disregard for human life."

Solomon said he will appeal a negative decision made at the disciplinary hearing.

"We kind of anticipate a negative ruling," Bergin said yesterday.

Will Port Authority's plans include Hoboken's own piers?

By James Kopchans

Will the plans for a \$500 million development for the Port Authority piers in Hoboken include the city's piers on Fifth and Sixth streets, too?

City Council President Walter Cramer said at yesterday's council meeting he worried that those two piers still may be included despite promises by Port Authority officials that the development site only includes the 55 acres of the Port Authority piers between Newark and Fourth streets.

Cramer said the Fifth and Sixth street piers were a part of legislation passed by the state legislature allowing the authority to develop the waterfront property. The two piers were included in a description of the development site, Cramer said, which could mean at one point the Port Authority could try to extend the development site to include them.

However, Sal Samperi, assistant director for waterfront development for the Port Authority, said yesterday the authority has no plans at present for development of the two city piers.

"We're not ruling out joining in any planned development for those piers if the city wants our help in developing them," Samperi said. "But we have no plans for those piers at present."

"What if we received an offer from another developer for those piers? The Port Authority could turn around and take the piers under eminent domain and we couldn't stop them," Cramer said. "They would have the power of two state legislatures and two governors on their sides if we took them to court."

Samperi said the authority has no power of eminent domain in the development area, despite reports that it may have received such power under legislation. "We wouldn't want it even if we

could be allowed to have it," he said.

On Monday, the state assembly passed and sent to Gov. Kean legislation that would give the Port Authority the ability to undertake Hudson River waterfront development projects. Similar approval is expected in the New York state legislature, clearing the way for the Port Authority to take an active role in the Hoboken project.

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ing. Private financing would make up the remaining amount.

Once approved by the legislatures, developers would be sought for the project. At present, the land is owned by the federal government, which is negotiating its sale to Hoboken. At some point, final plans for development for the site will have to come to the council for approval, Cramer said. However, he said he wanted to take steps to make sure the council becomes more active in the current negotiations being undertaken for the development.

In other business, the council approved amendments raising the city license fees. The amendments are part of a general updating of city fees being undertaken by the council.

The council also granted approval to promoters of an Italian-American festival to hold it Shore Road between Fourth and Fifth streets on June 24, 25 and 26.

St. Mary Hospital to get CAT scanner

Carpenters, electricians, plumbers and painters have been hard at work at St. Mary Hospital since Nov. 1 getting a ground floor area ready for the arrival of a G.E. 9800 full-body Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT) scanner this month.

This modern piece of equipment is a joint venture of St. Mary Hospital and St. Francis Community Health Center but will be physically located at St. Mary.

Preparing a site for installation of a CAT scanner is no easy matter," Dr. H. Amiri

director of radiology at St. Mary said, pointing out that the area must meet exacting temperature and safety standards and must comply with stringent New Jersey Department of Health codes.

According to Dr. Amiri, "the acquisition of this full body CAT scanner provides both institutions with the capability of viewing cross-sectional images of internal body structures revealing the presence of abnormalities not detectable through conventional X-ray procedures."

Hoboken school job probe asked

The Hoboken Board of Education is scheduled to consider a proposed request for a state investigation of its business office.

School trustee Steve Block added the proposal to the board's agenda during last night's caucus in preparation for the regular meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the board's meeting room.

Block's proposal focuses on the business office's personnel policy and procedures and seek accountability for hirings.

The results of the 1981-1982 Minimum Basics Skills tests are to be released at the Tuesday meeting. The board will also be considering a proposal from the Hoboken Cultural Council to establish a "writers in schools" program in which professional writers host seminars on writing skills for students.

Hoboken still searching for new tenants adviser

Almost three months since Hoboken tenants adviser Robert Shachter was fired, the city is still searching for a new person to fill the position.

Fred Bado, director of the city's Community Development Agency, said the duties of the

position are now being filled temporarily by Lena Milan, a worker at the agency. However, he said the agency was still looking for a person to fill the position on a full-time basis.

Bado said he will be consulting with the new city rent leveling

board administrator, Jose Santiago, to ask his help in finding a new adviser.

Shachter was fired in August after the agency received reports he had been discourteous and uncooperative to city tenants seeking his help.

Hoboken's PBA wants repairs

Almost three months after an arbitrator ruled that Hoboken must repair its police headquarters, the work still hasn't been done, and the city's police union wants to know why.

Thomas Meehan, president of the city's Policemen's Benevolent Association, said yesterday he wants to meet with city officials to find out why the needed repairs have not been completed. "They've certainly had enough time," Meehan said. "It should have been done by now."

"Whatever an arbitrator rules in their favor, they waste no time in making sure the decision is implemented. Now why don't they follow the orders now?"

City Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the repairs are included in a list of capital improvements that the city officials will be presenting before the council. Among these projects is a full rehabilitation of city Hall, including the police headquarters in its basement, Chius said.

The arbitrator, Charles S. Sobol, ruled on Aug. 23 that the city must clean and repair the station's bathroom and place a combination lock on the bathroom door. Also, the arbitrator ruled that repairs be made on the police locker room and that a combination lock be placed on the front door of police headquarters.

The list of capital improvements will be submitted to the council at its Dec. 15 meeting. If approved, the projects would be paid through a bond issue next year.



EFFORTS AWARDED—Quinn Cann, second from left, chairman of the 1982 River City Fair in Hoboken, receives an award for his work on the fair from Helen Manogue, right, chairman of the Hoboken Environment Committee, during last night's meeting and Christmas party of the committee at Stevens Institute. Also present were Alice Genese, left, events chairman for the committee and Don Cotter, chairman of the 1981 River City Fair.

Sewerage system repairs will cost Hoboken millions

By James Kopchans

After years of neglect, Hoboken may now have to pay heavily for repairs to its sewage treatment system.

The package of repairs, which city officials are estimating could cost between \$3 million and \$4 million, will be presented to the city council at its next regular meeting on Dec. 15. City Engineer James Caulfield is preparing the report.

Meanwhile, engineers at Mayo Lynch Inc. are racing a Dec. 29 deadline to submit an application to waive a federal-mandated deadline forcing the city to provide secondary sewage treatment.

If the application is rejected, the city may have to spend over \$35 million in building a second

Repairs will cost Hoboken millions

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dary sewage treatment facility beginning next year.

Among the projects included in the package are: the replacement of the wooden sewer line along First Street between Bloomfield and Clinton streets; new equipment to maintain and clean the sewer lines; and mandated repairs to the primary sewage treatment equipment at the city's main treatment facility at 16th and Adams streets.

Neither Public Works Director William Van Wie nor city sewerage superintendent Roy Haack could estimate how much the projects would cost.

"If you ask us that a week from now we'll know, Jim Caulfield is now in the process of preparing that right now," Haack said.

Caulfield could not be

reached for comment. However, a city official close to the situation estimated that the whole package could cost over \$3 million.

"What we're seeing here is the result of years of neglecting the city's infrastructure," Haack said.

Haack said that many of the problems were apparent in a 1955 report on the sewage system, but nothing but temporary repairs have ever been made.

"If you asked anybody a year ago what 'infrastructure' meant they'd look at you strangely," Haack said. "But today I think that everyone is aware of infrastructure through the news and reports of Congress and the new gas tax and this (the sewers) is part of your infrastructure."

"This is not something that happened overnight, but it just

built up over the years. It's hard, but it's something that has to be done. There is no way to avoid it."

For example, Van Wie pointed out that the First Street line, which was in danger of collapse at the Willow Street intersection two weeks ago, is almost blocked solid at points with sewage.

"It's just has to be replaced," he said.

The repairs on the treatment plant have been mandated since 1978, but various delays have kept the city from completing the work, Haack said. These delays also included expectations that the Hudson County Utilities Authority would take over the city's facilities as part of a regional sewerage system.

The work needed there includes mandated repairs and replacements to the plant's

regulators, digestors, and vacuum filter systems, all crucial to the system's operations, Haack said.

"We anticipated we should be done with work on our last settling tank next week (also mandated by the federal Environmental Protection Agency), which still doesn't let us off the hook by any chance," Haack said.

Even should it be done, Haack said the plant would still only be able to provide primary sewage treatment, which processes only about 40 percent of the pollutants out of the sludge. Haack said the city is also under EPA mandate to eventually provide secondary treatment, which purifies about 90 percent.

Cost estimates have run between \$35 million and \$45 million for the secondary system, Van Wie said, and this cost has forced the city into seeking the waiver from the EPA.



Hoboken Patrolman Robert Lisa displays two bicycle frames found on the 10th story roof of 310 Jackson St. after another frame thrown from the roof nearly hit him while he was investigating a report of a burglary.

Objects thrown at cops from project roof

By James Kopchans

Somebody's trying to kill policemen at the Hoboken housing project, according to the city PBA president.

In the past several months, policemen answering calls for help at 310 Jackson St. have been grazed by objects flung from the roof of the 10-story building.

In one instance, the frame of a children's bicycle landed at the feet of a patrolman. Another policeman was struck on the arm by a heavy CB radio antenna base.

Other times, bricks flung from the roof have smashed the windshields of police cars.

These incidents have been occurring for the past six months, according to Thomas Meehan, PBA president.

"We hoped that it would all die out," Meehan said. "But obviously it hasn't so we're just going to have to stop it."

The building is part of the Andrew Jackson Gardens projects. Dominick Gallo, executive director of the Hoboken Housing Authority, said his office has been questioning project residents.

Meehan said the union wants

anybody arrested for throwing the objects and charged with attempted murder.

"There's no way to argue it. If a policeman gets hit by a heavy object thrown from the top of a 10-story building there's a good chance he's going to be killed or seriously injured."

The bicycle frame came very close to killing Patrolman Robert Lisa, who was investigating a burglary Meehan said.

At the last moment, Meehan said the frame was deflected by electrical wires. When Lisa ran to the roof he found two other frames.

"Somebody is making targets of us. This has to be stopped," Meehan said.

Police officials said they have stepped up investigations in the area. Meehan said that Boyd Security Inc., which patrols the projects, has agreed to make frequent inspections of building and its roof.

"We're also asking for help from the public," Meehan said. "If anyone knows of anybody who might be doing this, they should call up headquarters confidentially so that we can follow it up."



Musician Eugene 'Gene the Plumber' Turonis, who has written a song decrying Hoboken's transformation boom, carries his son

Hoboken's gentrification blues

Sophisticates are changing its village tone

By Ernest Tollererson
Inquirer Staff Writer

HOBOKEN, N.J. — Frank Jennes goes down to the docks every day to take care of a rickety old barge that floats in river water as green and thick as some brands of dandruff shampoo.

Jennes, 69, and his longshoremen buddies used to hold cookouts on board and recall the days in 1954 when *On the Waterfront* was filmed here and they rubbed elbows with Marlon Brando and Lee J. Cobb. Nowadays, the barge is filled with jars of rusty nails, chains, a potbellied stove and a purple armchair with cotton stuffing popping through the seams. From time to time, Jennes lets in some of the cats that live on the piers, to prevent the place from becoming an amusement park for river rats.

Down here on the Hudson River, Jennes can pretty much ignore the construction crews that are transforming Hoboken's run-down brick buildings into luxury apartments, condominiums and offices. Hoboken, a working-class town listing under the weight of double-digit unemployment and a weak industrial base, is slowly evolving into an upper-income enclave that could, by the year 2000, become an unofficial borough of New York City.

Jennes' disdain for the rehabilitation boom on shore is as deep as his affection for the barge.

"They don't build anything for the poorer people," said Jennes, who is retired and lives with his wife in a one-bedroom apartment. "I hope they get stuck — all of the owners."

A lot of the 42,460 people in Hoboken these days are suffering from the gentrification blues.

Old-timers fret about spiraling rents and cling to the image of blue-collar Hoboken, which proudly displays a copy of Francis Albert Sinatra's birth certificate in a glass case in the library and which once considered renaming a road Sinatra's Way in honor of the city's native son.

Poor Hispanic tenants worry about holding on to their low-rent apartments, and about getting through this winter without another round of fatal fires.

A colony of artists and urban pioneers who came here in the middle-to-late 1960s and who restored 19th-century rowhouses and factories approve of the heightened interest in the city, but some say they are squeamish about the way the robust real estate market displaces the poor.

After the collapse of the marine cargo industry here in the mid-1960s, gentrification was a relatively benign affair. The emigres created a market for fancy restaurants, but they respected Hoboken's traditions and appreciated its village atmosphere.

Influx of professionals

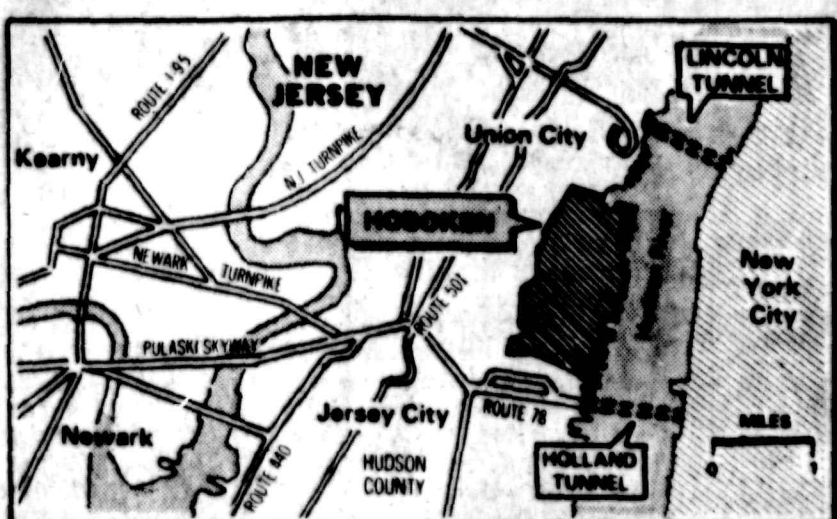
But that period seems to be coming to a close, as more and more young professionals determined to beat Manhattan's blue-chip housing prices discover that the brick row houses and brownstones here are solid and that the Port Authority Trans Hudson (PATH) trains can whisk them to their New York offices in eight to 12 minutes.

And they don't feel that living here is tantamount to exile in the suburbs. Hoboken is just across the Hudson from New York and minutes from the Holland Tunnel. In Hoboken, you can see the sun rise on the twin towers of the World Trade Center, the scalloped arcs of the Chrysler Building and the needle point at the top of the Empire State Building.

Hoboken officials do not have estimates of the number of people who have moved here from New York in the last several years. But the newcomers' presence and their cosmopolitan tastes are reflected in a number of ways.

In the Washington Street business district, the blackboard in the Hoboken Gourmet's window advertises "fresh quiche." The Unicorn bookstore runs a late-afternoon and evening cafe in the back.

The Hoboken Chamber Orchestra is in its second season. The city has a photography gallery and nightspots



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with jazz and punk rock.

On most Friday nights, Hobokenites can stop in at the Court Street Restaurant and hear Eugene "Gene the Plumber" Turonis sing the gentrification blues to the melody of "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town."

You'd better watch out, you'd better not move
If you live in Hoboken, you're close to the tubes
The bourgeoisie are coming to town
Well, they know where you are living and they want your house
And they'll try to exterminate you
Just like a roach or mouse

The most vulnerable

Within the last six months, between 500 and 1,000 Hoboken residents in the downtown area have been displaced because their buildings were being converted into condominiums and rental units, said Ivan Silverman, a real estate agent who speculates in property, rents apartments and does small-scale housing-rehabilitation projects. As the houses change hands, the most vulnerable people are those in rooming houses who rent on a month-to-month basis and do not have the protection of a multiple-year lease.

Two years ago, between 10 and 25 of Hoboken's 15,465 housing units were being converted into condominiums, according to city planner Peter Guarino. Today, about 250 units are under construction or are completed. One-bedroom apartments that fetched \$300 a month two years ago now rent for \$450 or more.

But still, the rents are a bargain by New York standards, and taxes in New Jersey are lower, too.

Paul Weinstein and Wendy Glassman, who were preparing for their wedding set for yesterday, will live in Hoboken, in a \$900-a-month apartment with two bedrooms, two baths, skylights and a bidet. They figure a comparable apartment in Manhattan would have cost them \$1,500 to \$3,500 a month. Their only worry: Will their Manhattan friends cross the river to visit?

From the Village

Weinstein, a Brooklyn-born lawyer who is an assistant to the president of MCM-United Artists, has given up his Greenwich Village studio with a tall shower and "an elegant view of the airshaft." Weinstein and Ms. Glassman, an attorney for a subsidiary of Ingersoll-Rand in northern New Jersey, said they could not face the culture shock of moving to a suburb.

"I don't want to feel that once you pull into your driveway, you've essentially isolated yourself," she said. They'll take your old apartment and they'll change the ownership and raise the rent 300 percent.

Mayor Steve Cappiello thinks the newcomers' impact has been grossly exaggerated. "I don't see gentrification," he says. The mayor maintains that despite the growing number of professionals moving to Hoboken, the city will always have a lot of poor people because about 30 percent of the city's housing stock is government-subsidized.

A local tenants group called Por la Gente has been a champion for the rights of the Hispanic poor, who make up 42 percent of the city's residents. But Sister M. Norberta

Hunnink, a Roman Catholic nun who sits on the city's rent-control board, says the group is attracting a growing number of white, middle-class tenants.

Anxiety concerning the changing character of Hoboken is not likely to subside. This fall the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey started outlining its plans for an ambitious waterfront project in the city. The Port Authority eventually hopes to reshape other sections of the region's 75-mile shoreline, an area bigger than the ports of Toronto, Philadelphia, San Francisco, San Diego and Oakland combined.

On three idle, downtown piers in Hoboken, port and city officials envision a \$500 million development, with up to 1.4 million square feet of office space, a 370-slip marina, a seven-acre park, luxury apartments, restaurants and stores.

Ground-breaking for the project is not likely in the near future. President Reagan recently signed legislation that would allow the city to buy parcels of the designated development area it does not own, and in addition, both houses of the New Jersey Legislature and the New York Senate have approved bills giving the Port Authority the power to oversee the redevelopment. But crucial issues remain to be worked out and could take as long as a year.

Port Authority official Sal Samperi envisions the city, where millionaire John Jacob Astor had a summer home in the early 1800s, as becoming the region's "thoughtville." Said Samperi confidently: "That's what New York and this region are starting to generate. We don't produce a physical product per se."

Disturbing vision

That vision of downtown Hoboken disturbs many of the residents interviewed. They would welcome marketing, research and computer companies here, but they want to preserve Hoboken's village character.

"I want to keep everything on a human scale," said Martin Andrews, a documentary filmmaker who has lived in the city since 1971.

With a few exceptions, nothing in Hoboken is taller than six stories, and Andrews says he thinks it ought to stay that way.

There are other anxieties about the waterfront project as well. Some people wonder whether Mayor Cappiello and the City Council are equipped to bargain with the Port Authority and developers over such sensitive issues as tax abatements, parkland, and permanent jobs to whittle down Hoboken's 14 to 16 percent jobless rate.

Like its machine-dominated neighbors in Hudson County, Hoboken government runs on Democratic Party patronage, and some born and raised Hobokenites, like Rocco "Rocky" Cavallo, and emigres, like Steve Block, contend that the city is mismanaged as a result.

Block is a member of the school board. He says all six of the other members — or members of their families — are dependent on the city for their jobs. Block says he thinks the traditional patronage system is partly to blame for the high-school dropout rate of 30 to 33 percent and Scholastic Aptitude Test scores that

are 100 points below the state average.

The fire on 13th Street made me cry and wince
And now so soon a condo
That's a thin coincidence

Jesus Ramos came back to Hoboken the other day to visit his friend Francisco Martinez, who works behind the Marotta luncheonette counter. Ramos and his family were burned out of a \$200-a-month apartment on First Street last July. Ramos searched for another place here but couldn't find anything for less than \$500 a month. He and his family now live in a \$300-a-month apartment on Hull Street in Brooklyn.

Tenement fires

Thirty people have died in tenement fires in Hoboken since 1980. None of the investigations to date has resulted in arson-for-profit charges. Privately, though, people who watch the real estate market say that one of the fires may have been set to ease the way for luxury housing.

Juan Garcia, the head of a Hispanic youth counseling service and of a community group called CUNA, contended that the people who have been killed in fires and those who have been displaced would be considered victims of human rights violations if they lived in El Salvador or Lebanon. Developing expensive housing, Garcia said, is a way to reduce Hoboken's Hispanic population.

THE HOBOKEN WATERFRONT

Investors looking for profit on piers

By James Kopchals

Lured by the promise of a \$500 million waterfront center right next door, potential investors are lining up with offers for Hoboken's Fifth and Sixth street piers.

Trouble is, no one has offered a serious proposal for the property, Mayor Steve Cappiello said.

Meanwhile, Cappiello said he asked the city's law department to examine state legislation giving the Port Authority power to develop the waterfront.

Cappiello said he wanted to have the legislation examined to see if it gave the Port Authority

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the power of eminent domain over the city's Fifth and Sixth street piers. City Council President Walter Cramer said at last week's council meeting the Port Authority such power.

The area to be developed includes Piers A, B and C which stretch between Newark and Fourth streets.

Since Gov. Thomas Kean announced in September plans to build a \$500 million development at the Port Authority piers, the phone at the mayor's office has rung almost daily with calls from developers for the city's piers.

"I'm constantly answering calls asking about those piers," Cappiello said. "But none of them is offering anything serious for them. They're just asking about them."

Cappiello said he hasn't discussed the calls with other officials. He said that once he gets a serious proposal he would give

Life begins at 77 for the viaduct

By JOHN DAIDONE
Special to The Dispatch

HOBOKEN—The 14th Street Viaduct, scarred by broken beams and decaying concrete for the past decade, may be on the verge of a major overhaul, the Hudson County engineer said yesterday.

County engineers met yesterday with state Commissioner of Transportation John T. Sheridan Jr. to try to convince him to push for available state funds so that repair of the 77-year-old structure can begin soon.

The renovation, totaling between \$3.5 and \$4 million, would utilize a combination of federal and either state or county funds, depending on whether the state can come up with matching funds, according to Michael J. Feury, the county engineer.

"Right now, we believe the federal money is there, but we still have to wait for the state," Feury said of the bridge that he considers to be the worst in the county.

While state officials decide on the current status of the viaduct, Feury is pushing the transportation commissioner to assign a professional engineer to draw up blueprints for the bridge revitalization.

"This way, when the funds come through, work can start immediately," he said.

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Photo by Chuck Zoeller

A CLOSE VIEW of the 77-year-old 14th Street Viaduct in Hoboken shows the sidewalk and curb crumbling in many spots. A major overhaul of the structure may begin soon.

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The long-range plan is for a new roadway, sidewalks, and railing, as well as repair work on the entire substructure, according to Feury.

"It should take between one and two years, and we'll plan out a way of detouring traffic so that one-half of the bridge can be finished at a time," he explained.

The state provided about \$25,000 this summer for emergency bridge repairs after a consulting engineering firm, A.G. Lichtenstein and Associates in Fair Lawn, noticed seven broken beams beneath the viaduct while taking a survey of county bridges.

The county hired Bayonne Welding and Boiler Repairing to insert replacement beams. These beams were wedged alongside the broken ones in order to prevent neighboring beams from bending because of the additional weight.

With winter approaching, county officials have an additional worry — snow and ice.

Feury said that the county will provide \$35,000 for the application of an abrasive surface over areas at the top and bottom of the viaduct so that there will be limited skidding when cars approach the traffic lights at each end.

"A half-inch coating of asphalt will be used on the roadway," he explained, "and the re-

mainder of the money will be used toward patchwork of the sidewalk."

The last county inspection of the viaduct was in 1975, and although rehabilitation was needed, there wasn't any work done until this year, according to Feury.

"Offhand, the bridge is carrying the load but it doesn't look like it should," the engineer said.

Cop to get hearing on slapping charge

Hoboken Public Safety Director James Giordano said he is preparing a hearing for a city patrolman who city residents say slapped a 9-year-old boy with no provocation.

Giordano said he will contact Police Chief George Crimmins and legal representatives for Patrolman Albert Benz this week to set the date for the hearing. The hearing will be closed to the public, Giordano said.

Benz has been accused of slapping the boy, Melvin Aviles, as he played on Bloomfield St. on Oct. 21.

According to a complaint signed by the boy's mother, Benz accused Melvin of breaking a window and slapped him hard on the left side of his face.

The incident sparked a good deal of resentment and anger among citizens in the area. Residents there said the window had been broken for several months and had not been repaired.

Hoboken port plan stymied by NY

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

Chances that construction will begin this spring on the proposed \$500-million Hoboken waterfront-revitalization project dwindled further yesterday, as the New York State Assembly failed to decide whether it would consider the legislation authorizing the project at a special session this week.

New York State Assembly approval is the final legislative barrier for the legislation, which would enable the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to proceed with its proposed waterfront-revitalization plan.

The bill requires the approval of the legislatures and governors of both New York and New Jersey because the Port Authority is a bi-state institution.

In addition, the Port Authority proposal calls for development sites in Hoboken and a New York City location not yet identified.

Although the New Jersey Legislature and the New York Senate have approved the bill, the legislation would have to be reintroduced in both states at the start of the 1983 legislative session if the New York Assembly should fail to approve it before the end of the year.

Port Authority officials have said construction on the Hoboken complex could begin as early as spring if the bill were approved this year.

They also have warned that the project could be delayed up to a year if the bill has to be reintroduced in 1983.

As of last night, no special session had been called, according to Gordon Boyd, an aide to New York Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink, D-Brooklyn.

If the session is called, it is not expected to run beyond Thursday. Boyd said the Port Authority bill is not a priority item, and that several other pressing issues were likely to prevent the bill from being considered this year.

Among the issues facing the New York Legislature, if a special session is called, are problems with the state, New York City and the Metropolitan Transit Authority budgets.

"I'm sure it will be difficult to get anyone to focus on (the Port Authority bill)," said Paul Van Ryn, an aide to the New York sponsor of the bill, Assemblyman G. Oliver Koppell, D-The Bronx.

The Port Authority's Hoboken plan calls for the creation of a complex along River Road, to include office buildings, luxury high-rise apartments, retail stores and a marina.

At stake in any delay on the complex are the 10,000 temporary jobs and 4,500 permanent jobs the Port Authority has projected the plan would create. Hoboken currently has an unemployment rate near 16 percent.

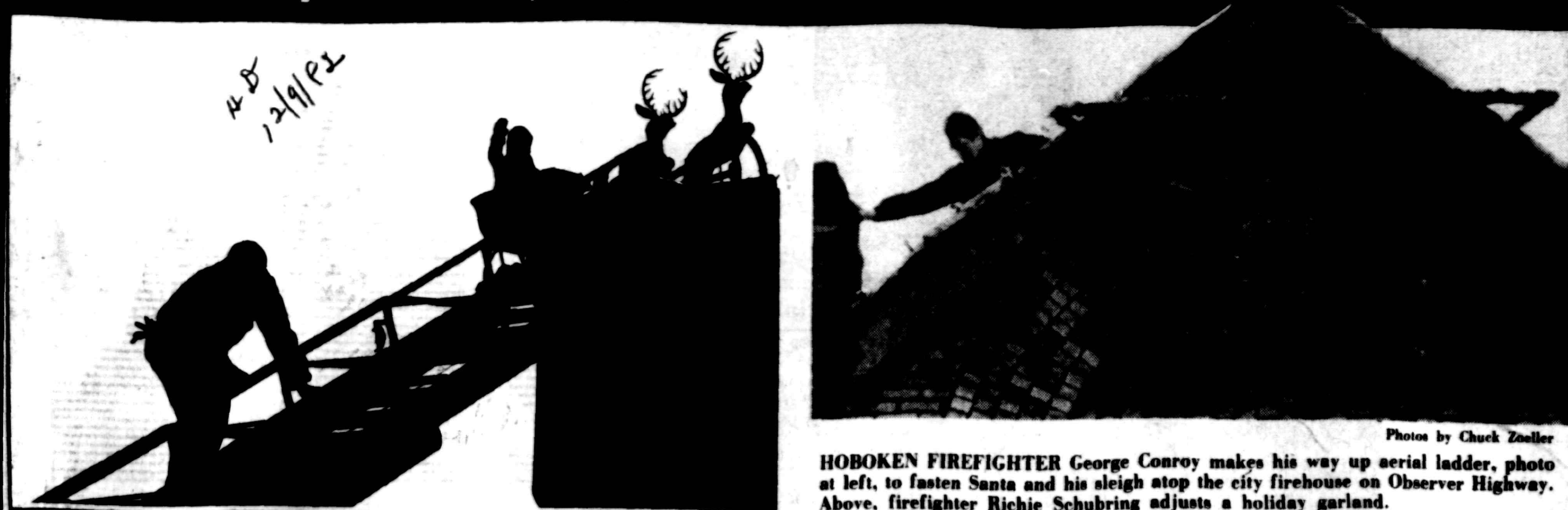
Housing chief vows to help cops

Andrew Scherer, chairman of the Hoboken Housing Authority, said he would recommend the eviction of any family helping the "criminals" throwing debris at policemen.

Reacting to a story on Tuesday of heavy objects being thrown at police from the roof of 310 Jackson St., Scherer said he would use "every resource" of the authority to find out who is responsible, and immediately turn the culprit over to police.

In addition, Scherer said anyone found helping the culprit in any way will be subject to immediate eviction.

...to the top of the (fire)house



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HOBOKEN FIREFIGHTER George Conroy makes his way up aerial ladder, photo at left, to fasten Santa and his sleigh atop the city firehouse on Observer Highway. Above, firefighter Richie Schubring adjusts a holiday garland.

Too many?

Now there are three. First there was the Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee; then the Hoboken Industry and Business Association's Waterfront Advisory Task Force; and now there is the Hoboken Citizen Waterfront Coalition.

All are concerned with the proposed \$500 million development of Hoboken's Port Authority piers — and all are concerned with analyzing waterfront information and presenting it to the public.

And each group insists it is completely untainted by politics.

That's nice to hear. Let's see that it is demonstrated in the difficult days ahead.

The first hurdle, of course, is approval of the pier turnover to Hoboken. That approval has been voted by the New Jersey legislature, but has yet to come from the New York legislators.

Public input into the Hoboken pier development is desired, but let us not forget what happens when too many cooks get involved in a small kitchen.

School aid slashed by Kean's order

By Joseph Albright and James Kopchans

TRENTON — Starting Jan. 1 school districts in Hudson and around the state will suffer 3 percent reductions in state aid under an executive order signed by Gov. Thomas R. Kean to reduce the state's 1983 budget by \$150 million.

Total school aid would be reduced \$44,728,788 — including \$2,266,000 for Jersey City, \$518,000 for Union City and \$400,000 for Hoboken — among 19 examples cited by Kean in a State House press conference yesterday announcing the executive order.

Hoboken school officials are fearful the cuts

will seriously impair operations of their school district. School officials from Jersey City and Union City could not be reached.

Dr. George Maier, Hoboken superintendent of schools, said that on a \$20-million annual budget, his district needs roughly \$1.5 million per month to operate.

Any such cuts would have to be made by cutting special programs and materials. Maier said all school personnel are contracted at a yearly salary and must be paid, so cuts could not be made in personnel.

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Maier said the Hoboken district is especially reliant on state aid. Of this year's \$20-million budget, he said, the state contributes about 55 percent of the revenues.

The only other sources of revenue are federal aid and city resources, he said. However, he doubted either could be used to make up a cut in state aid.

"It's almost the opposite in the amount of state aid that most other school districts throughout the state receive," Maier said. "There are very few other districts that receive so much aid."

Hudson and other districts will share proportional reductions

in the monthly checks sent by the state Education Department unless the Legislature approves a major new revenue source.

Kean said he would sign a bill increasing the 5 percent sales tax by one cent to raise \$265 million, provided it was coupled with bipartisan legislative agreement to further reduce state spending.

The Legislature has balked at approving any new tax levy and Kean called it "irresponsible" and "not in the public interest" to force the budget cuts he says are necessary under his constitutional mandate to authorize a balanced budget.

The 3 percent reductions

would accomplish this: • Eliminate an actual \$60 to \$70 million budget deficit expected through next June 30.

• Provide a \$30 million surplus for future contingencies.

• Provide \$50 million in reserve to be used only for "emergency" needs should the economy worsen in the months ahead.

This latter \$50 million would be achieved by holding the \$50 million May, 1983 payment for revenue sharing and business personal property tax replacement programs in escrow.

Kean said layoff notices will be sent to state employees but was uncertain how many would actually be dismissed. He agreed such action was "cruel" just before the Christmas holidays. The state laid off 800 employees

in a \$64 million budget cut last August.

If the budget reductions are made, Jersey City would lose \$113,000 in the business personal property replacement revenue and \$294,000 in state revenue sharing under the governor's plan.

Other reductions would be \$2,145,000 specified for 32 intersection improvements in Hudson authorized but not yet advertised for contract bids.

Still another austerity move would be the shutdown of buildings during semester breaks at Jersey City State College.

The outlook for any legislative approval of a sales tax increase appears bleak since only two sessions are scheduled this month — next Monday and Thursday, Dec. 16.

Welcome addition to Hoboken

By Marian Courtney

Officials in Hudson County municipalities have been seeking new businesses that can benefit from the double advantage of proximity to Manhattan and relatively lower rents and costs.

The businesses they want do not pollute the environment, require few services such as stepped up police or fire protection, generate revenue for local stores and restaurants and create ratables.

Abrahamsen & Co., a new business providing corporate finance software and computer databases for investment banks in Manhattan, is an example of the kind of firm that is being sought. That company opened its doors last March at 22 Hudson Place in Hoboken.

"We need to have personal access to Wall Street in a matter of minutes and so we appreciate the convenience of the PATH train," said Nicholas W. Platt, a spokesman for Abrahamsen, "and because our resources are still limited, we appreciate rents at \$17 a square foot compared to \$40 a square foot in parts in Manhattan."

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said the process of attracting this kind of business has been going on for a number of years. An international computer operation dealing with the banking world and several brokerage houses are among the new companies that have been around for a while.

A distinguishing feature of Abrahamsen is the youth of its five partners whose ages range from 28 to 36. Four of them, including John W. Abrahamsen, the president, worked for the First Boston Corporation, an investment bank in Manhattan, and left to start their own company. Platt worked previously at the New York Stock Exchange.



Dan Potash, seated, and Barbara Lefsky, founding members of Abrahamsen and Co. in Hoboken, use a new computer.

The risk was carefully calculated, Platt said. Because the youthful entrepreneurs were earning good salaries and had learned their business thoroughly in colleges and on the job, they had

been able to acquire \$100,000 with which to launch their bid for independence.

"We worked without salaries for four months," he said. "It's something we were able to do because none of us have children."

It was important during those first lean months to look prosperous, he added. Abrahamsen representatives dressed carefully from the beginning and furnished their Hoboken offices with good furniture and examples of fine art.

"Smart businesses can be crushed to death if they open with insufficient capital or experience," Platt said. "For us it was essential that we were able to start without borrowing money. A loan would have killed us."

Today the young company lists among its customers such prestigious names as Merrill Lynch, Salomon Brothers and Bear Stearns.

Its members are proud of early success and of the backgrounds they bring to it.

Abrahamsen, 36, led the computer resources group in corporate finance at First Boston. His experience is in computer time sharing, hardware, software development and database management.

Henry A. Dorzun, 28, wrote programs to graph stock prices, bond prices and yields and developed databases of International Monetary Fund data and new issue statistics at First Boston.

Barbara Lefsky, 28, has developed project finance software, mergers and acquisitions packages and stock price analyses.

Daniel Potash, 26, specializes in new financing techniques, such as debt equity swaps, bond defeasance and zero coupon securities.

Platt, 29, has a background in microcomputers. He served previously as senior representative with the Corporate Services Division at the New York Stock Exchange.

Hoboken plans check on lofts

Hoboken housing inspectors have stepped up their efforts to crack down on illegal residential lofts in the city.

Jude Fitzgibbons, the city's senior housing inspector, said he, city construction code official Alfred Arezzo, and John Rienzi, of the state Bureau of Housing Inspection, will make an inspection of 310 Adams St. on Thursday, a former factory which he said he suspected is being used for residential lofts.

Fitzgibbons said he has already contacted the owners who rent commercial lofts for artist studios, and has been told that the lofts may have been used by the artists to sleep overnight.

"These buildings are supposed to have the proper certificate of occupancy before people are allowed to live there," Fitzgibbons said. "It's a question of prevention, we are trying to make sure that these buildings have all the necessary safety and habitation requirements."

Brooklyn dockers lobbying against pier project

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"If Hoboken thinks it is great for Hoboken, then we have no objections at all to the Hoboken end of the legislation," Mrs. Nies said.

"However, it's these unspecified sites that are included for the New York project that have us worried," she said.

"Once it's passed, there'll be

no chance for us to stop it. It's very easy to shoot fish in a barrel."

Yesterday, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and Port Authority officials spoke with Frank Leonardo, president of the local, to assure him that no working piers in New York City would be used.

The legislation being con-

sidered in the Assembly would give the Port Authority permission to become involved in the development of two waterfront development sites — one along the southern waterfront in Hoboken and the other at an unspecified site in New York.

Authority already has received permission from the New Jersey legislature, but approval from both sides is needed before the authority is permitted to act.

The Hoboken project includes a planned \$500 million development that will be partially financed with Port Authority funds and the rest provided through private investment.

Local 1418, with several thousand members, is considered a powerful political force in

Brooklyn politics. Mrs. Nies said local officials worried that plans similar to the Hoboken development could leave many of its members unemployed if the project is slated for active docks.

James McNamara, a spokesman for ILA field offices in Manhattan, said his office has not yet taken any official stance concerning the legislation, though it is studying the New York legislation closely in order to arrive at a decision.

The Hoboken project involves the little-used Piers A, B and C between Newark and Fourth streets. The development area defined in the legislation also includes the city's Fifth and Sixth street piers, but the authority said those piers are not a part of the planned project.

Santa on fire engine!

Jolly Old St. Nick will be traveling by fire engine to bring Christmas greetings to Hoboken youngsters Saturday on Washington Street.

Fire Chief James Houn said Fireman Louis Conforti will be dressing as Santa Claus and riding in a fire engine in order to toss candy canes to all the youngsters along Washington Street between noon and 3 p.m. on Saturday. The appearance was arranged through the department's Community Relations bureau.

THE HOBOKEN WATERFRONT

Brooklyn dockers lobbying against P.A. pier project

By Jim Kopchans

The legislation clearing the way for a \$500 million waterfront project in Hoboken may have picked up a powerful opponent in the form of the Brooklyn local of the International Longshoremen's Association.

ILA Local 1418, which represents longshoremen at all Brooklyn docks and a portion of Staten Island piers, yesterday came out against several portions of the bill as it stands now in the New York State Assembly's commerce committee.

Dorothy Nies, research director of the Brooklyn local, said the local feared the bill contains no guarantees that a twin project planned for New York City with the Hoboken project will not be placed on any working piers.

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Deck the halls for Hoboken's house contest

Are you in the Christmas spirit? Do you have "candles in the window and carols in the snow?"

If not, and you live in Hoboken, you might want to get into it a little more. The Mile-Square City is holding its second annual "Best Decorated Yule Tide House Contest," and a winner will be announced between Christmas and New Year's.

In addition to a plaque award for the best decorated house, an award will also be given for the best decorated window.

A panel of anonymous judges from outside the Hoboken area will tour the city and make their selection. All the judges have experience in creativity and design. Their identities will be made known once the contest is over.

Last year's award went to the Caruso family on Garden Street. They utilized the beautiful simplicity of white lights, with a backdrop of their white lace curtains in the windows. "It looked like a doll house," said Maurice Fitzgibbons, contest coordinator.

Opportunity and challenge, the Hoboken Waterfront

By Steve Block

(Here are excerpts from a statement Block, a member of the Hoboken Board of Education, made recently to the Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Commission Committee.)

Hoboken is about to embark upon an unprecedented waterfront development project which apparently will cost over two times the current equalized value of all assessed property in the city.

The relative size and cost of this project is so enormous that dramatic changes will inevitably occur in Hoboken as a consequence of full development.

My worst fear is that private developers, the Port Authority, and a few local individuals will reap huge benefits while the city changes hands and the majority of current Hoboken residents are forced out.

My fondest hope is that we put aside traditional politics and work cooperatively on this project for the good of us all. In this spirit I want to share my view of the problems we face and offer concrete proposals in four areas designed to move us closer to a consensus on waterfront development.

First, we must insist upon a decision-making process which is free of politics as usual.

Second, we must insist on fair representation of all groups in the city.

Third, we must insist that overall objectives and standards be publicly established in order to guide evaluation of specific proposals and the development as a whole.

And fourth, we must insist that Hoboken conduct all the necessary research and planning to ensure successful completion of the project.

On the first point — it is an article of faith that traditional politics dominates the behavior of public agencies and institutions in Hoboken.

We all know that providing jobs and favors to politicians, their families and supporters, is the high priced fuel which keeps Hoboken government running. This political tradition undermines government credibility in the public mind and encourages many toward cynicism and suspicion about the real motives of elected officials.

We are concerned about the speed with which this project is unfolding. We are concerned about the early identification of specific development projects without public input.

We are concerned about the rumors that this committee and the city council have not been fully involved in the process. We are concerned about the rumors that high Hoboken officials are already meeting with Atlantic City hotel operators.

Whatever the validity of these concerns and the truth to these rumors and the others which are bound to surface in the months ahead, it is clear that even the appearance of traditional politics in this process undercuts its potential for success.

In order to ensure full public confidence in and support for the decision-making process, therefore, it is critically important that a credible public presence be legally injected into this process.

I propose that the advisory committee formally request the city council to use its statutory authority to convert the advisory committee into the Hoboken Waterfront Commission.

Such a commission would be legally bound to approve all proposals and specifications prior to submission to the planning board, the city council, and the mayor. It would of course need funds to hire expert consultants to assist in the evaluation of all proposed plans and specifications.

Second, the waterfront commission must be fully representative of the greatest good for the greatest number if it is to be realized.

I firmly believe that the interests of large business firms, the local banks, Stevens Institute, and the environment committee will be fully represented by those of you sitting on the committee now.

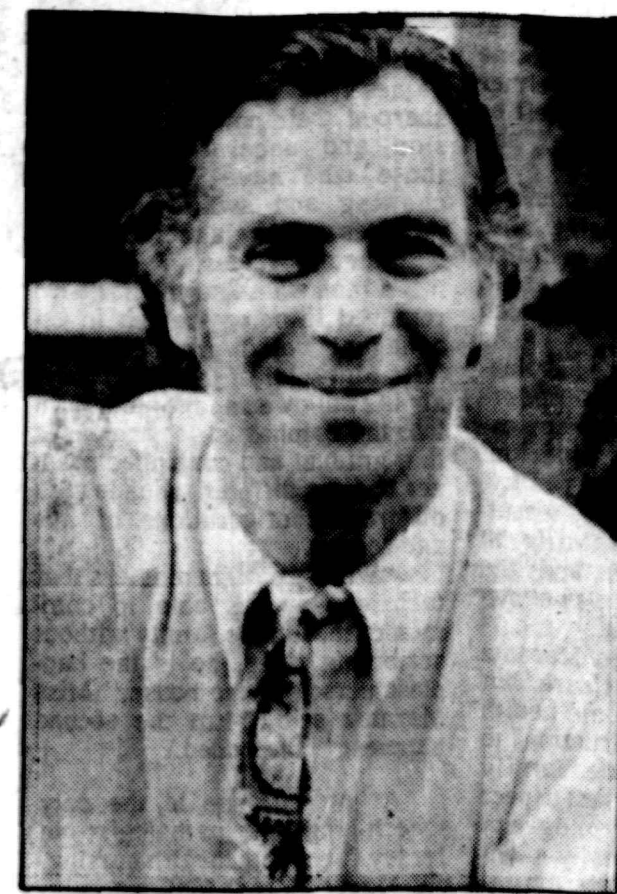
I suggest specifically that missing from your ranks are those who represent Hoboken homeowners, tenants, senior citizens, public employees, small businesses, and the Hispanic and black communities.

Independently selected representatives must be sought to adequately reflect the needs and aspirations of persons whose primary relationship to Hoboken is defined by one of these categories.

Thirdly, I believe we must put together a consensus statement of what the people of Hoboken want on the waterfront. Based on the strong comments made at the last hearing, I believe the potential exists for broad agreement on six objectives.

1. Full taxation on all private development. We already have the highest tax rate in the state and it will escalate further when the results of the re-assessment are made public. We need massive amounts of new tax revenues in order to lower the taxes on existing property and to pay for the additional city services that will be required by this development.

2. Jobs and job training for Hoboken residents. With a 15 percent unemployment rate and a school system which is not now producing large numbers of graduates capable of moving into entry level white collar and high tech jobs, it is critical that we ensure a healthy percentage of jobs created to fit the existing skills of the available Hoboken



Steve Block
Sharing a view

work force. With the lead time expected for this development, a carefully designed, competently administered independent training program for Hoboken residents would effectively link people in need of work with the new jobs.

3. Recreation. We must insist on no less than the redevelopment of the Fifth Street Pier and continual public access to the river's edge. Additional recreation without negatively affecting our other objectives may well be possible if we extend our planning to the entire waterfront.

4. Protection for local business. Too often new development adjacent to a downtown area has led to the closing of many businesses. We must ensure that new retail and service businesses complement rather than compete with viable, existing businesses.

5. Architectural compatibility. By and large Hoboken's redevelopment over the past 15 years has attempted to recreate traditional architecture. We must insist on construction which is low enough to not obstruct the view for the rest of the city and which is aesthetically compatible with existing building design.

6. And most importantly, protection of residential stability. Of major concern to a majority of Hoboken residents is the increasing cost of renting an apartment or buying a home. Our concern is that this expensive and valuable development will escalate further the inflated value of property in Hoboken.

Finally, we must insist that the city conduct the research and planning necessary to ensure that our objectives are substantially achieved once the project is completed.

It has been my experience on the board of education that serious research and planning are rarely employed for public decision making in Hoboken. While the consequences of inadequate research and planning for the school system are serious enough, failing to do it in this venture could well destroy the city as we know it.

There is no evidence that appropriate environmental impact or socio-economic impact assessments have been or will be conducted.

We need to know what the Port Authority wants and expects in return for its participation.

We need to know the costs of buying the piers and providing additional services to the waterfront.

We need to know why the specific development concepts were identified and why other more labor intensive enterprises are not included.

We need to know the economics of similar development elsewhere. We need to know why traffic problems were cited in rejecting the up-town Pathmark proposal and no one is talking about what 2000 additional cars each day will do to the downtown area.

And with all due respect for the sophistication of the Port Authority and the reputation of its chairman, the authority is a vast enterprise with its own interests at stake.

Sometimes these interests will complement ours and sometimes there will be conflicts. We must have the capability to hire our own experts to review and propose based upon our definition of what we want for Hoboken.

I fully believe that waterfront development can unite or divide this city like no other issue. Never before have the citizens of Hoboken had the opportunity to decide whether development will benefit the existing population or a future population more able to afford a dramatically increased cost of living.

I call upon the committee, the city council, and the mayor to give us a fair, representative, and objective process and a plan which will stimulate progress not only for our physical environment but for the 42,000 people whose lives have already been invested in their city.

Hoboken pianist overcame late start

By James Kopchans

To achieve the accuracy required of a concert classical pianist, a student usually must begin his training at the young age, sometimes as young as 6 or 7 years old.

Compared to that, 20 year-old pianist David Blair was a real latecomer.

In fact, until he was 12, Blair never even touched a piano keyboard. "My father bought a piano for my sister. Soon after, I heard a recording of Chopin played by Vladimir Horowitz. All of a sudden I knew my life," Blair said.

After that, the piano became a second home for Blair as he studied the basic exercises and music for the piano. Now, as a successful concert pianist, Blair will be exhibiting his talents in Hoboken in a series of five concerts.

The first of these concerts will be held this Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Inno-

cents, Sixth Street and Willow Avenue. The next four concerts will be held on Jan. 30, March 6, April 17, and May 29, all at the same time at the church.

"I began my studying with a book that taught me how to read music — what a foreign language music was to me then!" Blair said.

His first performance was before an audience while in high school. "I was so nervous, but then with the first note I felt right at home."

By the age of 18 he had already played a solo recital at Carnegie Hall without the benefit of formal music training.

In February, Blair will enter the Young Concert Artists auditions in New York City.

Tickets for Sunday's concert are \$5 and special subscription prices are available for the entire series. Blair said each program will feature five different piano pieces, including one by a noted Spanish composer.

Special session for health agency

Hoboken Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. said he is requesting the council's health committee convene in a special session to examine problems and violations at a row of apartment houses at 805-821 Park Ave.

Wilson said he has sent a letter to Councilman Thomas Kennedy, chairman of the committee, asking him to call the committee together to examine the situation. Wilson, a member of the committee, said he also wanted to have the city's senior housing inspector Jude Fitzgibbons and health director James

Farina at the meeting. According to Wilson, the residents at the building have had to live in the building despite flooding problems and other violations. He said he wanted to find out why the building's landlord has not been able to repair these problems.

At the meeting, Wilson said he wanted to review the inspection file on the buildings and to speak to Farina about the efforts by his office in correcting any health violations that may exist in the buildings.

THE HOBOKEN WATERFRONT

N.Y. Assembly may limit Port Authority power in Hoboken

By James Kopchans

Three new amendments to legislation in the New York Assembly would limit the Port Authority's power in its proposed development of waterfront property in Hoboken and New York City and make the bi-state agency more responsible to legislative leaders.

New York Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink yesterday said his office would add the amendments in an effort to speed the bill's introduction in the Assembly and to placate several assemblymen worried about the "open-endedness" of the bill.

However, the bill's introduction hinges on the approval of New Jersey legislative leaders and the willingness of Gordon Boyd, a spokesman for Fink's office.

Meanwhile, legislation that would create a 12-member "watchdog" committee to oversee the operations of the Port Authority has been voted out of committee and onto the floor of the New Jersey Senate for discussion and vote.

The legislation, sponsored by Sen. James W. Bornheimer of Middlesex, was sparked by the

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legislation passed by the Senate allowing the Port Authority the power to develop projects in Hoboken and New York City. At the time, several senators expressed concern about the amount of power being given to the agency.

Approval of the legislation by the New York Assembly would clear the way for the Port Authority to seek developers for a \$500 million waterfront development on the Hoboken waterfront. New Jersey legislators have already voted approval. The P.A. would also create a similar development at a site in New York City.

Fink's amendments would limit the project to one on each side of the Hudson River, require the authority to make a full progress report to the states' legislative leaders within two years or when the project was completed and require the agency to follow all affirmative action requirements on every project.

Boyd said Fink has already spoken to New Jersey Assembly

Speaker Alan Karcher, but has not yet received any word on whether Karcher would support the amendments and introduce them in the New Jersey Assembly.

Assemblyman Christopher Jackman of Hudson County, who sponsored the bill which passed the New Jersey Assembly, said he has no problem with the proposed New York legislation.

Jackman said, "I just don't want to see this thing held up too long."

The New York assembly is meeting this month in a special session to discuss budget deficits in the state, city, and Metropolitan Transit Authority's budgets. Boyd said only after these problems are addressed will the Assembly discuss other bills such as the Port Authority bill.

Bornheimer's bill would create a permanent committee to closely watch the Port Authority and report back to the Legislature. Gov. Thomas Kean recently created a similar commission which reports back to his office.

Hoboken restores school auditor

The Hoboken Board of Education has put an auditor back on its business office payroll despite protests that his salary isn't included in the current school budget. A proposal to have the state investigate the office was soundly defeated.

School board trustee Steve Block cast the lone dissenting vote as assistant internal auditor Enrico Siano was returned early from an unpaid leave that would otherwise have lasted until the end of the current school term. Block claimed there were excessive hirings in the business of-

fice and noted that Hoboken had 17 business office employees while larger school systems had fewer. Among the examples he cited was Bayonne, which has a larger student population but a business staff of 14. Other examples cited were outside Hudson County.

Accordingly, Block introduced a resolution which would have requested an evaluation by the state commissioner of education of "all employees, practices, procedures and policies of the Hoboken Board Business Office." No other trustee would second the resolution and it failed.

Board President Otto Hottendorf said he did not support Block's resolution because it would have been "foolhardy." He said the board previously had a three-year budget deficit but the business office now reports a

\$1.3 million surplus. "We could not have acquired that without good business practices," he said.

Block said Hottendorf should invite the state investigators if he is confident there are no problems in the business office.

In other business, the board authorized a program that would allow professional writers to share their skills with students. Some \$12,400 was earmarked for a small truck with a plow for snow removal at school buildings.

The board released the 1981-82 audit which recommends controls to prevent unauthorized purchases and accounts, board action to dispose of deficits and surpluses in completed special project accounts, and monthly reconciliation of the payroll accounts. The board reported that all the recommendations had been complied with.

Hoboken cops given 15% wage increase

A state arbitrator has granted Hoboken policemen a 15 percent wage increase, but has deferred that increase until next year to lessen its impact on city finances.

The arbitrator, Joseph Wildebush of Pompton Plains, released his ruling yesterday following two months of arbitration hearings between the city and its Police Benevolent Association on a new contract. The city is still awaiting other arbitration rulings for its police superiors and the fire department's two unions.

Wildebusch's ruling would

give the patrolman a \$1,000 bonus for this year, then increase his salary by 7½ percent on Jan. 1 next year and again by 7½ percent on July 1.

In addition, the contract allows officers with the most seniority to pick the shifts they prefer to work rather than work on a rotating-shift schedule as done now. The contract also offered an extra \$40 to men who work on four holidays: Christmas, Easter, New Year's Day and Thanksgiving, and offers a \$1,200 bonus to officers retiring before February of 1984.

Developments on riverbank face opposition

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Recently, Rock Harbor gave assurances to North Bergen residents that the development would not block the Hudson River view from Boulevard East apartments.

At a Thursday night meeting of the environmental group, a representative of Romulus, the firm which has purchased the bulk of North Hudson waterfront, reassured those present that the plans for the development of the 350-acre railroad tract, half of which is under water, have not been finalized.

The environmentalists were concerned when Arthur Imperatore, the main principal of Romulus, mentioned that he would not be surprised if a building as tall as the Empire State Building was constructed below the Palisades.

Alan Marcus, the Romulus spokesman told the SHORE group in the West New York

Recreation Center that the development would eventually respond to the needs of the community.

Imperatore hopes to create a great city that would include offices, an entertainment park, an opera house and symphony hall, ferries to Manhattan, a funicular system to and from the top of the Palisades, world class restaurants, and a harbor area as good as or better than those in Baltimore and Boston.

"Mr. Imperatore is not involved in this to make money," said Marcus. "He is certainly not foolish enough to get involved to lose it, but he would make money easier through some other venture. He really wants to leave a legacy that will enhance this area for years to come."

Brice called Marcus' speech "promotional" but interesting and said that anyone is welcome to attend future SHORE meetings.

Meanwhile, in Hoboken,

Ranieri said that the Hoboken waterfront project is "the best project we've had come along for those years, but if we keep acting suspicious and negative about it we'll be sending a message to legislators that we don't really want it."

"Of course, we should remain careful and understand all the ramifications of the project, but let's be more supportive of the plans and vocal about our wanting to see it come about."

At present, the bill empowering the Port Authority to become involved in the project is sitting in the New York State Assembly's commerce committee.

"Now is the time we should be saying 'Yes, we do want to see our waterfront developed,'" Ranieri said.

Ranieri, who recently returned from a national League of Cities convention in Los Angeles, said he had received many congratulations from other city representatives at the convention on the newest of the Port Authority's plans.

"But since I've come back I haven't heard many positive words of support for the plans from anyone," he said. "Here is a chance to help the city get back on its feet and we're not even keeping an open mind about it."

ON THE WATERFRONT

Developments on riverbank face opposition

By Agustin Torres and James Kopchans

While the Save the Hudson Our Riverland Environment of North Hudson has announced its opposition to the Roc Harbor Inc. development on the North Bergen waterfront, Hoboken Council-

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cilman Robert Ranieri warned that negativism could kill a major waterfront project planned for his city.

In addition to letters protesting the North

Bergen project, SHORE President Richard Brice said members of the environmental organization will attend the Dec. 22 session of the North Bergen Port Authority which will consider the development.

Brice said that SHORE opposes the project even though it includes buildings that will just reach the level of Boulevard East in height at the top of the Palisades. He said the fact that the structures will not actually be above the cliff does not relieve SHORE's concern.

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Cappiello wants sewer fixed

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has ordered city plumbing inspectors to inspect 301 Madison St. and correct the problem that has the basement flooded.

On Monday about 15 tenants visited the mayor to ask for his help. The building is currently under state housing code violations. The flooded basement is

preventing Public Service Gas & Electric from providing electricity to several of the apartments.

Public Works Director William Van Wie said he believed the flooding was caused by the sewer line, which he said was connected improperly to the

city's main line.

Cappiello said he was ordering an immediate inspection so that the blame could be properly fixed and as soon as possible.

"We've got to clean it out and get those people their electricity back," Cappiello said.

Valente will run for council

Angelo Valente, vice president of the Hoboken Civic League, yesterday announced his candidacy for councilman of

Hoboken's Sixth Ward in the May municipal election.

Valente said his campaign will deal with "the problems of

escalating taxes, combined with declining city services, the many Hoboken residents being forced from their homes and the concern of the waterfront development."

Hoboken groups keeping eyes on waterfront

With reports occurring every day on the planned \$500 million development on Hoboken's Port Authority piers, some Hoboken civic groups are forming a coalition to monitor the development.

The Hoboken Citizen Waterfront Coalition held its first organizational meeting on Tuesday. Temporary Chairman Walter McCurdy said the group will meet again Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Innocents Church, 600 Willow Ave., to formalize the coalition.

Meanwhile, the Hoboken Industry and Business Association has created its own Waterfront Advisory Task Force and appointed four members to it.

With the formation of these groups, it brings to three the number of civic groups created specifically to monitor affairs on the waterfront.

Besides these two, there is the Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee. McCurdy said the purpose of the coalition was only to disseminate information coming out of the waterfront, analyze it and present it to the public. He denied that the coalition will be taking political sides in any issue surrounding the development.

Meanwhile, HIBA President Joseph Caporino was one of the four members chosen to that group's task force. Besides Caporino, the association appointed Eileen Cappock, Vice-President Nicholas Damiano, and Harold Lilienthal.

All four had been presented to Mayor Steve Cappiello for appointment to his advisory committee. However, Cappiello did not choose to appoint them.

Close Hoboken street after sewer collapse

Hoboken public works crews have uncovered another sewer collapse on Willow Avenue and have closed the street to traffic.

Roy Haack, the city's sewerage superintendent, said the collapse was discovered in front of Our Lady of Grace Church at the intersection of Fifth Street and Willow. The brick-lined sewer had apparently worn away at the top, Haack said, and dirt and asphalt had poured in filling the sewer.

Haack said he did not know the full extent of the collapse, but said it appeared to have occurred along a half-block of the line. Crews yesterday worked to dig out the debris and free the line.

The collapse follows a similar collapse on First Street and Willow about two weeks ago. In that collapse, the wooden tops of the line on First Street collapsed, leaving only old trolley ties lying below the street's asphalt to hold the street up.

Hoboken 'runway' club is runaway success

Future models from Hoboken will get their chance to "walk the runway" at a winter season fashion show on Saturday.

Titled "Foreign Winter," the show is being sponsored by the Hoboken Modelling Club. It will begin at 8 p.m. at the city's Multi-Service Center, 124 Grand St., and will feature winter fashions from area stores.

But it will feature most the modelling talents of the high school students displaying the clothes. Members of the Hoboken Modelling Club, the students have been working weekly to develop their techniques in modelling, according to Maurice Fitzgibbons, club coordinator.

About 25 members, 15 of whom are women, will serve as models for the show. The models will walk out to international music in fashions that will evoke the aura of different lands.

The club has been one of the more successful programs in the city's recreation department this season, Fitzgibbons said. "We already have 70 kids in the club and we only had room for 35 when we started," he said.

Though the club's focus is on fashion modelling, Fitzgibbons said the club is more concerned over "self-improvement" than just preparing young models.

"It's like the old 'sending the kid to charm school' stuff. We call it modelling because it's more attractive to the kids," Fitzgibbons said.

Besides lessons in walking and posing for fashion modelling, Fitzgibbons said the club teaches its members the proper steps in health, hygiene, posture, diet and self-confidence.

"If you learn to take care of your outside, it can't help but improve what's inside of you," Fitzgibbons said.

For the show, Fitzgibbons and other members have been asking local merchants to lend fashions to the club.

Among the merchants already donating fashions are: Lord's of Jersey City; Update Boutique and the Willow Avenue Outlet, and Stan's Sport Center, all of Hoboken. In addition, members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union local in Hoboken have donated their services for the show, Fitzgibbons said.

The fashion show will be coordinated by Lisa Palumbo, a Fashion Institute of Technology student. Cosmetics will be donated by Starlight Cosmetics

and the Anthony Placido School of Hair Design will do the model's hair.

Cop's sketch leads to arrest in slaying of liquor dealer

By James Kopchansky

When popular Hoboken liquor store owner Stanley Dopart was murdered in September, homicide detectives had very little to work with in determining who the suspects were.

Armed with only partial descriptions provided by witnesses, the detectives really had known very little about their appearance.

But the talents of one patrolman in drawing helped give the detectives a clear idea of what one might look like. The drawing that the patrolman, Walter Lehbrink, gave the detectives helped them in searching for and eventually finding one of the two suspects wanted in the Dopart murder.

"He made a very significant contribution to the investigation," Det. Captain Patrick Donatucci said. "Even now, when I look at the sketch and a photograph of the person arrested, the similarity is incredible."

"Stanley was a very close friend of mine," Lehbrink explained. "I wanted to do something to help find out who did it and I'm glad I could find a way."

Lehbrink, 38, a member of

the department for over nine years, has been working occasionally as an artist with the detective bureau. "Mostly, I do sketches of murder and arson scenes."

The composite sketch was one of the first that he's done for the department, but Lehbrink said he wouldn't mind being asked to do more. "You have to be careful when you do a sketch, because you may just as easily hinder an investigation with an inaccurate sketch than help it."

"When you make a sketch you really should only put in the most basic features so that you don't mislead the investigators."

Prior to joining the force, Lehbrink said he worked as a draftsman for about 11 years. However, joining the force was something that just ran naturally in his family; his father and uncle had both been officers on the Hoboken force.

"Mostly I joined because of the security that a position on the force can give you," he said. A Hoboken resident all his life, Lehbrink said he and his family has no idea of leaving the city in the future.

As for artistic ambitions? "All I am going to be is a part-time artist. I like where I am right now," he said.

Hoboken bond sale will fund repairs to schools

Though the council authorized \$2 million in bonds in July to renovate the Hoboken schools, no work has yet been done.

But now, the work is expected to begin next year after the city sells the bonds this month.

Edwin Chius, the city's business administrator, said he is waiting for the bond sale Wednesday before any contracts go out for bidding. Chius said the city delayed taking any action for six months because of the bond sale being planned.

Usually, once a bond issue is authorized, the city negotiates bond anticipation notes with local banks in order to raise funds for the project.

However, because market conditions were favorable to selling the bonds, Chius said the city decided to wait and see if it could sell the bonds directly.

The bonds are authorized to fund renovation projects at all the city's schools. They were passed in the midst of controversy in July as Councilman Nunzio Maffetti charging conflicts of interest against councilmen because they held positions in the school district at the time they voted.



EARNING A BADGE—Joseph Cahill, left, and John Rutkowski, both of Hoboken, receive their badges as new Hudson County Police officers from Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, chairman of the county board of freeholders at ceremonies inducting them and six other new policemen into the department.

WATERFRONT PLAN CLOSELY WATCHED

Concern over the development of Hoboken's waterfront by the Port Authority has arisen on a number of fronts.

Hoboken Civic League President Salvatore D'Amico, for one, says he has a host of questions, including, "Who is going to be responsible for any over-ride of the \$800 million planned development - the city or the Port Authority?"

D'Amico warned that the \$800 million was just a figure tossed around and said it could conceivably reach in the tens of millions or even a billion dollars.

The Civic League had also strongly questioned the Port Authority's motives, fearing that they were out to build "a waterfront empire" along the Jersey shore which will stretch from Hoboken through Jersey City and down to Bayonne.

"Where will this Port Authority business begin and where will it end?" People want some straight answers, not the bits and pieces leaked out to the local press by city hall and the Port Authority," D'Amico said.

"I'm calling for both of them to lay it on the line. Why is this being kept such a complicated secret?"

D'Amico said that the Port Authority has said that the Hoboken plan is only half of what it has in mind - and this, according to the newspapers, has the stakeholders in New York wanting to know what the Authority has in mind and

where they stand."

"Look at their white elephant trade center in New York. That should tell us something about trading slowly," D'Amico said.

D'Amico said also that he was once again reminding to be wary of the hand-picked Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee, and to seriously weigh their future recommendations.

Meanwhile, on another front, the Hoboken Industry and Business Assn. is on record advocating that the city's closed officials insure that any development taking place on the waterfront be strictly controlled and pay its share "the same as other business firms have to do."

Following reported plans that it would establish its own Waterfront Advisory Task Force, HIBA's board of directors named Ms. Eileen Cappock, Joseph Caporino, president; Nicholas Damiano, vice president and Harold Lilienthal to the task force. This group had been recommended to the mayor but after waiting unsuccessfully for six weeks for an answer, HIBA decided to form its own version of the municipal waterfront committee. Additional members will be named within a week and the first organizational meeting will take place after January 1, according to Richard T. Bozzano, Jr., a director of the group.

Bozzano noted that HIBA "demands that the city's

closed officials and others involved with the waterfront development through the process of legislation or appropriate legal means, insure that any development be made to pay full taxation on properties."

Meanwhile, HIBA said that "in order to attract businesses, with job opportunities for local residents, certain tax abatements be allowed for periods between three and five years depending on the kind of business. But under no conditions will abatements be beyond that period."

Bozzano said that "no title should pass to the Port Authority or anyone else until it is clearly established development is based upon full taxing of a facility as required by present laws. Any relationship established between Hoboken and the Port Authority should be based on the performance of the PA as a competitive developer with all other developers."

Bozzano said that HIBA feels "that in no case should the Port Authority compete by the use of subsidies. If Hoboken is not going to realize any gain from potential development of the city's waterfront area," Bozzano added, "then it doesn't need the Port Authority."

Another group keeping a close eye on the situation is the Hoboken Citizen Waterfront Coalition which has already started meeting.

Hoboken cops awarded 11.25% raise

By BILL GYVES

HOBOKEN—A state arbitrator has awarded the 120-man Hoboken police force an 11.25-percent salary increase despite warnings from city officials that they might be forced to lay off police and other municipal employees in order to meet the demands.

State arbitrator Joseph F. Wildebush released his ruling Tuesday, granting the Hoboken

PBA the salary increase. The increase is to be given out in two installments of 7.5 percent each in January and July of 1983. Since the second installment of the raise is for only the last six months of the one-year pact, the total raise amounts to 11.25 percent.

The city argued during two months of contract negotiations that, because of its tight financial situation, it could afford to offer the men in blue only a 4-percent increase in January followed by a 5-percent raise in July.

Attorney Francis X. Hayes, the city's labor negotiator on the case, said Hoboken is financially strapped because it has lost \$230,000 in general revenue sharing from the federal government - which it had used to pay police salaries - and more than \$21 million in ratables over the last three years. In addition, he argued, the city faces two major tax appeals that, if successful, could further reduce ratables by as much as \$4 million.

But in his decision, Wildebush ruled against the city, calling the PBA's wage increase demand "the more reasonable" of the two. He said that spacing the two increases six months apart "eases the financial impact" on the city.

"We were really looking for a little more in the bonus, but we understand the city's financial situation."

Hayes said yesterday he thought the settlement was "fair" to everyone involved, including the taxpayers.

Included in Wildebush's decision was a ruling that officers retiring before February of 1984 a \$1,200 "incentive" bonus. The renegotiated contract offers \$40 extra to officers working on any of four major holidays.

Wildebusch rejected a PBA demand that the city purchase bulletproof vests for its police officers.

However, Wildebush rejected the PBA's demand for a \$2,000 bonus for 1982. Wildebush ruled that the city's \$1,000 bonus offer was sufficient, arguing it was "approximately equivalent" to the increase in the cost of living this year.

Both city and PBA representatives yesterday expressed general satisfaction with Wildebush's ruling.

"This is probably the quickest settlement we've ever had, and we're happy with it," said the PBA's president, Patrolman Tom P. Meehan.

Anti-Cappiello panel planned

By BILL GYVES

HOBOKEN—The Hoboken Industry and Business Association is forming a committee to review proposals for the city's waterfront. The committee apparently will be an opposition body to a similar panel established by Mayor Steve Cappiello last year.

The association's eight-member board of directors voted Wednesday to begin formation of its own Waterfront Advisory Task Force as a result of Cappiello's refusal to appoint four of the association's members to the Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee, according to the business group's president, Joseph Caporino.

The committee is expected to hold its first meeting Jan. 1. HIBA spokesman and director Richard T. Bozzano Sr. said.

Caporino said Cappiello never responded to a request on Oct. 27 that four HIBA members be appointed to the Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee.

HIBA has criticized MWAC on the grounds that it has not been tough enough in analyzing the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's proposed \$500-million Hoboken waterfront revitalization plan and the effect it might have on the city. The mayor's panel also has been criticized because its members were appointed by Cappiello without review by the City Council.

Bozzano said HIBA's committee will focus primarily on the issue of whether developers who begin work on the city's waterfront will receive tax abatements.

"In order to attract businesses with job opportunities for local residents, certain tax abatements (should) be allowed for periods between three and five years, depending on the kind of business," Bozzano said. "But under no conditions will abatements be (extended) beyond that period."

"If Hoboken is not going to realize a gain from potential development of the city's waterfront area, then it doesn't need the Port Authority," Bozzano said.

Cappiello will get records

"Citizen" Steve Cappiello, who is also chairman of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders and Hoboken's mayor, is getting copies of personnel records of all county employees hired since Jan. 1 from Raymond Kierce, county personnel director, at a cost to be set by the county.

Under last week's ruling by Superior Court Judge Thomas S. O'Brien in favor of Cappiello, as a citizen having access to the records, he applied through County Executive Edward F. Clark Jr., Mrs. Janet Haynes, director of the county central services department then directed Kierce to prepare the copies of the personnel forms. (The court held the freeholders would first have to adopt a specific resolution in order to get copies.)

Letters passed between the officials show that the information will include ad-

resses of employees and that Charles Schimenti, Cappiello's counsel, sent Mrs. Haynes a blank check on which will be filled in a "reasonable charge" for making the copies.

A job quiz of eight county employees, who were advised by County Counsel Joseph V. Kealy not to obey subpoenas to appear, may be the subject of a future action by the freeholders when they hold a caucus Tuesday in preparation for their regular meeting. Meanwhile, Schimenti explained many persons and the press were led to believe that Mary Ann Riggins, recently hired as confidential secretary to the board of freeholders, was receiving a higher salary than two other secretaries in the freeholders' office. Actually, he explained, their salaries are \$15,860. Ms. Riggins \$14,000.

Ms. Riggins was arrested earlier this

week on charges of committing a \$3,000 unemployment insurance fraud while working at the Jersey City Medical Center three years ago.)

Ramp gives aid at Lady of Grace

With the help of a new ramp, a special part of the Our Lady of Grace Church parish in Hoboken is now able to participate with the rest of the congregation in services at the church.

The new ramp, installed about a month ago through the work of the church's Parish Life Committee, enables handicapped and elderly members of the parish to easily enter the church for mass and other services.

The church, located on Fifth Street and Willow Avenue, was built with steps leading up to every one of its entrances. Rev. Timothy Tully, church pastor, said.

He said he brought this problem to the parish life committee and they responded by raising over \$5,000 for the new ramp. The ramp is located at the left of the church's main entrance and leads into its choir room.

Steady shifts upsets Giordano

The state arbitrator's ruling that the Hoboken Police Department go on a steady-shift basis rather than their present rotating shifts could cause havoc with scheduling in the department.

Public Safety Director James Giordano said yesterday that the steady shifts would seriously impair flexibility in assigning men for patrol coverage.

The arbitrator, Joseph Wildebush, approved the implementation of steady shifts in his ruling on a new contract for the police officers.

Giordano said he wanted to discuss the matter with the city law department, explaining that he didn't believe the scheduling of patrols could be done through contract.

The new contract will give the officers a 15 percent raise over two years. However, the increases are deferred until next year to lessen their impact on the city.

Under steady shifts, men with the most seniority in the department would be able to choose the eight-hour shifts they wanted to

serve. At present, the shifts are given to the patrolmen on a rotating basis.

Giordano explained that the current system allows officers to receive an equal chance at the choice shifts and the less desirable ones.

"Actually, the steady shifts could be bad for the patrolmen, especially the ones with less seniority," Giordano said, explaining that the steady shift forces the younger men to work the late-night shifts with little chance of changing shift.

Thomas Meehan, president of the city's Police Benevolent Association, said his men were happy about the arbitrator's ruling. The PBA has been trying to have the steady shifts implemented because they said it would bring more stability in the hours the men had to work.

Meehan said the officers have trouble working the rotating shifts. "We only just get used to working during the day, when we have to go on the night shift," Meehan said. "This is difficult to do."

Dreaming of a green Christmas

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Along Washington Street here, merchants are dreaming of an 11th-hour holiday sales boom to rescue a shopping season that otherwise has been a bust.

These hopes may be shared by merchants along other main commercial arteries throughout Hudson and Bergen counties and across the country.

But here, chances are slim that a last-minute surge in sales — regardless of how brisk they are today and tomorrow — will dramatically reverse the effects of sluggish sales throughout the holidays and the year in general. And those chances literally are dwindling with the hours.

"We're starving. It's really rough, and it just gets you crazy," said Vinnie Trapani, who owns Trapani Jewelers on Washington Street.

"We're all crying," Trapani said, referring to businesses both in and outside Hoboken. "This is definitely much worse than last year. But we're hoping it will still happen. You never know — maybe at the last minute they'll storm the vaults."

If Trapani's urgency is overstated, it is with good reason. For many businesses, a year's success or failure rests largely on sales during the 29-day Christmas holiday-shopping season. The annual Christmas-shopping boom gives many merchants 25 percent of their annual sales, and as much as half their annual profits.

But in this, the second consecutive recessionary Christmas-shopping period, many businesses might be content with making modest gains, or with simply breaking even. Many, however, may not manage even that much, and officials place much of the blame on one primary factor — widespread and severe unemployment.

Despite the fact that sales are up slightly in the final two weeks of the shopping season, gains have been meager even for the largest retailers in the nation.

A panel of economists last week estimated that Americans would spend about \$91.3 billion on Christmas this year, a 5.5-percent increase over last year. Adjusted for inflation, that gain would only be about 2.5 percent. But that gain simply is not large enough for most businesses, regardless of their size.

J.C. Penney Co., the nation's third-largest retailer, reported earlier this week a meager 2.9-percent sales increase for the month of December. Last year, the giant store chain reported a 7-percent increase during the holiday shopping rush.

Smaller businesses, looking at the giants' lack of success, feel they are in a no-win situation, especially if they don't deal in the

season's hottest items — video equipment, automobiles, and of course, "E.T." paraphernalia.

"It hasn't been the greatest. There's no way we're going to make up for what we've lost during the year in these two short weeks," said Pat Dellaquila, owner of Pat's Place, a Hoboken women's clothing store.

Dellaquila is not alone. A survey conducted by the Hoboken Industry and Business Association, which represents 50 businesses in the city, suggests many other businesses have not had as successful a season as they had hoped.

"It is my observation that most people are doing fair to be just about holding their own," HIBA director Richard T. Bozzone said.

Bozzone said he believed the HIBA survey could be applied to other shopping districts in the area that he said lose out to massive

shopping center complexes in New York City and surrounding counties.

But the primary reason for the dismal holiday season, Bozzone and other officials said, clearly is unemployment.

"If people don't have it (money), there is no way they are going to spend it," Bozzone said.

At least 31,000 Hudson County residents were out of work during the holiday shopping season this year, nearly 10,000 more than last Christmas. The latest state Department of Labor statistics indicate the county has a 12.7-percent unemployment rate, up from 9.2 at this time last year.

In Bergen County, at least 29,700 residents face a jobless New Year, an increase of 7,000 from last year. Latest statistics indicate 6.1 percent of county residents are unemployed, up from 4.7 percent in 1981.

Board reverses rent hike for Hoboken landlord

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The Hoboken Rent-Leveling and Stabilization Board has reversed its March decision granting a 78-percent rent increase to a landlord later found to have submitted fraudulent receipts to get city approval.

Pratap P. Mody of this city has been under investigation by both the board and Hudson County Prosecutor's Office on charges that he submitted to the city several fraudulent receipts for renovation work that was never done on his building at 923 Garden St.

City officials charge that Mody submitted the receipts to secure approval for the increase under the substantial rehabilitation section of Hoboken's rent-

leveling ordinance

The ordinance states that a building may be removed from rent-control restrictions for 13 months if its landlord can prove he has performed renovations totaling at least 100 percent of the building's assessed value.

In March the board reviewed the receipts submitted by Mody and granted him the increase, which raised rents at 923 Garden St. \$154 each unit — from \$196 to \$350 — effective in May.

But at a marathon six-hour meeting Tuesday night, the board rescinded its March ruling and ordered Mody to return the rents to their former rate prior to the hike starting in February.

Mody did not testify at his hearing.

Exceptions to the ruling will be rents for four tenants who moved into the building after the hike became effective.

George B. Campen, an attorney representing Mody, said yesterday that he planned to appeal the board's decision to Hudson County Superior Court.

According to sources, Mody remains under investigation by the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office, which entered the probe in October.

Haydee Morales, president of the building's primarily Hispanic tenant association, could not be reached yesterday for comment. But Juan Garcia, a leader of Hoboken's Hispanic community, said the tenants were

not entirely happy with the board's ruling.

Garcia has criticized the city for not thoroughly investigating Mody's receipts prior to granting approval for the rent hike in March.

"The board has whitewashed the fact that the city was involved in this. Now the city comes out looking good," Garcia said.

"Mody ends up winning in the long run anyway. He hasn't been fined, and he got rid of three Hispanic families" who had been tenants in the building, Garcia said.

The rent hike reportedly forced three Hispanic families to leave because they could not afford the \$350 monthly rent.

Hoboken renewal periled as P.A. bill dies in Albany

By RICHARD S. REMINGTON

Bistate legislation which would have enabled the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to undertake a \$500 million renovation of the Hoboken waterfront died last night in the New York legislature, dealing the ambitious proposal a major setback.

In a flurry of last-minute maneuvers, New York's Republican-controlled Senate refused to act on an amended version of the bill presented by the Assembly's Democratic leadership. The Senate then adjourned, ending the current legislative session in New York.

As a result, a new bill will have to be introduced next year in New York. Identically worded bills must be signed by both states, making the issue of amendments critical.

The legislation would authorize the Port Authority to prepare sites in New Jersey and New York City for private developers to build residential, commercial

and recreational facilities. The Hoboken project was expected to create 4,500 construction jobs and 10,000 permanent jobs.

As related by New York legislative aides and Port Authority officials, the Senate's Republican leadership was presented the bill with three amendments sponsored by Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink (D-Brooklyn) and Assemblymen G. Oliver Koppell (D-Bronx) and Joseph Ferris (D-Brooklyn). The Senate had passed an amended version of the bill last summer.

John F. Haggerty, Senate majority counsel, responded by saying the upper house would not act on the bill unless it was amended to include a specific New York City development site, according to Democratic legislative aides. Four sites have been under consideration.

The Senate then adjourned for the remainder of the year without acting on the bill.

Haggerty, however, said he did not see the amendments until late yesterday and never proposed any of

his own. "I never really got to the point to address substantive problems with the bill, if there were any," he said.

"Constitutionally, we could not act on it," he added, noting the legislature was meeting in an emergency session called by Gov. Hugh Carey, who set the agenda. The Port Authority bill was not on Carey's agenda.

The Senate's action came shortly after Fink and New Jersey Assembly Speaker Alan Karcher (D-Middlesex) had reached a compromise on the three amendments introduced last week by the New York Assembly. Karcher originally had attempted to dissuade Fink from including any amendments, arguing that New Jersey passed the measure as written by the New York Senate.

Karcher then agreed in substance to two of the amendments but objected to the third, which would

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have required the Port Authority to obtain legislative approval for any sites it wanted to develop after one project was underway in each state.

A compromise was reached on the disputed amendment Tuesday night and Fink's staff rushed to get the bill on yesterday's agenda.

"We thought we had a very good understanding with Fink's office," Karcher added.

"We're very disappointed," Gordon Boyd, an aide to Fink, said yesterday after the Senate action. "I don't understand it, on the record or off the record."

Peter Goldmark, the Port Authority's executive director, said, "It's very sad and it's very simple. As soon as the New York Assembly decided they wanted amendments they, in effect, invited everyone to take a bite of the apple."

"This isn't the end of the road, this project's going to happen one way or the other," Goldmark added. "This just means the legislators in New York have made sure it will take longer."

Goldmark, who said he was "up to my armpits" in the negotiations among the New York legislators, vowed to "make myself the most unwelcome person in Albany" next year when the issue comes up again.

Top Port Authority officials, including Goldmark and Alan Singer, the agency's chairman, had played active roles in both states lobbying for the bill and fighting to keep amendments out.

The amendments in New York addressed concerns raised by legislators in both states that the bill was giving the Port Authority too much power.

In New Jersey, Gov. Thomas Kean created through executive order a watchdog committee to report to his office on the projects. In addition, Sen. James B. Thompson (D-Middlesex) introduced a bill creating a legislative watchdog committee.

The two actions quieted much of the fervor for amendments in New Jersey, but several legislators, particularly from Essex County, continued to voice suspicions and said they approved the bill reluctantly. Assemblyman Michael Addonizio (D-Essex) went so far as to call the bill "bad legislation."

The Hoboken project called for \$100 million in Port Authority "seed money" to prepare the development site and install utility services. Private developers would then contribute \$400 million for construction of office buildings, apartment towers, a hotel and convention center, shops and a marina.

THE HOBOKEN WATERFRONT

Hispanics want a stronger voice in development

By James Kopchansky

Complaining that Hispanics have been treated as if they were invisible in the planning for the development of the Hoboken waterfront, a citizens group is demanding a stronger voice.

Juan Garcia, president of the Hispanic group CUNA, said yesterday that Hispanic problems and needs have been almost absent from any discussion of a \$500 million waterfront development being proposed by the Port Authority.

"In no sense are we opposed to the development of the Hoboken waterfront, just as long as that development recognizes, relates, and addresses the needs and wishes of the present Hoboken population," Garcia said.

"What we do oppose is having a development plan shoved down our throats by politicians who in the main have never even been near Hoboken, much less know the wishes of its people."

Garcia pointed out that Hispanics only had nominal representation on the Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee, which has been monitoring the progress of the development.

"The biggest hypocrisy of all is that Hispanics comprise 42 percent of the population, yet only one Hispanic (Nelson Ortiz) was appointed to the committee, and he is not even from Hoboken," Garcia said.

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Kean can keep pier project alive

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Almost all chances for the bill's passage this year were killed Wednesday night when the New York Senate voted to adjourn a special session without introducing amendments to the bill as had been proposed in the state's Assembly.

"I've spoken to Speaker Fink (Stanley Fink, speaker of the New York Assembly) several times on the measure and in principle we've agreed to the bill," Karcher said.

The Republican-controlled Senate has reportedly refused to consider the bill unless it included a specific site for a planned Port Authority waterfront project in New York City.

Sources have said that the bill will again face a difficult time in New York Senate because of the Republican opposition to the bill. The state's governor is a Democrat and does not have the influence to push it through the

legislature. Caliguire said he thought the committee process in the New York legislature on a new Port Authority development bill would take some six months. It is expected to reflect New York concerns.

The legislation requires major development in New York under a site to have been selected in six months — if the original version had been approved by both legislatures and signed by Kean and Gov. Hugh Carey.

The authority has already revealed plans to partially finance a \$500 million waterfront complex on the southern Hoboken piers. A similar complex is planned for a yet unspecified site in New York.

The legislation, without amendments, had passed easily in the New Jersey legislature and the New York Senate. The New York Assembly, however, chose to delay it until amendments had

apparently freed it for introduction Wednesday night.

The Senate action, though, killed all attempts for its introduction.

The Port Authority had worked feverishly in the final New York legislative sessions hoping to obtain final approval on the act that would have allowed on-site work to begin in Hoboken next spring with \$100 million in Authority funds.

"We had the taste in our mouths and smelled the roses, but we just ran out of time," said Samperi, Port Authority vice-president for waterfront development, said yesterday. Samperi had spent the last three days in Albany trying to free the bill.

"One consolation we received was finding all the widespread support for the bill among the legislators. The bill is anything but dead," Samperi said.

Samperi would not speculate

on whether the P.A. would be willing to name a development site in New York to win its Senate's support. At present, the authority is preparing a feasibility study on a site in Long Island City — one of four sites being considered for the New York project, he said.

"If nothing else, this confirms the fact that you should never be optimistic about states working out action overnight," Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday.

"I'm somewhat distressed at New York for not considering the problems of an urban city — the same type of city that can be found throughout their own state," Cappiello said. "I'm pleased with the New Jersey legislators for the action and support they've given to a city in distress."

"I will not allow this action to affect my attempts to stabilize our city's financial status."

Kean's signature can keep alive the \$500 million pier project

By James Kopchansky and Joseph Albright

Although defeated in their efforts this year, supporters of legislation for a waterfront development in Hoboken say the fight is anything but over.

Also, Gov. Thomas H. Kean could still sign the bill passed by the New Jersey legislature freeing the Port Authority to play a major role in the development, even though the New York Senate in its final 1982 session failed to approve the act.

The bi-state Port Authority requires similar legislation passed in both New York and New Jersey and approval by both state governors before it can become involved in any commercial waterfront projects.

New Jersey Assembly Speaker Alan Karcher said yesterday he considers the legislation enabling the bi-state Port Authority to become involved in waterfront developments a "top priority" item

and will have it introduced again in the assembly when it convenes next year.

If Kean signs the bill, the legislature would consider only the modifications to the original bill made by the New York lawmakers.

Todd Caliguire, assistant counsel to the governor, noted Kean has until Jan. 14 to act on the measure approved by the legislature intended to create 4,500 jobs and 10,000 permanent jobs in the various projects in Hoboken.

Karcher said he saw no problem in having the bill introduced in both houses of New Jersey legislature next year, but admitted the bill may again face trouble with the New York Senate.

"We don't have as good a tie with the New York Senate as we do with their Assembly," Karcher said.

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Did you know 'Tex' Henderson?

Hoboken police are requesting help from the public in identifying an elderly man found dead in a hotel room on Dec. 13.

Lt. James Peck said the man was found in his room at the Hotel Victor, 44 Hudson St., in the morning of Dec. 13 by a maid. He said his death has been attributed to natural causes.

The man had been registered under the name "Alvin Henderson" but carried no other identification. Guests at the hotel said the man was known by the nickname "Tex" and was a retired merchant seaman. Anyone with information about the man's identity should call Peck at police headquarters.

Hoboken man wins \$50,000 in lottery

William Germer of Hoboken has won a top instant cash prize of \$50,000 in the New Jersey Lottery's "Treasure Island" instant game.

In addition to a full range of

instant prizes from \$50,000 to two free tickets, the game has an added feature — a second chance for non-winners to get vacation trips to Hawaii.

Hispanics want a voice in waterfront planning

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The project, which has been stalled by the refusal of the New York legislature to pass bills allowing the bi-state Port Authority to become involved, has been projected as providing about 10,000 new jobs for the area.

Garcia said CUNA wanted to see that priority preference for those jobs be given to the Hoboken unemployed, and that any job training connected with

the project provide training for jobs other than mopping or sweeping or other menial chores.

Garcia said the organization also wanted to see a certain percentage of the monies for the project be spent on low- and moderate-income housing and that another percentage be used for infrastructure work in the city.

Also, he said the waterfront committee should be replaced with a local commission with legal powers and that before any action is taken on the project there should be a binding referendum.

Rent Board orders refunds

The Hoboken Rent Leveling Board has reversed its controversial decision for a rent increase at 923 Garden St. and ordered the landlord to refund all increases collected from tenants since May of this year.

The board gave the landlord, P.P. Mody, of Union City, nine months to refund the increases, which tenants had claimed were obtained by submitting exaggerated bills from contractors for renovation work at the building.

The board had granted the building "substantial rehabilitation" status in May, which allowed Mody to take the building off rent control for 13 months. An immediate jump in rents there from \$196 to \$350 per month eventually forced out five of the 10 tenants there.

Edwin Chius, the city's business administrator, said the board's decision would take effect on Feb. 1. On that date, all tenants living in the building before May 1 of this year will have their rent reduced to the \$196 figure. Tenants taking apartments after May 1 will have their rents reduced to about \$236, which covers the \$196 base rent and the 25 percent increase allowed to landlords renting vacant apartments.

Chius, who investigated the case while serving as acting rent control administrator this summer, said the board reversed their decision after hearing testimony from contractors and tenants that contradicted statements made at the time of the original hearing by Mody.

In his original substantial rehabilitation application, Mody had submitted bills totaling \$51,482. However, Chius said several of the contractors who had done work for Mody testified that the bills had a higher amount on them than was actually charged.

Juan Garcia, director of the Hispanic community group CUNA, said he was happy that the tenants were able to have the decision reversed, but said yesterday that he thought the landlord was not "punished" enough for the rent increases.

"It does look like he's lost, but really he's won some small victories," Garcia, who worked closely with the tenants in fighting the increases, said. "For instance, he was able to force out families from apartments with illegal rent increases and get a higher rent from new tenants."

"This, I think sets a terrible precedent for landlords in the city. What the board has done is say it's okay to force out tenants by raising rents as high as they want. This always takes months to rescind. By then, the tenants have had to move because they couldn't afford to live there. And they have no way of getting their old apartment back," he said.

Also, by giving Mody nine months to pay back the increases, Garcia said the board had given the landlord the opportunity to make back some of the money by investing it for the nine months and earning high interest.

"The tenants should be given that interest," Garcia said. "But they have no other recourse but the courts."

Conrail crossing repairs finished at Hoboken line

Regular travelers of Paterson Plank Road, or Paterson Street as it is called at the Hoboken-Jersey City border, are in for a treat now that the state Department of Transportation has completed its repair work on the Conrail train crossing.

Peter Zampella, head of the county's division of roads, said that the repair work is finished all that remains is the county's job of painting the railroad symbols before and after tracks.

"The weather has been so bad," said Zampella, "we haven't been able to do the painting."

Work had been stopped on the crossing for several hours last week, by Hoboken public works employees, because it was believed that the construction had caused leak in one of the near-by sewer lines.

But work was resumed when county officials determined that the leak was a long-standing and not caused by the repair-work at all.

"The leak is a problem Jersey City will have to handle,"

said Zampella. "We have notified them several times about."

Hoboken Mayor Steve Capriello has threatened to take legal action against Jersey City if officials do not take steps to repair the leaking sewer line.

Zampella said the leak should not interfere with the rail crossing at all because of the scope of the state DOT work was more than the county expected.

"They graded the street so that runoff would go directly into catch basins rather than lie in the middle of the tracks," said Zampella.

"We really owe a lot to the Freeholder (Samuel) Kaye," Zampella added. "Without him pushing the state we would have never gotten that crossing fixed and it would have been treacherous this winter."

Kaye kept after the state DOT until it agreed to take on the \$185,000 job with no cost to the county.

Inspectors will seek higher fines

Because of what they consider low the fines given to the "Lights-Out Landlord" in municipal court yesterday, Hoboken housing inspectors will be seeking higher fines for code violations next year.

Jude Fitzgibbons, the city's senior housing inspector, said he wanted the higher fines to force landlords to make the repairs on the violations.

"The fines now don't really scare them, especially if they have to make some really expensive repairs," Fitzgibbons said.

The landlord, Luis Miele, was ordered yesterday by Judge Christopher Pappas to pay a total of \$480 in fines and court costs for housing violations at his buildings at 223 Madison St. and 327 Monroe St., according to Pat Della Fera, the court clerk.

The building at 223 Madison was the center of a controversy this summer after city inspectors tried to remove tenants living there without electricity or gas. The tenants refused to leave, explaining they wanted to live there while Miele corrected the violations and renovated the building.

"I don't want to single any landlord out," Fitzgibbons said. "But there are landlords who allow a hazardous condition to

persist for many weeks and they'll get away relatively cheap because of the fines."

At present, the maximum fine for any housing code violation in Hoboken is \$200, Fitzgibbons said. However, there is no minimum fine set down for the violations.

"The judge can set the fine at any amount up to \$200," Fitzgibbons said.

"If a landlord knows that not repairing a violation could cost him a lot more money in fines, he'll make those repairs. It's better if he'll put the money he would have to pay in fines into repairing the violations than give it to the city."

Fitzgibbons said he would speak with the city's law department early next year about the legal steps needed to raise the fines and to set a minimum amount of fine for every violation. He then would ask the council to approve such an increase.

"The landlord who is trying to correct the violations would not be affected by any increase," he said. "Chances are that if the landlord is trying to make the repairs he's not going to get fined. The increase would only affect the landlords who won't make the repairs unless forced to do so."

Sewer work closes Hoboken intersection at Sixth and Willow

Hoboken Public Works Director William Van Wie said work on a collapsed sewer at Sixth Street and Willow Avenue will continue throughout next week, closing the intersection to traffic.

Van Wie said repair crews have already installed 30 feet of new sewer line at the site.

The director said the crews were still waiting for two air bags to be called in to stop the flow of sewage in the pipe. Once the flow is stopped, he said the crews would then connect auxiliary lines to the main sewer line and backfill the site.

The sewer break has affected service to Our Lady of Grace Church and School at that intersection.

NY kills bill for Hoboken pier project

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

Legislation enabling the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to proceed with its proposed \$500-million Hoboken waterfront revitalization project officially died last night when the New York Legislature adjourned its special session and went home for the holidays.

The measure required the New York Assembly's approval before the 1982 legislative session expires Dec. 31. The New York Legislature is not likely to meet again before the new year.

The bill now must be reintroduced sometime during the 1983 session, a delay officials have said could prove costly, which could put off construction on the project for a year or more.

The New York body was ordered into special session Monday by Gov. Hugh L. Carey. It was hoped the Port Authority bill would be considered and approved during the session.

But the bill never was placed on the agenda of the special session, which closed last night at 8 p.m. The session dealt primarily with statewide budget problems, and Carey is not expected to call a second special session before the end of the year.

"The bill is dead in the water in the governor's office," Gordon Boyd, a spokesman for New York Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink, said yesterday.

Earlier in the day, Boyd had announced that Fink expected the Assembly to approve the bill when

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the body convened at about 6 p.m. New York Assembly approval was considered the final legislative hurdle for the bill, which had already been passed by the full New Jersey Legislature and the New York Senate.

But Carey never released the bill for consideration before the special session. Boyd said only the governor can introduce items for consideration before a special session. Port Authority officials could not be reached for comment last night.

New Jersey Assemblyman Christopher J. Jackman, D-33rd, who along with Sen. Nicholas J. LaRocca, D-33rd, sponsored the New Jersey version of the Port Authority bill, reacted angrily yesterday to reports that the bill would not be considered until next year.

"I am disappointed — there's no question about that. The thing I am worried about is that there's going to be a 'tomorrow' when (the New York Legislature) is going to be as critical of them then as they are being of this bill right now," Jackman said.

New York legislators had expressed concern that the measure did not name the New York City site to be included in the Port Authority's bi-state waterfront development proposal. They also said the legislation did not insist on more direct accountability to the state legislatures on the part of the Port Authority.

Jackman and LaRocca contended the 10,000 temporary and 4,500 permanent jobs officials had predicted the project would create were more important than differences over fine points of the legislation.

"I don't think New Jersey is getting a fair shake. We're talking about jobs here, opportunities for people who want to work," Jackman said.

The failure of the bill to clear the New York Assembly before the end of the year could delay construction on the project until spring 1984, according to sources.

The Port Authority's Hoboken proposal called for the creation of a huge complex along the city's River Road that would include office buildings, luxury high-rise apartments, retail stores, restaurants and a marina.

Hoboken bus fare hearing tonight

The New Jersey Department of Transportation has scheduled a public hearing tonight on an application by the Agrestia Bus Lines of Hoboken to raise fares on their Washington Street lines from 35 to 40 cents.

The hearing will begin at 7 p.m. at the city council chambers in City Hall. The state officers will be asking residents for their comments on the increase which will be used in determining

whether the application will be approved.

The Washington Street line which runs the entire length of Hoboken's main avenue, is considered a crucial link connecting the northern and southern sections of the city. Benjamin Benoit, the attorney for Agrestia, pointed out that the only other bus line running along Washington Street, the New Jersey Transits 21 line, charge 7 cents for the same ride.

Hoboken Council sets meetings

The Hoboken City Council has scheduled meetings for the coming year. The council meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, with the first meeting of each month scheduled at 10 a.m. and the second one at 7 p.m. A caucus meeting is held on the Monday before each meeting always at 7 p.m. All meetings are held in the council chambers at

Hoboken City Hall. The 10 a.m. meetings next year will be held on: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 8, Nov. 2, Dec. 7.

The 7 p.m. meetings are scheduled for: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21.

Library meeting dates

The Hoboken Public Library Board of Trustees has approved a schedule of meetings for next year. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the library, 300 Park Ave. The

meeting dates are: Jan. 11, Feb. 14, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13.

Solidarity

Visions of construction on the Hoboken waterfront next spring no longer dance in the heads of Port Authority officials. New York legislators stopped the project in its tracks this year.

But chances are that in the new year, the New York Legislature will agree on a bill to allow the P.A. to proceed with waterfront development.

In the long run, this delay could be a godsend, if Hoboken uses the additional time wisely.

Hoboken has a chance to make sure all residents and all interest groups have a chance to make their voices heard on the project.

Juan Garcia, president of CUNA, claims Hispanics have been invisible in the planning stage and under-represented in the Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Commission.

If Hoboken is to arrive at a consensus of how the waterfront project can best serve the city, it cannot leave out the opinions of the 42 percent of the population that is Hispanic.

Garcia's proposals are not all that different from those put forward by other community leaders. He joins many others in the demand that priority preference for jobs go to unemployed workers in Hoboken.

And his proposal that repairing the city's infrastructure should be a part of any development is surely worthy of consideration.

Hoboken must use this temporary delay to strengthen its agenda of waterfront priorities. And city officials must work to gather solidarity behind this agenda.

For if Hoboken abdicates its responsibility to shape the project in the best interests of the community, then the project may go forward under guidelines set by people who do not have the best interests of Hoboken at heart.

Expected to follow police pattern

City braces for firefighter ruling

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A state arbitrator is expected to announce this week his decision on contract negotiations between the city and its firefighters. Municipal officials are bracing themselves for what they believe may be an award equally as generous as the sizable salary hike granted the police two weeks ago.

Attorney Francis X. Hayes, who represented the city in the police and firefighters' contract

negotiations, said yesterday officials expect state arbitrator Paul Kell's award to be "similar" to the salary hike recently awarded the 120-man police force.

Hayes said it is a "possibility" that the city may be forced to lay off employees if the 120 city firefighters are granted a similar salary increase.

"It's always a possibility, but Hoboken just doesn't know. It could be looming, but we feel we can get by without the layoffs," Hayes said.

State arbitrator Joseph F. Wildebusch announced his ruling Dec. 14 granting the police an 11.25-percent salary increase for 1983 and a 15-percent hike for 1984. Under the increase, the salary of a rookie officer, for example, will be \$23,000 by 1984, up from the present \$20,000.

If Kell's ruling is as generous as Wildebusch's, Hayes said, the 240 members of the police and fire departments might become too great a strain on the city's already tight financial situation.

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Building renewal planned

Hoboken seeks \$2M grant from US

By DANIELLE MORTON
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—At a special meeting yesterday, the City Council approved an application for a \$2 million Urban Development Action Grant to help pay for the rehabilitation of the old Standard Brands building at 1501 Bloomfield St.

Local developer Thomas Dell Aquilla's purchase and renovation of the 200,000-square-foot building

was conditional on receiving the UDAG grant and \$3.95 million in state Economic Development Action bonds, said Thomas Ahearn, the city's community development director. Ahearn said yesterday that Dell Aquilla plans to rent space in the building to manufacturers and textile concerns. Dell Aquilla could not be reached for comment.

The building's purchase price is \$1.6 million. Ahearn said, with the

rest of the grants slated for rehabilitation, Ahearn would not estimate the age of the building.

"It hasn't been occupied for some time," he said. "Let's just say they don't build 10-story manufacturing buildings any more."

Ahearn has been working with Dell Aquilla on the project since October. "He (Dell Aquilla) has a good record with the city," Ahearn said. "He renovated the old Lipton

Tea Building (1500 Hudson St.) and now it is 100-percent occupied."

The money lent to a developer under a UDAG grant is paid back to the city at an interest rate determined by the department of Housing and Urban Development. Ahearn said that money will be put to use. "We would probably use it in another loan program to help stimulate local business," he said.

Sinatra Drive speed curbed

The state Department of Transportation has given Hoboken the go-ahead to lower the speed limit for Sinatra Drive to 35 miles-per-hour.

An ordinance setting the speed limit and also establishing a crosswalk on Sinatra Drive near Fifth Street will be introduced at the next council

meeting on Dec. 15. The city had applied to DOT for permission to set the limit to cut down on speeding along the shore road, according to Thomas Callagy, the city's assistant attorney.

Because the road runs along the piers it was considered an industrial-use road by the state

and had a 50 miles-per-hour speed limit. However, cars traveling at that speed are a hazard to the joggers and pedestrians using the road, he said.

The high speed limit also undetermined any effort by the police to cut down on speeding, Callagy said.

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ation, Hayes said. "We won't feel the full impact (of the two contract settlements) until January of 1984," Hayes said.

The city argued during two months of police-contract negotiations that, because of Hoboken's financial difficulties, it could afford to offer the department only a 4-percent increase in January followed by a 5-percent hike in July.

But Wildebusch in his decision sided with the men in blue, calling the PBA's demands "the more reasonable" of the two sides.

The City Council on Tuesday approved a grant of \$52,436 to go with matching funds from the state Safe and Clean Streets program to help pay part of the cost of the new police contract. The total amount of funds available for the contract, including matching funds, is \$104,872.

Police start food-basket drive

Members of the Hoboken Police Association have started a Christmas food-basket drive that they hope will be a tradition in the city in future holiday seasons.

Lt. Frank Turso, who is organizing the drive with the help of Lt. Steve Darago and Sgt. Ed Garcia, said they have been contacting church and community leaders around the city to ask them to submit the names of about 20 families they feel are the most needy.

Meanwhile, Lt. Gabriel Fariola and Sgt. Anthony Falco have been working to collect food for the baskets and will handle the distribution.

"We wanted to do it this year to help the people who need it," Turso said. "We hope it can be done every year."

Turso said the baskets are being provided for the people who need them.

Hoboken employees OK pay pact

The Hoboken Municipal Employees Association has ratified a new contract for 1982-1983 worked out Wednesday by city and union negotiators.

The new contract will give city workers a 7½ percent raise starting tomorrow to be followed by a 7 percent raise on July 1.

In addition, employees working this year will receive a one-time bonus of between \$600 and \$800. The bonus will not be used in figuring the raises in salary next year.

Other items of the pact include: a \$1,200 bonus for employees retiring between Nov. 1 of this year and Dec. 31, 1984; a \$40 bonus in addition to salary and overtime for employees

working on Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day; a paid prescription plan for retiring employees with 25 years of service; and provisions placing employees who are sick during a week at the end of the overtime rotation for employees the next week.

Union Vice President Robert Van Ingen said the vote on the contract, which was taken at a closed meeting attended by over 100 members, showed a large majority in favor of the pact.

Van Ingen said the approval was made by a hand vote.

Several employees, including the former union president Jude Fitzgibbons, had objected to the

contract, saying they believed the union could have gotten more from the city negotiators. However, Van Ingen said he was satisfied with the pact.

"It is not what we were trying to get, but it is the best we could do considering the circumstances," Van Ingen said. He pointed out that problems with the city budget caused by increasing costs and decreasing tax revenues made the city resistant to any large pay increase.

The new contract makes no mention of the 19 full-time employees laid off this year because of budget reductions. Van Ingen said the matter could not be addressed in the contract, but said city officials said during

negotiations they would try to find ways to rehire the men.

The bonus to city workers this year only includes those workers who remained employed until the end of this year. This leaves out those workers fired this year, Van Ingen said.

Under terms of the agreement, a \$600 bonus will be given to city workers on a 30-hour work week. Van Ingen said this included most of the office staff at City Hall and other public offices.

Those employees on a 35-hour regular workweek (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) will receive a \$700 bonus. Those employees assigned to weekend and night shift duty will receive an \$800 bonus.

Hoboken landlord will face irate tenants

Hoboken's Rent Levelling Board administrator has scheduled a meeting Monday with the landlord of 205-207 Park Avenue to answer the questions and complaints of tenants at the building.

The administrator, Joseph Santiago, said he scheduled the meeting after receiving complaints that the landlord, Jose Lugo, raised rents there without performing necessary repairs and without properly registering the building with the city.

At present, the two buildings are under state violations for housing code violations, according to Jude Fitzgibbons, the city's senior housing inspector. He said that 205 Park is also under local code violation for flooding in the building's basement.

Lugo has until Jan. 11 to repair the basement, Fitzgibbons said.

Meanwhile, Santiago said

that checks with the city clerk's office showed the buildings were not properly registered with the city until last week.

The city's tax collector, Louis Picardo, also said the buildings currently have a tax lien against them.

Santiago said he would discuss this with Lugo at the meeting.

Both tenants at the building and the citizens group CUNA have been filing complaints with the city. According to Maria Leon, who rents a second-floor apartment at 205 Park, Lugo has continued to raise rents over the past year while refusing to perform repairs.

Lugo was not at home yesterday. However, his daughter said the landlord has been trying to hire a superintendent but hasn't been able to find one yet. She also said Lugo has made several major repairs.

According to Mrs. Leon, the

only repairs by Leon were forced on him by inspectors. "It is us, the tenants, not him, who have to make our own repairs," Mrs. Leon said yesterday through an interpreter, Juan Feliciano.

She said she's put in new windows at her apartment without reimbursement from the landlord. She said Lugo has also told her to move on several other occasions.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Leon said her rent was raised four times in the past year, from \$225 to \$280.

Downstairs from her, Juan Gonzalez said he, too, has been told to leave by the landlord. Juan Garcia, president of CUNA, said Gonzalez received a letter yesterday from Lugo telling him to move to make room for a new superintendent at the building.

"This is ridiculous," Garcia said. "There is no way that this landlord can keep on refusing to do any repairs and then turn around and raise the tenants' rent."

Halt greenhouse work as owner asks variance

Hoboken Construction Code Official Alfred Arezzo has stopped construction work on a new greenhouse in the backyard of 725 Washington St. while the owner of the building seeks a variance from the city's board of adjust-

ment.

Arezzo said he stopped the work after receiving several complaints from residents in the neighborhood that the greenhouse exceeded the 30-foot limit for backyards under the zoning

regulations for the neighborhood. The owner is seeking a variance to allow for the construction of the greenhouse, Arezzo said. Once the variance is obtained, he said, construction would be allowed to resume.

Approve period signs on 2 sites

The Hoboken Historic District Commission has approved the hanging of signs on two buildings

in the mile-square 237 Washington St. city's historic district. Both the Hoboken House Restaurant at

Washington St. will soon bear period signs of black metal with period printing proclaiming the names of the establishments.

The building at 89 Washington St. will house a pizza parlor

Male model likes living in Hoboken

By James Kopchansky

Not many people may recognize Brian Lucas's name, but then again, he doesn't get paid for his name.

As one of the top male models, Lucas makes his salary through his appearance and his ability to match the exact mood professional photographers seek in selling top designs and fabrics.

A model for the men's fashion magazine, Gentlemen's Quarterly and other international fashion periodicals, Lucas said he has the looks needed in a model, but that modelling means more than just looking good.

"It's a very competitive business," Lucas said. "There are a lot of good-looking models out there, but it takes more. It takes an ability to adapt and change so that you can be appropriate for a lot of different types of jobs."

"A model has to know how to keep his mouth shut. He has to know how to work with the photographer," he said.

A Hoboken resident for only the past two months, Lucas said he loves the city and its people. "I used to live in Manhattan, but it's too congested and too busy. There's no chance to slow down and think there," Lucas said.

"Here it's friendlier and less hectic and just as easy to reach Manhattan."

Lucas, 22, said he was discovered as a teenager in his native southern California after he had sent photographs of himself to several major modelling agencies.

Right now, Lucas said he has received as much exposure as any model could hope for on a national level. At least once a month, his picture is featured in at least one major magazine.

Receiving such a high exposure doesn't mean such a high salary, Lucas said. "The money

is in modelling for catalogs. You do the magazine jobs to set up the catalogs."

Still, Lucas said most male models will never make the money that female models can receive. "There are just so many more opportunities for female models. There are a lot more magazines and other periodicals that use women as models."

"However, a male model can last longer as a model than most women, so I guess it evens out in time."

To keep up his appearance, Lucas said he works out in the Hoboken YMCA gymnasium several times a week and watches what he eats. "Also, I only stay out late on weekends. It doesn't look very good if a potential client sees you out partying during the middle of the week. He knows you're not going to be up to par while you're working the next day."

Hoboken pressures rent registrations

With between 30 and 40 percent of the city's buildings still not registered as required under rent laws, Hoboken City Clerk Anthony Amoroso said he will be asking other departments for help.

Amoroso said yesterday he was working on a system to have Tax Collector Louis Picardo reports any sales of buildings to his office. Amoroso said many buildings have been registered under previous owners, but not under the present ones.

Also, Amoroso said he has asked the new Rent Control Administrator Joseph Santiago to continue sending reports of buildings that have not been properly registered. He said that many of the unregistered buildings have been caught when the owners apply for rent in-

creases or when tenants complain about conditions at the building.

Under the city's rent control ordinance, all buildings, except owner-occupied units, must register with Amoroso's office. Failure to do so could result in fines between \$100 and \$500.

Although the ordinance has been in effect for over a year, Amoroso said only 60-70 percent of all buildings have been registered.

Hoboken building inspections backlogged

By James Kopchansky

Increased construction work in Hoboken is causing a backlog in the city's building inspections which could grow even larger next year.

The city's construction code official, Alfred Arezzo, said his office already has a list of about 70 building sites that need to be inspected. About two years ago, he said, his office would normally have a list of about 30 sites at this time of the year.

Arezzo said a recent boom in property values that has landlords throughout the city renovating apartments has meant his office has had to make

almost three times as many inspections as a year ago.

However, he said his office staff hasn't increased in that time.

The problem could grow worse next year when Hoboken becomes a Class I city under the state construction code.

As a Class I city, Arezzo said, the city would be allowed to review plans for construction. At present, the city sends all construction plans to the state for review.

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"All it means is there will be just that much more responsibility placed on us," Arezzo said.

The backlog has created problems for both inspectors and builders alike, Arezzo said. The inspectors find it increasingly more difficult to keep tabs on construction in the city, which only raises the chances for improper or shoddy construction jobs.

Meanwhile, builders have to endure delay after delay in

starting construction until the inspections are done.

At present, Arezzo said his office has only one building code inspector besides himself, two electrical inspectors, two plumbing inspectors and two fire safety inspectors.

He said he has requested two more building inspectors and a plumbing inspector and a clerk in next year's budget. He said he is also requesting the purchase of a computer to simplify the office's filing system.

Bankers Trust eyes role in Hoboken pier plan

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The city is holding preliminary discussions with the Bankers Trust Co. and several other financial institutions on development possibilities for Piers 5 and 6. Mayor Steve Cappelletto confirmed yesterday.

Cappelletto said the discussions with Bankers Trust, the nation's ninth-largest bank, are "preliminary" and that no formal development plans have been submitted.

The mayor also said discussions are being

held with "several" other financial institutions, but declined to release their names. He said he could not comment further on the subject.

"I won't discuss it until I have something concrete to bring back to the council and the waterfront advisory committee," Cappelletto said.

Thomas A. Parisi, a spokesman for Bankers Trust, would neither confirm nor deny reports that the bank is interested in the two piers.

Sources speculated that the city's discussions with Bankers Trust most likely concern the

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Hoboken firemen honor Jersey City man who rescued child trapped on fire escape

By James Kopchansky

Joseph Delvescovo said he didn't think twice when he went to the rescue of a small girl trapped on the fire escape during a fire at a Hoboken apartment house in October of 1981.

"All I saw was the child on the escape and everyone standing about calling for help. I just went right up to get her. If I had to do it all over again, I probably would do the same thing."

Yesterday, Hoboken officials honored Delvescovo with its highest civilian awards for his heroism at the fire at 67 Park Ave. on Oct. 12, 1981.

Delvescovo, of Jersey City, was given the Certificate of Commendation from the city's fire department as well as a special city council commendation and a plaque from the firefighter and fire superior unions for his actions at the fire.

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Stakeout foils shrimp theft at restaurant

A surveillance operation by the Hoboken Police Department resulted Tuesday in the arrest of two Hoboken men in the theft of \$3,100 worth of shrimp from the Clam broth House restaurant.

The two suspects, Edward Curbelo, 37, and Miguel Aleman, 27, were charged with receiving stolen property in the incident, which occurred between 12 midnight and 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

According to police, detectives received a report on Sunday that an employee of the restaurant was planning a theft either on Monday or Tuesday morning.

Police officers put an early morning surveillance on the restaurant. At about midnight on Tuesday, Sgt. Martin Kiely, Detective Fred Ferrante, and Patrolmen Edward Canning started their surveillance.

Curbelo exited the restaurant at 3:52 a.m., according to police, carrying a brown paper bag. He then drove his car with the officers trailing behind him, to 106

Willow Avenue, where he entered briefly, then drove back to the restaurant, police said.

At 4:19 a.m., police said he re-emerged from the restaurant with a large black plastic bag which he placed in the trunk of Aleman's car.

He went back and brought out another bag at which point the officers closed in and arrested him.

The bags contained 16 boxes of shrimp, police said. After questioning Curbelo, police put out a warrant for Aleman and arrested him.

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bank's financing of prospective development projects through construction loans.

A development proposal for Piers 5 and 6 was reportedly submitted and considered by the city several years ago. The proposal, however, was rejected when financial backing for it fell through.

Details of that proposal were not available yesterday.

Unlike the piers involved in the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's \$500 million Hoboken waterfront revitalization plan, Piers 5 and 6 are currently owned by the city.

Piers A, B and C, which are at the center of the Port Authority's proposal, were released to the city from federal control in September. But the city is still negotiating with the General Services Administration to determine the piers' fair market value.

Piers 5 and 6 stand along the city's waterfront at Fifth and Sixth streets, near the Stevens Institute of Technology. The two piers are just to the north of the three piers involved in the Port Authority's proposal.

Approve HUD-backed housing project

The Hoboken Planning Board last night granted preliminary approval for a HUD-backed housing rehabilitation project at 800 to 812 Willow Avenue.

The plan, some two years in the making, calls for the creation of 54 one, two, and three-bedroom low and moderate income apartments in a row of six existing five-story frame houses between Eighth and Ninth streets. An adjoining seventh building will be constructed to complete the project.

HUD has agreed to finance \$2.7 million undertaking through its Section 8 program, according to Philip Seriale, a general partner in the group building the project.

Under Section 8, HUD subsidizes the tenants' rents once the apartments are completed and occupied. Construction costs are

raised initially by the builder through private channels, according to Leonard Franco, the attorney representing the builders.

The existing buildings have been designated by the Hoboken Historic District Commission and are eligible for listing on the National registry of historic places, Franco said.

The consideration of the historic preservation of the exteriors of the buildings was one of the reasons the project has been slowed, said Michael Elkin, the architect who drew up the plans. The initial blueprints, he noted, were finished in 1980.

Conditionally approved, the proposal will be considered by the board during a special meeting Jan. 12. Following final approval from the city, the builders are required by HUD to

complete the project within 10 months.

The board requested clarification on several minor matters. A site plan review was

required by the board since the project involves more than 10 units, according to Ralph Seligman, planning consultant to the board.

The buildings are currently unoccupied.



The old and the young work and play along Washington Street, Hoboken's busiest thoroughfare. Almost 30 percent of the city's population is over 55 years old; another 27.8 percent is under 18. (Photos by Mark Wyville)

What you don't know about Hoboken

By James Kopchains

Just who is the average Hoboken resident? If a man, he is about 27 years old. If a woman, she is about 29.8 years old.

He or she is most likely married and head of a household of 2.7 persons. Their household income is \$14,885 per year if they are white; \$12,526 if Hispanic; and \$11,864 if black.

They are six times more likely to rent an apartment than own a house. If they do rent, they pay an average monthly rent of \$167.

If they live east of Washington Street they are living in the richer neighborhoods in the city. If they live in the southwest areas they are among the poorest neighborhoods.

All this is available to city officials courtesy of the 1980 U.S. Census. Earlier this year, the city commissioned the firm of Public Demographics Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio, to take the raw census data on Hoboken and group and compare it to give the city an approximation of just who makes up the city's population.

"The federal government requires this information on their applications for federal grants," City Business Administrator Edwin Chius explained. However, he said that delays and cuts in the census bureau are delaying the figures from reaching the city.

As a result, the city needed to hire the firm to speed up this process of receiving the information.

Besides providing information for grant applications, the figures have been useful in allowing city planners to project possible trouble areas that could develop in the near future. Also, city negotiators have been using the figures in preparing briefs for recent arbitration hearings with the city's municipal workers.

In preparing their report, Public Demographics used the 12 census tracts the census bureau chose to divide the city for the census. The firm took each of the tracts and closely analyzed the residents living there.

In particular, the firm concentrated on the age, sex, race, income, and marital status of the residents as answered on the census form. The firm then grouped the figures and compared each tract to each other in drawing conclusions.

Each of these comparisons were presented in the form of colored graphs, allowing the city officials to see immediately areas of concern.

Among the general conclusions brought out through the figures were:

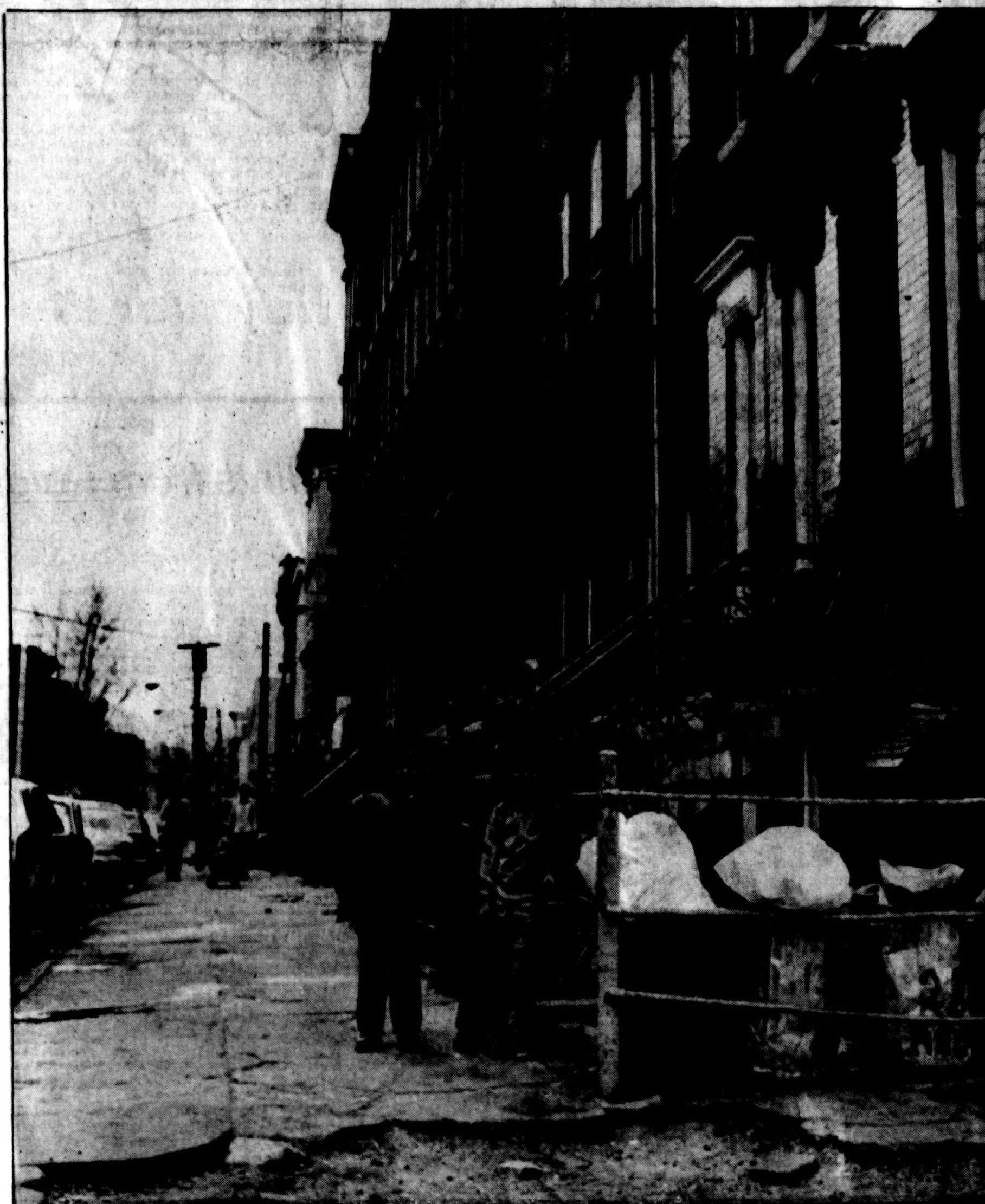
- The city's trouble spots lie largely in the southwestern portions of the city. The average income is between \$3,000 and \$10,000 with roughly 40 percent of the residents there meeting federal "very low" income guidelines. The area also has the largest percentage of youngsters under 18 years old and number of households and vacant housing units.

- In contrast, the city's richer neighborhoods lie along the Hudson River on Hudson and River Streets. Incomes in these areas range from \$15,000 and \$18,000 per year. These areas also pay the highest rents and have the smallest households.

- Almost 30 percent of the city's population is over 55 years old with most of the older population concentrated in the western and northwestern sections.

- Meanwhile, another 27.8 percent of the city's population is below the age of 18.

"It's important to have the figures," Chius said. "If we didn't we wouldn't know which direction to go when we plan."



Children stand in front of apartment houses in Hoboken's southwestern neighborhood. The area has been named among the poorer areas of the city according to figures compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau and analyzed by Public Demographics, Inc., a firm hired by the city.

Hobokenite charged in cops' attack

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HOBOKEN—A 25-year-old city man has been arrested and charged in connection with the assault on two officers, police said yesterday.

Jason Martinez, whose address was listed as 514 Observer Highway, was arrested Monday and charged with simple assault and resisting arrest in connection with an attack on Patrolmen Thomas Connor and Michael Plunkett, police said.

Connor and Plunkett filed formal complaints charging that Martinez assaulted them with his hands and feet at about 10 p.m. Monday at his residence. Martinez resisted when the officers attempted to place him under arrest, police said.

Man held in threat to murder

11/21/83
HOBOKEN—A West New York man has been arrested and charged with threatening to kill a city woman and her daughter two weeks ago, police said yesterday.

William Roman, 35, of 5105 Palisade Ave., was arrested Monday on a bench warrant for allegedly threatening to use his hunting knife to kill Santa Alicia, who gave her address as 1219 Willow Ave., and her daughter, on the morning of Dec. 28, police said.

Roman was arrested around 1 p.m. Monday at his home by Patrolman John Gilberty, police said.

Will test lottery tickets

11/13/83
The U.S. Testing Co. in Hoboken received authorization from the State Treasury Department to provide for independent testing of production run tickets for the "Treasure Island" and Holiday Instant Games conducted by the State Lottery Commission without competitive bidding. The amount permitted for the professional service was \$10,000. It was on the November, 1982 purchase waiver list announced by Treasurer Kenneth R. Biederman.

Mother put on probation for assault

11/21/83
HOBOKEN—A city woman charged with burning her son's foot as punishment for trying to take \$20 from her pleaded guilty yesterday to a reduced charge and was placed on probation for one year.

Theresa DeJesus Correa, 37, who gave her address as 510 Jackson St., was arrested Dec. 17 and charged with abusing her 15-year-old son Javier Velez, according to police records.

Police said Correa set fire to a piece of paper and held it under her son's foot during an argument concerning the money.

Velez was not seriously injured, but Correa was charged with child abuse.

Correa pleaded guilty to a simple assault charge and Municipal Court Judge Chris Pappas placed her on probation and imposed a \$25 fine.

Firemen's families to benefit

An ice hockey game with proceeds going to a burn center and a fund for the families of fallen firefighters, will pit the Hoboken Fire Department Hockey Club against their rivals from the New York City Police Department, at the Meadowlands Arena on Feb. 6 at 4 p.m. Discount coupons for the afternoon match are available at the Meadowlands box office. The price of the ticket will also entitle the purchaser to see an additional match between the New Jersey Devils and the Vancouver Canucks, which immediately follows the benefit show. West New York Police Officer Pete Connors, a member of the Hoboken club, says he's looking for a big turnout at the special game. "It's a very worthy cause and it'll be a great game," promise Connors who has been vigorously promoting the hockey fundraiser.

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Blaze destroys condo-to-be

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By FRANCES ANN BURNS
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A kerosene stove used for warmth by construction workers may have been the cause of the general-alarm fire that gutted a Grand Street factory building Saturday.

The fire, which took seven hours to bring under control, destroyed the building, causing a collapse that sent bricks and glass flying into the street. Seven or eight cars were buried under the rubble.

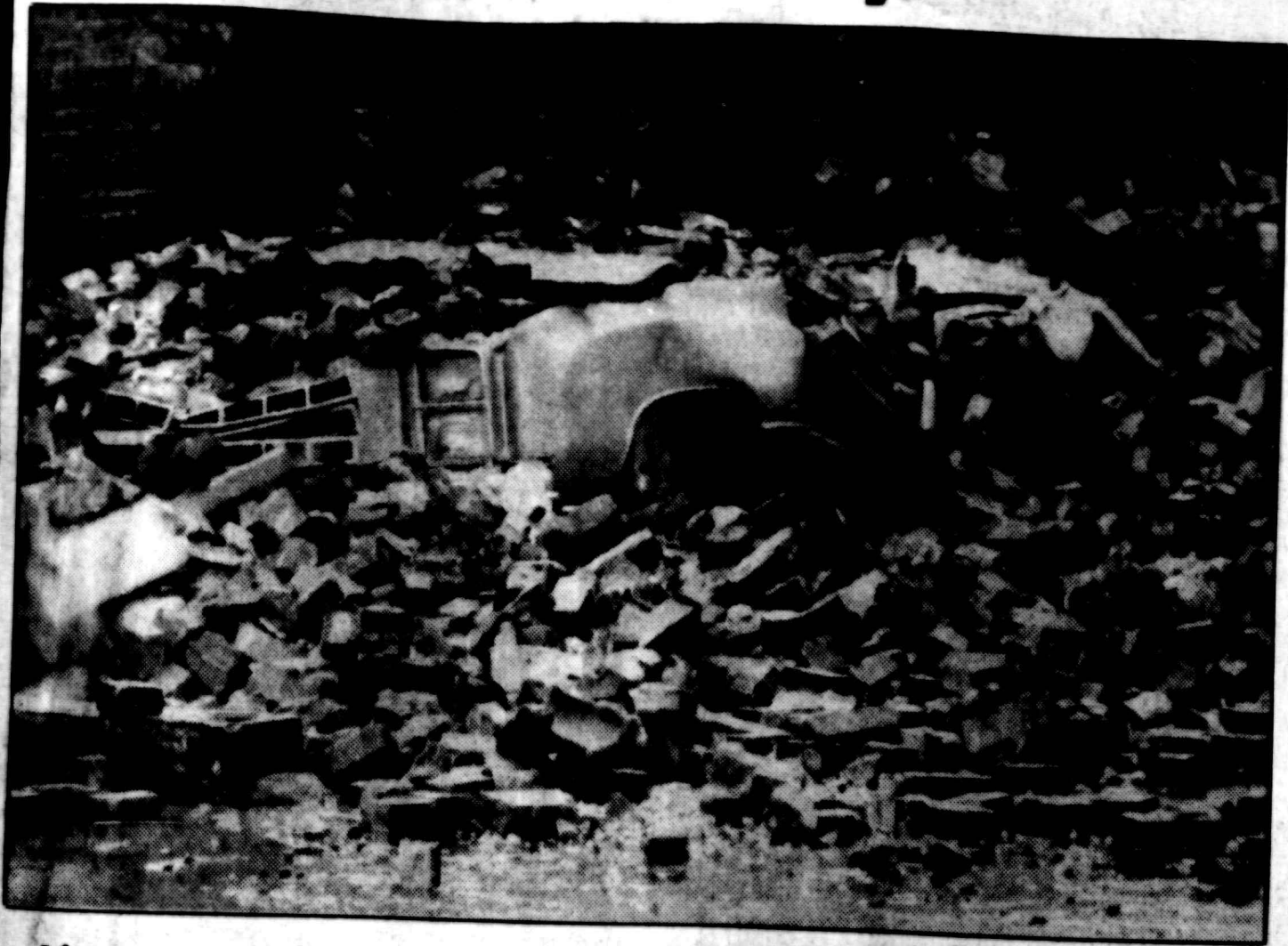
The building, the former Packet Container Co. at 222-232, was being renovated into condominiums, fire authorities said. There were about 15 workers on the site when the fire broke out at about 10 a.m. None of the workers was reported injured.

The fire is being investigated by Capt. Raymond Falco, the fire department's chief inspector.

When the first fire company arrived at the Grand Street site, the building was fully involved. Deputy Fire Chief Edward MacDonald said yesterday. "The flames were already belching out of the windows," he said. "They saw there was no chance of going inside, and they started right off with an outside attack."

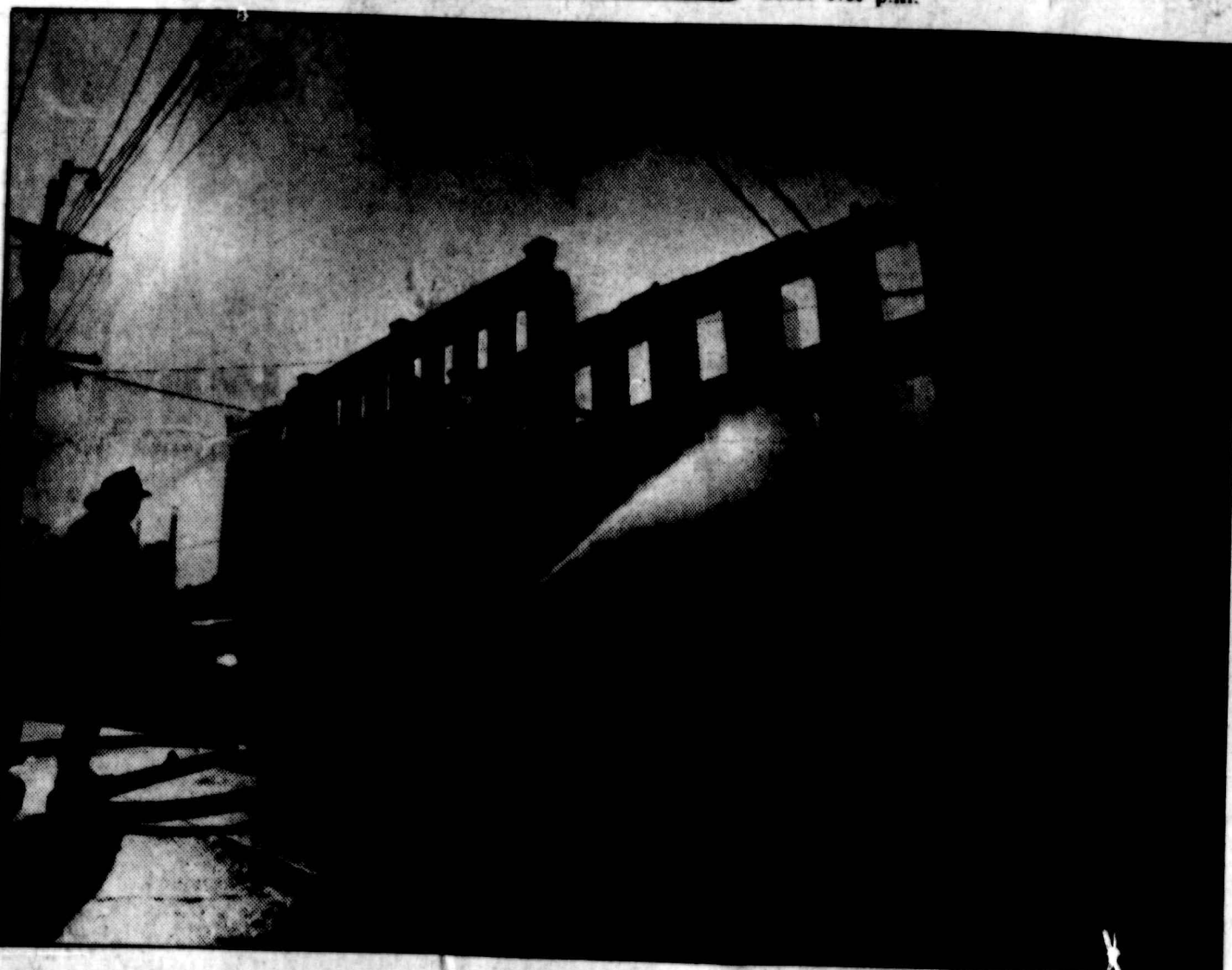
Firefighter James Greene was cut by flying glass when the three top floors of the building collapsed, MacDonald said. He received six stitches on his right hand.

Companies from both Hoboken and Jersey City fought the blaze, bringing it under control about 5:30 p.m.



Above, a car lies crushed under bricks and rubble on Grand Street in Hoboken Saturday in the aftermath of the fire that gutted an old factory at Grand and Third streets. And, left, firefighters from Hoboken and Jersey City attack the fire from outside the building after the top three floors collapsed. Firefighters fought the blaze for almost seven hours before it was brought under control.

Photos by Bill Bayler



2 hospitals set for major crisis

By JAMES GREIFF
Staff Writer

JERSEY CITY—If the Soviets lobbed over one of those multi-megaton nuclear warheads that has the U.S. government so worried, hospital beds would be available for those who need them under an agreement St. Francis Hospital and St. Mary Hospital of Hoboken have with the federal Department of Defense.

The two hospitals signed a contract with the DOD in December providing up to 200 beds for use in a wartime emergency, according to hospital officials.

Thomas A. Schember, president of St. Francis, said he was proud that the hospitals had decided to become part of the health services network the federal government has organized to deal with national emergencies.

Schember said that the weapons of modern war could create unprecedented numbers of casualties in any war zone, placing tremendous demands on medical services. The very short notice that would be afforded in a national emergency

and the need for complex transportation, treatment and hospitalization make the inclusion of St. Francis and St. Mary in the national network essential, he said.

Sister Grace Francis Strauber, president of St. Mary, said that trustees of both institutions studied the provisions of the contract in great detail before coming to a decision. She said that the trustees concluded that they had an obligation to become part of the program.

Under the agreement, each hospital will make available from 50 to 100 beds. The full complement of medical treatment and administrative processing is part of the deal, which takes effect as soon as the president of the United States declares a state of national emergency.

The DOD will reimburse the hospitals at the same rate at which civilian patients are normally billed.

As part of the agreement, the hospitals must hold an exercise each year to test their preparedness.

Hoboken waterfront leases proposed

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A committee established to conduct an inquiry into the waterfront revitalization project proposed for the Hoboken waterfront last night recommended the city lease parcels of the land to prospective developers rather than sell them outright.

In a formal report to the City Council, the Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee suggested that the leasing system would eventually generate more city revenue than a simple tax program.

Committee Chairman Paul C. Rotondi said the leasing system would enable the city to collect, in lieu of taxes, a percentage of the annual profits secured by an enterprise that

purchases a parcel of the waterfront property. Rotondi said the committee's in-lieu-of-taxes proposal was based on a study of similar programs in Boston, Baltimore and San Diego that have been successful.

The council had no comment yesterday on the proposal.

The committee was formed 18 months ago by Mayor Steve Cappelletto to represent the concerns of a cross-section of the city's business, industry, labor and minority communities in relation to the development of the waterfront.

The committee's report was in part a compilation of recommendations for the proposed waterfront project aired during two public meetings held last year, Rotondi said.

Other recommendations included:

- That the developer of the property "be committed to include" an apprentice training program for Hoboken residents to be employed in the construction of the project.
- That the number of commercial enterprises attracted to the waterfront not interfere with the wellbeing of the city's existing business districts.
- That "continuous or near-continuous public access" to the waterfront be provided.
- That recreational and park areas "adequate and proportional" to the development area be set aside for the general public.

Hoboken piers

The Hoboken Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee has made its long-awaited recommendations for the development of the Hoboken piers and, unfortunately, the committee has not been given the credit to which it is entitled.

Instead, it has been criticized for not doing enough; for making recommendations which were not specific enough for some partisans of special causes; for not taking a stand on the creation of a waterfront authority . . . and on and on.

The committee forthrightly called for lease rather than purchase of the valuable waterfront property. That is a key issue, properly emphasized.

A professional adviser should handle leases, sub-leases and revenue sharing, the committee urged. Notice the stress is on "professional" not "political."

And note also that the committee recommended adequate recreation space be allotted, leaving — properly — the details about the recreation area to be determined later.

Protecting jobs, the committee urged Hoboken residents get job preference consideration and then tried to put teeth in that by suggesting an apprentice training program during construction.

Attempting to protect business, the committee asked that retail businesses get preference in future development and that commercial development be limited so that established businesses are not overwhelmed.

Finally, the committee urged that the project designs be worked out with the help of Hoboken representatives and that Hoboken be deeply involved in the financial negotiations for the purchase of the piers.

As can be seen, the committee did a good job in laying a careful foundation upon which the community can build for future orderly development of the piers.

The committee deserves credit for a job well done.

Waterfront report comes under fire

The Hoboken Industry and Business Association has criticized a new report by the city's waterfront committee on recommendations for a planned \$500-million development along the river.

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According to Richard Bozzone, spokesman for HIBA, the report which was released on Wednesday was "sketchy and left much to be answered in the way of positive recommendations, especially in regards to the tax

benefits Hoboken would receive from the development."

The report, which came out of comments at two public hearings last fall, had recommended that the city lease the land being slated for the development, but did not address questions on the impact such a development would have on transportation, parking, or housing in the city. The development is being planned for the Port Authority piers on the city's southern waterfront.

"It is obvious that this report must be expanded and that the elements of vital concern as to how they affect and impact on our city and region have to be examined in a more precise manner," Bozzone said.

2 nabbed, charged in jailbreak try

A Hoboken man has been arrested and charged with plotting his son's escape from Rahway State Prison, the state Attorney General's Office announced yesterday.

C. Michael LaBruno, 68, of Hoboken and James Fornio III of Long Branch were arrested Monday outside a Hoboken restaurant. Charges reportedly were filed against both. LaBruno's son, Carmen Michael Jr., is serving two life terms for the 1977 kidnapping and murder of Samuel Cappelletto Jr., nephew of Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto.

The son, Carmen LaBruno, 46, is undergoing treatment for leukemia. His father allegedly planned to have Fornio intercept two corrections officers escorting his son to a Mercer County doctor for therapy.

Hearing on fire captains off — again

HOBOKEN—Five Hoboken fire captains charged with insubordination have had their disciplinary hearing, which was scheduled for Friday, canceled for the fourth time.

The hearing, originally scheduled for Aug. 23, was canceled Friday because two of the five captains are out of state on vacation, said Bill Bergin, president of the Hoboken Fire Officers' Union.

The charges facing the captains stem from their refusal to enter a city building on Aug. 3 in order to conduct a search where city firefighters found evidence of an attempted arson only three days before.

Hoboken blaze razes building

A general alarm fire destroyed an industrial building that was being converted into apartments in Hoboken Saturday, fire officials reported.

The cause of the blaze in the four-story brick building at Third and Grand streets was not immediately determined, but it was believed to have started when a kerosene heater being used by construction crews exploded.

Some 15 construction workers were in the quarter-block square building when the fire broke out at 10:10 a.m., but none was injured, officials said. One fireman, James Greene, suffered a laceration of the right hand that required six stitches at St. Mary Hospital.

Off-duty Hoboken firefighters and units from Jersey City were called in the fight the blaze, which raged out of control for nearly three hours, officials



Firefighters battle a general alarm blaze that destroyed an industrial building that was being converted into apartments at Third and Grand streets in Hoboken.

A portion of the building collapsed, damaging some eight cars parked in the street. Firefighters remained at the scene until 5:30 p.m. when crews began returning to quarters.

Fires down, fatalities up

While the number of fire alarms received by Hoboken's fire department dropped about 14 percent last year over 1981, the city still recorded one of its most deadly years in its history with 13 people dying in blazes.

The 13 deaths were all the result of a "suspicious" fire at the Pinter Hotel on 14th Street, that killed 12 persons in the fire with one other dying a few days

later of burns. However, according to figures released by the fire department, the total number of fires in the city in 1982 was 957. In 1981, the department had to be called to answer 1,010 fires throughout the year.

In all, the firemen had to respond to a total of 2,118 calls in 1982. This figure includes 632 special calls in which the men were called out for reasons other than fires.

Firemen answered 2,349 responses in 1981 of which 1,717 were for fires.

"I'd like to believe that the figures show that our efforts on fire prevention and control are making some headway," Fire Chief James Houn said.

Most fires last year occurred in apartment houses, with 141 alarms received by the department. However, this was a drop from 1981 where 241 alarms were received.

New church code first since '17

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Pope John Paul II's signing of a new code of canon law today represents 23 years of work that streamlined church regulations but retained excommunication for abortion and abolished lenient marriage annulments.

The new code, the first major revision of church rules since 1917, represents a "major simplification and streamlining" of the rules that are binding on all Roman Catholics, Archbishop John R. Roach of St. Paul, Minneapolis said Monday.

The code being signed today by the pope includes 1,700 articles in seven sections and is the result of 23 years of work by church theologians.

The code reflects many of the liberalizing changes in the church since the reforms of Vatican II in 1965.

But it retains the ban on women priests and the automatic excommunication for abortion, and abolishes lenient rules to annul a marriage followed in the United States and Australia for the past 13 years.

Under the special rules, which came to be known as "the American norms," annulment cases did not require automatic review by a church marriage tribunal.

The new code stipulates that all annulment decrees — by which a marriage is declared invalid —

must be reviewed by a panel of three church marriage court judges.

The new code also retains only six of the old code's 37 excommunicable offenses.

gone that was dropped was the ban on cremation, which had been considered a pagan practice that attempted to deny the doctrine of the resurrection of the body, a cornerstone of the Roman Catholic faith.

Automatic excommunication for joining Masonic groups is also dropped from the new code. Although Masonry has had a

history of strong anti-Catholicism, this is no longer considered true.