

Committee report draws flak before release

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the waterfront plans," one committee member, who refused to be identified, said yesterday. "What we've chosen by this report is to become reactionary rather than active."

The committee met yesterday in a closed session to the public. Chairman Paul Rotondi said the meeting did not address

the report, but other committee members said it was to create a final agreement among the committee members on it.

Rotondi would not release any portion of the report yesterday to reporters, saying, "I don't think it would be fair to let it out before we give it to the mayor and council."

The report will be one of

several factors that will be considered for a master plan for development of the piers that will be used to attract potential developers for the piers. This plan will be created through a joint effort of the state, city, and the regional Port Authority, which holds a lease on the piers.

At present, the plans are being held in abeyance while the

Port Authority seeks enabling legislation in New York and New Jersey to become officially involved in the project.

The public hearings, held in October and November, allowed Hoboken residents the chance to give the project planners some guidance in choosing what should go into the development.

Council slated to act tonight on disputed salary guidelines

By James Kopchains

Calling it "an outrageous attempt to grant huge pay increases to themselves," Hoboken municipal critics have attacked a list of salary guidelines being presented to the city council tonight for approval.

The list, which was necessitated by the approval of a contract with municipal employees, would raise the maximum salaries allowable for city directors and administrators by 20 to 25 percent, on the average.

For example, Mayor Steve Cappelletto would have the maximum raised allowed for his position raised from \$31,500 to \$38,500

— a raise of 22 percent. Other directors and the city clerk would receive increases in their maximum salary range of about 20 percent. Councilmen would also see the maximum allowed raised from \$8,750 to \$11,000 — a raise of over 25 percent.

These figures only refer to the range allowed for employees in municipal positions. City Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the ranges were increased in order to give non-union workers salary increases commensurate with the unionized employees.

However, Anthony Russo, a critic of the Cappelletto ad-

ministration, criticized the list. "It is interesting to note that these raises come after statements by the business administrator that recent raises to the police and fire departments are going to burden the city, cause a hiring freeze, and possibly additional layoffs," he said.

Earlier this month, the municipal workers approved a

contract calling for a 7.5 percent raise as of Jan. 1 and a 7 percent raise on July 1. Chius said the guidelines would only give the city the flexibility to give commensurate amounts to the other workers.

The council meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Council Chambers in Hoboken City Hall.

Attorney will pay \$885 on 62 traffic tickets

Hoboken's crackdown on unpaid traffic tickets has netted an attorney, who has agreed to pay \$885 in traffic violations while in Bayonne a crackdown is also under way to reduce the number of outstanding motor vehicles warrants.

In Hoboken, attorney Bernard Glick agreed to pay the fine on 62 tickets he accumulated over the past year, according to Marian Roland, of the city's traffic violations bureau.

Meanwhile, Municipal Judge Chris Pappas ordered that tickets issued before July 11, 1981 to Glick for illegal parking on river Street be dismissed because of vagueness in the wording of the ordinance covering the situation before the July date.

Also, Mrs. Roland said the of-

ice will be sending out the first batch of 1,000 warrants for persons late in paying traffic fines.

The bureau is sending out the warrants at a rate of 1,000 per week in a drive to have the fines paid. Mrs. Roland said the drive was made in January this year rather than the spring months as it is usually held, because it's expected to have more effect.

In Bayonne, figures compiled by the police department show that since the first of the year 3,000 parking and 500 moving violations warrants have been issued, according to Deputy Chiefs Charles McGee and Thomas Lavin.

Ninety-eight of those have been served and 65 people arrested.

Those 65 owed a total of \$8,420 in outstanding summonses, according to the police.

Usually the warrant squad handles all motor vehicle warrants, he said, but due to the vast numbers, the entire department is now involved in a "concerted effort" to reduce the backlog of warrants.

Both detectives and patrol officers will be out this weekend tracking down the scofflaws, Lavin said.

"Usually, warrants are served during the week but now we'll be working week-ends as well in an effort to contact these people at their homes," he noted.

Both Lavin and McGee agreed that people may not be paying the tickets due to the shaky economic situation, since the minimum fine for a moving violation—speeding, careless driving, running red lights—is now up to \$60.

Two enforcement methods the department is looking into are calls to Trenton Motor Vehicle to suspend registration privileges for persons with more than five parking tickets and towing vehicles.

They explained that if a person does not pay the fine by the date listed on the original ticket, a motor vehicle summons is then issued with another date and the fine is increased another \$10. When a warrant is made out, another \$10 is then added.

"We're not looking to arrest people but it's become a real problem," McGee said. "We'd like people to come in and pay the tickets before an officer comes knocking on their doors with a warrant. It's to their benefit to come in and pay up."

Schools' repair list prepared

The Hoboken Board of Education is preparing a priority list of school repairs to be financed by a recently-approved \$2-million bond issue.

School architect Joseph Lynch of Mayo Lynch Associates presented the board with an overview during last night's meeting on the cost of various repairs at the district's nine public schools.

The largest share of the money, some \$675,000, was ten-

tatively earmarked for a new permanent roof for the Brandt School. Board President Otto Hottendorf said the school is likely to get the highest priority because its roof leaks.

Near the end of his presentation, Lynch said the recommended repairs were "a drop in the bucket compared to all the things that need to be done at the schools."

The Hoboken City Council ap-

proved the bond issue shortly before the end of 1982.

The board voted to conditionally approve a five-year contract for architectural services with Mayo Lynch Associates pending finalization of minor contract details. Hottendorf said the firm would be paid between 9 percent and 10 percent of the cost of the projects they handle.

Hottendorf and trustee John Pope were named to serve on the Board of School Estimate with City Council appointees Helen Macri and Sal Cemelli.

Notices sent out by the board mistakenly said last night's meeting would focus on the new budget, according to Hottendorf. He said the board's staff is still drawing up the 1983-84 budget.

To name group to study saving Fifth Street Pier

The Hoboken Environmental Committee is scheduled to appoint a subcommittee at its meeting tomorrow night to explore ways of saving the city's Fifth Street Pier.

The pier has been scheduled for demolition as part of waterfront clean-up being undertaken by the state Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers. The clean-up has been delayed until spring while permission is sought from the private landowners along the waterfront.

The Fifth Street pier has been the site of city-wide River City festivals for the past three summers. The festivals, which celebrate all facets of the Hoboken community, are sponsored by the committee.

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volved in efforts to save the pier, which its members believe could be used as a recreational area for the city.

Tomorrow night's meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at Ascension Hall on Third Street between Willow Avenue and Clinton Street.

Also at the meeting, Constance Dee, of the consulting

firm of Wallace, Roberts and Todd, will explain the findings of the Hudson River Walkway Study, which is being undertaken by the firm to explore the possibilities of creating a walkway or bike path along the waterfront between Liberty State Park and the George Washington Bridge.

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Francone says wife will run in his stead

Hoboken Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francone, whose 28 years on the city council have seen him serve through four different mayoral administrations, has decided not to seek reelection in May.

Instead, Francone said he has nominated his wife, Mary, to run for the seat.

Francone made his announcement Thursday night before a meeting of his civic association. Francone, 70, called his choice of his wife to run "a natural decision."

"She has always been involved in everything I do," Francone said. "I couldn't think of

anyone more qualified for the job."

"There's not a person in this town who does not know Mary," he said, referring to the large number of Catholic and civic groups in which she is active.

Francone, who won election seven consecutive times to the council, said he would also retire from his position as supervisor of custodians for the city's school system.

Francone was first elected during the administration of John Grogan, then served with subsequent mayors Silvio Palla, Louis DePasquale and the current mayor Steve Cappelletto.

City Council rejects its own pay raise

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The City Council last night voted unanimously to forego an anticipated \$1,350 salary increase, a move that apparently surprised administration critics poised to condemn the increase as "outrageous" in light of recent budget cuts and layoffs.

Mayor Steve Cappelletto, however, was granted an increase of more than \$3,000, which will raise his current salary to about \$38,000.

The council decision to maintain its present \$9,750 part-time salary is seen by both council critics and sources within the city administration as, at least in part, a political move with an eye toward upcoming City Council election campaigns.

"At this time I don't think the City Council should take any raise at all," Council President Walter Cramer said. Cramer cited recent cutbacks in city services and the laying off of

municipal workers as major reasons behind the decision.

The council remains free to grant itself a raise later this year by introducing a second ordinance. Such a raise, however, would not be retroactive, according to city Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

But it is considered unlikely that the council will move to grant itself the raise this year, in light of upcoming election campaigns in which salaries of city workers and officials are expected to be a leading issue.

Anthony Russo, a fierce Cappelletto critic, released earlier this week a statement condemning what he predicted would be increases of 22 percent for the mayor, 25 percent for the council, 20 percent for the city department directors and 123 percent for the tax assessor.

Russo accused the council members last night of forgoing their raises, only because the public had been informed of plans to grant

themselves such a sizable salary increase.

"You (the City Council) were caught with your hands in the cookie jar," Russo said.

But Cramer said Russo's figures were inaccurate.

"I don't know where you get your facts," Cramer said.

The council also adopted ordinances formally confirming recent contract settlements with city municipal employees, firefighters and police officers.

The municipal employees recently approved a contract granting them a two-part salary increase of 7.5 percent, effective Jan. 1 followed by a 7-percent increase effective in July. The average salary of a municipal worker is currently \$16,000, Chius said.

The city firefighters and police officers recently were granted an 11.25-percent salary increase for this year, as well as a \$1,000 bonus for 1982. The settlement raised the 1984 salary for a rookie firefighter or police officer to \$23,000.

Cappelletto denies FBI probe

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto said he is tired of rumors that he is being currently investigated by the FBI, which, he said, are being circulated throughout the city by his political opponent Anthony Russo.

The mayor said he wants Russo to accompany him to the FBI along with a reporter so that FBI agents can put an end to Russo's "lies" and tell all of Hoboken that there is no investigation going on.

Russo says he'll take Cappelletto up on the offer because he's telling the truth.

"The FBI has been in and out of Hoboken for the last three years," said Russo. "They're in-

vestigating many different aspects of corruption in city government. My sources tell me that and they are very, very reliable."

Russo said he will accompany Cappelletto at anytime on his visit to the FBI. Russo also said he is willing to take a lie detector test.

Among the things the FBI,

allegedly is investigating is Cappelletto's ownership of land and condominiums and the assessments on them, Russo said. He could not provide specifics.

Cappelletto said that he hadn't talked to the FBI in at least a year. He would not comment on his previous discussions with

them nor would he set a date that he would go to the FBI with Russo, when he was informed Russo had accepted his offer.

FBI spokesman in Newark said the agency would have no comment on whether it was currently investigating Cappelletto.

Councilmen to get report of Hoboken '82 finances

Hoboken councilmen will get their initial report about the latest financial status of the city at tomorrow's council meeting when they receive the city's audit of last year's finances.

The meeting, which begins at 10 a.m. at the council chambers in City Hall, will also mark the first opportunity for members of the public to address the council

on the recommendations made by the Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee on the development planned for the city's Port Authority piers.

The audit, which was prepared by city auditor Frank Italiano, will give the councilman an opportunity to see the city's financial status and offer recommendations as to how it could be improved.

The committee's report was presented to the council at a special meeting last Wednesday. At the meeting, Council President Walter Cramer refused to allow the public to comment on the report, explaining he wanted the council to have the opportunity to go over it before listening to those supporting and opposing it.

Auto blaze probed

Hoboken police are looking for leads in the deliberate burning of a stolen car yesterday in the downtown section.

The car, a 1982 Datsun, was reported stolen by its owner, Mark J. Diquatto of Edison, at about 8:45 p.m. Monday.

It was found burning at about 9:30 the same night in front of 1 Newark Street, near the city's main post office.

The fire was quickly put out by the city's fire department and the vehicle sustained moderate damage to its interior. Police said a plastic gallon container was found on the floor behind the driver's seat. They said it contained gasoline.

Hoboken man gets grant to be creative

Hoboken writer and filmmaker John Sayles was among 20 persons who were guaranteed incomes for five years yesterday in an effort to stimulate their creativity.

The awards, by the MacArthur Foundation in Chicago, range from \$24,000 to \$60,000 a year. The recipients — none of whom applied for the grants — are free to use the money as they see fit.

Sayles' most recent movie, "Linnea," was filmed in Hoboken in 1981. Sayles used the campus of Stevens Tech to shoot the film about a romance in a small college town.

The 32-year-old Sayles also wrote "Pride of the Barbos" and "Union Dues" and a collection of short stories called "The Anarchists' Convention." He wrote, directed and acted in the film "The Return of the Secaucus Seven," a movie about a group of 1960s radicals having a reunion 10 years later in New Hampshire.

He also has written screenplays for three horror movies.

Two of the recipients were designated "prize fellow laureates" and were guaranteed \$60,000 a year for life. They are Melomo Dov Goitein, 62, of Princeton whose specialty is medieval Mediterranean history, and Ralph Manheim, 75, a translator currently working in Paris.

Other recipients from New Jersey and their fields were: Bela Julesz, 54, of Murray Hill, artificial intelligence research; and William Kennedy, 55, of Averill Park, writer.

The announcement brings to 80 the number of people aided by the foundation, which was established by insurance magnate John D. MacArthur.

"We are providing an atmosphere that should be conducive to first-rate research and creativity," said John Corbally, the foundation's president.

"What these 80 will produce, and what their counterparts of the future will produce, is something many of us in philanthropy and public policy formation will watch with care," he said. "It is our hope that this program will lead to discoveries or other contributions that might otherwise not be made."

The foundation — technically the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation — was activated on Dec. 1, 1978.



File Photo by Ted Bowell

JOHN SAYLES in Hoboken on a set for his movie "Linnea" in 1981.

Murderer's father nabbed in jailbreak plot

By Joseph Albright

TRENTON — Attorney General Irwin I. Kimmelman yesterday announced the arrest of Michael LaBruno, 69, of Hoboken and James Fornino III, of Long Branch on charges that the pair plotted to help LaBruno's son to escape from the state prison at Rahway. They were taken into custody at about 10:30 p.m. Monday outside a Hoboken restaurant.

Carmen Michael LaBruno Jr., 48, of Jersey City, is serving two consecutive life terms for the 1977 kidnapping and murder of Samuel Cappiello Jr., the nephew of Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello.

According to Kimmelman, the alleged plot to free the younger LaBruno centered around a special visit to a Mercer County physician the inmate was granted for cobalt treatment. LaBruno is a leukemia patient.

The arrest came after a state police undercover agent allegedly gave \$10,000 to Fornino in the presence of the elder LaBruno inside the restaurant.

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Col. Clinton L. Pagano, state police superintendent, said the money was to be payment for Fornino to intercept two corrections officers who were scheduled to escort the younger LaBruno to a Mercer County physician for the cobalt treatment.

Kimmelman reported the investigation is continuing and electronic surveillance was used in the investigation begun by state police detectives from the Criminal Investigation Section in Troop C under direction of Lt. Joseph Bartzak.

LaBruno was sent to Trenton State Prison Jan. 5, 1979, following his conviction in Hudson County Superior Court. He was transferred to Rahway July 31, 1982.

LaBruno Sr. and Fornino were arraigned yesterday in Middlesex County Superior Court before Judge Thomas Appleby, who set bail at \$100,000 for Fornino and \$50,000 for LaBruno, Sr. A complaint also was filed with the court against the younger LaBruno as part of the escape plot.

THE HOBOKEN WATERFRONT

Senate to put watchdog over P.A.;

Kean signs pier development bill

By Joseph Albright

The State Senate is prepared to vote tomorrow on a bill that would establish a permanent 12-member commission to "oversee and monitor finances, programs and projects" of the Port Authority.

Sen. James W. Bornheimer introduced the act last Dec. 13 as the Senate deliberated the P.A. Hoboken waterfront development measure.

Meanwhile, Gov. Thomas H. Kean yesterday signed the act committing the P.A. to a \$500 million development along 130 acres on Hoboken's River Road.

The commission would be expected to take a hard look at the recent bi-state governors' commission recommendation to increase the PATH fares and tunnel bridge rates.

Assemblyman Thomas F. Cowan Sr., Jersey City Democrat, would be appointed to the Bornheimer commission as chairman of the Assembly Transportation and Communications Committee.

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Hoboken may sue St. Mary Hospital

After trying negotiations with little success, Hoboken officials may now be ready to institute legal action against St. Mary Hospital to collect over \$140,000 owed the city in water bills.

City Council President Walter Cramer said yesterday he wanted to see litigation brought against the hospital to collect payments for the bills.

He said he would meet with the city's legal department to discuss starting litigation.

At Wednesday's council meeting, Cramer had sarcastically refused an invitation to a hospital fundraising party, explaining he would not attend "unless the funds being raised are going to pay the \$140,000 they owe the city for water."

Carl Schaefer, an attorney in the city's legal department, said he's tried recently to meet with hospital administrators to discuss payment for the bills. However, he said he's received little response from the hospital.

Schaefer said the city had negotiated a \$25,000 payment from the hospital in July of last year when the hospital had owed

over \$150,000. Since then, the hospital has made no other payments, he said.

A spokesman for the hospital would not comment on the situation except to say that it was under negotiation.

"With the city facing all its financial troubles as it is now, the \$140,000 would help a lot to relieve it," Cramer said.

Victims of fire sue Hoboken

Call city lax on safety

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The parents of four children injured in a 1981 arson fire in a Park Avenue building are suing the city, its fire department and the state for negligence for letting residents live in the building without an adequate fire-detection system.

Aida Hernandez and her husband Jacob are seeking "unlimited damages" in a suit filed Jan. 26 in Hudson County Superior Court on behalf of their four young sons, Joseph, Robert, Frankie and Paul Rodriguez. Two of the boys suffered serious burns in the blaze and the other two suffered from smoke inhalation.

The suit charges that the defendants permitted "a dangerous and hazardous condition" to exist by allowing residents to occupy the building without an adequate smoke and fire detector system.

The fire occurred on Oct. 12, 1981, at 67 Park Ave., killing two young brothers, Javier Rosa, 2, and Modesto Echavarria, 7, and injuring nine children and five adults. There were no smoke detectors in the building and the fire alarms failed to work the suit charges.

The owners of the building, their real estate agent, two suspected arsonists and the owner of the company that manufactured the alarms also are defendants in the suit.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said yesterday that the state, the city and its agencies are "immune" to the suit's charges. Representatives from the city's law department could not be reached for comment yesterday.

The attorney representing the family said yesterday that he would seek "unlimited damages."

"We're looking for as much as the jury will give us," attorney Joseph Perfilio said, adding that state laws prohibit the releasing of the details of the damages being sought.

But a city official said yesterday that the total could reach \$20 million.

The suit charges that "carelessness and negligence" on the part of the defendants lead to the blaze, "causing permanent disability" to the children. The Rodriguez brothers "have been deprived and in the future will be deprived of their right to enjoyment of life to their great loss and damage," the suit charges.

City and fire department officials, according to the suit, "had a duty" to insure that the building's smoke and fire detectors were in proper working order and that the "premises in general were safe."

Perfilio said he expects the suit to reach Hudson County Superior Court in six to eight months.

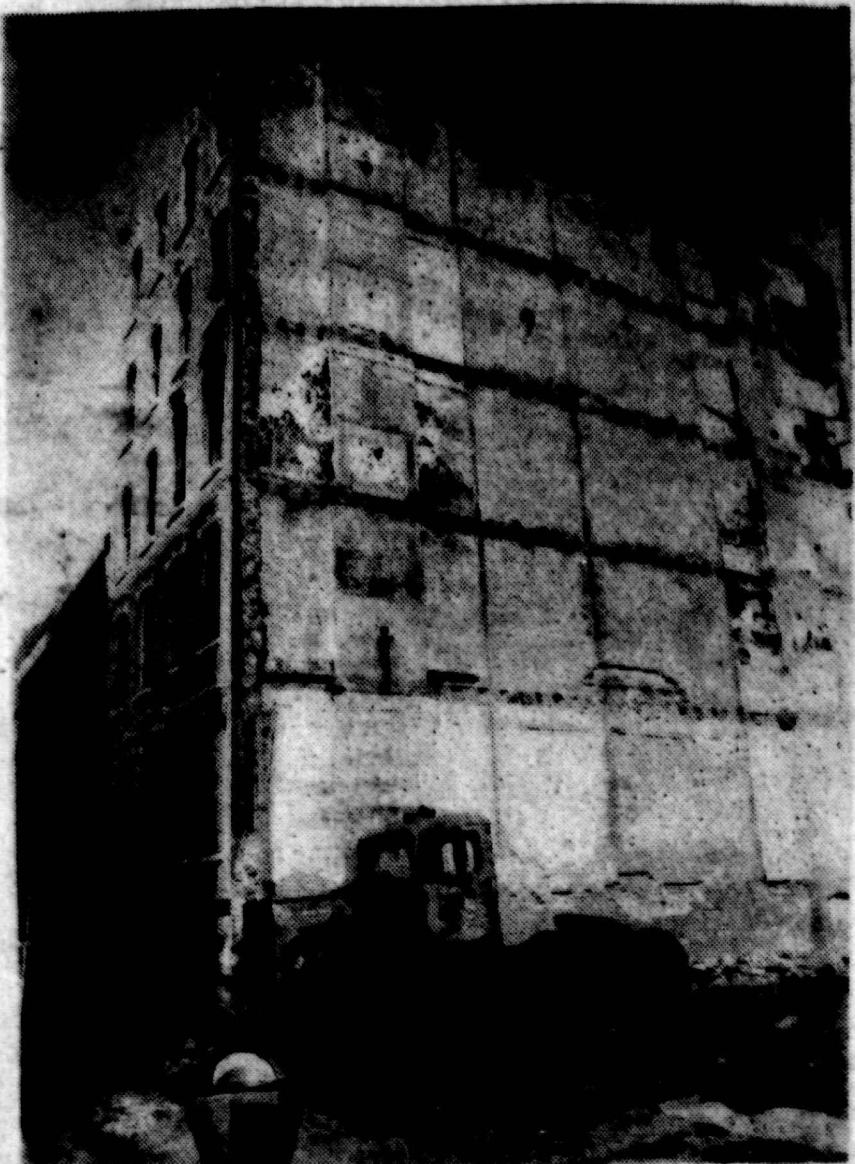


Photo by Ted Bowell

A VACANT LOT is all that remains at 67 Park Ave. in Hoboken, where two boys died in a fire in 1981.

Geismar's closing



Photo by Bill Boyer

MARVIN LUBOW, co-owner of Geismar's in Hoboken, stands in front of his store, which is going out of business after 95 years.

Landmark served Hoboken 95 years

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—After nearly a century of doing business here, Geismar's — the largest men's clothing store in Hoboken and one of the oldest institutions of its kind in the state — is closing its doors.

The store's management yesterday cited the nation's poor economy and fierce competition with local shopping centers and cut-rate outlets as the major reasons for the closing. The exact date that Geismar's will go out of business was not certain last night.

"We've had the same problems everyone else has had. You stay the course, you go out of business," said co-owner Marvin Lubow.

"More than anything else, it's the economy. And a poor economy affects men's clothing more than anything else. Men are always the last to buy, even in the best of times," Lubow said.

The store, at 222 Washington St., is scheduled to be merged with a second Geismar's in Caldwell. Lubow said he and his partner, Jim Ungerleider, hope to relocate half of the Hoboken outlet's 12 employees in the second store, which they also own.

"It's the retailers versus the huge malls, and in the last few years, it's been very, very tough. We started markdowns in September" in order to compete with the larger stores during the all-important Christmas holiday shopping rush, Lubow said.

But the holiday sales volume was not enough to keep the 95-year-old store open, he said.

"Between the flea markets and the so-called discount stores, the legitimate store can't make it. The other big names in Hudson County will be hurting, too," he said.

Or, as city Business Administrator Edwin Chius said yesterday, "The PATH train is the biggest competition for businesses along Washington Street, but it's also a great convenience for the people of Hoboken. You can be shopping in Macy's in 15 minutes and never have to move your car."

Although statistics concerning the number of business closings in the city or county are not available, observers said there have been dozens of other stores folding along Washington Street in recent years.

The officials said the nation's weak economy isn't the only factor in the growing number of business closings. They said many of the storefronts along the city's main streets are being acquired — for substantial amounts of money — in order to be converted into residential units.

"It's a glaring temptation for people in small retail businesses, especially today. They can give up their stores for conversions, and then sit back and relax," said Councilman Robert Ranieri, whose family-operated furniture business stands just down the street from Geismar's.

But no one was relaxing at Geismar's yesterday.

"It has been good today. People really come out for a going-out-of-business sale," Lubow said.

Feast the new in-spot for Hoboken

By Randolph Diamond

It was 4 a.m. and the old man didn't believe what he was seeing.

From the outside it had looked like an antique shop. But inside the small 20-by-14 foot room, people were seated at the three small tables and the few auditorium type chairs eating and drinking what appeared to the man to be strange foods and beverages.

The old man squinted his eyes twice. "Am I dreaming?" he asked.

He wasn't. The strange food was falafel, a mid-Eastern specialty that consists of crushed chickpeas with herbs and spices wrapped in a piece of pita bread. The drinks were carrot juice.

The place was Feast at 55 First St. in Hoboken. And the two young friendly hosts who convinced the man to try a falafel — though he wouldn't touch the carrot juice — were 21-year-old

Terry Wedin and 22-year-old Lyell Gressitt.

They may well be the youngest entrepreneurs in Hoboken.

And the small restaurant, which only a few months ago was a barber shop, has become a hangout for many in the Hoboken community.

It is a gathering-place even for those people who aren't exactly crazy about falafel and Feast's only other food item — two kinds of chili, spicy and mild.

Lyell turns up the stereo and jazz fills the place. Terry starts playing a guessing game with three patrons at another table.

"A man walks into his apartment building, presses the elevator button and instantly knows that his wife is dead," she said. "How does he know?"

The customers then make statements and Terry answers only "Yes" or "No" until the riddle is solved.

At another table a young man

who just got off the PATH train starts talking to a woman who was going towards the PATH train. Both didn't know Feast even existed before they walked into it.

In a short time, the two are making plans for a future date.

One wall of Feast holds paintings by local artists. A part of another wall has some antiques attached to it such as an old egg beater and a straw basket, to name a few. There is a bookshelf in one corner with books for Feast customers to read.

The selection ranges from The Canterbury Tales to a vegetarian cookbook.

"Actually the books are ones that we want to read, too," said Lyell. "We look at them when business is slow."

There is even a small television set. Lyell and Terry say they wouldn't want to miss the soap operas.

After hours club, "community center," cafe. Call it

what you like. Feast has become very popular, and not just among the newcomers who have moved to Hoboken from New York, Ohio or suburban New Jersey.

The old timers, the Hispanics, the blacks, the Italians, and the Irish also eat and "hang out" there.

"We just want to make this a place where people can feel at home," said Lyell. "And we have some good food."

Lyell and Terry have been working hard. Feast is open to 4 a.m. on Thursday and 5 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Eighty hours a week in the normal work week for them along with their one paid worker, Terry's 20-year-old sister, Connie.

But why only falafel and chili? Lyell said she was tired of going to New York for falafels, and that they are easy to make. And Terry liked chili. As for the carrot juice?

"It's healthy for you," said Terry.



Hoboken's newest in place is Feast. The owners, Terry Wedin, left, 21, and Lyell Gressitt, 22, are perhaps the youngest entrepreneurs in Hoboken.

Schaffer says he's candidate

Hoboken civic activist Michael Schaffer has declared himself a candidate for the city council from the second ward in the May municipal elections.

Schaffer, who was active in a coalition drive against a referendum last November that would abolish run-off elections in the city, will oppose Council President Walter Cramer, who represents the second ward.

A Navy veteran, Schaffer, 32, has lived in Hoboken all his life. In declaring his candidacy, he said he was seeking election to offer the ward's

residents "a change from the dictatorial actions and attitudes of the incumbent who is part and parcel of an administration which, among other things, would give away the city's waterfront to unnamed developers."

Passengers

In 75 years, the PATH-H&M system has carried a total of more than 43 billion passengers — almost as many as the 4.585 billion people in the world today.

THE HOBOKEN WATERFRONT: Who's in charge here?

By James Kopchans

Who will make the final decisions about the Hoboken waterfront?

Who will ultimately decide who builds the \$500 million development being proposed for the city's Port Authority piers? Who will decide which buildings are included? Excluded?

Answers have been ambiguous since Gov. Thomas Kean announced plans for the development on Sept. 22. But now, another

Kean announcement on a Hudson River waterfront commission has created two possible answers.

One involves local interests, represented by the city council and its various boards of review, and the other involves state officials, convinced that such a large project could benefit the region or state and must be treated on a regional basis.

Kean's first State of the State address, delivered on Wednesday, mentioned waterfront commissions for both the Hudson

and Delaware River regions.

The key word for all parties watching the Hoboken development has been the "accountability" of such a commission.

"There is nothing wrong with such a commission if it remains an advisory commission and does not mean the removal of 'home rule' on the waterfront," Mayor Steve Cappelletto said.

"It puts another layer between the people of Hoboken and the planners," Steve Block, a member of the Hoboken Waterfront

Coalition, said. "With a state commission we would have very little input in decisions as opposed to local boards where the officials making the decisions have to stand for election and re-election."

"Perhaps with that outside authority and our having lost home rule there would be a natural antagonism developing within the community and, no matter what the plan was, there would be that inference that it is

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Who'll be in charge of Hoboken piers?

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not being done as we would want it in our city," Councilman Robert Ranieri explained.

With a city of only 1.04 square miles, Hoboken contains a very limited amount of property that can be developed. As a result, its leaders have jealously guarded all control for any areas scheduled for private development.

However, the sheer size of the waterfront project dwarfs any development project in the city since the turn of the century.

At its unveiling in September, Kean said "the project will act as a catalyst, encouraging private developers to invest in the area (the Hudson River waterfront)." Kean said a bill allowing the regional Port Authority to become involved in the Hoboken project "would breathe new life into one of New Jersey's most valuable and underutilized resources — the Hudson River waterfront."

The federal government now owns the property. Legislation passed by Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan this summer allows Hoboken to negotiate the purchase of the piers, which were seized by the federal government in 1917.

The Port Authority has been helping the city in the negotiations with the federal General Services Administration and in planning for their development.

As proposed by the Port Authority, which would contribute up to 25 percent of the cost of the project, the development would contain a mix of luxury and residential housing with commercial buildings and recreational facilities for the 55-acre site.

Estimates by Port Authority officials have put the number of jobs to be created by the project at about 10,000 construction jobs and another 4,500 permanent workers.

The Port Authority has said it would give the city's Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee the chance to recommend other uses in a master plan for the development site.

"The whole thing is, if you have this commission, it's good if it's used to aid the community," City Business Administrator Edwin Chius said. "If it's going to be used to steal taxes, then you have to stop it."

Port Authority officials have maintained that the final decision would be made by the Hoboken City Council. "I would expect that the council would delegate responsibility for review to its respective local boards," Salvatore Samperi, assistant director for waterfront development for the Port Authority, said.

"We have always said that we want to work with Hoboken in having the property developed," he said.

This would include reviews and hearings by the city's planning board and possibly its zoning board, according to Chius. In addition, a developer would have to submit every plan to construction code officials for inspection and would probably have to submit an environmental impact study with the state.

"Plus he would have to hold a lot of hearings, because there are a lot of people who'd want to be heard," Chius said.

"This could take anywhere from six months to a year. Six

months if Gov. Kean was the developer.

Such a time-consuming stretch has officials fearing that a developer might welcome a chance to circumvent the procedure and deal directly with a state office.

George Pappas, attorney for the city's planning board, said members of the board have been concerned about the vague wording in the Port Authority legislation.

Also, he said meetings with the Port Authority officials in December did not give the members any indication as to where the final jurisdiction over the development.

"I can't say definitely that the planning board has jurisdiction to require them to come in for site plan approval," Pappas said.

Another concern is a recent state Supreme Court decision on Rutgers University's plans to build a married students dormitory on its campus. Pappas explained the decision allowed the state legislature to supersede local review boards if it is decided the project is "for the benefit of the citizens of the state at large."

Pappas said the Hoboken development could fit that definition. He said the board members would continue to monitor the project in the coming months.

Other civic groups have proposed to put the decision directly in the hands of the Hoboken voters through a referendum rather than risking it with state of local officials.

Michael Schaffer, a local civic activist, has called for a municipal referendum on the final plan chosen by developers.

The City Council recently passed a resolution calling for members of the Hudson delegation to the state legislature to meet and review any new legislation concerning the piers with the council before it is introduced.

"Good heavens, we lost the piers in 1917 and we've finally gotten to a point where we may be able to get them back... at this point to have someone else come down and say, 'By the way, now that the federal government is relinquishing control, the state of New Jersey is going to take it over. That would be bad,'" Ranieri said.

Hoboken repairs near done

Repairs to Newark Street between Hudson and River streets in Hoboken are expected to be finished Wednesday, according to Roy Haack, the city's sewerage superintendent.

Haack said the street had been closed to traffic last week while public works crews dug up

and filled in an old sewer line that had been causing the street to buckle.

The work already has been done, Haack said, but crews have had to wait for the proper asphalt to cover the trench made by the work.

Hoboken to check new card games

Calling it a "clear inducement for youngsters to gamble," Hoboken Council President Walter Cramer has ordered the council's public safety committee to investigate new video games based on poker and blackjack.

Cramer said the games have so far only shown up in bars and taverns in the city, but may soon be put in several of the video game parlors which attract many youths at lunchtime and after school.

Meanwhile, Councilman Sal Cemelli said he would introduce an ordinance that would officially prohibit video games during school hours.

At present, the arcade owners have been prohibiting on a voluntary basis the children from playing the games during school hours.

Cramer said he had learned of the games from Leo Serrano, the city's license inspector. He said the games don't offer any

prizes but because they can feature two players competing against one another.

Serrano said he has requested the city's law department to contact the state gaming commission to get a ruling as to the legality of the machines.

Cramer said several of the machines spotted in the bars were within 15 feet of the bar, which he said seemed questionable under state alcoholic beverage control requirements.

Meanwhile, Cemelli's ordinance would make the voluntary action by the arcade operators official city policy. The arcade operators had agreed to prevent children from playing the machines at the request of Parents-Teachers Associations in the city.

In other business, the council approved the payment of bills totaling \$2,860.82 for medical services and equipment supplied to municipal workers injured in the course of their duties.

Project \$50 tax rate

Hoboken assessment officers have projected a \$50 tax rate on city property this year — roughly one-third the amount of the city's present tax rate.

However, the new rate could mean higher tax bills for property owners whose land has had its assessed value increased under a new revaluation of all property in the city.

Letters have begun being sent to homeowners telling them of their new assessments, according to James Mulroy, president of Landmark Associates, which conducted the revaluation for the city. Each homeowner will have the opportunity to question and challenge the assessment figures before they are declared official, Mulroy said.

In the letters to the property owners, Mulroy said that based on the revalued assessments and the amount of money needed for municipal, state and county expenses, the tax rate for last year would have been \$47.50 had the assessment been in effect then.

The city's tax rate last year was \$147.33 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. All rates are based on \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Mulroy said he did not see any substantial change in that figure, though the tax rate will not be struck until the municipal and county budgets are approved.

Each of the letters that Landmark sends property owners contain a notice that the owner may fill out to set a meeting with officials from the firm on the assessed figure. These meetings will be scheduled over the next two months, according to Mulroy.

After this is completed, the company will determine a price it feels reflects the true value of the property in the marketplace.

Landlord will take rent issue to court

A Hoboken landlord, ordered to roll back rent increases after the city's rent leveling board found inaccuracies in the bills he submitted on repairs, plans to appeal to Superior Court.

The landlord, P.P. Mody, owner of 823 Garden St., is seeking a restraining order on the board's decision while he prepares an appeal of the decision, according to Barry Sarkis, attorney for the rent leveling board.

The board had ordered Mody to roll back rents at the building from \$350 to \$196 per apartment per month beginning as of Feb. 1. In addition, Mody was to pay back the difference between the two rents that the tenants at the building had been paying since

last summer. Mody had been granted a substantial rehabilitation rent increase by the board last May because of repairs being made on the building. Under substantial rehabilitation, a landlord is allowed to take the building off rent control guidelines for 13 months if he performs repairs worth more than the assessed value of the property.

Mody had submitted bills totalling over \$30,000 for the work. However, after hearing testimony from one of the contractors that said he actually received a smaller amount for his work than was submitted to the board, the board voted to rescind the substantial rehabilitation approval.

Lounge's restoration gets OK

The Hoboken Historic District Commission last night unanimously approved an application calling for the restoration of the Redwood Lounge on Third according to Claire Walter, secretary of the commission.

The project will restore the lounge's 19th Century style storefront.

The commission stressed that the project is important because of its close proximity to the Hoboken House and the Grand Hotel, which have also been restored in past years.

Joseph Vitullo, a Hoboken architect, will be in charge of the project.

Trial opens in student's stabbing

The trial of an 18-year-old Hoboken man accused of stabbing a youth to death after a dance at St. Michael's Church in Jersey City opened yesterday before Hudson County Superior Court Judge Charles E. Harrington.

Roberto Nunez is charged with the murder of 16-year-old Nelson Infanzon, a student at Jersey City's Dickinson High School. Infanzon was stabbed March 6 in Hamilton Park, across from the street from the church, after an

apparent argument over a girl. According to Assistant Hudson County Prosecutor Philip Halpern, Infanzon was stabbed in the legs by one youth and then chased several blocks to Pavonia Avenue, where he was fatally stabbed in the chest.

Last month, 18-year-old Wilfredo Cuevas of Hoboken pleaded guilty to aggravated assault, admitting he was the one who stabbed Infanzon in the legs. Halpern would not say whether Cuevas will testify against Nunez.

At yesterday's hearing, attorneys delivered opening statements to the jury. —Barbara Deak

Man held in tavern death threat

HOBOKEN—A 22-year-old Jersey City man was released Monday night on \$5,000 bail following his arrest for allegedly threatening to kill a city man in a local tavern, police said.

Robert Perruzza, who gave his address as 173 Hopkins Ave., was arrested Monday night following a brief chase by two city detectives, police said.

Perruzza was charged with threatening to kill Dennis Weyouche, 28, who gave his address as 329 Willow Ave., before fleeing in a car, police said.

Weyouche told police he was sitting in a Washington Street tavern with two women around 9:40 p.m. when Perruzza pulled out a .45-caliber pistol and yelled, "I could blow you away."

Detectives Ernest Mack and Robert DeStefano arrested Perruzza after a brief car chase along Washington Street. Perruzza was charged with aggravated assault and possession of a deadly weapon and was later released on \$5,000 bail, police said. —Bill Gyves

Hoboken may start lottery

The Hoboken City Council is considering starting a "50-50" lottery to help raise funds for non-profit organizations.

Council President Walter Cramer said he is trying to contact all nine council members individually before bringing up such a proposal. According to Cramer, the lottery would be held to benefit charity organizations.

"I'm in favor of the idea," Cramer said. "I'd like to see it be used for recreation equipment. If it helps the city and saves money I think it could be a great idea."

Cramer said he still needed to work out the details for such a lottery. To run it, he said, the city would first need permission of the state.

Cramer hit by ACLU

Hoboken administration critic Thomas Vezzetti has now gotten the state American Civil Liberties Union involved in his dispute with City Council President Walter Cramer.

A letter from the ACLU was sent to Cramer asking why he had periodically prohibited Vezzetti to speak at the public portions of council meetings.

Cramer has stopped Vezzetti from speaking at several meetings and, on a few occasions, had him ejected from the meeting room after Vezzetti charged the president with voter fraud.

FINGERPRINTS

Hoboken children put thumbs to ink

HOBOKEN—The police department yesterday fingerprinted nearly as many people in one day as it did in all of last year but they were not criminals.

The department's Bureau of Identification and Records set up temporary headquarters in the auditorium of St. Joseph's School and began fingerprinting almost 300 students at the start of the city's fingerprint-on-file program.

The program, the first of its kind in Hudson County, is expected to result in the fingerprinting of about 1,000 city youngsters as means of identifying them if they are abducted or reported missing. Statistics show that 7 million children nationwide are reported missing each year, and one out of 10 are never found.

Eleven other states have fingerprinting programs. Page 14.

Nearly 275 youngsters placed thumb to ink pad at the Jackson Street school yesterday, only 20 less than the total number of new prisoners fingerprinted in all of last year, said Lt. Carmen LaBruno.

"At first the kids are anxious but after they see the gook all over their hands, they love it," said LaBruno, who manned the ink pads with detective James Turdiano and civilian fingerprint expert Tom Gullo.

The three men are donating their time to the program, which is expected to cost the city less than \$50. In addition to the men

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EVA VEGA, 11, a student at St. Joseph's School in Hoboken, is fingerprinted yesterday by Hoboken Police Lt. Carmen LaBruno.

Photo by Chuck Zoeller

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working on the program, the FBI gave the city free fingerprinting cards, while police are asking merchants to donate such things as paper towels, thus keeping the cost to a minimum.

Similar programs have been introduced in Union and Bergen counties in response to a growing number of reported child abductions throughout the country.

"I like it. It's fun, and if you get lost they'll be able to find you," said

fifth-grader Edwin Quinones.
"I was never fingerprinted before, but I wasn't afraid," said 10-year-old Marisol Diaz.
"I wasn't afraid either, but they were pressing my fingers too hard. I was ready to pull them away," said Diaz' classmate, Kim Ingram.
"I hope we never have to actually use the fingerprints, but it doesn't hurt," said the school's principal Sister Agnello Ching.
Sister Ching said she will make sure the fingerprints arrive safely in the hands of the students' parents. The parents will be handed the fingerprints Monday when they receive their child's report cards.

Wary residents ready to oppose video arcade

Although the developer and city building code officials say it isn't so, residents and merchants on Washington Street between Fifth and Sixth streets in Hoboken are certain that a new video game arcade is about to open in their neighborhood.

The owner of the site in question at 531 Washington St. has applied for electrical, plumbing and building permits to construct a fast food establishment.

However, Patricia Narciso, who owns the Town and Country Antiques, 527 Washington, said the store will actually be used to house a video arcade.

Mrs. Narciso has already collected about 400 signatures from area residents against any type of arcade coming into the site, which formerly housed the Fine Line Dance Studios.

"We'll have to wait and see if he really will put in a restaurant without video games," said Mrs. Narciso. "But we want them to know that we are watching them

and will not hesitate to fight them should they turn it into an arcade."

Mrs. Narciso said she had found out about the plans from conversations with workmen at the site.

"The last thing this neighborhood needs is an arcade," she said. "We have seen a lot of good shops open here. I don't want to see all the shoppers chased away because of the children that will hang out in front of such an arcade."

Al Arezzo, the city's construction code official, said the permits sought by Anthony Grazzi for the construction work only called for a fast food establishment without video games.

He said that should it receive a certificate of occupancy, it could not place video games because of zoning laws.

"If they do put in the games, I would report it immediately to the city's police," he said.

Hoboken tax foreclosures are begun

The Hoboken tax office has started foreclosure procedures against nine pieces of property in the city whose owners still owe taxes.

The nine parcels include houses at 327 Monroe St. and 401-403 Monroe St., both of which has been cited repeatedly by the city's housing inspection office for violations.

The city submitted its complaint of foreclosure in Superior Court on Jan. 12. The owners of the property have 45 days or until Feb. 26 to pay the amount needed to redeem their property.

The properties on the list include besides the Monroe Street parcels: 231 Madison St.; 229 Madison St.; 713 Willow Ave.; 611 Grand St.; 208 Adams St.; and 308 Madison St.

If not redeemed by their owners, the properties will be taken over by the city and sold in a later tax sale, Louis Picardo, the city's tax collector, said.

On the waterfront



Photo by Chuck Zoeller

PHOTOGRAPHER VIRGINIA PARROTT stands in front of some lumber on the Weehawken waterfront, which she has documented in a show at the Newark Museum.

Photographer captures a mood

By WINNIE BONELLI
Staff Writer

In creating a pictorial chronicle of the revitalization of New Jersey's Hudson River waterfront, photographer Virginia Rolston Parrott said she hopes to capture a certain mood.

The Jersey City resident, whose exhibit — titled "The Other Side of the River" — opened Saturday at the Newark Museum, said, "Rather than a documentary, I'm concentrating on shapes, forms and colors. Another person might look at a burned-out pier and only see ugliness. Instead, I might see something beautiful. I hope people viewing my work will be able to share this feeling."

The daughter of a career Air Force officer, Parrott spent her adolescent years in the United States and Europe.

Moving from New York City to Hoboken in 1975, the 35-year-old turned the camera on her local surroundings through the assistance of a photography fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Samples of the resulting collection were featured at the New Jersey State Museum, along with works by George Tice, Alfred Stieglitz and Robert Frank.

"About a year ago, I moved to Jersey City with my daughter, Skye, and son, Hank. Looking to expand my Hoboken project, I found myself attracted to the river front

more and more.

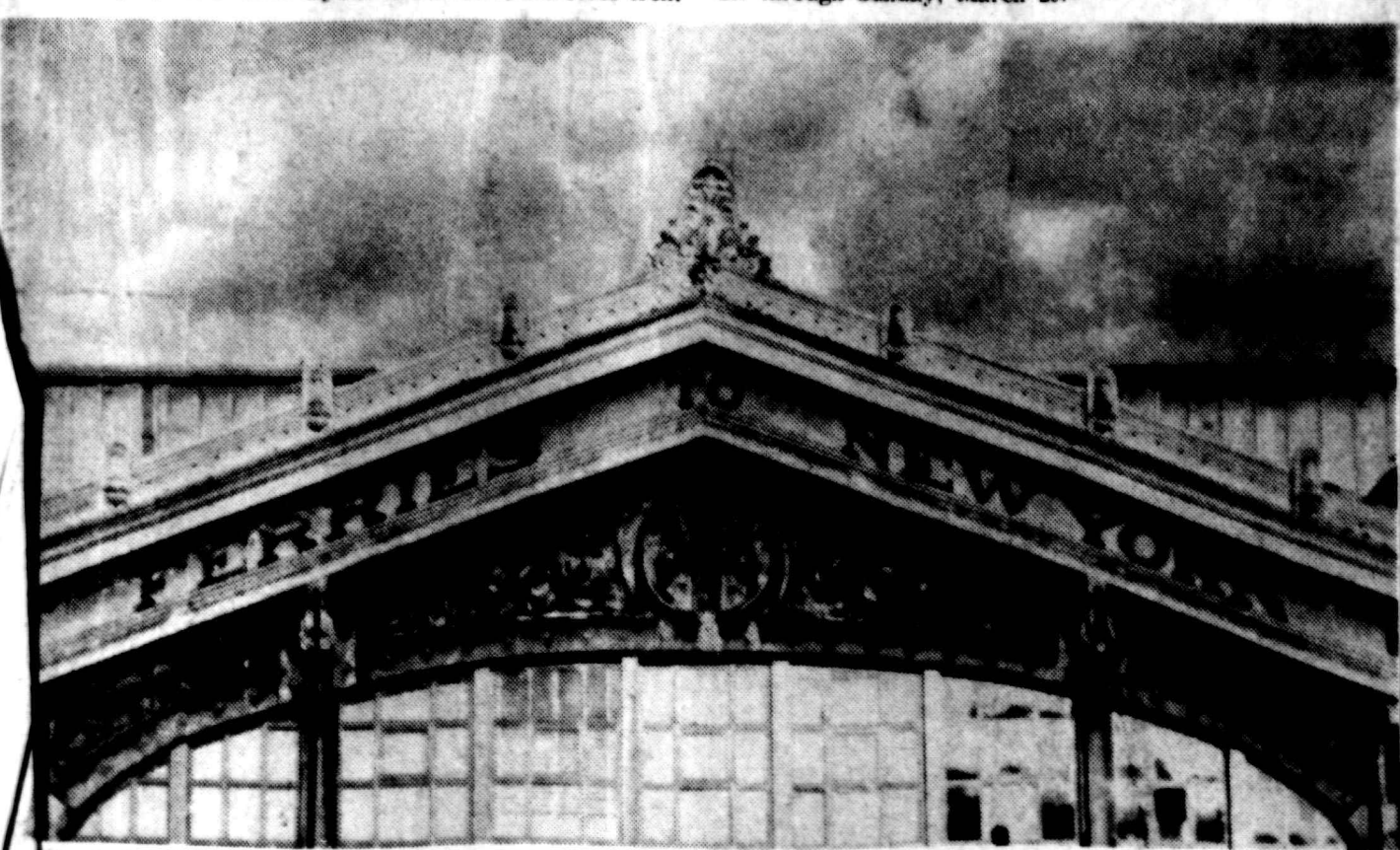
"For years it had been a wasteland — some industry, but mostly old train yards, deserted marine floats, weeds and wandering dogs," she said. "I had the mistaken impression that I'd have years to photograph the area, since nothing had changed. When I started to explore the area, I learned about all the major development plans and discovered just how wrong I was."

This awakening occurred simultaneously with the demise of the Soho Weekly News in New York City, where Parrott had been employed.

"All of a sudden, I had the time I needed, but no money," she said. Parrott then devised a plan to pitch the idea to Arthur E. Imperatore, owner of A-P-A Transport, Inc. in North Bergen, and ARCORP president. His headquarters is based on the waterfront in Weehawken.

"I didn't sleep for a week before the meeting with Imperatore. When I explained to him what I wanted to do and needed financially, he didn't hesitate for a minute to telephone his accountant," said the photographer.

Backed by grants from Imperatore and the state Arts Council, Parrott has directed her energy and talents to the waterfront for the past 10 months. The results can be viewed by the public daily at the Newark Museum, 49 Washington St. through Sunday, March 20.



Virginia Parrott took this photo, entitled "Erie Lackawanna Terminal," in July 1977.

THE HOBOKEN WATERFRONT

Cappiello won't pay big bucks for piers

By James Kopcham
and Rick Tocchio

With negotiations set to begin soon with the federal General Services Administration for the Port Authority's Piers A, B and C, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said he would make certain that the city isn't forced to pay an exorbitant amount for the tract.

Meanwhile, at last night's city council caucus, a Hoboken architect presented to the council a slide presentation of proposals for the development of the old Fifth and Sixth Street piers to the north.

Both groups of piers are part of a waterfront development project to be financed jointly by the Port Authority and private developers. However, before any plans can be developed the city must negotiate and purchase Piers A, B, and C from the GSA. It already owns the Fifth and Sixth Street piers.

"We want to make sure that we are offered a fair price for the property," Cappiello said. "If we are offered a price well above what we think the property is worth, we'll just tell them 'no' and let the piers go up for public bidding."

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Cappiello won't pay big bucks for P.A. piers

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Cappiello said he wanted to make it known that the city would not be hampered in its negotiations by the development announcement, which was made in September by Gov. Thomas Kean, that would drive up the price that the GSA would ask for the piers.

"I don't want it to seem that we'll take any price because the development is scheduled to go there," Cappiello said.

Cappiello would not comment on just how much he felt the city should have to pay for the piers. "I don't want to tip my hand," he said.

Under special legislation passed by Congress, the GSA is under orders to sell the land to Hoboken. In addition, the legislation specifies that the amount of taxes the city has lost in the years it remained under federal control (since 1917) be taken into consideration in determining the sale price.

Although no date has been set for the negotiations to begin, they are still expected to start in about a month. At present, the GSA is conducting an assessment of the property.

Meanwhile, at last night's council caucus, Hoboken architect Joseph T. Vitullo presented to the council slides and conceptual drawings which

showed proposed development of the Fifth and Sixth Street piers.

Calling the project "Riverwalk" and "the first phase of the waterfront development," Vitullo estimated the Fifth and Sixth Street piers will cost in excess of \$70,000,000 "for basic construction."

On that property, Vitullo proposed the construction of two high-rise buildings: One 28-story structure and another 11-story building. The two buildings will consist of 306 residential units with commercial space available.

Vitullo said the property would have ample parking space available to the buildings' occupants. Also proposed is an amusement center, public walkways and a restaurant overlooking the Hudson River.

He advised the council that his presentation "is just a rough idea of what it could actually look like," but urged the council to make a fast decision.

"We feel that it's (the project) been sitting long enough," Vitullo continued. "We're asking for you to turn it loose. We have the economic power to begin construction next week."

Vitullo estimated that the development of the Fifth and Sixth Street piers would take three years to complete.

The council plans to hear proposals from other developers before rendering its decision.

Two landlords get summonses

Hoboken housing inspectors have issued summonses to two Hoboken landlords for failing to repair violations reported at their buildings.

Judge Fitzgibbons, the city's senior housing inspector, said the inspectors had placed the summonses on Jose Lugo, owner of 205 Park Ave., and Peter Culhane, owner of 1111 Willow Ave., following inspections made this week at the two buildings.

Both landlords had been cited by the department for violations last year and had been given almost two months to make the needed repairs, Fitzgibbons said. However, he said the inspections this week showed that no repairs had been made, although he said a work crew was at 1111 Willow at the time of its inspection.

The violations at 205-207 largely concern repairs needed to a ground-floor apartment to its windows and plumbing, Fitzgibbons said. The violations at 1111 Willow come from the building's roof which he said needed to be replaced.

Each landlord is liable for fines of up to \$200 for each of the summonses, Fitzgibbons said.

Meanwhile, Juan Garcia, president of the civic group CUNA, said that tenants at both buildings have started their own rent strikes against the landlords in an effort to force the landlord into making the repairs.

He said the tenants are instead choosing to put the money into their own escrow account until such repairs are made.

"It has been months since they started asking that these repairs be made," Garcia said. "The tenants are fed up. They want the work done now."

Council 'roasts' veteran member Francone

Veteran Hoboken Councilman Louis Francone, 74, was "roasted" by fellow council members at last night's meeting as he ended a career that spanned 28 years.

Francone's retirement from public service begins March 1, and last night was his last council meeting. He was affectionately chided by the remaining council members. He served longer than any other Hoboken official.

The next council election is scheduled for May and Florence Amato will seek his vacated position. Rumor has it, according to council sources, that Mary Francone, the wife of the retiring councilman, will also seek the seat.

In other business, the council installed Anthony DiNicola as director of revenue and finance to replace the retired Bernard Scrivani.

Maxwell House workers fear more layoffs

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Although officials at the huge Maxwell House coffee plant on Hudson Street insist that the laying off of 200 workers is only temporary, many workers fear it may be the start of a phaseout of the facility by its parent company, the General Foods Corp.

Plant operations manager Daniel Kelly said yesterday that the number of workers laid off in the last two weeks is "larger than usual," but added that the layoffs were due only to seasonal fluctuations in the coffee industry.

Kelly said the layoffs are not a sign of trouble at the Hoboken plant, adding that workers could be recalled within several weeks.

"I have no idea why the layoffs happened. We just have business cycles," Kelly said.

But many workers have said they fear the layoffs are the start of a string of events now familiar to many large, aging plants across the country. The fear is that the enormous 35-year-old plant, one of the largest coffee plants in the world, may become another victim of the nation's troubled economy.

"It's not true. It's not going to happen," Kelly said, referring to the workers' fears.

But Kelly said the Hoboken plant is the most expensive of Maxwell House's four plants in the United States to operate. He refused, however, to explain why the facility is so costly.

Manager blames 'business cycle' says workers could be recalled

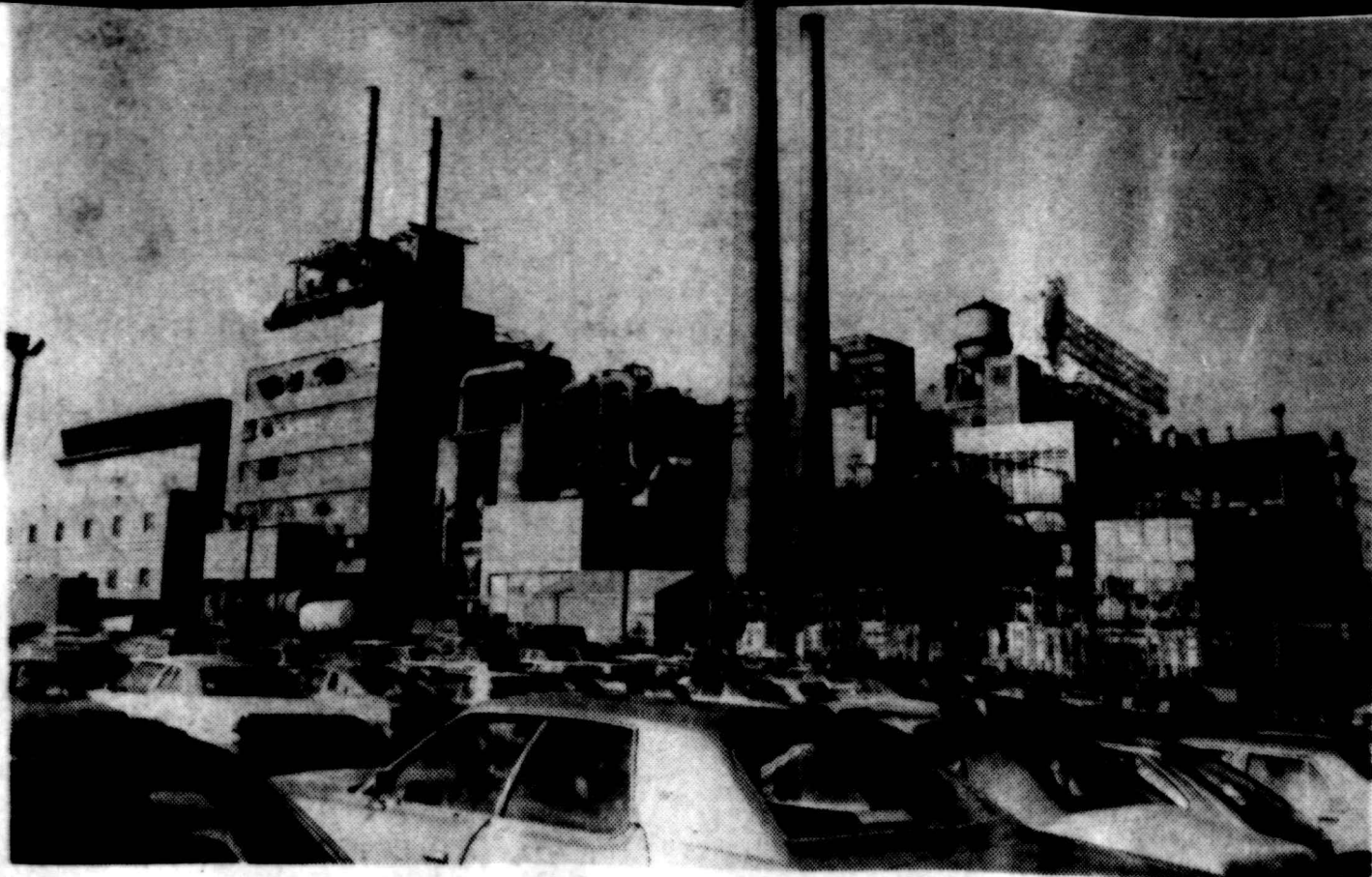
At its peak 10 years ago, Kelly said, the plant employed about 2,000 workers. Today, however, only about 900 are employed at the Hudson Street plant, he said.

Kelly would not discuss the plant's annual output, or the degree of capacity at which it is currently operating.

"I really don't want to get into that. That's proprietary stuff," he said.

Representatives of the two unions representing plant workers — United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 56 and the Marine Workers of New Jersey, Local 1478 — were not available for comment yesterday.

But one city official suggested that the rumors of a pending plant phaseout could be tied to upcoming contract negotiations between workers and management. The workers may be more inclined to make contract concessions if they fear for their jobs, the official said.



The huge Maxwell House coffee plant in Hoboken. Photo by Chuck Zoeller

PATH tracing passenger roots

The identity of the first passenger to buy a ticket for regular service on the H&M, precursor of the PATH trains, is not clear, but newspaper accounts of the period identify her as a Hoboken woman who lived on Bloomfield Street, near Fifth Street. She is variously listed as Barbara Schlatter, Blanche Schlatter and Barbara Schattler.

She went to New York via ferry on Feb. 25, 1908, for the first time in the 22 years she had lived in Hoboken, to board the first passenger train back to Hoboken from 19th Street. The first train carrying paying passengers left 19th Street at midnight on Feb. 25.

PATH would like to include descendants of Mrs. Schlatter — or is it Schlatter? — in its celebration for the 75th anniversary. Myron Hurwitz, PATH's supervisor of passenger services, is the person to contact if you have information about the.

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Terminal attracts artist

By James Kopchans

When looking at antiquated buildings, a person's perspective can often be deceiving.

Taken at a distance, the building may seem designed on a simple pattern. However, closer inspection often reveals the straight brickwork may actually contain an intricate design inlaid within the bricks, or that the roof actually contains highly decorative ironwork hidden on the cornice.

It's this perspective that gives the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal in Hoboken its charm and appeal to art lovers, according to noted railroad artist Roger Clough, of Philadelphia.

Clough spent a full afternoon last week exploring the terminal in preparation for a commissioned painting for a former railroad executive, John Fisher, of Philadelphia.

"It's quite an unusual building," Clough said. "The outside work on the terminal was es-

pecially difficult to sketch because of the shape of the building."

According to Clough, the intricate designs on the building's exterior created troubles in following them with his pencil on paper. "It's so difficult because of all the angles."

"Still, it is a very impressive building, especially when you look at it in the distance. Very fine, indeed."

As a freelance artist, Clough said he has painted a number of other railroad stations among works under commission by patrons.

Clough has won considerable renown in and around Philadelphia for his work. A former member of the Fellowship of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, he has shown his paintings at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the William Penn Memorial Museum, and the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science.

In addition, Clough has had

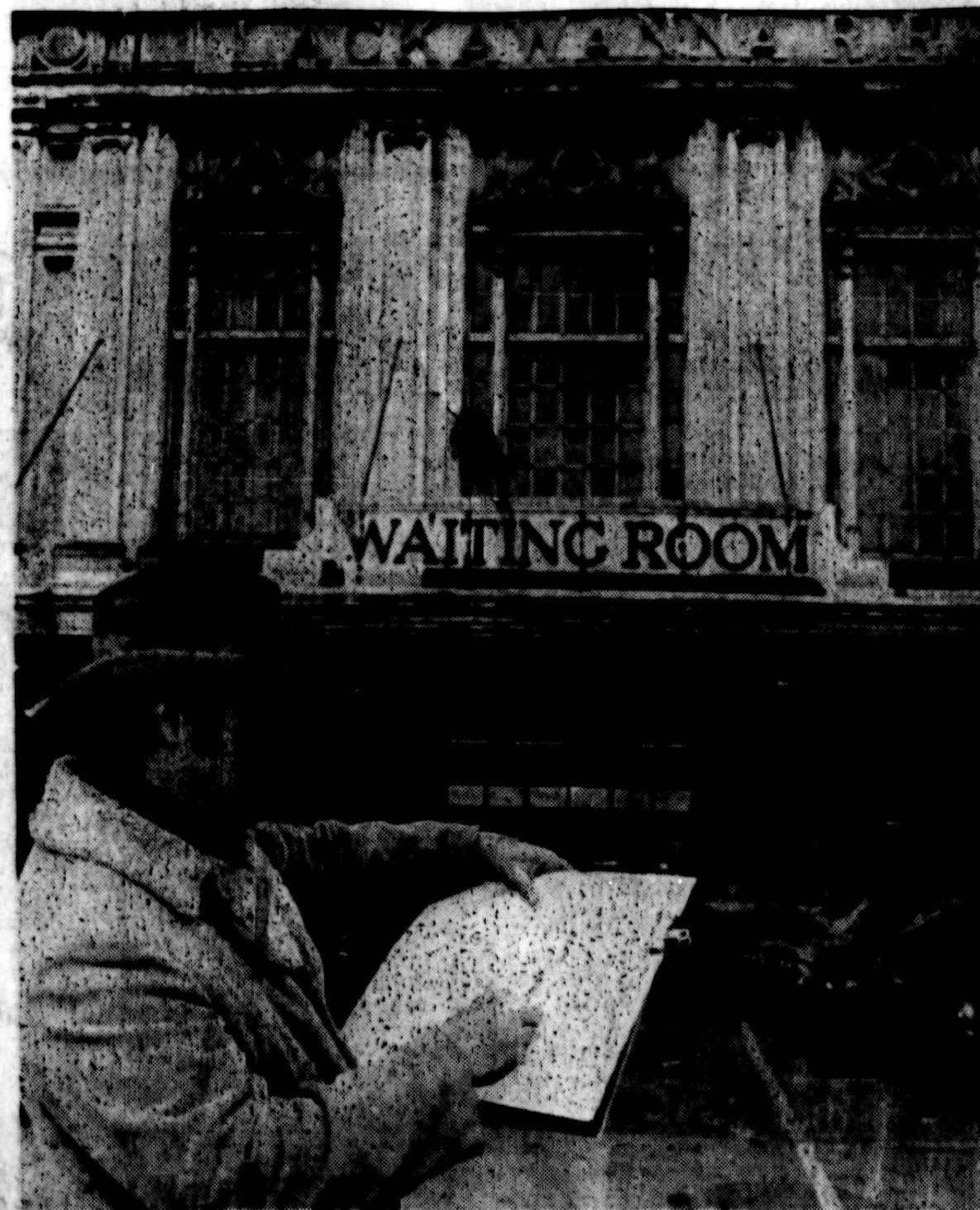
his paintings exhibited at the Newark Museum, and the Montclair Art Museum.

At the time of its construction at the turn of the century, the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal was considered among the "palaces" of railroad stations in the nation. Although it handles less traffic than in past years, the station still remains busy with commuters from the outer regions of the state.

Work was completed about four years ago on a thorough renovation financed by the state which included cleaning, painting and refurbishing much of the station.

Clough's trip to the station last week was his first ever to the site.

He said he should be finished with his painting of it by Feb. 17. The work was commissioned by the friends of John Fisher, a former executive on the Erie-Lackawanna line, and will be presented to him as a birthday gift.



Artist Roger Clough stands outside the main entrance to Hoboken's Erie-Lackawanna Railroad Terminal as he draws a sketch of the building's exterior for a commissioned work.



James A. Roarty
Council candidate

Roarty bids for council

James A. Roarty, a former eighth-grade teacher in Hoboken, has become the third candidate to declare his candidacy for the council seat in the city's Second Ward in the May municipal elections.

Roarty follows announcements by the incumbent Walter Cramer and civic activist Michael Schaeffer. Roarty had opposed Cramer in the Second Ward election in 1979, finishing second in the three-man race.

One of the focuses of his campaign will be to offer alternatives to what he sees as an abuse of abated property in the city and skyrocketing rents that are forcing tenants out. For example, he said his own apartment is currently being turned into a condominium, so he realizes the plight of many long-time tenants in the city.

Roarty said he would also push for hiring additional police and firemen as well as cutting what he terms waste in city government.

Maxwell House lays off 200 employees

Officials at the Maxwell House coffee production plant in Hoboken have laid off about 200 workers — nearly one-fifth their work force, but say they have no intentions of closing the plant.

Daniel Kelly, plant manager, blamed the layoffs over the past several weeks on poor sales. He said the layoffs are expected to last for only five to six weeks.

Maxwell House normally employs about 1,000 employees at the plant, located at 11th and Hudson streets on the city's waterfront. Kelly said that layoffs occur periodically, although 200 is considered "unusual."

The plant is a subsidiary of General Foods Corp. At present, General Foods has four plants in New Jersey processing coffee, Kelly said, and they all are being affected by the sales.

However, Kelly said the Hoboken plant is considered the most costly to run of the four and as a result suffers the greatest cutbacks during poor business cycles.

The plant is the largest employer in Hoboken and is considered crucial to the city's tax revenue base.

Kelly said there have been no considerations of closing the plant as reports circulating around the city had suggested.

Several employees of the plant have telephoned The Jersey Journal, worried that the layoffs signalled the phasing out of the plant in Hoboken. Each referred to the closing of the Western Electric plant in Kearny as their reason for worry.

Weigh firehouse enlargement plan

Following a report that pegged the cost of enlarging the Jefferson Street firehouse at about \$900,000, Hoboken officials have begun looking for cheaper ways of improving the fire service in the area.

Edwin Chius, the city's business administrator, said he was investigating whether it would be more feasible to renovate the station at Jefferson and Second streets and a smaller one on Observer Highway instead.

A report done in November by Storch Engineers, recommended closing the Observer Highway station and enlarging the Jefferson firehouse. The three fire companies in the city's southern portion would then be housed at Jefferson.

The enlargement would effectively double the size of the Jefferson station. The engineers estimated the basic cost for this enlargement at \$900,000.

An amended enlargement that would include additional space for two pumps and a hook-and-ladder would cost \$1.1

million, the report said.

Fire Chief James Houn and other fire officials have endorsed the \$1.1 million plan. However, Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francone has called for the renovation of both firehouses.

Both buildings need major renovation work, according to Chius. "The heating system at Jefferson Street is make-shift at best," he said.

The Observer station needs its floor replaced among other renovations, he said.

Chius said he was leaning toward the plan to enlarge the Jefferson station. "The only advantage to the Observer station is it is strategic," he said, explaining that its entrance on Observer allows the trucks to speed out faster than the other station.

However, Chius said he was not "enthusiastic" about the need for additional space at the Jefferson station.

"With the city facing financial problems the extra money needed might be better put to other uses," he said.

Three men nabbed in Hoboken murder

By James Kopchans

Three Hoboken men have been charged with the stabbing murder of an unemployed railroad worker Monday night in that city.

The suspects, Anthony Pedro Soto, Michael Vega and Frank Rivera, were all charged with murder in connection with the death of William Scrivanich, 33, as he was dropped off by friends in front of his Marshall Drive apartment. Both Soto and Vega are 19 years old, while Rivera is 20.

Capt. Pat Donatacci, head of Hoboken's detectives, said the murder appeared to have arisen out of a fight between Scrivanich and the three suspects.

Scrivanich was being driven home that night after dining with friends in Wallington, Donatacci said. As they rode past the intersection of Fourth and Jackson streets, Donatacci said, the car almost hit Soto's girlfriend and her baby.

Words were exchanged there and the car continued west on Fourth Street with Soto and the two other suspects chasing on foot, Donatacci said.

As the car stopped by Scrivanich's home, the three caught up to it and started arguing again with Scrivanich and his friends, whom Donatacci would not identify.

During the argument a scuffle broke out. Donatacci said, and Scrivanich was stabbed once in the chest. Everyone scattered when police arrived, he said, and Scrivanich was taken to St. Mary Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival at 11:40 p.m.

Soto was picked up by police at about 2 a.m. yesterday, Donatacci said. Both Rivera and Vega reportedly surrendered to members of the Hudson County prosecutor's office at about 2 p.m.

Donatacci said investigators were still trying to determine who actually stabbed Scrivanich.

Local focus

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Firemen avert explosion of solvents

Hoboken firemen prevented an explosion yesterday by dousing a blaze at a one-story brick warehouse before it could ignite flammable solvents stored in the warehouse. Deputy Chief Richard Tremittedi said.

The fire at 601 Newark St. started at 1:16 p.m.

The bureau of fire prevention is making a full investigation of the blaze, but firemen suspect

that an oil burner ignited some drums. The fire extended upward and damaged the roof of the Windsor Wax Co. warehouse.

Tremittedi said "quick firefighting" stopped the fire before it spread to the flammable solvents of Applied Chemical, a division of Windsor Wax.

While that two-alarm fire was still going on, firemen had to respond to another call, about a

fire in an apartment at 1229 Park Ave. in Hoboken.

Tremittedi said one company had been reassigned to a firehouse at Eighth and Clinton and was able to get to the Park Avenue blaze quickly, douse a sofa on fire and carry it out to the street.

If rescue companies had been needed at that scene, there could have been problems because of

the difficulty the vehicles had of getting through the streets of Hoboken, clogged with stalled cars and snow, he said.

The deputy chief praised the cooperation of the police department and said the city public works department was doing what it could to remove the snow.

He said no one was hurt at either afternoon fire yesterday.

Hoboken official's job not dull

By James Kopchans

Like all of us, sometimes Hoboken Construction Code Official Alfred Arezzo likes to take it easy. On these days he may even start work at 9 a.m. when he is scheduled to start.

But, those days don't happen too often, nowadays.

"I try to get here at the office by 9 a.m. or before, but on the way down to the job there's always some sort of inspection or a stop-work order that I have to issue on a job that's going on in town," Arezzo said.

"And when I walk in the door there are anywhere from 10 to 15 people standing here all bearing plans and looking for approvals. It can get pretty hectic here."

As the top building official in Hoboken, Arezzo has become a pivotal man in the construction going on in the city.

This position has meant a rapid increase in pressure on Arezzo and his small staff of inspectors.

Often, Arezzo said his staff finds itself walking a thin line between insuring that all building

and safety codes are met, yet making sure that the delays involved in their inspections do not cause undue financial strain on the developer.

"When the questions get asked, I have to have the answers," Arezzo said explaining his role. "A lot of times, homeowners, because they are the ones spending the money, feel that the requirements that I say must be met are requirements that I made up. They misunderstand and get angry when all they have to do is check the code."

The renewed interest in the city by speculators and developers has increased the number of home renovations by several times over what it was only a few years ago. "A couple of years ago a person could come into the office and he'd be taken care of right away and the site-plan review would start right there," Arezzo said.

However, the office operates only on appointment now and there is a three-week wait for new developers to submit plans, Arezzo said.

As construction code official, Arezzo directs sub-code inspectors in plumbing, electrical, and fire safety inspections. This includes both on-site inspections as well as plan reviews as submitted before construction by developers.

Those inspectors are responsible for making certain that all city and state building code requirements are met. In addition, they answer complaints on violations at already existing buildings and hand out summonses for violations.

Arezzo, who has a degree in architectural design, has been the city's construction code official since 1977, after serving stints as the assistant building in-



Hoboken Construction Code Official Alfred Arezzo goes over plans with a builder at his office in City Hall.

spector for the city and, at one point, Fort Lee.

"This is the kind of job in which you learn most of it on the job," Arezzo said. "You have to develop a kind of feel for the community as well as develop some tact and diplomacy in dealing with individual people."

Although the pressure is difficult to handle, Arezzo said he

has asked his budget request for more inspectors this year. In addition, the city has given him permission to seek prices for a new computer system to help speed and condense the office's files.

"The new computer will allow us to exactly pinpoint where problem areas occur," Arezzo said. "It should make this job a whole lot easier."

Van Wie serving as acting mayor

Hoboken Public Works Director William Van Wie will be serving as acting mayor of the city this week in place of Steve Cappiello.

Cappiello will be on vacation in Puerto Rico until Wednesday, according to Edwin Chius, the city's business administrator. He said the mayor would be back on time to speak before a legislative hearing in the New York State Assembly on a bill to allow the Port Authority to become involved in waterfront development in the city.

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Hoboken may ban video poker games

By James Kopchans

Hoboken officials considering banning a video game based on poker and blackjack yesterday let the machine give its own side yesterday when they invited it to City Hall.

The machine, a \$30,000 model which allows the player to play poker against it, was delivered to City Hall at about 3 p.m. to allow members of the city's public safety committee to inspect it to help in their investigation.

City licensing inspector Leo Serrano said he got the machine from an arcade distributor who gave it to him for one night so that the committee members might be able to see whether the machine did pose a threat in the community.

City Council President Walter Cramer had ordered the committee to look into the machines at the last council meeting. Cramer said he believed the machines, if permitted in the city video arcades, might promote gambling among the youngsters who play the machines.

The public safety committee is chaired by Councilwoman Helen Macri and contains Councilmen Sal Cemelli and Nunzio Maffetti as members as well as the city's Public Safety Director James Giordano, Police Chief



Hoboken Detective Leonard Serrano points to a video poker game which was inspected by city officials yesterday.

George Crimmins, and Fire Chief James Houn.

Last night's committee meeting was held in closed session. The committee is expected to report to the council at its next meeting on Feb. 16 about the game. No action was taken last night.

Hoboken aide sees little hope of new pact

Hoboken's efforts to renegotiate a contract signed with Weehawken and Union City on sewage treatment may be defeated before they even start, according to city attorneys.

According to precedents set in previous court cases involving other communities in the state, Hoboken would not stand much of a chance in trying to force the other communities to renegotiate, said the city's assistant attorney, Thomas Callagy.

"The law says that just because an old council chose to make a bad deal, the new council can't try to get out of it," Callagy

said. "The city just has to live with it."

Two Hoboken councilmen, E. Norman Wilson Jr. and Robert Ranieri, have been trying to have the two other cities renegotiate the contract, which was signed in 1955. The contract contains no escalating clauses and as a result, Hoboken has been treating sewage from both municipalities at 1955 rates.

Officials from both Union City and Weehawken already have said they have no intention of renegotiating the contract, saying Hoboken had signed the agreement and must to live up to it.

Francone's departure from council ends era

An era will come to an end Wednesday at the next Hoboken City Council meeting when Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francone resigns.

For 28 years Francone has represented the ward on council. His place on the remainder of the unexpired term, which ends June 1, is expected to be taken by his wife, Mary.

Francone had previously announced he would not seek reelection for his seat. Her selection to the council is expected to give her an

edge as an incumbent in the campaign for the May municipal election.

Francone also said he would be retiring as supervisor of custodians for the city's school system. The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. at the Council Chambers in City Hall.

In other business,

the council is being asked to ratify the selection of Philip Curley as a trustee of the city's public library and will consider a request from International Festivals of Englewood Cliffs to operate an outdoor Italian-American festival on the city's waterfront between June 22 and 26.

Hoboken takes a chance



HOBOKEN hopes to start a 50-50 raffle to raise money. Under the plan, 50 percent of the proceeds would go to the winner, the other half to the city.

State opposes raffle scheme

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—This city may become the first in the country literally to gamble its way out of its financial difficulties, if a fund-raising program being considered by the City Council is approved.

Council members have proposed that a monthly, citywide 50-50 raffle — in which chances are sold and a sole winner takes half the pot — be introduced to help finance programs and services currently placing a severe strain on the city's austere annual budget.

City officials said the proposal is a response to President Reagan's directive that local governments assume a greater responsibility for their finances instead of relying on federal assistance. They said the lottery could be rolling within a month.

But state officials say, "No dice." The Hoboken Lottery, as some officials refer to the proposed 50-50 game, would operate with the City Council as its unofficial "sponsor" and the raffles would be distributed by local groups that hold gaming licenses.

If, for example, 5,000 \$1 raffles were sold in March by the Police Athletic Club, half of the \$5,000 pot would be used to underwrite a specific city program or service, such as the purchase of athletic equipment for city children.

But a state official said yesterday that if the city held the Hoboken Lottery, it would be doing so illegally — regardless of the fact that, at least officially, it would be conducted by groups licensed to do so.

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"Our commission would not permit such a program. We've got what we would assume would be a serious conflict of interest," said William J. Reed, executive officer of the state's Legalized Games of Chance Commission.

Reed said the conflict would stem from the fact that the city itself issues the gaming licenses to the same groups from whom it would, in turn, derive funds.

"We're only trying to better the city and we hate like hell to keep going to the taxpayer," said City Council President Walter Cramer.

Cramer and others said the 50-50 idea simply is a practical and harmless way of deriving much-needed funds from citizens' demonstrated tendency to pit their money against the odds.

"The state makes money off its lottery, the Meadowlands and Atlantic City. But when it comes for a city to do the same, forget about it," Cramer said.

Cramer stressed that if Reed's office officially rules that the proposed lottery conflicts with state regulations, the council would drop the idea.

But this plan, he and other council members insist, is a novel solution to an age-old problem.

"This could raise a lot of money and the reason we're doing it is because Ronald Reagan is cutting back and saying cities should be trying to help themselves. We think it will go over big," said Councilman Thomas Kennedy.

But Kennedy said it would be impossible to predict how much money could be raised through the 50-50.

"People will say it's just a gimmick to put money into our own pockets, but that's the furthest thing from our minds. The object is just to do something good for the city of Hoboken," Kennedy said.

"We feel this might just be a beginning. If we fail on our face — well, at least we tried," he said.

Witness testifies he saw stabbing

He saw Roberto Nunez, 16, of Hoboken, stab Nelson Infanzon, 16, of Jersey City, in the chest with a knife, Richard Perez testified at the trial of Nunez, accused of murder.

Perez, asked to demonstrate how it happened by Spec. Dep. Atty. Gen. Phillip L. Halpern while testifying before Superior Court Judge Charles J. Harrington Jr. yesterday, got down from the stand and, using Halpern as a model, showed how the defendant allegedly first threw a punch with his left hand at Infanzon and then stabbed the latter in the chest with a knife held in his right hand.

Police say the stabbing took place last March 6 in the Hamilton Park area after a dance at nearby St. Michael's Church

after an apparent argument over a girl.

Perez said Infanzon was stabbed earlier when "people jumped on me and Nelson," in a reference to Infanzon being first slashed in the legs by another youth.

Later, the dispute resumed at the corner of Coles Street and Pavonia Avenue, Perez related, claiming he saw Nunez punch and stab in the chest Infanzon, a Dickinson High School student.

However, Howard Brownstein, defense counsel, during cross-examination of Perez, sought to show discrepancies between Perez's testimony and earlier statements to police that another person did the stabbing and that he went back to the dance to find out who did it.

Cops arrest tenant in Hoboken arson

Hoboken police have arrested a tenant at 913 Garden St. and charged him with setting a fire Sunday morning that destroyed the top floor of the building and left 11 families homeless.

Orlando Sabater, who lived on the first floor of the building was arrested at about 2 a.m. yesterday after questioning by members of the city's arson squad. James Behrens, a member of the squad, said the squad had received information that Sabater was seen in the building's top-floor apartment, which was vacant, about the time of the fire.

Behrens said investigators termed the fire as arson after

finding evidence of flammable liquids in the apartment where it started. Although fire damage was limited only to the top-floor apartment, water damage from the hoses fighting the blaze forced the other tenants out of the building.

Behrens said investigators are still searching for other suspects in connection with the fire.

Wasn't a busy meeting for Hoboken's council

Hoboken Council President Walter Cramer summed up last night's caucus by saying "Nothing at all happened. There was nothing on the agenda. It was a very short meeting."

The meeting, which lasted less than 30 minutes, produced little. Cramer added that all action taken was routine and nothing more than paying bills.

Actions taken included payment of \$25,000 to the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps as a municipal contribution for 1983, payment of \$101,287.50 to the LaFerra Contracting Co. for the collection and removal of garbage during January and the ratification of cash payments totaling \$40,237.88 to city welfare recipients as of Feb. 1.



A real beauty

Persistence earns a crown

HOBOKEN—The first runner-up in 1981 became 1983's winner Saturday night when 17-year-old Sharon Kelly triumphed in the fifth annual Miss Teenage Hoboken Pageant.

"I love it. It's really like a dream. I wake up and look at the trophy, but then I see it's real," Kelly said yesterday, only hours after beating out eight other young Hobokenites for the crown.

Kelly, an Adams Street resident, said she entered the contest "for the thrill of it," but found that the pressure and excitement of appearing before 600 people at the Stevens Tech event was almost too much.

"It was very intense. We were all waiting backstage and we really didn't know what to do," she said.

Kelly, a sophomore at Hoboken High School, said she wasn't sure why the judges selected her for Miss Teenage Hoboken. "Maybe it was my attitude or the way I presented myself. But when I won, I just screamed. I couldn't find anything else better to do. I just started crying," she said.

Lovely Sharon Kelly defeats 8 rivals in teen pageant

Kelly, who fell just short of winning the title two years ago, said she wasn't sure if she would enter any other contests in the future. She and her eight opponents were judged for poise, talent, personality and physical fitness.

"I really didn't want to go in thinking I was going to win. If I lost, it really wouldn't have mattered. But I won, and I love it," Kelly said.

Kelly, a Jersey City native who moved here when she was 5, said her next goal is either to join the Air Force or enroll at North Carolina State University to study music.

Photo by Chuck Zoeller

SHARON KELLY, left, proudly displays her Miss Teenage Hoboken trophy yesterday with her mother, Bonnie Bell.

'Festa Italiana' looming as major Hoboken event

When he first started with the idea of a big Italian-American festival on the Hoboken waterfront, Les Jacoby said it was difficult getting people and corporations involved.

But now, as the plans for the major "Festa Italiana" event come closer to completion, he's not having that kind of trouble anymore.

"I get telephone calls every day from people and businesses that want to be a part of it all," Jacoby said yesterday at a luncheon announcing the festival. "It's going to be the largest festival of its kind in this area in a long time."

With the help of entertainers Frank Conti and Paulie Teardrops, Jacoby has been coordinating a small army of distributors, volunteers, and

security people for the festival, scheduled for June 22 to 26 along River Street near the city's Fifth Street pier.

Sponsored by St. Joseph's Church of Hoboken, the festival will offer family entertainment and rides and food for the crowds expected for the five days of the event. Jacoby said he is planning for crowds of 20,000 to 25,000 people for each day.

He's already lined up such principal Italian-American entertainers as Pat Cooper, Julius La Rosa, Al Martino, Steve Rossi, Anna Maria Albertetti, and Bobby Rydell for different days. Each of the performers will perform on a main stage that will have a seating capacity for over 2,500 persons.

Meanwhile, hundreds of concession stands and rides will be available for persons attending

the festival. Jacoby said all stands would be screened carefully to make sure that they fit the "family" image that he is trying to project for the festival.

In addition, a "Festa Queen" chosen among entrants will be chosen to reign over the festival. Those women wanting to enter must be New Jersey residents between the ages of 18 and 25. Entrants do not have to be Italian-American to enter.

The winner will win a round-trip vacation in Italy, while the runner-up will receive a vacation in Florida. Women wanting to enter may do so by requesting an application from International Festivals Inc., 333 Sylvan Ave., Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 07632. The "Festa Queen" contest will be held May 18 at the Clam broth House on Newark Street in Hoboken.

St. Mary Hospital pays close attention to patient needs

"The hospital industry as a whole must be constantly responsive to changing patient needs," said Paul Gundersen, vice president engineering, St. Mary Hospital, 808 Willow Ave., Hoboken. "Here at St. Mary, technology is providing a large part of the answer with advances in computerized information and diagnostic imaging techniques."

Total hospital information systems are relatively new innovations. The hospital-wide computerized information system that will be used in St. Mary will provide information on all aspects of patient care to appropriate personnel through the use of computer terminals, according to Gundersen.

"By storing and providing our staff with ready access to the available data on patient care and administrative functions, much of the time now spent on gathering information will be available for our patients. This will result in a reduction of costs and, at the same time, improve the quality of health care," he stated.

The computerized information system is part of a joint effort by St. Mary and St. Francis Community Health Center in Jersey City to acquire the latest medical and computer technology to advance the abilities of both hospitals, he advised. Another joint acquisition is the advanced computerized axial tomography unit (CAT Scan).

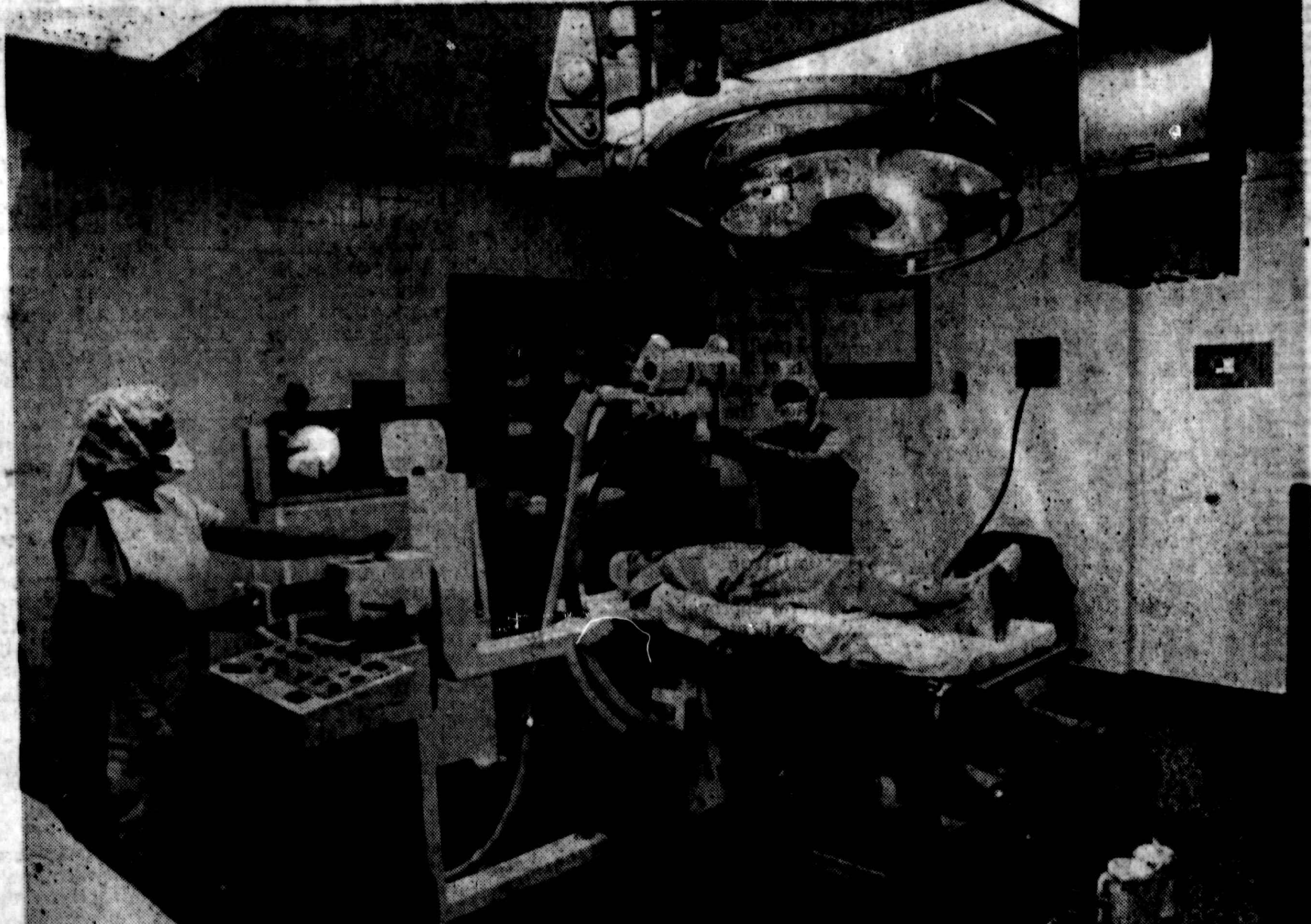
"The GE 9800 CAT Scan is the latest production model available," said Gundersen. "The scanner permits viewing of cross-sectional images of internal body structures that cannot be detected through standard X-ray procedures."

The scanner is a valuable diagnostic aid for both the cardiology and radiology departments, two of the hospital's most advanced departments. Additional recent acquisitions in imaging equipment for these departments include Realtime Ultra Sound, a phonocardiogram, a vector cardiograph, a five-channel telemetry monitor and a Holter monitor.

But for a community-conscious hospital like St. Mary, acquiring modern equipment is only one aspect of meeting growing demands for patient health care.

"By taking periodic surveys of our community, we become aware of and try to anticipate health care needs before the need arises," said Gundersen. "Some of our best programs developed out of such studies."

One result was the development of residencies in family practice. According to Gundersen, family practice is a



In the diagnostic room of St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken, Marion Wine, left, monitors the controls of the new GE 9800 computerized axial tomography scanner while technician administrator Robert Groves takes a reading of the vital signs of "volunteer patient" Manuel Martinez, operation room orderly.

relatively recent trend in health care and heralds the return of the general practitioner — the family doctor.

"The 22 residents in the program are given a generalized medical training with the focus directed not only on the patient but on the effect of the illness on the whole family," he said. "The holistic approach was virtual-

ly lost when medicine became highly specialized."

In operation for the past eight years, the family practice residency reinforces the original 120-year-old mandate of St. Mary Hospital, "to minister to the needs of the whole person by providing residents of the Hudson County area with the most modern and efficient health care available."

Hoboken's main street changing with the city

By James Kopchans

The rush for apartments in the city by young professionals caused by the relatively low rents and proximity to Manhattan, has instigated a revolution in market techniques along Washington Street in Hoboken.

For more than 100 years, the merchants along the city's central shopping district marketed their wares towards a largely immigrant and working-class population that settled in the city to work on the railroad, the piers, or many factories that stood about the city.

Instead of fancy apparel the stores were filled with the practical and sturdy merchandise that appealed to their customers.

The pier and railroad traffic has now dwindled and only a few large factories remain. In its place have come a large number of young professionals and artists from Manhattan who are used to shopping in chic stores and boutiques.

The merchants have had to change to meet their new style of shoppers.

"I can foresee Washington Street becoming like Eighth Street in Greenwich Village — all smart little shops and businesses," said Maurice Fitzgibbons, an aide in the city's recreation department.

"You see it right now, people are walking on the avenue (Washington Street) late at night after getting out of the restaurants," Fitzgibbons said.

The restaurants draw most of the crowds, said Pat Narciso, owner of Town and Country Antiques, one of the newer shops along Washington said. With the Brass Rail and the Hoboken House at the southern end of the street and the Madison, Helmer's and Maxwell's Restaurants at its northern end, Washington Street draws many people from outside of the city.

"What you're seeing are shops opening that attract this new type of buyer," she said.

These new stores include "Hollywood," a shop selling novelties; the Hoboken Gourmet, which features gourmet delicacies; Feast, a small restaurant offering falafel and health foods.

Patricia D'Angelo, owner of a florist shop, said most of these new shops have been started by women, pointing out that in small business many women feel they have a better chance to succeed than in larger, male-dominated corporations.

Among the shops started by women are Hollywood, the Hoboken Gourmet, Lesley's Cafe, Maxime's Cafe, and the Alexandria Gallery.

The avenue recently suffered a blow when Geismar's, a men's clothing store that had been on the avenue for 95 years, announced it was closing.

However, Fitzgibbons said the closing was part of the general trend and he expected Washington Street to survive it, if it continued to appeal to the new professionals.

Hoboken project gaining

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

The New York State Assembly is considering amending legislation to enable the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to proceed with the \$900 million Hoboken waterfront project, despite warnings that such a move could jeopardize the project in the New Jersey Legislature.

During an all-day public hearing, the Assembly Standing Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions repeatedly questioned whether it is "appropriate" for the Port Authority to expand its already massive operations to include waterfront development projects.

Committee Chairman G. Oliver Koppell, D-L The Bronx, said the port authority's financial strength would be strained by entering into such major development projects.

"Is this new departure for the Port Authority one that we ought to approve in light of its other responsibilities?" Koppell asked. "What are the tax implications?"

Proposals suggested by committee members include linking any future waterfront development to an increase in the PATH fare. The PATH is now heavily subsidized by the Port Authority.

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who was at the hearing, and Port Authority officials said such an amendment would be unwise.

One suggestion includes limiting the Port Authority to \$100 million in "seed money" for each project. The pending legislation, however, does not contain such a spending ceiling. Another suggestion aired at the hearing yesterday, would be to include an amendment requiring a guarantee that both projects become self-sufficient.

The Port Authority proposal calls for two major waterfront revitalization projects — the one in Hoboken and one in the Hunter's Point Section in Queens, N.Y. Both sites will be mixed-use projects, each funded by approximately \$100 million in Port Authority "seed money" and the rest by private developers.

Identically worded legislation authorizing the Port Authority to proceed must clear the legislatures of both states, because the authority is a bi-state agency. The enabling legislation has already cleared the full New Jersey Legislature and been signed by Gov. Thomas H. Kean.

The bill also has cleared the New York Senate, and approval in the New York Assembly is considered to be the last major obstacle for the proposal.

But the Assembly committee indicated yesterday it had several major reservations about the proposal and suggested amendments to the pending legislation may be necessary. If the legislation is amended, it would have to be sent back to the New Jersey legislature for approval.

But in testimony yesterday, officials suggested an amended bill may not again clear the New Jersey Legislature or may be stalled there for months.

"I can understand all of your fears you have concerns, and we have concerns as well," said state

Sen. Nicholas J. LaRocca, D-28, who co-sponsored the New Jersey version of the bill.

"But I respectfully urge, as a bottom line, that you not amend this legislation," LaRocca said yesterday at the meeting.

LaRocca, Cappiello, and officials from New York City and the Port Authority all argued that the potential economic benefits of the proposal outweigh any minor problems in the enabling legislation.

"For too long the development of our waterfront has been an insurmountable opportunity," said Peter C. Goldmark Jr., executive director of the Port Authority.

Goldmark, one of 22 people testifying yesterday, faced the toughest questioning by the committee. by the committee for the longest period.

"Sometimes I'm baffled. I think if I were on your commission I would be holding a hearing on why we weren't moving faster. Sometimes I feel like I'm rolling a peanut uphill with my nose," Goldmark said.

Nevertheless, the committee remained steadfast in its criticism of the Port Authority proposal. Committee members argued that a vigorous review of the proposal's ramifications is necessary because the New York Senate did not thoroughly investigate the matter before approving the legislation in July. The Senate passed the bill on the same day it was published, according to those members.

"This deserves the most careful and complete examination," Koppell said, adding that he had "assured" Goldmark the Assembly would act "expeditiously" on the legislation.

A decision regarding whether or not to approve an amended version of the legislation could be reached within the next few weeks, Koppell said.

Warrant for landlord

Hoboken Municipal Court Judge Christopher Pappas yesterday ordered a warrant out for a Hoboken landlord who failed to show up in court to answer charges of failing to abate housing violations.

The landlord, Pat Severino, did not attend the court session to answer charges that he failed to repair violations at a tenant's apartment at 1000 Hudson St., according to Pat Della Fera, court clerk.

Judge Fitzgibbons, the city's senior housing inspector, said Severino had first been notified of the violation in December. Fitzgibbons said his office will soon make a full inspection of all housing units at the building to determine which units contain violations.

Yesterday's action was the latest in a long series of battles between tenants and the landlord over conditions in the building. The building is in the process of being turned into condominium units.

The building has already been cited by the city's construction code inspectors following an inspection last week, according to Fitzgibbons.

Local focus

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Great ships of the past live

By James Kopchains

Kenneth Schultz never rode on the great ocean liner, the S.S. Normandie, yet he knows almost every piece of furniture that graced its mammoth rooms and hallways.

He never saw the S.S. Bremen, but he knows that ship's great dining rooms in small detail.

The S.S. Titanic sank well before he was born, yet Schultz once sold six inches of the carpeting ordered for that ship at \$600 an inch.

Schultz deals in te bits and pieces that survive from the great era of the ocean-going "palaces" as the great liners were called. As one of the world's largest dealers in memorabilia from the ships, he has found a way of keeping alive the great traditions and glory that graced

the era of those ships.

"The history of those great ships was so tied up with the history of the world of their times that studying them is like reliving history," Schultz said. "Try to imagine history without the Titanic, the Lusitania, the Queen Mary. It's impossible."

Schultz's Hoboken home is cluttered with various items concerning the great liners and his other collecting passion, memorabilia surrounding World Fairs. However, he said that only a small portion of the material he sells is stored at his home. The rest remain in warehouses throughout the area.

One item of interest he does keep at home is a vase designed for the Normandie by Edgar Brandt, one of the foremost sculptors of the Art Deco movement during the 1930s. Another is a scale model of the Normandie made during the ship's heyday.

"The builders of these ships were essentially trying to build floating hotels," Schultz said. "They tried to emulate the great rooms of the great hotels in Europe and America."

"Of the rich enjoyed staying at the best hotels in Europe, then going on a ship would be like going to the hotels."

"However, the builders did such a good job that they found out that the owners of the hotels and buildings in Europe were beginning to copy their designs."

"Of all the great ships, the most popular for collectors is the Titanic," Schultz said. "By far, I can't keep anything long that pertains to the Titanic."

The carpeting he sold was given to him several years ago by the Philadelphia Maritime Museum in exchange for memorabilia he held on the ship.

The carpeting had been ordered for the ship, but was not

used, although it matched other carpeting documented as being on it during its fatal inaugural cruise. With papers documenting this from the museum, Schultz sold it within days of receiving it.

"They keep searching for the ship to bring it up, but they never will find it," he said. "There's nothing left of it to bring up, as far as I'm concerned."

"Those ships were monuments, not just because of their speed as a mode of transportation, but architecturally as well. They deserve to be viewed in the same light as beautiful buildings are."

Sadly, Schultz believes the days of the great liners have ended forever. "They never were as good after World War II. They changed because the whole world changed. They were part of a very special time."



Hoboken collector Kenneth Schultz holds a scale model of the ocean liner S.S. Normandie built by the celebrated model maker, Van Ryper. The model is only one of a large collection of ocean liner and World's Fair memorabilia owned by Schultz.

Hoboken man grilled on arsons

A 19-year-old Hoboken man accused of arson is being questioned by members of the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office in the wake of several other suspicious fires in the city.

Orlando T. Sabater, listed as living at 913 Garden St., is charged with starting a small fire in his apartment building early Sunday. He was scheduled to be arraigned yesterday before Hudson County Central Judicial Processing Court Judge Edward F. Zampella in Jersey City, but the Prosecutor's Office asked that he be held for questioning its representatives, according to court staffers.

THE WEEKEND AFTER THE BLIZZARD

Saturday and yesterday there were shovels and plows at work all over Hudson County, with varying results. Most main roads are open. Most side streets are passable, with some exceptions.

But many cars are still walled in by the mounds left by plows and massive traffic tangles can be expected for the next few days.

The pictures on this page — all by Roy Groething — are a sample of the weekend activity throughout the county.



Mayor Steve Cappiello was out on the streets to supervise the cleanup in Hoboken.

Nearly a year, still no cable TV in sight

By James Kopchains

Michael Bone just has one simple request: to be able to enjoy cable television in his Hoboken home. However, it's been nearly a year since he first requested it and he may have to wait several more months before it's installed.

All this has left Bone frustrated about the situation. "I just find it all too impossible to believe that it would take this long for me to get cable. After all, I'm not living on the dark side of the moon or something like that," Bone said.

Bone, a vice-president with Arista Records in Manhattan, said he ordered cable television last spring from Prime Cable of New Jersey, which holds the franchise for cable installation in Hoboken. Bone wanted to have the service installed in his Washington Street apartment.

However, delays followed delays in the weeks that followed as Bone continued to telephone Prime Cable. "I was put off, put on hold, and given false information time and time again. I heard every excuse in the world."

Sam Close, the general

manager of Prime Cable, said he felt Bone was exaggerating his problems. Close said his company was under contract to provide cable to any resident who wanted it and has been trying to bring cable to Bone's apartment, but has been stopped by delays not of his own making.

According to Close, the company has been waiting for permission from the city to run an underground cable along the length of Washington Street to service customers along the street. He is now speaking to experts to design a system for burying the cables that meets the city requirements.

Until it can bury the cable, Close said the company has tried to run a temporary wire from one of the side streets where the cable runs along telephone lines. (Washington has no above ground telephone wires.)

Close said the company was waiting for permission from the owners of properties next to Bone to run its cable through their properties. He said the company had not tried to avoid Bone about the problem at any time.

Bone said he understood the company's position, but said there were telephone lines run-

ing through the backyards of the properties along Washington Street. "Why can't they just run their cable along those lines?" Bone said.

Cable television service in Hoboken, once considered poor by the state Bureau of Public Utilities, has seen some gradual improvement over the past few months as the city's cable distributor works to update the cable system.

Dominick Piccardi, an investigating supervisor with the state board, said the number of complaints his office has

received has dropped off considerably in the past few months.

Piccardi said that complaints from Hoboken residents on the service provided by Prime Cable, the city's cable distributor, once were much higher than complaints from similar cities. However, he said this was mainly because the system was old and prone to break down periodically.

Under the state recommendations, Piccardi said, the company has been at work updating the system. This, he said, was reflected in the drop in complaints.

Landlord fined on heat lack

The landlord of two Hoboken tenements was fined \$600 in Hoboken Municipal Court yesterday for failing to provide heat to tenants.

Luis Miele, owner of 223 Madison Street and 327 Monroe Street, was found guilty on three complaints of failing to provide heat.

Hoboken Health Director James Farina and its health officer, Patricia Mitten, had brought the complaints against Miele. In finding him guilty, Judge Christopher Pappas told Miele that another heating violation there would result in a jail sentence.

THE HOBOKEN WATERFRONT

Pressure on N.Y. to let P.A. start work

By James Kopchains, Robert Larkins and John Watson

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello will ask a committee of the New York State Assembly today to pass legislation allowing the Port Authority to become involved in the development of his city's waterfront to reverse the area's urban decline.

Cappiello is scheduled to speak with Port Authority officials before the New York Assembly's Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions. The hearing, which was to start at 10 a.m. at 270 Broadway in Manhattan, is on

legislation that would enable the authority to become involved with waterfront construction on the Hudson River waterfront.

P.A. officials have already announced their willingness to become involved in a \$500 million waterfront development to be built on the Hoboken riverfront if the legislation is passed both in New York and New Jersey.

Peter C. Goldmark Jr., the executive director of the P.A., is also scheduled to ask the legislators to pass the required enabling laws.

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Hoboken gets 'new' church

The creation of a "new" church will take place Sunday in Hoboken when Bishop John Shelby Spong makes his official annual visit to the Episcopal community. It will mark the first time in 120 years that a bishop of the Newark Episcopal Diocese will come to one united Episcopal Church in Hoboken.

The congregations of Holy Innocents, St. Paul's and Trinity Episcopal Churches will now be known as All Saints Episcopal Church. Each site will continue to be used to serve a varied number of programs.

The consolidation of St. Paul's and the Church of the Holy Innocents was accomplished in 1981.

In the fall of 1982, Trinity found itself in a very tenuous position. The Rev. Joaquin

Valdes, in consultation with the bishop, chose to take early retirement so that the church might make its next step. On Dec. 31, the retirement was effective.

On Jan. 1, the Rev. Geoffrey Curtis, rector of Holy Innocents, became rector of Trinity. As had happened earlier with Holy Innocents and St. Paul's, at the vestry meetings of both Trinity and Holy Innocents, a resolution for consolidation of the parishes was presented and passed unanimously. On Jan. 23, both parishes voted affirmatively on the resolution. The name All Saints was chosen.

"Through the consolidation of the three parishes, it is now possible," Curtis said, "to talk about the Episcopal Church and its ministry for the entire city. We are now caught with a new

sense of purpose and mission, a new vision of the problems and needs of the community and how to tackle them."

"As we move to the 151st year of the Episcopal Church in Hoboken, we are becoming aware of the people and lives we can reach and are readjusting our commitment to proclaim a message of Good News about Jesus Christ. A message that touches people, cares for people and dreams for people."

Bishop Spong, in addition to celebrating the formation of All Saints Episcopal Church, will also confirm and receive new members. Services will begin at 10 a.m. at Holy Innocents, Sixth and Willow Streets. A pot-luck luncheon will follow at noon in the parish hall of Trinity Church, 707 Washington St.

The Episcopal Church began in Hoboken in 1832 with the founding of St. Paul's Church at Third and Hudson Streets, by members of the Stevens family. It later moved to 820 Hudson St. In 1830, some members of the vestry moved to Seventh and Washington Streets to found Trinity Church. Holy Innocents, the youngest of the three parishes, also grew out of St. Paul's. It was dedicated in 1876. Although the three parishes flourished for many years, after World War II, the population and makeup of the city changed. The churches diminished in strength and commitment, struggling to stay alive.

In 1978, Bishop Spong saw Hoboken as a place of opportunity. Under his initiative, the parishes once again began to move. On Jan. 1, 1980, he appointed Curtis as an Episcopal Urban Missioner without a parish. Curtis became rector of Holy Innocents in February of the same year.

Pressure on N.Y. to pass waterfront bill

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The New York Assembly committee is considering an amended version of legislation that passed the New Jersey legislature, was signed by Gov. Thomas Kean Jan. 18 and passed the New York Senate, but did not pass the Assembly last year.

Goldmark was to urge the Assembly to pass the original version — rather than the amended version — so that the whole legislative process in New Jersey would not have to be started again.

Neither the original nor amended version mentions where the New York site is. But the Port Authority has disclosed that in response to a request from New York City it is now planning for a mixed-use development in the Hunters Point section of Long Island City, Queens.

The hope is that the naming of that site will help the legislation meet the approval of New

York legislators.

The planning for the Hunters Point site is years behind the Hoboken waterfront planning.

The Hoboken development concept calls for a mix of office facilities, housing retail services, hotel with conference center and a marina on land that is substantially underutilized.

The existing transportation center in Hoboken would be upgraded.

The plans call for \$100 million in Port Authority investment in Hoboken with \$400 million private investment, creating as many as 4,000 permanent jobs. Figures for Hunters Point would be similar.

Although the authority is still working on planning with Hoboken, it cannot move on actual development without legislation by both states.

"This legislation," Goldmark was scheduled to say today, "is the culmination of years of studies and discussions among

state and local officials working in close cooperation with the Port Authority and especially with New York City and the City of Hoboken. We have lived under the pall of deteriorated and underutilized waterfront for too long, and the time to act is now."

Cappiello said he would ask the committee to agree to release the bill to the assembly's floor because of its importance to the economy of the waterfront. "Hoboken is hurting, but it is not alone," Cappiello said. "You face in New York City's outer boroughs many of the same problems. A rebirth of the waterfront will allow us to share in the new wave of economic dynamics. I urge you to help us help ourselves." Cappiello was expected to say in his speech today.

"We stand at the threshold of a renewal of our waterfront and a reversal of our urban decline."

The real question before us is whether we ever get to cross that threshold."

The proposed Hoboken waterfront development sparked a spirited discussion among officials and citizens during last night's City Council meeting.

The council was questioned about a widely-circulated rumor that it had agreed to sell the 5th and 6th Street piers to a private developer who claims to have the backing of the Resorts International Hotel.

Council President Walter Cramer said the council had not yet taken a position to sell or lease the property.

The Mayor's Waterfront Committee has recommended that leases be executed for the property instead of offering the property for outright sale to any developer. The committee also recommended a uniform development of the waterfront instead of parcel by parcel.

Snow storm cost \$25,000 in Hoboken

Removal of the snow from last weekend's blizzard is going to cost Hoboken over \$25,000 this year.

Edwin Chius, the city's business administrator, has estimated that the city's share of the removal due to increased overtime to city workers and equipment costs will come to about \$25,000. He also said there was room in the city's finances to cover this cost.

To clear the snow, Chius said city public works employees were assigned to 12-hour shifts and worked around the clock all week. Besides being involved in plowing the city's streets, the crews were also used to shovel snow away from the sewer drains and clear passageways for pedestrians.

Chius also said that the city did have the funds to cover snow removal should the area be hit with another storm before the end of this winter.

Beefing up patrols on Washington

Hoboken Police reports that the department has increased police surveillance and protection along Washington Street in an effort to cut crime.

Donatucci said the department has received several reports of armed robberies along the street in the past few weeks.

On Tuesday, police arrested Emilio Castellanos, 19, of Jersey City, in connection with the murder, in September of Stanley Dopart, owner of the Falcon Liquor Store, 716 Washington St., who was stabbed during a robbery attempt at the store. Castellanos is the fourth suspect arrested in the murder.

Castellanos was charged with murder and armed robbery and was held at Hudson County Jail pending arraignment yesterday in Central Judicial Processing Court.

WNY Dems declare war on Musto, Cappiello

By LISA Y. RUBIN
Staff Writer

WEST NEW YORK—A declaration of "war" against the forces of William V. Musto and Steve Cappiello highlighted an otherwise low-key political event sponsored by the West New York Regular Democratic Organization last night.

John Tomasin, counsel to the West New York Regular Democratic Organization, said the declaration of war applied to Musto, the convicted former mayor of Union City, and Cappiello, mayor of Hoboken and chairman of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders.

The organization, which has been in longstanding opposition to Mayor Anthony M. DeFino, held a rally at Madison Manor last night that was attended by about 200 people.

The organization last night endorsed Hudson County Executive Edward F. Clark Jr. for re-nomination in the June 7 Democratic primary, but stopped short of supporting Freeholder Joseph Simonovich in his expected bid for the Democratic nomination for the 3rd District state Senate seat held by Sen. Nicholas J. La Rocca, a longtime Musto ally. The group also stopped short of endorsing Reiniero V. Rodriguez in his expected bid for a seat on the West New York Board of Commissioners.

Tomasin said he is waiting to see how friendly DeFino intends to be with Musto and Cappiello.

The organization voted by acclamation to support Clark, an ally of Bayonne Mayor Dennis P. Collins and Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann and a foe of Cappiello and Musto.

Earlier yesterday, Clark nominated Rodriguez as a

trustee to the board of the Hudson County Area Vocational-Technical School during a meeting of the freeholders. The freeholders are expected to vote on the nomination tomorrow.

Clark praised Simonovich for helping the board and the Hudson County Utilities Authority negotiate with the banks to cancel a \$105-million loan the authority undertook as part of a \$400-million sewage treatment upgrading program. Clark said it was "irresponsible" for the board, then aligned with Musto, to have undertaken the loan in 1981 because federal and state commitments to the sewage project "were already withering" at that time.

Clark described Rodriguez as "one of the young leaders" who should get involved in Hudson County politics.

Hoboken vows fight for municipal lottery

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The city plans to fight a move by the state to prevent it from introducing a proposed lottery program to help finance various services and programs, Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday.

Cappiello said that although the state's Legalized Games of Chance Commission has not yet issued a formal ruling concerning the proposed Hoboken Lottery, the city will take the issue to court if there is any attempt to ban the lottery.

The City Council announced last week a proposal that a monthly, citywide 50-50 raffle program be introduced to help ease the strain on the annual budget. Under the 50-50 raffle, a sole winner is awarded half of the pot, the

remainder of which would be targeted for a specific line item in the city budget.

The lottery, if introduced, would be the first of its kind in the country. Cappiello and the council argue that the proposal is an effective and practical response to President Reagan's call for cities to assume a greater responsibility for their finances instead of relying on federal assistance.

But a state official said last week that regulations would prohibit the city from introducing the Hoboken Lottery.

City attorneys are currently investigating the question of whether the proposed lottery is illegal, Cappiello said. He added that he has been advised not to discuss the matter pending legal action.

PATH train rides through 75 years of memories

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known passenger from the train's earlier days, and the grandson and great-grandchildren of the founder of the Hudson and Manhattan Corporation, William Gibbs McAdoo.

Also aboard were specially invited PATH employees with at least 18 years on the job.

Pulling out from the 33rd Street PATH terminal in New York, the train made a brief stop to view what used to be a station at 19th Street and Sixth Avenue. Lights inside the cars were dimmed, making it possible to see the old pillars, tiles and remains of posters now sealed off from the light of day or the tread of commuter feet.

Following a speedy, smooth and otherwise uneventful trip, the riders reached their destination, Hoboken, the first Jersey-side terminal of the under-the-Hudson line, was appropriately decked out in red, white and blue banners and cardboard 75s covered in silver splangles.

In a brief ceremony, marked by snapping flashes and the exchange of plaques, Alan Sagner, PATH chairman, introduced Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann and Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello. Both mentioned the rewards that PATH has brought to the two states.

"We've given our daughters and sons to run your government," McCann pointed out to his New York counterparts.

PATH's observance rekindled memories for many Hudson County residents of the old H&M Railroad and they wrote letters to PATH recalling those bygone days.

Michael J. Boylan, 94, used the "tubes" on the first leg of his journey to Celtic Park in Brooklyn, then a popular gathering place for recent Irish immigrants, wrote Boylan's grandson, Bernard J.J. Chester of Jersey City.

"There were no fans in the cars at that time and during the summer, after the cars were stored outdoors for hours in the hot sun before being put into service, it would be like riding in an oven. Fans were installed at the time of the First World War, which also was when the first female conductors were introduced," according to Boylan's recollection.

"Conductors worked 12 hours and earned \$40 a month. Payday only came around once a month. A work week was six days, sometimes seven. The fare was five cents when you got on in Jersey City. If you got off after Christopher Street, you paid an additional two cents getting off."

Mrs. Ethel Fisher of Jersey City said her father, Sidney G. Thomson, a native of Ireland who settled in Jersey City in 1904, took the ferry to his Railway Express job in New York until the H&M launched its rail service four years later. She said Thomson was among the passengers on that historic first run Feb. 25, 1908. He never went back to the ferry after that, she said.

Raymond T. Whalen of Jersey City will always remember his first ride on the H&M. "My mother took me to visit my paternal grandmother who lived on Coenties Slip (lower Manhattan) with the journey



Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann, center, and Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello hold plaques presented to them by Alan Sagner, left, Port Authority chairman, during PATH's 75th anniversary program yesterday.

covering a ride from Hoboken to Cortlandt Street (the old Hudson Terminal in Manhattan). We walked down Broadway with streets crowded with bystanders, bands playing and gaiety filling the air. The date — Nov. 11, 1918 — Armistice Day."

Jean Butkiewicz of Lyndhurst, and formerly of Jersey City's Horseshoe section, wrote: "I remember the nice people that traveled from New York to Jersey City during the early hours of the day. They always smiled, tipped their hats

and said, 'good morning' and watched for each other."

"If you missed going to work one day, someone was sure to let you know that you were missed," she added.

Noting that she continues to use the PATH system, Mrs. Butkiewicz writes: "I wouldn't miss it for the world. I have traveled on the BART system in California, the subway in Montreal and the Metro in Europe and I say the PATH is the best for its money. . . ."

PATH train rides through 75 years of memories

By Lisa Vives and Ronald Leir

It could have been the 5 p.m. business executives' commuter special judging by the number of trench coats, woolen scarves and stylish caps. Very few women dotted the mostly male landscape, but it wasn't any ordinary train and most of its passengers knew each other.

The occasion was the 75th diamond jubilee anniversary of the Hudson Tubes, which opened Feb. 25, 1908, and PATH's 3:30 train was chosen to recreate the inaugural ride.

On hand were transportation dignitaries such as Louis G. Gambaccini, former state transportation commissioner, Francis A. Gorman, vice president and general manager of PATH, Te. C. Rutmayer, general supervisor, and James J. Kirk, deputy director of rail transportation.

Local politicians jostled along for the ride elbow to elbow with Michael Boylan, the oldest

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Hoboken board joins Jersey City in suit for more state school funds

The Hoboken school board voted last night to join Jersey City in a class action suit to pry more funds from the state Department of Education.

The board was responding to a letter from Jersey City Board of Education administrator Robert Janiszewski asking it to join in the class action to challenge a bill in the senate that would reportedly appropriate more state education dollars to wealthy suburban school districts at the expense of poorer urban school systems.

In other business, the board voted to present the \$23-million 1982-83 budget, submitted a requisition to the city for \$407,000 in tax money appropriated for the school board and voted to accept \$86,288 in state aid for the school year.

Otto Hottendorf, school board president, said the \$86,000 state aid figure was the reason the board voted to join Jersey City in the class action.

"If the formula had not been changed we

would have gotten \$229,360 under the old formula," Hottendorf said.

One surprise in the budget was the funding for the city's bilingual program that lost only \$30,282 instead of \$131,000 that it was expected to lose in previous reports.

School officials said by shifting funds around and drawing from other parts of the budget they were able to provide more money for the bilingual program that suffered cutbacks in state funding.

The board also voted to invest \$100,000 from the new budget with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund for insurance.

The board received notifications from maintenance supervisor Louis Francome that he will retire March 1 and Michael Stubin, who will retire from his job as head custodian, effective May 1.

PATH Jubilee cost \$13,000

PATH spent some \$13,000 to promote its "Diamond Jubilee" celebration.

• \$4,050 for printing 100,000 copies of its PATH Gazette newspaper containing reprints of stories and photos from newspapers and magazines of the 1908 era.

• \$2,000 for research, photography, negatives and reproduction fees paid to various publications and historical societies.

• \$2,700 for the printing of 500 "Diamond Jubilee" placards distributed through the PATH car fleet.

• \$4,000 for music, car bunting, PATH Pioneer scrolls for participants and expenses for boys delivering the PATH Gazette in New York and Hoboken.

A PATH spokesman said that PATH probably would have incurred much of the printing costs anyway for the "Pathway" brochure it issues periodically and for other PATH promotional material placed in its cars even if it hadn't spent the money on the Jubilee printed matter.

Schools want \$23 million

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directed under a state budget introduced by Gov. Kean.

Curko said Calabrese had suggested that school officials adopt one based on the school funding cuts as proposed by Kean, which Curko said he was doing.

At Tuesday's meeting, the board will be asked to approve the budget's submission at Calabrese's office for the state's approval. A public hearing will be held on the budget before it is given to the city's board of school estimate.

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Hoboken City Council irks coalition

The Hoboken Citizens Waterfront Coalition yesterday criticized the city's councilmen for failing to attend hearings last week in New York on legislation important to the development of the city's waterfront.

"The City Council is once again continuing its disappearing act on the waterfront development project," Steve Block, a member of the coalition said yesterday.

Block attended the hearing on Thursday by a sub-committee of the New York State Assembly on legislation enabling the regional Port Authority to become involved in a waterfront project on the city's Port Authority piers.

No members of the City Council attended the hearing, although the city was represented by Mayor Steve Cappiello, who addressed the committee conducting the hearing.

"It was heartwarming to see public officials concerned about the same problems with the legislation that Hoboken citizens have been addressing for several months," Block said. "It is ironic and a sad commentary on our City Council and state legislature that these officials represent New York and

not New Jersey.

"The City Council has not sought any information about this crucial development nor have they taken any steps to protect the people of Hoboken."

Block attended the hearings as a representative of the coalition. He said he expected the New York legislators would pass the legislation. He said he expected the New York legislators would pass the legisla-

tion, considered crucial to the development of a \$500 million waterfront project, with important safeguards written in as amendments.

Council President Walter Cramer said the council did not choose to send a representative because the mayor was attending and representing the city. He said he and other councilmen have been actively following the developments surrounding the legislation.

Hoboken man, 33, stabbed to death

HOBOKEN—A 33-year-old man was fatally stabbed outside his home late Monday night following an altercation with a group of young men, police said yesterday.

William D. Scriverich, of 405 Marshall Drive in a city housing project, apparently was accosted by three or four men outside the building around 11:30 p.m. shortly after being driven home by friends from a party, police said.

Scriverich became involved in an argument with the group of men and was stabbed once in the chest, police said. He was pronounced dead 10 minutes later at St. Mary Hospital.

Police said they knew of no motive for the killing, but added that the incident still was under investigation. A wooden-handled knife with a four-inch blade was recovered at the scene, police said.

Scriverich was a car inspector for Conrail. He is survived by his mother, Helen Scriverich, a city resident; two brothers, Matthew of Hackensack and Edward of North Bergen; and a niece and nephew.

Services are being arranged by Earl F. Bosworth Funeral Home in Hoboken.

Rules Cramer can vote in Hoboken

Hudson County Superintendent of Elections Joseph Brady has ruled that Hoboken City Council President Walter Cramer does live in Hoboken and can vote there.

Brady's findings follows a six-month investigation into charges that Cramer actually lived in Freehold Township and not at 819 Hudson St., where he was listed as living in election records.

The decision clears Cramer to run in this May's municipal election where he will seek re-election in the Second ward.

The investigation started after Brady received a complaint from Thomas Vezzetti claiming that Cramer lived in Freehold. Vezzetti said he did not agree with Brady's finding, explaining he believed Cramer still spends most of his time in Freehold.

While the investigation was going on, Cramer was placed on the challenge list for voting on the November elections.

"Yet in spite of all the coverage afforded this incident, not one individual, personally or anonymously came forward and offered any evidence that Cramer does not reside in Hoboken," Brady said in his report.

Bilingual aid hike bid

Hoboken school officials will be seeking an additional \$10,600 in bilingual aid under the federal Title VIII program.

A special meeting of the city's board of education has been called for tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the board's headquarters, 1115 Clinton St., to approve the bilingual aid application.

The total amount of aid being sought is \$187,600, according to Edwin Duroy, the district's bilingual supervisor. Last year's grant was \$177,000 for the first year of a three-year program. This grant funds bilingual central office staff, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classroom aides and parent training, Duroy said.

Hoboken unhappy with sewerage contract with its neighbors

With new construction developments being announced in Weehawken and Union City, two members of the Hoboken City Council want to renegotiate the city's 28-year-old sewerage treatment contract with those two municipalities.

Councilmen E. Norman Wilson Jr. and Robert Ranieri said yesterday they want new pressure put on both municipalities to help with the costs of updating Hoboken treatment facilities, which han-

dle sewage from both cities under a 1955 agreement.

Wilson, who chairs the council's law committee, has directed the city's attorney to file an official objection to Union City's new 30-story apartment complex with 610 dwelling units that would be built near the old Yardley tract at Fifth Street and Palisade Avenue in Union City.

"While this is good news for Union City and its taxpayers, it could spell disaster for Hoboken and

its already overburdened taxpayers," Wilson said. "Every large complex or redevelopment that goes up in Union City and Weehawken puts an additional strain on Hoboken's sewerage plant and we pay the cost because of the contract we have."

Weehawken and Union City pay Hoboken to treat their sewage under the contract signed

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Hoboken unhappy with pact

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between Hoboken and the Union City-Weehawken Trunk Sewer Board in 1955. Ranieri said Hoboken has periodically tried to renegotiate the contract, but has been told by legal authorities it cannot.

However, Ranieri said the plant cannot handle increased sewage from the proposed Union City apartments or from waterfront developments being planned in Weehawken.

A clause in the contract would make all three com-

munities responsible for any improvements made at the plant. The increased load would require improvements, Ranieri said, which could enable Hoboken to renegotiate the contract.

Ranieri, who is chairman of the council's water and sewage committee, has said he wanted to see the communities work out an agreement for a regional sewage treatment plan. He said renegotiation of the present contract would provide a logical start toward a regional planning for sewage.

Tenants want control

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—An attorney representing the tenants of 223 Madison St. said he is in the process of trying to have the building removed from the landlord's control because the landlord has been

"totally irresponsible."

The building has been at the center of a 10-month feud between city officials and the landlord.

Attorney Ramon Irizarry said yesterday he plans to file papers next week in Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City requesting that the building be placed in receivership, in effect transferring control of the building from the landlord to a local agency.

Luis Miele, the landlord, was released on \$1,000 cash bail Tuesday night after failing to appear at a Hoboken Municipal Court hearing regarding a complaint filed jointly by the tenants and city officials charging that he has failed to provide heat for a week.

Miele has been attacked by both the tenants and the city during the last several months for failing to provide adequate services.

"This guy has just been derelict. He's been totally irresponsible, and this is the last straw," Irizarry said.

Irizarry also said that if the tenants are successful in their bid to have the

Move to wrest building from landlord

building placed in receivership, it would be the first step in eventually converting the building into the city's first "poor peoples' condo."

Irizarry said the building's tenant association hopes to have each of the building's units purchased outright by a tenant, which would give the tenants control of the building.

"As far as Miele is concerned, I really don't care if they throw him in jail or not. I'm through with him. We're not giving him any future rent. We're not giving him a penny," Irizarry said.

The city is reportedly planning to use the \$1,000 bail money to cover its expenses for purchasing heating oil for the building on three separate occasions this winter.

Jersey City man named in murder

HOBOKEN—A Jersey City man was arrested last night and charged with the stabbing murder of a liquor store owner in September, police said. He is the fourth person arrested in the case.

Emilio Castellano, 19, was arrested around 7 p.m. in front of his home at 418 Monmouth St., Sgt. Martin Kiely said. He was charged with felony murder and robbery.

Kiely said the arrest was the result of a five-month investigation. Kiely and Detective Fred Ferrante from the city police and two investigators from the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office, John Bartucci and Vincent Doherty, made the arrest.

Kiely said investigators believe Castellano was the man who stabbed Stanley Dopart, 63, owner of the Falcon Liquor Store, at 716 Washington St., during a robbery on Sept. 18. Dopart, a Belleville resident, died two weeks later.

Two city men were arrested Feb. 1 in connection with Dopart's murder. Ribot Ernesto Alvarez, 28, of 550 First St., and Gilbert Lopez, 19, of 306 First St., are being held in the Hudson County Jail. A 17-year-old city youth, arrested shortly after the robbery, is being held in the Hudson County Youth House in Secaucus.

Hoboken parking board in the black for first time ever

By James Kopchansky

For Joseph Hottendorf, executive director of the Hoboken Parking Authority, it's an event worth celebrating.

For the first time in its 16-year history the authority is on its own financial feet and doesn't have to require operating subsidies from the city council to remain in operation.

So tonight, Hottendorf and members of the authority's board of commissioners will have a small party following the authority's meeting. And, to help celebrate, Hottendorf said he has invited officials and other persons who have contributed to the authority's success.

Since it was formed in 1967, the authority has had great trouble operating without a deficit. In the early 1970s, the construction of three parking garages within walking distance of the city's

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"This is something we've been aiming at for many years," Hottendorf said. "I'm glad we've finally made it."

Religion 'Urban resident' brings rich background to work

The Rev. Heidi Neumark, who will celebrate her 28th birthday on Wednesday, received an early present. She began work in her chosen field in Hoboken on Jan. 6 and was ordained to the ministry on Feb. 13.

Called to be an assistant pastor at St. Matthew-Trinity Parish, Hoboken, by the executive board of the New Jersey Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, she will serve for a term of from nine to 15 months under the LCA Urban Residency Program.

An "urban resident" is an ordained pastor assigned to carry out ministry under the direction and supervision of a skilled urban pastor in a collegial setting. At the conclusion of her residency, Miss Neumark will be available for a full-time call, or appointment, to urban ministry. Until then, her talents and skills will be shared with the Hoboken parish.

Born in Summit, she is the daughter of Barbara Neumark and the late Hans Neumark. Her ordination took place at her home church on Feb. 13. It was originally planned for a day earlier, but was postponed because of the unexpected blizzard.

A graduate of Brown University, Providence, R.I., with a degree in English literature, Miss Neumark enrolled in the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia, where she studied for three years.

From 1980 to 1981, she served an inner-city internship at St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City.

Her final year of study was taken at the Instituto Superior de Estudios Teologicos, an ecumenical seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

While in South America, she



Rev. Heidi Neumark, associate pastor of St. Matthew-Trinity Parish, Hoboken, holds a chalice as she prepares to celebrate the sacrament of holy communion.

worked at a church in Lima, Peru, working with the poor and living among them in a "squatter's area."

As an associate pastor, she will be involved with the full life of the church and will devote time to work in the area of housing needs in Hoboken and vicinity. She will also celebrate

the sacraments in both Spanish and English at St. Matthew-Trinity, as the church continues its outreach to the community it serves.

The clergywoman will also work with children, specifically introducing music and dance to them and the arts in the church to all age groups.

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Ready to roll

Bob Davison, president of the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps, top, logs calls from the driver's seat aboard one of the corps vehicles while standing ready to respond to calls for assistance. At bottom, Emergency Medical Technicians Feliciano Santos, left, and George Pierre check and refill the oxygen tanks in their ambulance after completing a mission.



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Fundraiser for Russo

A fundraising dance to kick off the campaign of Anthony Russo for council seat in Hoboken's Third Ward will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Club, 615 Grand St.

Russo will be running in the third ward against incumbent Councilman Sal Cemelli. Russo is a member of the Hudson County Utilities Authority.

Tickets for the event are \$10 and can be obtained at the door.

Budget action nearing

Hoboken administrators plan to have this year's city budget ready for introduction at the next council meeting on March 16.

Edwin Chius, the city's business administrator, said he has all the necessary figures and just needs to tabulate the budget. Once introduced, a public hearing will be held within 45 days on the budget before it is voted on by the council.

Chius said the new budget will remain within the budget cap set by the state. Last year's budget totalled \$20,367,824, which caused a \$9.29 increase in taxes, raising the figure to \$147.33 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

This year's budget will be about five percent higher than last year, Chius said, which is allowed under the state budget cap laws. The increase was caused by salary increases won by police, fire and municipal workers this year.

Chius said the budget will let the city hire back some of the 55 part-time employees laid off last year to cut the budget. He said the workers will be brought back when they are needed and the funds are available for their salaries.

Ambulance Corps vital to life in Hoboken

By James Kopchansky

The Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps has grown into an indispensable part of the city's life over the last 12 years.

Serving a population of over 42,000 people, it answers over 5,000 calls per year, many of them emergencies.

In addition, the corps has offered many

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courses over the years to residents on first aid and medical-related subjects.

But now — after its 12 years of helping the community — the corps has begun to ask for some help itself.

Volunteers are being asked to join the corps during its annual membership drive this month at its headquarters at 707 Clinton St. At the same time, the corps is holding a fundraising drive

culminating in its annual dinner-dance on April 9 at Stevens Institute of Technology.

HVAC now consists of 98 volunteers, all of whom have received Emergency Medical Technician training by the state department of health and its first aid councils. A junior corps made up of youths under 18 helps out at headquarters but doesn't ride with the ambulances.

The new volunteers are needed to help fill out the time periods when the corps is short of drivers and technicians. All persons wanting to join have to pass an 81-hour course to become certified by the state. Those willing to volunteer are asked to come to corps headquarters on Tuesdays or Wednesdays between 7 p.m. and midnight.

The dinner-dance is one of the corps' main sources of revenue. It has been held since the corps was founded in 1971 by William Matthews and Edward McIntyre. Persons wishing to purchase tickets for the dance may obtain them by contacting the corps at its headquarters.

Council veteran retires

Wife fills vacant post

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Three mayors, 28 years and more than 600 official meetings after his election to the City Council in 1953, 4th Ward Councilman Louis Francone yesterday officially retired from public office.

But the name Francone will continue to appear on the placard set before the 4th Ward representative at each council meeting. It will bear the name Mary Francone—Louis' wife of 47 years, who was appointed to fill the seat vacated by her husband.

Francone, 72, retired from office effective Tuesday but the retirement wasn't really official until his wife was sworn in yesterday morning before a group of about 60 supporters and friends gathered in the Council Chambers.

Mrs. Francone, 62, will complete her husband's unexpired term, which ends July 1, and will seek election to a full term in the May City Council elections.

Throughout his 28-year tenure on the council—the longest in the city's history—Francone has been known as a quiet but effective politician, recognized as one of the city's top votegetters. Francone has seen Mayors John J. Grogan, Louis DePascale and Steve Cappiello come to occupy the mayor's office on the second floor of City Hall.

Francone, who also retired from his custodian job in the city school system, was rumored at one point in his political career to be vying for the mayoralty. But in 1962 the councilman himself quelled the rumors, saying the reports that he was interested in the city's top political post were "a figment of someone else's wishful thinking or pipe dream."

"The only thing I'm running for these days is the doctor's office," Francone said of the reports.

Mary Francone also countered the rumors, saying, "I don't like such stories in the paper about Louie. I don't know why he's even a councilman much less want to run for mayor."

Francone's career is also spotted with incidents that frequently are the stuff of political legends. In 1960,



Councilwoman Mary and Ex-Councilman Louis Francone

dissatisfied with the ability of the city's police department to protect residents, Francone took to the streets in a one-man night security patrol armed only with a large wrench.

At least one police superior at the time threatened to lock the councilman up if he was caught "lurking in hallways at night."

"I wasn't going to hurt anyone... just maybe scare them a little bit," said Francone yesterday, taking a break from a combination retirement-victory

party held shortly after the ceremony in the Council Chambers.

Francone, born and raised in Hoboken, said he has seen the city undergo drastic changes during the last three-quarters of a century. The once bustling city has deteriorated in many respects, he said, although recent steps toward revitalizing the waterfront hold much hope.

"I want to see the city return to what it was like a long time ago, before I was born," Francone said.

Hoboken's handicapped kids to have recreation again

The lights that went out at Christmas for Hoboken's recreation program for handicapped children may finally come on again.

The state Department of Community Affairs officials yesterday announced it has approved a matching grant of \$6,485 for the program, which has been closed since the Christmas holidays because of a lack of funds.

The program, which is run on Saturdays throughout the year and three times a week during the summer, has been waiting for those funds since October, according to Carol McLaughlin of the city's Community

Development Agency. Even with the grant, she said it would be difficult for coordinators Mary Ellen Gallo and Thomas Fitzgibbons to start it before the summer.

The \$6,485 grant will be matched by another \$6,010 from the city CDA. Mrs. McLaughlin said. The \$12,495 budget then funds activities in physical recreation and emotional development for handicapped youngsters in the city.

Although coordinated by CDA personnel, Mrs. McLaughlin said the program relies heavily on support from volunteers and parents.

Hoboken man, 18, guilty in killing

By JOHN O'NEIL
Staff Writer

A Superior Court jury, after deliberating for five days, yesterday found a 18-year-old Hoboken man guilty of aggravated manslaughter in the stabbing death of a 16-year-old last March.

The jury acquitted Robert Nunes of the murder charge sought by Assistant Prosecutor Philip Halpern. He was convicted of aggravated manslaughter, possession of a weapon for illegal purposes and illegal possession of a weapon. Nunes' sentencing is scheduled on March 31.

Nunes was accused of stabbing Nelson In-

fanson, a student at Dickinson High School in Jersey City, after a dance in the Hamilton Park section of the city last March 6.

The jury announced its verdict before Judge Charles J. Harrington in Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City shortly before noon. The panel began deliberating Monday afternoon.

Halpern said he was pleased by the verdict, especially after a wait that was "long enough to get you nervous."

The stabbing occurred during a brawl in Hamilton Park involving more than 100 youths—some of them members of gangs from Jersey City and Hoboken, the "Hoboken Masters" and "T.I.O." a Jersey City group.

Halpern said one youth stabbed Infanson in the leg during the fight, but that Nunes grabbed the knife, chased Infanson several blocks and inflicted the two fatal stab wounds in the chest.

Defense attorney Howard Brownstein tried to show that, while his client was involved with the fight, he never had possession of the knife. He also said the wounds to Infanson's chest were made in the park.



CELEBRATION—Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, left, congratulates Andrew H. Scherer, chairman of the Hoboken Housing Authority, and Richard Eversen, chairman of the Hoboken Parking Authority, at last night's parking authority celebration which marked its financial independence from the city administration. The parking authority earlier awarded a \$48,000 contract to Bayshore Painting to paint the steel beams of three municipal parking garages.

\$6G for handicapped OK'd

HOBOKEN—The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has authorized a \$6,485 grant to aid the city's multiply handicapped, it was announced yesterday.

Sen. Nicholas J. La Rocca, D-3rd, said the special recreation grant will be used to help fund the city's recreation program for multiply handicapped residents.

Hoboken man elected to head Vo-Tech board

Frank Andreola of Hoboken was elected president of the board of trustees of the Hudson County Area Vocational-Technical School last night at the board's reorganization meeting. Paul Swibinski was elected vice-president.

Last night's meeting was the first since an almost entirely new board was appointed. James Fife of Harrison is the only holdover from the previous body.

Transit talks resume

By PETER J. SAMPSON
United Press International

NEWARK—Negotiators for striking conductors and trainmen returned to the bargaining table yesterday as 70,000 rail commuters weathered the second day of a walkout idling NJ Transit's nine train lines.

Despite a rainy morning rush hour and more riders on buses and subways, the agency's backup service plans went "extremely smoothly," a spokesman said.

But increased auto traffic on major arteries leading into Newark and Manhattan caused "extensive delays" for motorists, while aboard Amtrak trains, passengers were packed like sardines.

State Transportation Commissioner John Sheridan and Jerome Premo, NJ Transit's executive director, toured key roadways by helicopter during the morning crush hour.

Sheridan said they saw "some real severe traffic problems" on sections of Routes 3, 280, 78 and 22, and long backups at toll plazas on the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike and on ramps leading to the Lincoln and Holland tunnels.

Meanwhile, representatives of the state-run rail system and the United Transportation Union, which broke off negotiations at 9 p.m. See TRANSIT, Page 8

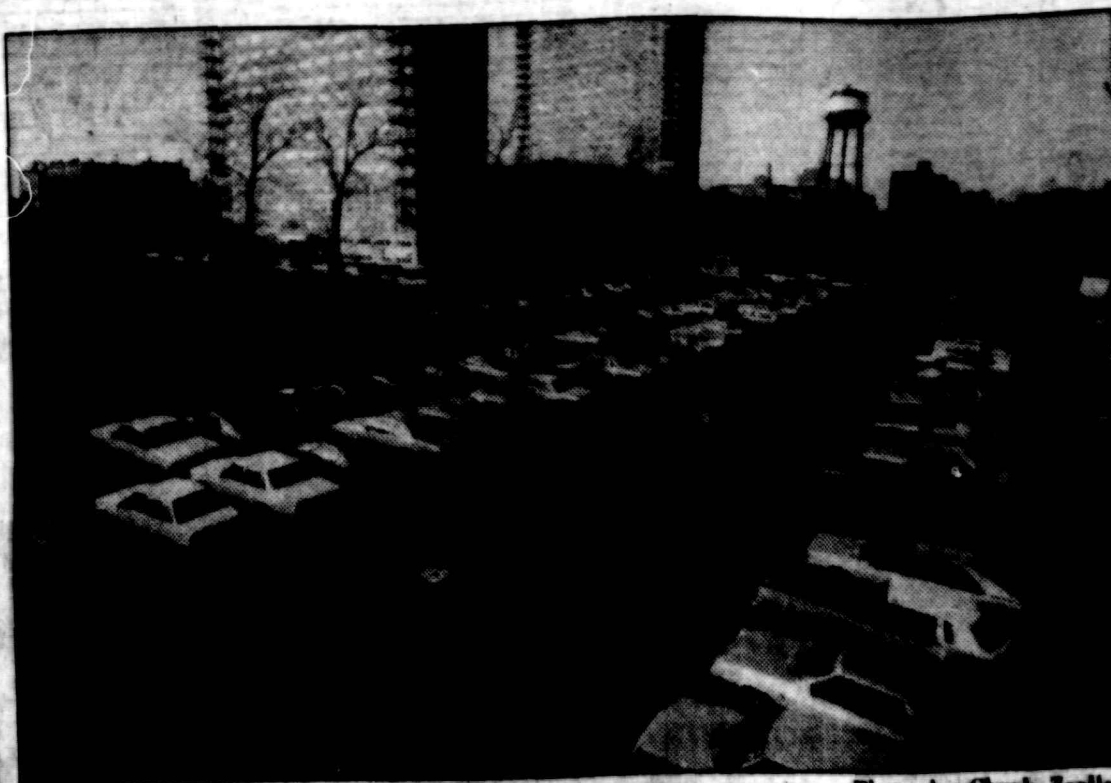


Photo by Chuck Zeller

COMMUTERS' CARS pack Pier C in Hoboken yesterday. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey opened the pier to parking for strike-bound commuters who drove to Hoboken to catch the PATH train to New York.

Strike a mixed bag for merchants

By JIM CAMPISANO
Special to The Dispatch

HOBOKEN—You could have heard a pin drop in the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal yesterday.

The once-busy trains sat quietly and motionless at the end of the tracks like giant gray dinosaurs,

relics from another era; a time when there was no strike by New Jersey Transit trainmen and conductors.

But it wasn't only the rail business that was halted. Inside the station, not a single business was open. Not a bar, not even a hot dog stand—nothing.

Outside, John Compton, the co-owner of both fruit and vegetable stands inside the station, tried to peddle his wares, but found few takers. He described business as "disastrous."

"I'm the only merchant still around. I have perishable goods. I've moved outside to do some

business if there's any to be done," Compton said, adding that although he has a truck peddling on the street, he will "have to buy less until the strike is over."

A few blocks away, Compton's partner George Ippolito sat disgustedly on the back of See MERCHANTS, Page 8

TRANSIT

Continued from Page 1 Monday, returned to the bargaining table at 11:30 a.m. in an effort to end the first statewide railroad strike in New Jersey's history.

Those talks ended around 3:30 p.m. after four hours of negotiations. NJ Transit officials refused to say whether any progress had been made, but said the talks would resume this morning.

The conductors and trainmen, who earned an average of \$36,000 and \$34,000 a year, respectively, under their previous contract with Conrail, have been asked to absorb a \$6,000 pay cut in a new scheduling format.

In return, the agency has offered to trim their six-day workweek to five days, introduce 11 paid holidays, and pay time-and-a-half after 10 hours of work.

"We're willing to talk. What the unions have to understand is that we have very little room for movement in these negotiations," said Sheridan.

Premo said that while NJ Transit is saving about \$300,000 a day on wages during the strike, chartering buses is costing them \$130,000 a day. He said there is also a large emergency expense for advertising and

printing and a possible cost from long-time loss of riders when train service resumes.

NJ Transit spokesman Anthony Grascione said only about 15,000 commuters—the same number as Tuesday—used the 600 extra buses servicing 16 special park-and-ride lots intended to handle up to 45,000 commuters.

However, he said ridership was up on regular bus routes, and 1,000 of the 1,500 passengers on each of two Manhattan-bound Amtrak trains had to stand during their ride.

Sheridan said agency officials worked late into the night Tuesday to iron out "glitches" in the system and their labor was rewarded yesterday.

He said efforts to shuttle commuters from the park-and-ride areas to PATH stations in Jersey City and Newark and the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan went smoothly yesterday.

While riders continued to "under-utilize" the lots at the Meadowlands Sports Complex in East Rutherford, a "boofed-up" team of ticket sellers improved operations at the Garden State Arts Center in Holmdel which was plagued by long delays Tuesday, he said.

MERCHANTS

Continued from Page 1 the truck. "Business is no good at all. I'm sick to my stomach," he said.

Ippolito said that sales didn't pick up very much yesterday at rush hour because of the rain, but said he hoped it would be better on this day since the weather cleared up.

"If it doesn't, what can you do?" Ippolito asked.

For some businesses, however, things couldn't be better. An available parking space could not be found at the Square Industries parking lot on Enos Place in Journal Square, Jersey City. According to Samuel Williams Jr., an attendant at the lot which is located two blocks from the PATH Station, business is booming.

"The lot was full at 11:30 this morning. This lot never fills up. Since the strike, business has really picked up," Williams said, noting that his customers were generally very good-natured about the situation.

Throughout the Journal Square area, merchants reported an increase in business since the strike began.

Joe Facone, the part-time manager and bartender at the Tube Bar, which is located in the PATH concourse, said business has increased during both the morning and evening rush hours.

Elliot Chebres, who manages Nedicks Restaurant and the Tankard Pub, both of which are located in the PATH station, said business is up "about 15 percent in Nedicks and 10 percent in the Tankard Pub."

Most merchants, however, are enjoying the boom while it lasts, but are realistic that it will die when the strike ends.

Stephanie Mahler, the manager of Pines Wines and Liquors in the PATH station, said, "I don't think they'll be coming back once the strike is over."

Cops talk man down from fifth story roof

Quick and persuasive reasoning yesterday by three Hoboken police officers stopped a distressed Hoboken man from jumping from the roof of his five-story apartment house.

Officer John Picuro reported that he and Officer Walter Lehbrink found Nelson Iscaia of 400 Fifth St. sitting with his legs over the Jefferson Street side of the building's roof when they arrived at 1:30 a.m. At the roof, the two officers were joined by Officer James Fitzsimmons, who was off-duty at the time.

Together the three men started talking to Iscaia as he perched on the edge of the roof.

Picuro said he and Lehbrink were able to distract Iscaia long enough to allow Fitzsimmons a chance to approach and grab Iscaia by the arm. The other two then held him and brought him away from the roof.

Iscaia was taken to St. Mary Hospital where he was treated for mental depression and detained for further psychiatric tests.

Hoboken group plans block watch

With the recent increase in burglaries and robberies in the city, a group of Hoboken residents is starting an experimental "blockwatch" program to protect themselves.

Angelo Valente, a candidate for council in the city's Sixth Ward, said he and a group of neighbors in the ward will soon start a program with

the cooperation of the city's police department.

Valente said he would speak to Public Safety Director James Giordano to discuss how the program could be tied in with the police for the most effective results.

As planned, the persons in the blockwatch would look after each other's property and

safety. Each member would be informed what to do if they should spot a suspicious stranger in their neighborhood or how to react to a robbery.

Valente said he wanted to start the program in response to a call for public help from Det. Captain Pat Donatucci to help meet a recent rise in crimes in the city.

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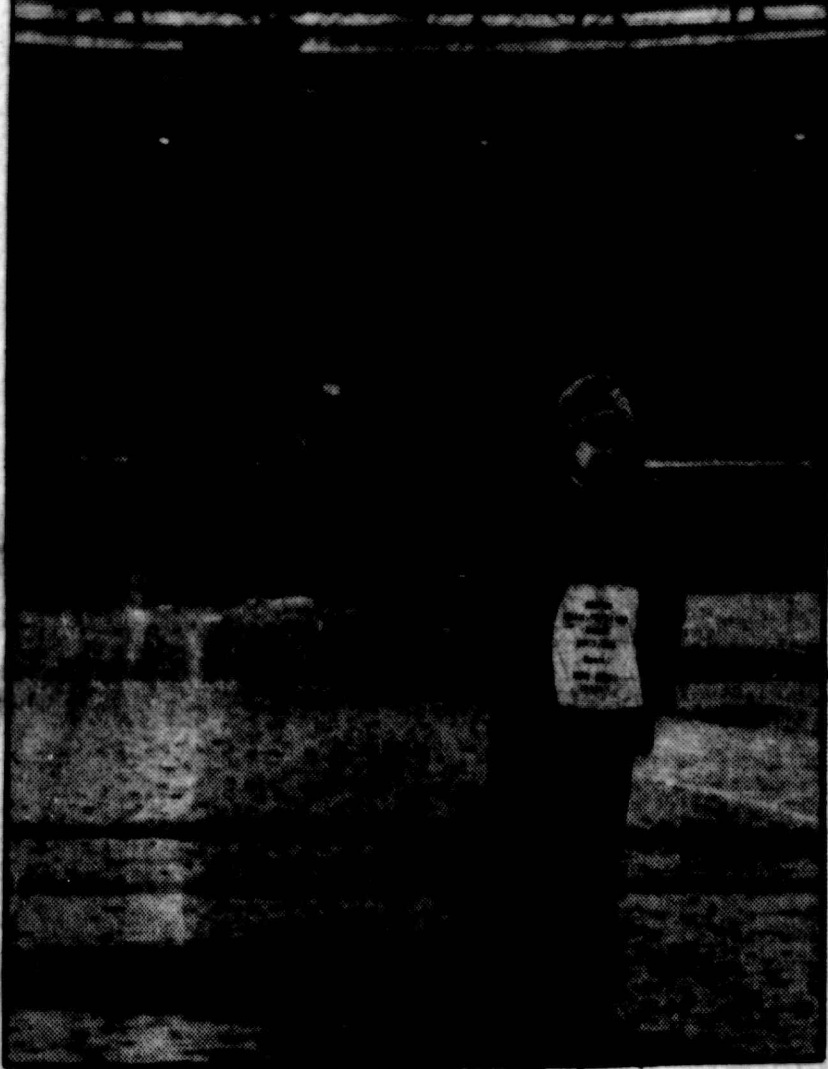


Photo by Bill Boyer

BEN GROVE (above), a conductor for New Jersey Transit, pickets in front of the Hoboken Terminal yesterday. Meanwhile, commuters, at right, wait in line to board chartered buses at the Metropark Railroad Station in Inelin.

Transit talks to

By PETER J. SAMPSON
United Press International

NEWARK—NJ Transit and the unions striking the agency's nine rail lines agreed yesterday to resume bargaining as 70,000 daily train riders commuted in car pools, special buses and subways on the first day of the walkout.

Negotiators for both sides were to meet this afternoon at an unspecified location here to resume talks that broke off at 9:15 p.m. Monday, said NJ Transit spokesman Tony Grazioso.

The walkout by 800 trainmen and conductors in Locals 1411, 731, 1384, 1491 and 1370 of

the United Transportation Union — the first statewide railroad strike in New Jersey history — began 12:01 a.m. yesterday.

About 510 special buses scheduled by NJ Transit to handle 45,000 commuters carried only 15,000 riders in the first day of the strike, Grazioso said.

NJ Transit expected a larger number of travelers to take advantage of the buses today.

"A lot of people stay home the first day of a strike, especially a transit strike, to see if it will end quickly," Grazioso said.

Despite the walkout, both the morning and evening rush hours went "smoothly, as well

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UPI Telephoto

Photo by Bill Boyer
THIS BUILDING at 161 Second St. in Hoboken is scheduled to be razed for a condominium development.

Hoboken delays zone law review

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The planning board has postponed reviewing an amendment to the zoning law that would clear the way for construction of a Pathmark center on 14th Street.

The board deferred the review Wednesday night until a special session it scheduled for April 13. The amendment would allow the construction of "retail buildings" in portions of the city previously zoned for industrial use.

The board did approve an application for the construction of a 24-unit condominium complex in one of the most blighted sections of the city. Six buildings along Second Street are scheduled to be demolished to clear the way for the five-story luxury complex.

The City Council — citing what it claims are potential legal snags in the zoning law amendment — tabled the amended version of the zoning ordinance last week, sending it back to the board for review.

The action further delayed the Pathmark project, which has been under construction for nearly three years. Scores of residents were angered by the delay, arguing that the city badly needs the 240 jobs and \$150,000 in taxes the project is expected to generate.

Sources, however, said city officials are concerned with several aspects of the amendment, including a lack of a clear definition of the term "retail buildings" used in the ordinance.

The concern, according to the sources, is that if the amendment is adopted it will permit a flood of small retail stores, requiring large parking facilities, to be established in sections of the city where parking and traffic already pose serious problems.

If large portions of property have to be set aside for parking, the city could miss out on other land uses that could be more lucrative in terms of rates, the sources said.

Some officials also have questioned whether the proposed Pathmark would ever be built on the 14 Street site since the massive Weehawken Pathmark, which opened during the summer, is less than a mile away.

The planning board approved an application submitted by Second Street Associates to construct the 24-unit condominium complex on a stretch of Second Street between Bloomfield and Garden streets.

No time table for the construction of the building was released.

The five-story structure — which will replace six unoccupied buildings — will have underground parking facilities, the first in the city. Spaces for 14 cars will be provided below the complex, board Chairman Michael Ocello said.

Ocello said the taxes generated by the new complex will increase by about 250 percent the amount the city received for the property last year. At least \$150,000 in taxes should be generated by the building, compared to the \$7,400 generated in last year, he said.

Vezzetti's hot in ring

Longtime Hoboken administration critic Thomas Vezzetti has taken out petitions to run this May as a Hoboken City Council candidate in the city's second ward.

In announcing his candidacy, Vezzetti joins a field of candidates that include the incumbent City Council President Walter Cramer, Michael Schaeffer and James Roarty.

Vezzetti said he decided to run because of alleged abuses performed by Cramer while councilman. These include a conflict of interest with the board of education because of his job as business administrator with the board, using public automobiles for his private use, and stifling public debate at council meetings.

Cramer has denied all charges Vezzetti has made. He has repeatedly thrown Vezzetti out of city council meetings after Vezzetti makes the charges during the public portion of the meetings.

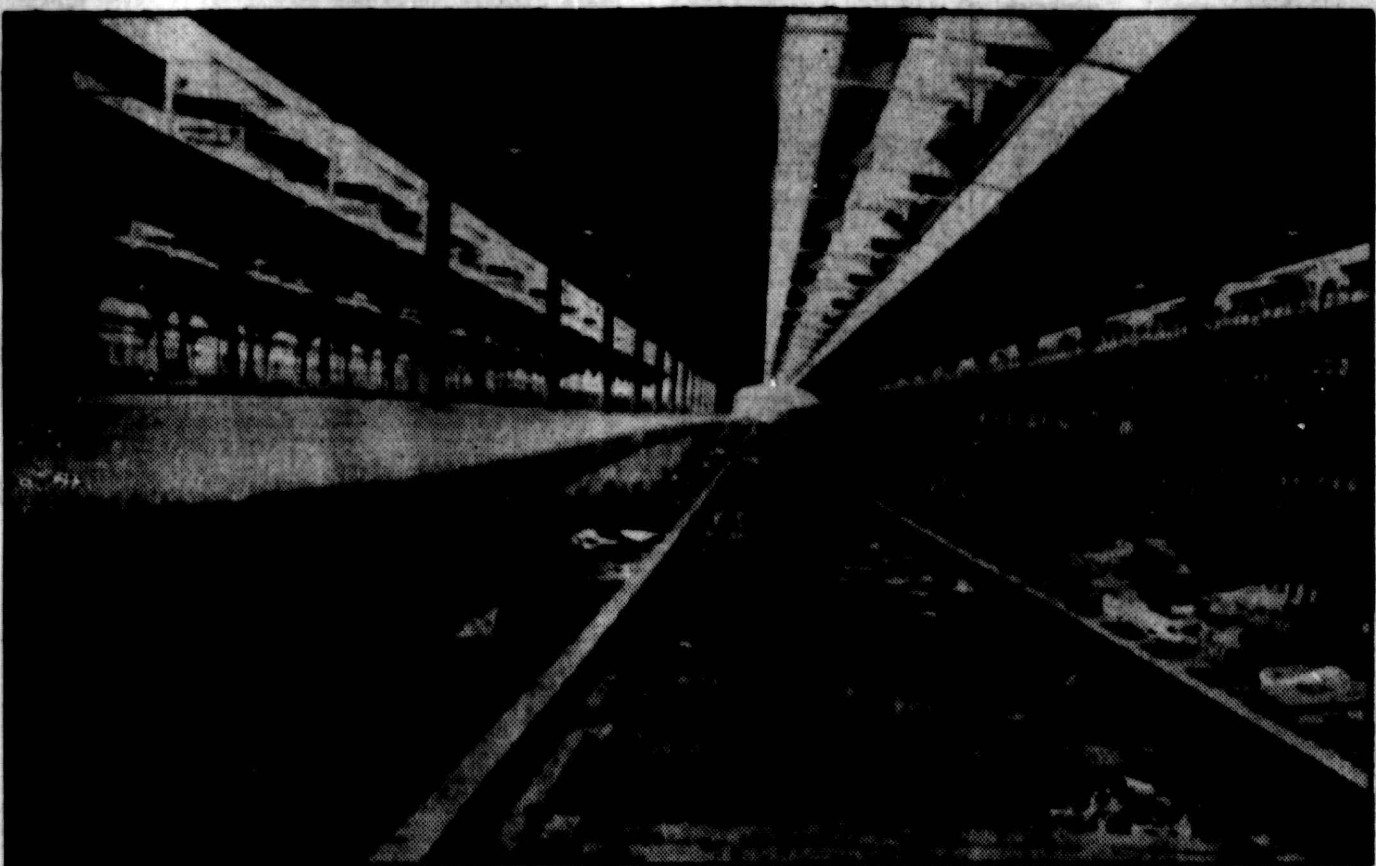


Photo by Bill Boyer

THE PLATFORMS at the Hoboken Terminal — normally jammed with hurrying commuters — are quiet at rush hour yesterday.



By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Harried commuters trying to find a short cut around the first day of the NJ Transit strike jammed local streets and parking lots long before yesterday morning's rush hour as they parked their cars and trudged off toward the Hoboken PATH station for the ride under the Hudson River.

At the start of the evening rush, they trudged through the same streets, hoping the strike — and the pouring rain — would end before long.

The PATH system was the only route to work for many of the 70,000 commuters affected by the walkout.

The huge 1,700-space Hoboken Parking Garages on Hudson Street, only a few blocks from the PATH station, was filled to capacity before 7 a.m., at least 3½ hours earlier than usual. Not another car could be squeezed in until mid-afternoon.

"When is this strike going to end? It's killing me. It's busy, sure, but you should hear the yelling and screaming when the people can't get

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their cars in here," garage manager Sam Dine said last night.

Dine said those that were turned away were parking along local streets, whether or not they were parked legally. Cars lined local streets, many with parking tickets stuck to their windshields.

Hoboken police officers assigned to controlling the crush of cars, buses and commuters near the PATH station said that while the strike had complicated traffic, there were no serious problems of parking disturbances.

But commuters filing home in the rain last night after a difficult morning rush hour and a full day of work were less optimistic.

"This made my job search in mid-Manhattan a full-time job. It was crazy," said Mike Slater, 38, of Chatham, as he walked from the PATH station last night.

Four striking transit workers assigned to one of the four hour picket shifts outside the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal echoed Slater's hopes that the strike is short-lived. But the strikers were still critical of the railroad's management.

"NJ Transit is a bus outfit trying to run a railroad and they don't know what they're doing. They should be building up the railroads in this country instead of knocking them down," said one 28-year railroad employee, who asked not to be named.

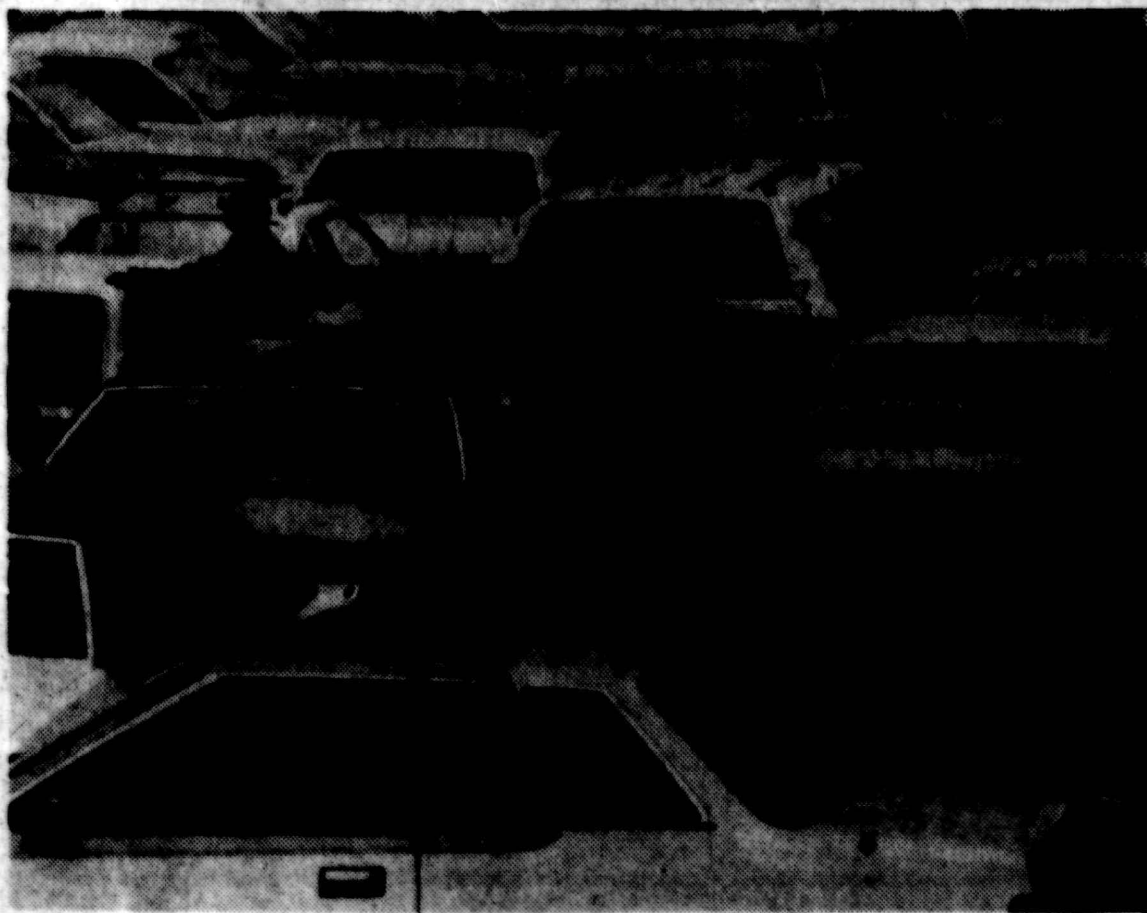


Photo by Bill Boyer

THOMAS BELLOTTI, an employee of Tube Parking in Hoboken, squeezes between cars packed into the lot like sardines yesterday.

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as could be expected," he said.

Many commuters left home earlier than usual, or were released from work before the crush of rush-hour traffic developed, Grazioso said. Other commuters doubled up in cars, and Amtrak reported a substantial increase in ridership.

A heavy rain that drenched the metropolitan New York City area caused some "minor snafus" during the evening rush hour — including heavy traffic back ups that delayed buses arranged by the mass transit agency and many commuters who usually rode the trains, Grazioso said.

Other commuters grumbled about long lines to buy tickets for the added buses.

Exclusive bus lanes into the Lincoln Tunnel and across the George Washington Bridge were kept open earlier and longer than usual yesterday, easing traffic jams, and extra cars on PATH trains from Newark and Jersey City helped to shuttle the overflow of Manhattan-bound commuters, said Mark Marchese, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

"At the very best it's going to work with a tremendous amount of inconvenience to people," said state Transportation Commissioner John Sheridan.

The agency extra buses carried

stranded commuters from 16 special park-and-ride lots to Newark and Manhattan.

Nevertheless, the commute for some was anything but smooth.

While hundreds of commuters faced long lines and 45-minute waits to buy tickets on the special buses, others opted to stay in Manhattan to make sure they were able to get to their jobs.

Most parking lots around PATH stations in Newark, Jersey City and Hoboken were full by 7 a.m. and police manned intersections to unclog congestion.

As pickets were set up at NJ Transit facilities, UTU locals in New York postponed until next Monday a threatened strike on Metro-North train lines linking New York City and its northern suburbs.

"They're trying to do away with my job," said Alexander Long of Bayonne, whom asked why he decided to strike.

"They want us to work 12 hours to get eight hours pay," said Long, a railroad worker for 27 years who was one of a handful picketing outside Newark's Penn Station.

"They're definitely asking for givebacks," said Richard Vennu, chairman of UTU Local 1394, noting the workers swallowed a 13 percent wage deferral before NJ Transit took control of Conrail's passenger lines Jan. 1.

Walkout a windfall for Hoboken

H D 3/2/83 By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The 17-day-old New Jersey Transit strike may be hard on the 70,000 commuters affected by the walkout, but it has been an unexpected and sizable windfall for the city's treasury.

The city has collected more than \$10,000 in parking fees since it opened Pier C as an emergency parking lot for out-of-town commuters who drive to the Hoboken PATH station for the ride under the Hudson River, said city Health Director James Farina, who has coordinated the temporary parking program.

The pier was opened March 3, two days after the walkout began, following negotiations between Mayor Steve Cappelletto and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the pier at Fourth Street. The city charges \$5 for all day parking space.

Farina said an average of \$1,000 is being collected each workday, with about 250 cars being crammed onto a portion of the pier. Port Authority vehicles are parked on the remaining portion of the pier, he added.

"You could park the whole world there if you opened up the rest of the pier," Farina said.

The pier was opened after out-of-town commuters flooded local streets and jammed parking lots on the first day of the strike, further aggravating the city's already difficult parking problems.

The strike also has been an unexpected boon for three city residents who were unemployed before the strike, and are now working as parking attendants. The revenue raised by the emergency parking lot has been earmarked for an upgrading of the Sgt. William Fesken Memorial Little League Field and other recreation programs, Farina said.

A \$6,000 resodding project for the field, scheduled to begin next week, has already been covered by the windfall. Additional funds will be used to build a concession stand there and to underwrite other recreation projects, Farina said.

Local

Hoboken to study crossings

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A team of city and state officials is expected to inspect several city intersections that a local business group says are hazardous.

At a meeting yesterday of the Hoboken Industry and Business Association, it was announced that police Lt. Carmen LaBruno would act as a liaison between the group and the state Department of Transportation. Officials from the DOT

are expected to inspect the nine intersections within a week to determine what, if anything, can be done to improve their safety.

In addition, HIBA officials yesterday outlined their suggestions to improve the city's parking problems, which they say are hurting local businesses.

In a presentation before Joseph Hotendorf, executive director of the Hoboken Parking Authority, HIBA officials suggested that angle parking be permitted

along busy Washington Street below Seventh Street. Such parking is currently permitted along the street from Seventh and 14th Street. The group also suggested permitting parking along River Street.

Hotendorf said both suggestions were not feasible at this time.

"We feel definitely there has to be more parking. It ultimately affects businesses. You take someone who has to double park to buy \$2.50 worth of cold cuts and runs out to find he's got a \$10 parking ticket.

I know I'd think twice before I came back again," HIBA Director Richard T. Bozzone Sr. said following the meeting.

The intersections cited by the group are Hudson Place and River Street; River and Newark streets; Hudson and Newark streets; 11th and Hudson streets; 14th Street and Park Avenue; Observer Highway and Henderson Street; Newark and Jefferson streets; and the entire stretch of Sinatra Drive, which was described as a "speedway."

Fire hearing adjourned

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The disciplinary hearing for five fire captains charged with insubordination for refusing to send firefighters to search a building suspected of being an arson target last summer was adjourned yesterday for two weeks.

After three hours of testimony for the prosecution, the closed hearing was adjourned until April 11, at which time the five captains and two defense witnesses are expected to testify.

The five captains face a maximum penalty of dismissal from the force if found guilty. Public Safety Director James W. Giordano, the arbiter in the hearing, would not comment on when he expected to reach a decision in the case.

Bill Bergin, president of the Hoboken Fire Officers' Union, which represents the captains, said yesterday he will appeal any negative decision returned by Giordano to Hudson County Superior Court.

The charges facing the five captains stem from their refusal on Aug. 3 to order their men to search a building at 719 Clinton St. suspected of being an arson target. The search order was issued three days after firefighters found evidence of an arson attempt on the building.

Insubordination charged

The captains refused to order their men into the building, insisting that the search of a building for an arson suspect should only be conducted by armed police officers or fire marshals, they have said.

Following the incident the five were charged with insubordination. At the time of the incident, Mayor Steve Cappelletto labeled the captains' action "a flagrant disregard for human life."

At the April 11 hearing Giordano is scheduled to hear defense testimony from a New York City fire marshal and a retired New York City marshal. Both witnesses are expected to testify that a search of a suspected arson target should be conducted only by armed personnel. Hoboken does not have fire marshals, who carry fire arms.

Bergin charged yesterday that city officials are using the captains as "scapegoats" to hide the fact that the police department could not supply an armed patrolman to enter the building because of severe understaffing at the time of the incident.

Giordano rejected Bergin's assertion as being "ridiculous."

Bergin said he will appeal any unfavorable decision returned by Giordano on the basis that the hearing yesterday was held in violation of the union's new contract. The contract, signed Friday, stipulates that disciplinary hearings are to be held before a tribunal consisting of three arbitrators selected by both the union and Fire Chief James Houn. Bergin said.

"There is definitely a problem with the interpretation of our contract," Bergin said.

Giordano confirmed that the contract issue was discussed in the closed hearing, but would not comment on the nature of that discussion.

The captains' disciplinary hearing had been postponed five times in the last six months before finally being held yesterday.

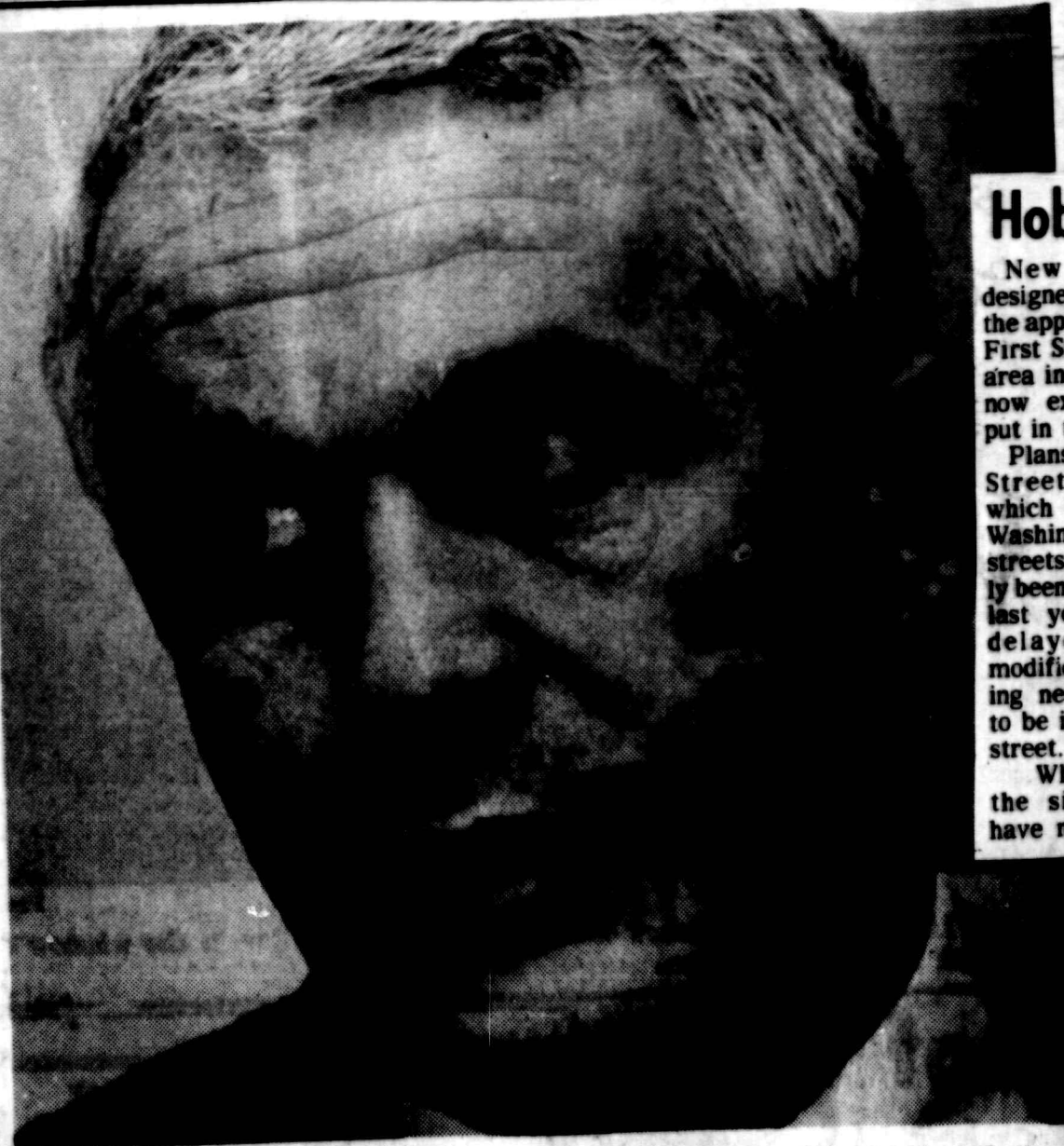


Photo by Chuck Zeller
BILL BERGIN, president of the Hoboken Fire Officers' Union, which represents the five fire captains.

Hoboken getting new sidewalks

New sidewalks, designed to improve the appearance of the First Street shopping area in Hoboken, are now expected to be put in this summer.

Plans for the First Street sidewalks, which will run from Washington to Grand streets, had originally been announced last year, but were delayed to make modifications allowing new sewer lines to be installed in the street.

When installed, the sidewalks will have new curbing, a

red brick border, and trees planted along the curb. Plans have been announced by the city to place a new sewer line along First Street, replacing the present line, which largely dates back to the Civil War.

The sidewalks are part of the overall First Street Improvement Programs, which is sponsored by the city's Community Development Agency, the Trust Company of New Jersey, and a federal Urban Development Action Grant.

Hoboken man burned

Two men, one from Hoboken, were seriously burned Saturday in an electrical explosion at the World Trade Center, Port Authority Police reported. Frank Varela, 47, of Hoboken, is reported in critical condition with burns over 30 percent of his body, while James Campbell, 61, of Manhattan, is in stable condition with burns on his hands and face. Both were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital with third degree burns. The cause of the incident has not been determined.

'I'm fast developing a crush,' says Sinatra's biographer

Her eye's on 'Old Blue Eyes'

By WINNIE BONELLI
Staff Writer

Know any good tales about Frank Sinatra? If the answer is yes, Kitty Kelley is looking for you. She is the woman who started a publishing trend with the unauthorized biography when her book "Jackie O" went through the roof.

Following on her success with "The Last Star" about Elizabeth Taylor, Kelley has now turned to Hoboken's favorite son — "Old Blue Eyes."

"You really should start out loving your subject. After 75 interviews, the personality that's emerging is truly that of a great guy, and I'm fast developing a crush."

"I expect to spend at least two more years interviewing people before I actually sit down and begin to write. And an intricate part of his life evolved around Hoboken and Hasbrouck Heights, considering he was born in 1915 and didn't move to California until January 1944. That works out to 29 years in New Jersey. Nobody up to this point has paid proper attention to Sinatra's roots," said the blonde author, who lives in Washington.

Kelley has ample experience uncovering

facts, having started her career as a researcher for The Washington Post's editorial page in 1969. Within a year's time, she moved from behind the scenes to penning editorials.

Branching out on her own, she recalled, "I had no idea how hard it was to make a living free-lancing."

When Secaucus publisher Lyle Stuart asked me to write a book about Jackie Onassis, my immediate reaction was, "I don't want to write that kind of movie star ga-ga book," Kelley said.

Intrigued by her past work for a senator and recalling the presidency of John F. Kennedy, which she describes as "magical" and "superlative," Kelley accepted the dare.

There are several "don'ts" the author abides by. "I don't judge my subjects, nor do I create a psychological history. Perhaps I'm almost too objective."

Covering the terrain with a thoroughness a bloodhound might envy, Kelley sometimes discovers facts that may have evaded the subject's most intimate confidants.

She gives an example. "Elizabeth was noted for saying, 'I always marry the man

I sleep with. At the time, she was married to Sen. John Warner but even he was in for a shock when the book included an interview with Max Lerner in which he spoke candidly of his affair with the star. A fact previously kept from her husband."

Kelley rates her current project as "10 times more fun." "People have been so open and some want to really set the record straight. I view it almost as a history book by people that have touched greatness."

There is a side effect that hasn't been totally pleasant, she laughingly points out. "The Italians are so warm and open. They really know how to entertain and eat, especially cannoli. I've gained 10 pounds which I'm trying to lose by jogging."

Kelley estimates that her project will take five years. While she is temporarily at home, her plans include another stay in New Jersey before heading to California.

Persons with photos, letters, diaries and anecdotes of Sinatra and his mother, Dolly, are urged to drop Kelley a note at 3037 Dumbarton Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007 or to leave a message by dialing 202-342-0906.



Photo by Shelly Motson
WRITER KITTY KELLEY digs through newspaper files during her research of Francis Albert Sinatra.

Hoboken lottery begins tomorrow

Hoboken tomorrow begins its experiment with a "50-50" lottery to raise funds for programs that have suffered budget cutbacks.

James Giordano, director of public safety and the city's Police Athletic League, said the first tickets for the lottery will be sold in a big kick-off sale in front of the entrance to the city's PATH station on Hudson Place.

Giordano said the first ticket will be bought by Mayor Steve Cappelletto who will then send it to President Ronald Reagan to show how the city has coped with cuts in federal aid.

After tomorrow's sale, tickets will be sold in businesses throughout the city.

The lottery drawing is scheduled for May 4. At that time the receipts will be divided with half going to the winner and the other half being used to support the PAL.

The city-wide lottery is the first ever held in Hoboken. Should it prove successful, Giordano said other groups which have had their aid cut will be approached and asked to sponsor it.

Societies feud perils Hoboken church feast

By James Kopchans

Bickering between two Roman Catholic societies now endangers a tradition-filled annual festival and procession held in Hoboken for the past 35 years.

Bishop Jerome Pechillo, vicar of Hudson County, has invited representatives of the Societa Madonna Dei Martiri (Our Lady of Martyrs) and the Devotees of Madonna Dei Martiri of St. Francis and the pastors of both St. Francis and Our Lady of Grace Churches to a "Day of Reconciliation" meeting this Sunday at 4 p.m. at St. Francis to save the festival.

The Feast of Madonna Dei Martiri has been considered one of the most popular festivals held in the city from year to year. Held during Labor Day weekend on the Adams Street between Third and Fifth Streets, the festival culminates in a grand procession led by marchers carrying a statue of the Madonna, followed by members of the societies and other marchers.

However, the feast has been in controversy since the Societa (which is open only for men) and the devotees (only women) split ranks in 1977. The feud reached a high point in 1981 when — St. Francis pastor Rev. Bertin Vesey refused to sponsor the feast as the church had done since its start.

"The church closed its doors on us then," Vincenzo "Jimmy" DePinto, the society's president, said. "After all these years they

said they wanted no part of us."

DePinto and other members of the society have claimed Rev. Vesey was influenced by members of the women's group. They also claim that the same group has unfairly taken control of the statue of the Madonna and refused to let it be used in the annual procession through the streets.

A representative for the women's organization, who did not want to be identified, denied the men's society was dismissed by the church. The representative said the society left on its own.

Also, the representative said the women's group was not stopping the use of the statue in the procession, so long as all sides agreed to how the festival should be organized.

In 1981, the men's society held the feast without any sponsorship, but for the first time in its history could not offer the traditional nine nights of novena services that preceded it, according to DePinto.

According to John Riccardi, a past president of the society, the novenas are considered a major part of the festival and are attended faithfully by residents year after year. Also, the contributions received in the church during the novenas are for the exclusive support of the church, he said. All funds collected at the festival are used to pay for the costs incurred by the society in staging it, he said.

In addition, Riccardi said the

society reimburses the church for the costs in holding the novenas.

Last year both societies held their own festival. By this time, the men's society had also gained the sponsorship of another Hoboken parish, Our Lady of Grace.

Now the festival is in danger. DePinto said Pechillo has already told Our Lady of Grace officials it could not sponsor the feast and society members are balking at a series of recommendations that Pechillo has suggested to allow the feast to be held at St. Francis again.

Pechillo would not comment yesterday except to say he would try to forge an acceptable solution at the Sunday meeting. However, in a letter dated March 8, Pechillo said that unless the recommendations were accepted by all sides in the dispute he could not permit a "public veneration" to be held in the city.

Among the recommendations the society objects to are that a board of three persons, one from each society and St. Francis, be appointed to organize the event, that a fee of \$2,000 be paid to St. Francis for its services, and that no other religious ceremony be held outside of St. Francis.

DePinto and Riccardi said the society should not have to share control over the festival, since they said they had organized it all the years previously. They also said they felt the \$2,000 fee was too steep and the limits on the ceremonies only to St. Francis too confining.

Hoboken cops seek arbitrator

Hoboken Public Safety Director James Giordano has turned down three requests by the city's police union concerning one-man patrol cars, forcing the union to now bring the matter to a state arbitrator.

Thomas Meehan, president of the city's Police Benevolent Association, said he would be meeting this week with the union attorney to file an appeal with the state Public Employees Relations Commission.

The PBA had asked Giordano for increased pay for officers assigned to one-man patrol cars because of what it claims is the hazardous nature of such patrols. In addition, it had requested shotguns for the cars and the use of a new nightstick, known as the P.R. 24, to replace the department's conventional batons.

Meehan had called for an additional hour's worth of overtime pay for all officers patrolling alone in the cars. "It's only fair that when they (city officials) ask an officer to go out and patrol an area without a back-up cop, they should be ready to compensate for it with some increased wages," Meehan said.

However, Giordano said the one-man patrol car was a duty that needed to be done and was part of the officers' regular tour of duty. "It's ridiculous to pay a man overtime. It's a job that should be done. Besides, under our budget we cannot afford to

pay the men extra," he said. The police contract, negotiated and signed between the union and the city in January contains no mention of extra pay for the one-man cars. "If it was so important they should have negotiated that with the contract, but they never brought it up," Giordano said.

As for the shotguns, Giordano said he would consider the shotguns if it could be proved to him that the patrol cars needed them.

Meehan has argued that a shotgun was needed by the men as a deterrent. "I still would rather see two-man patrol cars, and leave the shotguns at home, but if the city is going to send men out alone in the cars they should provide them with some means of protection."

A policeman riding in the single patrol car may have to stop another car filled with suspicious persons, Meehan said. With the shotgun, he said the patrolman would be able to assert his authority in a stronger manner than just by drawing his revolver.

Also, Meehan said criminals use shotguns and other high-powered weapons in armed robberies.

The P.R. 24 nightstick was ruled out on the advice of Police Chief George Crimmins who has called the stick a "murder stick."

Hoboken cop wins praise for off-duty work

Hoboken Patrolman Antonio Julve has been busy this past week and as a result may win a department commendation.

Julve has made seven arrests, all related to burglary over the past week. And during that week, Julve was off-duty for three of the seven days.

"He made the arrests because he has that rare combination. The combination of being street-wise, having contacts, and knowing his job," his sergeant, Edward Skelley, said. Skelley said he had placed Julve's name up for commendation.

Julve's first arrest came on March 14 when he stopped James Ferguson, 24, of Hoboken on Observer Highway and charged him with

the possession of 308 stolen pairs of women's sandals.

He then arrested Brian Stanley Daniel, 32, of Jersey City on March 17, charging him with breaking and entering the A&F Cabinet Co. at 225 Clinton St. On March 18, he arrested Montgomery Anderson, 48, of Hoboken, on a complaint he stole a television set from an apartment at 69 Jefferson St.

Also, on March 18, he arrested Danny Lopez, 23, of Hoboken, for possession of burglary tools in the vicinity of Eighth and Washington Streets.

Julve arrested two suspected burglars, Angel Gonzalez, 19, and Joseph Lugo, 20, both of Hoboken, on Monday with burglarizing apartments at 613 Willow

Ave. Both were reported armed with a knife.

Finally, he arrested Ruben Cintron, 34, of Hoboken, and charged him with trespassing at 401 Jackson St.



THIS VACANT LOT at 15th and Washington streets in Hoboken may hold a Pathmark supermarket some time in the future.

Delay on Pathmark is blamed on officials

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The owner of the site targeted for a Pathmark shopping center that has been under consideration for nearly three years yesterday accused city political leaders of delaying the project for their personal gain.

Seymour Heller, principal owner of the five-acre site at 15th and Washington streets, said his attorney is seeking an order from Hudson County Superior Court requiring the City Council to take an immediate vote on a zoning-law amendment clearing the way for the project.

"The political powers that be do not want a supermarket there," Heller said.

The City Council, citing what it says are potential legal snags in the zoning law amendment, tabled the measure two weeks ago, sending it back to the planning board for further review. The planning board, in turn, moved last week to postpone that review until April 13.

Supporters of the proposed 50,000-square-foot Pathmark — which is expected to generate 240 jobs and \$150,000 in taxes — have charged that some officials would like to delay the project until Pathmark loses interest in the site.

They charge that city officials are scheming to keep the site — which lies just off the waterfront — vacant for several more years, after which they will purchase the property. The supporters have refused to name the city official or officials they believe are stalling the project.

Heller said the court order is expected to be handed down this week. He added that if the council votes against the amendment, he will appeal the action in Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City.

Heller charged that the City Council is trying to delay voting on the matter until after the May 30 municipal election, in which six of its members are running.

Rocco Cavallo, a city resident who lives two blocks from the proposed supermarket site, said yesterday he has collected 2,700 signatures on petition in favor of the project.

"I could get so many more (signatures) because everyone wants it except certain people on the boards. Our pleas are falling on deaf ears," Cavallo said.

"I have no interest in Pathmark. If someone wants to show me a proposal that's better than the Pathmark, I'm behind them. But it bewilders me that the council can say we don't need \$150,000 in taxes, that we don't need 240 jobs. Can't understand it," Cavallo said.

The Pathmark facility has been under consideration for a site on the defunct Hoboken-Shore Railroad property for more than three years. The property was abandoned four years

ago after the railroad collapsed during a local industrial slump.

In addition to generating \$150,000 in annual taxes, Heller said, the Pathmark complex would also assume \$200,000 in back taxes owed on the property.

Photo by Chuck Zoeller

Hoboken taxes will go up— question is how much

As budget preparations continue in Hoboken, city officials now say it will be impossible to stave off any tax increase this year and are worried it will go beyond last year's tax rise.

Last year's tax increase of \$9.29 per \$1,000 assessed property value came only after the city instituted several budget-cutting measures, including laying off 58 full and part time employees.

With the city coping with the cutback in services, such tax-cutting measures may not be possible in this budget year. Edwin Chius, the city's business administrator, said taxes will certainly have to rise this year.

"The question is how much. I just don't know at this moment," Chius said.

A major concern is \$665,000 promised by the state as reimbursement for taxes lost when the state took over operation of the old Erie-Lackawanna railyards on its southern border. The state has so far failed to authorize the funding to the city.

If the money is not given to the city by the time the budget is passed, the city would have to make up a shortfall of almost \$1.3 million, Chius said. This includes the \$565,000 the city anticipated in last year's budget and the same amount it won't be able to anticipate this year.

If the money is not received, Chius said it alone could cause a tax increase of approximately \$11 per \$1,000 value. This does not include the money needed to cover salary increases to all municipal employees.

"There's just no way we could cut expenses to cover that amount, Chius said.

The city's tax rate is \$147.33 per \$1,000, the highest in the state. A reevaluation of the city's property, which was scheduled to be completed this year, has been delayed until next year because recent commercial property acquisitions has made the reevaluated figures inaccurate.

The reevaluation delay has already been criticized by two candidates in the May 10

municipal elections.

Anthony Russo, an independent candidate in the Third Ward, said he felt the reevaluation was delayed deliberately to protect incumbents.

"With the reassessment, many homeowners are going to question how the rebirth of our city has actually affected them," Russo said. "I fear that a new wave of displacements is about to begin."

Russo said he believed the reassessments could double taxes now being paid by homeowners and for that reason was delayed until after the elections.

Angelo Valente, a candidate for the Sixth Ward council seat, said he wanted to see the new values disclosed despite the delay.

"In order for the people of Hoboken to make an informed choice in this election it would be necessary for all property owners to have their reevaluation in their hands before casting their ballots," Valente said.

Officials, clergy feud over Hoboken homeless

Hope for coordinated action between Hoboken officials and the Clergy Coalition on a homeless shelter dimmed today with each side making charges against the other.

Members of the coalition charged that officials never had any intention of helping to form a shelter. The coalition will seek support for its own shelter at St. John's Lutheran Church, Third and Bloomfield streets.

Meanwhile, Edwin Chius, business administrator, and William Van Wie, director of public works, charged the coalition had given a false impression

that the shelter would only be for Hoboken homeless.

Instead, both men said the coalition has brought men and women from Jersey City shelters to the Hoboken site.

In a letter distributed yesterday by the coalition, the members said, "The response by officials of Hoboken's city administration to the opening of a shelter for the homeless has been poignant, well orchestrated, and indicates the rifts that can exist between people who claim to be of good will. . . Our mayor continues to tread water in this turmoil providing an illusion of be-

ing unable to move anyone in his administration."

The letter contained the names of 16 members of the coalition. Although it contains a statement saying the coalition still wanted a partnership, the letter said the present response has created a "polarization" on the issue.

Coalition representatives, Mayor Steve Cappiello and other city officials met on March 3 to discuss working together.

However, sites considered for the shelter have so far proved to be either unavailable or unsuited for use as a shelter.

"No one has tried as hard as we have to find a place for the shelter," Van Wie, who is serving as acting mayor this week while Cappiello is on vacation, said. "But there just isn't any place that can be used for one."

Both Van Wie and Chius complained that by bringing in Jersey City homeless, the coalition has swelled the city's welfare rolls. "We want to be able to care for the homeless here, in Hoboken, but we cannot take on those from other places," Chius said.

The shelter has been operating since March 10 at the church.

Hoboken council sets vote on licenses for video games

The Hoboken City Council will be voting on an ordinance April 6 setting a \$75 license fee on video games in the city, bringing to an end the year-long controversy that has raged over the licenses.

Meanwhile, the city's Public Safety Commission last night began conducting public hearings on video machines.

The ordinance being considered follows a Feb. 28 decision by Superior Court Judge Donald S. Coburn setting a license price of \$75 per machine. The decision came on a lawsuit filed by game vendors challenging a city ordinance charging \$250 for a yearly license.

Leo Serrano, the city's licensing clerk, said he has begun ordering taverns and other establishments that sell liquor to remove video games based on poker and other betting card games. Serrano said he did this after receiving word from state officials that such games were illegal.

The old city ordinance regarding licensing of the machines stipulated fees of \$15 a year for each game. However, the city council voted to raise the fees to \$250 to control the number of games in the city.

Vendors quickly sued, charging the new fee was excessive. As a result, the city could collect only the old fee while awaiting the suit's outcome.

Serrano said only one establishment, Playland, on 14th Street, has paid the \$250 fee for its machines. He said this would be refunded to Playland once the ordinance is passed.

Serrano said he had received word on March 3 from William J. Treger Jr., chief of the Bureau of Games Control of the state Department of Public Law and Safety, that the card game-based games were illegal and should be removed.

Serrano has been attempting to have the games removed because of fears that the games would be used for gambling.

Meanwhile, five people at last night's hearing, including Serrano, testified to the Public Safety Commission as part of what City Council President Walter Cramer called "laying the groundwork," and to gather public input from clergy, police, educators and parents.

According to Cramer, Serrano identified Pac Man and Donkey Kong as the most popular games, along with the gambling games, which compose most of the more than 500 video machines in the city.

Steve Block, a Hoboken school board trustee, favored the games, but recommended that extreme caution be used in dealing with them and also admitted they possessed negative effects.

Most speakers cited negative effects in terms of spending money poorly and creating anxiety among game players.

Cramer said most people at the meeting seemed opposed to the machines. "The adverse effects seemed to outweigh the benefits," he said.

An additional hearing has been slated for Tuesday at 7 p.m. to hear more testimony before the commission makes its final recommendations to the council.

THE HOBOKEN WATERFRONT

Council and committee to coordinate plans

By James Kopchansky and Earl Morgan

A public meeting has been tentatively scheduled for April 14 between Hoboken officials and the city's Waterfront Advisory Committee to discuss the impact of a possible \$500 million waterfront development.

According to Councilman Robert Ranieri, a member of the committee, the meeting represents a first step toward coordinated action between the committee, the city administration, and the city council in planning ways of preparing for the development.

At the meeting, Ranieri said, reports from

five subcommittees of the waterfront committee will be presented and discussed. Ranieri will be presenting a report on the development's impact on the city's infrastructure and services.

The other reports will focus on: financing and management of the project; selection process for an eventual developer; the impact on the city resident; and coordination of other planned developments on the city's waterfront.

The project has been proposed by the Port Authority and would use its piers as a site for the development. The authority still hopes to get approval in the New York state legislature for the project.

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In a related development the Hoboken Environmental Committee met at the Union Club and heard Michael Krieger, the P.A.'s manager of waterfront development, explain the history of the project, give a slide presentation and explain, using a model rendering, what may be built on the site.

Krieger stressed several times during the meeting the model rendering was not a final plan but just one of the ideas the P.A. has been considering.

The model included among other things 750,000 square feet of office space in one location and another 500,000 square feet in another; a 400 room hotel, a 370-slip marina, 670 units of housing and recreation space.

Krieger said the development was expected to cost \$500 million. About \$100 million of that would

be P.A. money used for site improvements to make the project more attractive to potential developers.

Krieger said the money contributed by his agency would be used for new sewer lines and improved streets as well as demolition.

When asked if the agency would build a sewerage treatment plant in the area, Krieger would only say the plans have not been finalized and anything was a possibility.

During the question-and-answer period several people complained about the height of some of the proposed buildings which they said would diminish the access to as well as the view of the waterfront. Others in the audience said that the 4,500 permanent jobs Krieger said the project would generate are just as important as the view.

Hoboken gets grant for housing project

The state Department of Community Affairs has awarded Hoboken a \$32,000 weatherization grant for an experimental program at the city's Foxhill Senior Citizen buildings.

The project, which is being co-sponsored by the city's housing authority and the Hoboken Organization to prevent Economic Street (HOPES), will help to weatherize 28 apartment units at Foxhill to cut down on energy costs.

If successful, both agencies will consider trying to obtain funds to help weatherize all public housing in the city.

In weatherizing an apartment, experts test its walls and

doorways to figure out how much heat and electricity is lost through cracks leading to the outside.

The project marks the first time that a private non-profit corporation (HOPES) and a semi-public agency (the housing authority) in Hoboken have worked together, according to E. Norman Wilson Jr., the executive director of HOPES.

"It boils down to a case of where HOPES was eligible for the grant and the housing authority has the need," Wilson said. "In this time of scarce federal and state funding this cooperation is one way Hoboken can hope to keep pace in trying to fund its programs."

Mayor hotly denies abandoning shelter

Taking objection to comments by the Hoboken Clergy Coalition, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday he hasn't abandoned city efforts to find a shelter for homeless persons in the city.

The coalition, at its meeting on Wednesday, had accused the mayor of "abandoning" all efforts to find a permanent home

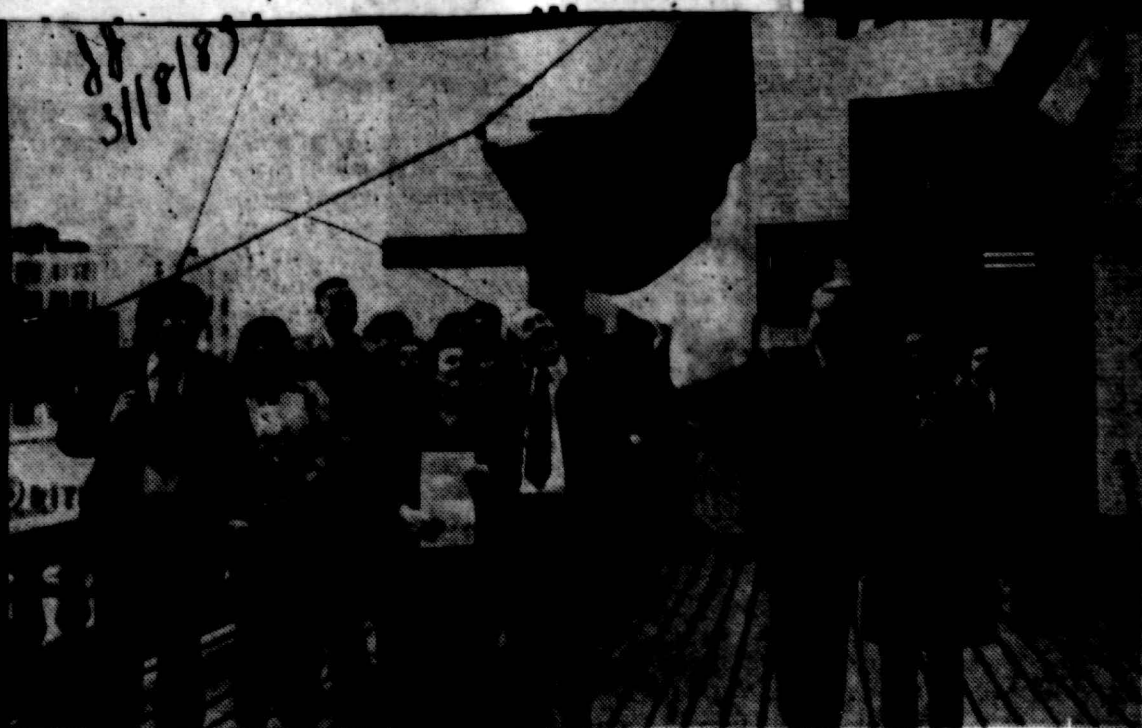
for the shelter, which now has been operating out of St. John's Lutheran Church on Third and Bloomfield streets.

"No one wants to help these people more than I," Cappiello said. "And I've been doing all that I can do to find a place."

Cappiello and other city officials had met with members of the coalition on March 3 to discuss places to put such a shelter.

However, the mayor said that he hasn't yet found a place where it could be set up permanently and yet meet all building and fire code regulations.

"The best place would be to put them where they wouldn't cause any controversy," Cappiello said. "But there doesn't seem to be such a place in Hoboken."



FOR ST. PATRICK—At a ceremony at Hoboken City Hall yesterday the Irish flag was raised in honor of St. Patrick's Day and a number of public officials and civic leaders participated. In front, from left, are Kevin Guerin and his wife Nancy of the Shannon Irish Club, Councilman Thomas Kennedy, Joan Wald, who sponsored the ceremony, Mayor Steve Cappiello, Council President Walter Kramer and the chairman of the ceremony, William Van Wie.

Hoboken merchants scolded on parking

With open space for new parking lots and garages in short supply in Hoboken, city

parking officials will have to look for other ways to alleviate parking and traffic congestion in the city.

That's the message given by city parking authority director Joseph Hottendorf and Police Lt. Carmen LaBruno to about 25

merchants and businessmen at a luncheon meeting yesterday.

"The same merchants who complain so much about the parking along Washington Street (the city's main business area) have only themselves to blame," Hottendorf told the audience, most of whom were members of the Hoboken Industry and Business Association (HIBA).

Much of the shortage of space along Washington is caused by merchants and employees who park in front of their shops early in the morning and leave their cars there throughout the day, feeding coins into the parking meters to avoid tickets, Hottendorf said.

If the same merchants would park their vehicles in the city's parking garages on Hudson and River streets, Hottendorf said, it would give shoppers more of a chance to park along the street. As it is now, Hottendorf said it is nearly impossible to find parking in the southern section of Washington Street and the shoppers have had to double-park their cars to pick up items.

Hottendorf told the HIBA members the authority will soon begin looking this year for sites for more off-street parking lots and garages but he said finding a site would be difficult.

"Can anybody tell me where between First and Seventh streets we can put a parking garage?" Hottendorf said. "Which building do we knock down?"

Instead, Hottendorf said the authority has been trying to better use the spaces that are now available to the authority. This has included changing the configuration of parking at the garages to add 75 more spaces and to change meter fees to guarantee a greater turnover of cars in the spaces.

LaBruno said the traffic congestion in the city was largely the result of the parking shortage and a decision made by the state Department of Transportation.

He said that the lack of spaces on Washington had forced a serious traffic problem there caused by double-parked cars. The situation, especially when compounded by state DOT laws that limit the amount of space for parking, has forced officers to write summonses only for major traffic violations.

He said that DOT officials have been trying to help the traffic situation, but that such help has been slow in coming because of delays within the department.

Stevens team to Monastery

A team of experts from Hoboken's Stevens Institute of Technology will begin Friday their feasibility study of the six-square blocks of Union City property that makes up the St. Michael's Monastery and Church.

The study will cost Union City \$13,500 which will come from the city's Community Development Agency, according to Commissioner Michael Licameli. However, the overall cost will be over \$23,500 including in-kind services from the Hoboken college.

Stevens' Center for Municipal Studies, headed by

Mamie Jurkat, will perform the study. The Passionist Order, which still owns the property, has agreed not to move forward with any sale until the study has been completed and local officials have had an opportunity to digest it.

The city will officially approve the agreement with the college at next Thursday's commission meeting and authorize the use of Community Development funds.

According to Licameli, there was a good reason for selecting Stevens to perform the study —

the college's integrity and reputation would eliminate any criticism if the final recommendation is not to become involved in the project.

"The monastery and church property has already become enough of a political football," asserted Licameli. "But the time has come for everyone to act in a reasonable and rational manner. All, opponents as well as proponents, should wait until the study has been completed and the facts are known."

Ignorance aids rent violations

Many Hoboken landlords continue to violate the city's rent control laws, but get away with it because their tenants don't know or don't care about complaining to city officials.

"Do I know of landlords violating the law? Of course I do. But can I prove it? That's the question," said Joseph Santiago, the city's rent leveling administrator.

Under the city's rent ordinance, Santiago cannot investigate houses where landlords are suspected of violating the law unless he receives a specific complaint from one of the building's tenants. "People call me to tell me of a bad situation at a building, but they don't want to file a complaint against the building. So what am I supposed to do?"

Judge Fitzsimmons, the city's senior housing inspector, agrees. Often, Fitzsimmons said, inspectors receive reports of bad conditions at certain buildings. But except for regular housing inspections, his office cannot get involved unless a complaint is filed.

And even if those cases, he said, inspectors can only by law go into the apartments of those making the complaints and the public areas of the building. The other apartments have to go uninspected, he said.

Santiago said the landlords violate the 25 percent vacancy clause in the ordinance. This clause mandates that landlords can only charge new tenants 25 percent more than the rent paid

by the previous tenant, with the exception of rent increases caused by a rise in taxes.

"There are cases where a new tenant may be paying double and even triple the amount the last tenant paid. But they don't complain," Santiago said.

For tenants accustomed to the sky-high rents of Manhattan, the rents in Hoboken, even when illegal, are considered a steal, Santiago said. As a result, the tenants don't complain for fear of ruining such a good deal.

"Many of these tenants come over from New York City and they don't check whether the city has a rent law," Santiago said. "Sometimes they don't contact us until they've been living in the apartment for over a year or a year-and-a-half and then it's because someone told them they could get some money back."

Ray Fiore, president of the Hoboken Board of Realtors, said that brokers in the city are obligated to inform both landlord and tenants of the basics of the city's rent. But he added that it is sometimes a touchy situation, especially concerning landlords.

"When a landlord contacts a broker, we are essentially being hired by the landlord," Fiore said. This requires a diplomatic approach, he said. "If he says he wants a certain rent for the apartment, you have to tell him that he may not be able to get it because of the rent law."

The board has stated its opposition in the past to the 25 percent clause, saying it was too low to allow landlords to meet the costs in running their buildings.

Stevens Academy reunion Saturday may draw 200

While the physical structure is long gone, the memory of what went on for over 100 years within those walls called Stevens Academy will live on for a long time.

Those memories will be the topic of discussion when close to 200 of the school's alumni get together on Saturday for the first time since the school closed its doors for good in 1974.

The number of responses the coordinators of the reunion received is an indication of just how special Stevens Academy was to its students, says John Daub of Weehawken.

Daub, a member of the class of 1973, is one of the masterminds of the giant reunion.

"We consider it quite a success," says Daub, "since near the end some of the classes had only 15 and 20 graduates."

But that wasn't always the case at the private elementary and secondary school in Hoboken.

In its earlier hey-day, right after the stockmarket crash when the Hoboken Academy joined forces with the Stevens School and became the Stevens Hoboken Academy, its enrollment was up to 225 students.

In the 1950s when the name dropped its reference to Hoboken, because of the reputation the city had acquired as a result of the movie "On the Waterfront," the lower grades were dropped so that the high school could expand.

It was in the mid-60s with the flight to the suburbs that the school, which had catered since its inception in 1890 to the kinds of families that moved to the sub-

urbs, started experiencing its first declines in enrollment.

It was this trend that eventually led to the school's demise.

At the time of its closing in June, 1974, the school had a staff of five and a librarian for the upper grades and three full-time teachers for the lower classes that had been reopened in 1969 in hopes of generating students for the high school.

Daub said the decision to have a reunion was made after he and another graduate, George Campen, a Union City attorney, who was graduated in 1980, discussed it over many a dinner and friendly drink.

"We kept saying 'why don't we?' says Daub. "So finally we started planning one."

Unlike many reunions, which are held for one year's graduating class, spouses and sometimes teachers, the Stevens Academy reunion is open to any former student and or "friend" which covers, according to Daub, parents, benefactors, teachers and employees.

The committee which consists of Daub, Campen and Doris Kamp, also of the class of 1980, started seriously planning the reunion last November.

It took some fancy detective work, according to the committee, to try to track down former students, since the record that had been stored at Stevens Institute of Technology were eventually destroyed.

Howard H. Bennett, who came to the school as a teacher in 1948 and was the headmaster until the end, is expected to attend as is William J.K. Stevens,

former vice president.

As Saturday night approaches, the committee is filled with anticipation.

"We are sure this is going to be a wonderful event."

The union is being held at the Binghamton in Edgewater and will feature a buffet and dancing. There will also be a display table filled with memorabilia from the school, including two bricks from the original building on Willow Avenue and Fifth Street. All alumni are invited to bring their own remembrances.

The reunion committee has also compiled statistics from questionnaires it sent to all alumni it could reach.

Anyone who has not been contacted but would like to attend should contact Daub at his Weehawken home.

2 acquitted of robbery

Two Hoboken men were acquitted yesterday on charges of attempting to rob a truckdriver in Downtown Jersey City at knifepoint last year.

A Hudson County jury deliberating about 90 minutes, found George Santiago and Roberto Alvarado not guilty of armed robbery, aggravated assault, terroristic threats and weapons charges yesterday afternoon before Judge Donald S. Coburn.

During the two-day trial, Santiago, an accountant, testified that the truckdriver had started a dispute with him and had tried to attack him with a metal pipe. He was represented by Patricia Costello, and Alvarado was represented by Richard Sonntag.

Charge teenager in more robberies

An 18-year-old Hoboken man arrested Tuesday in the knifepoint holdups of three women on Washington Street will also be charged with four other similar robberies in the city in the past two months. The detectives arrested the suspect, Joseph Johnson of Hoboken, and charged him with taking handbags from three women at Sixth and Washington streets earlier that evening. Capt. Patrick

Donatucci said the detectives found a knife with a 5 1/4-inch blade on Johnson at the time of the arrest and several items belonging to the women.

Donatucci said Johnson would be formally charged today with four other robberies, also at knifepoint, over the past 2 1/2 months. These robberies all occurred between Fourth and Eighth streets on Washington and Bloomfield streets.

"We had had that area under heavy surveillance after the robberies," Donatucci said. "He seemed to be hitting in one area at different times."

Fire hearings called a 'sham'

After seven months of delays and postponements, a hearing on five Hoboken fire captains charged with refusing a direct order has started and already union representatives have called it all a "sham."

The attorney for the city's fire department, Carl Schaeffer, yesterday called Fire Chief James Houn and deputy chiefs Edward McDonald and Raymond Sheehan to testify in a closed-door hearing conducted by city Public Safety Director James Giordano.

Giordano said the hearing will now be continued on April 11, when union attorney, David Salomon will present union

witnesses. However, William Bergin, president of the union, said Giordano has already ruled that two of the union's most important witnesses won't be able to testify.

Bergin said the witnesses, John Kopp of the New York City Fire Department, and Frank Martone, a retired fire captain with the Newark Fire Department, were brought by the union to testify on the dangers of arson and confronting arsonists while in the act of setting a blaze.

The captains are charged with refusing an order by Sheehan to make checks on several buildings designated as possible arson targets. The men-

refused, according to Bergin, because they did not have the proper training to deal with suspected arsonists should they encounter them in the buildings.

"It's all a sham," Bergin said. "How do they expect us to present our side when they won't allow us to call who we want to speak?"

"The only answer is that they have no intention of hearing our side and that they already have made up their decision."

Bergin also charged that the hearing did not follow the guidelines set down under a new

contract recently signed between the union and the city. Under the new contract, Bergin said Giordano could not sit as hearing officer.

Giordano said he was following proper hearing procedure because the new contract has not yet been ratified by the city council and as a result is not effective.

Giordano also said he would not comment on Bergin's charges concerning the witnesses, explaining that the matter was part of a closed session and should not be discussed outside the hearing room.

Hoboken revaluation postponed a year because 'prices went through the roof'

Hoboken Tax Assessor Woodrow S. Monte announced today that the revaluation which he had hoped would be put into effect for the tax year 1983 would be delayed until next year.

Monte said sales prices have simply "gone through the roof" on certain types of properties in the relatively short period of time that the revaluation was being accumulated.

"Although I have always pressed for revaluation, putting it into effect for 1983 might produce a tax structure unduly burdensome to some taxpayers and favorable to others," he said. "This should be avoided."

The assessor said postponing the revaluation to 1984 would allow a further sampling of sales

which would produce a more balanced picture of the market which "has been unbelievably hectic since the revaluation process was first initiated."

Monte added the delay is consistent with the views of the state Office of Taxation which advised the city in 1982 that the completion of the revaluation for 1983 in "a city as complex as Hoboken" was questionable.

"In light of the market conditions which have since developed, I am now obliged to agree," Monte stated.

Monte said it is his desire to put into effect a revaluation which is as fair and equitable as possible.

Council to oversee lottery

Hoboken takes a chance

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Tickets for the proposed "Hoboken Lottery," a controversial 50-50 raffle program designed to finance certain city services without resorting to tax revenues, are expected to begin appearing throughout the city next week.

Speaking to a group of business, political and community leaders in the Union Club at 6th Street and Hudson Street yesterday morning, City Council Presi-

dent Walter S. Cramer said the state granted permission for the Police Athletic League to conduct the city's first monthly raffle. The winning raffle will be selected in May, he said.

Cramer cited a recent letter from the state Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission stating that a raffle, operated by the PAL, "would appear to be consistent with (the PAL's) purpose" to educate and cultivate the city's youth.

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The City Council proposed last month that a citywide, monthly 50-50 raffle program — in which \$1 chances are sold and a sole winner is awarded half of the pot — be introduced in order to fund services and programs that otherwise would be financed through tax revenues.

The program, said to be the first of its kind in the country, would operate with the City Council as its unofficial sponsor and the raffles would be distributed by local groups, like the PAL, who hold gaming licenses.

But William J. Reed, executive officer of the state Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, said yesterday that Cramer's announcement that the city has secured state approval

for "The Hoboken Lottery" may be premature.

"I don't think the letter should be interpreted as saying the state has approved the idea that the city will derive funds from the raffle," Reed said.

Reed has said the 50-50 program would be considered "illegal" due to a conflict of interest arising from the fact that the city itself issues gaming licenses to the groups involved in the program from which it would in turn derive funds.

Reed said the commission would prohibit such a program from being introduced. The proposal also has been met with some public criticism.

City officials, however, contend that the program is a practical answer to President Reagan's directive that local governments reduce their dependence on federal assistance and

begin to assume a greater responsibility for their finances.

The purpose of yesterday's meeting was, in part, to urge local businesses to join the PAL, since state law requires that only members of an organization can circulate raffles for that group. Twenty-two businessmen, mostly restaurateurs, joined the PAL and will sell the raffles at their place of business, said James W. Giordano, public safety director who heads the Hoboken PAL.

"One of the things we can be proud of here in Hoboken is being innovative," Mayor Steve Cappelletto said yesterday. "I see no reason why this city can't be the start of something like this."

"We may bring the law in on us, but if everything is done right, you have nothing to worry about. We're going to make bucks for our kids," Cappelletto said.

Hoboken cops ask for help 8/3/21/83

Hoboken police say there has been a rash of burglaries in the city and are seeking the public's help in stopping them.

Detective Capt. Patrick Donatucci said yesterday police have been assigned in the city to survey neighborhoods to catch suspects breaking into residents' homes.

He said the city's detective bureau has already caught "six or seven" suspects in the past two weeks as the number of burglary incidents has risen.

"There has been an increase in the number of burglaries and robberies," Donatucci said. "I can't quote any figures, but there seems to be an increase."

The latest suspect apprehended has been Samuel Cardona, 20, of Jersey City, whom police first arrested on March 12 and then with the burglary of a Park Avenue home and then charged again on Thursday with similar burglaries on Adams Street, Bloomfield Street and Hudson Street.

According to Donatucci, many of the suspects arrested have records of drug use. "I usually use as a barometer the number of burglaries to figure out if there is a lot of junk (drugs) out for sale on the streets," he said. "If the burglaries increase that means there isn't too much junk out there and that the prices on it must be up. Junkies then have to steal more to get more money to buy the dope."

"We are doing the best that we can," Donatucci said. "But we need help from the public. If neighbors would only call us if they see something wrong, at their neighbor's house, we could

catch the crooks.

"There's nothing wrong if it's

a false alarm. We don't care if it's nothing at all. But we want to

be alerted just in case it is something."

Housing inspectors take a stand 8/3/23/83

Declaring they are of being used as pawns in rent battles between tenants and landlords, Hoboken housing inspectors are now trying to do something about it.

Jude Fitzgibbons, the city's senior housing inspector, said inspectors will begin checking te-

nant complaints more thoroughly to determine which complaints are legitimate and which are trumped up for the tenants' advantage. Also, Fitzgibbons said the inspectors will also be demanding that tenants make their complaints to their landlords before complaining to

the city.

According to Fitzgibbons, the inspectors have become one area of defense for tenants fighting a rent increase. Under Hoboken law, no rent increases can be given to a building which is under housing violation.

"It's predictable. Any time a

landlord files for a rent increase, we start getting calls and complaints from tenants in the building about its conditions," Fitzgibbons said.

"We check out all the complaints, but a lot of the time we find out the violations are small and they had been at the bidding for months."

"The time to make the complaint was two or three months before not now."

Joseph Santiago, the city's rent administrator, said he agreed there were tenants who were exploiting housing inspections to block the increase. "The problem for the inspectors is just how small, how minute a conditions has to be to be called a violation."

Fitzgibbons also said that often inspectors would violate a building after its first inspection and then declare the violations abated after a second inspection, but still find tenants complaining about violations that were not found originally.

Although he stopped short of saying that tenants deliberately sabotaged their buildings to stop rent increases, Fitzgibbons did say that circumstantial evidence and situations did point to that conclusion.

"If a person has a legitimate complaint about conditions in his building we will do everything our power to make sure that condition is fixed," Fitzgibbons said. "But we will not be used by a group or another for their own ulterior motives."

Hoboken parking talk sought 8/3/22/83

A group of Hoboken businessmen is trying to meet with city officials in a round-table discussion of the city's parking problems.

The Hoboken Industry and Business Association have scheduled a luncheon meeting for tomorrow and invited Joseph Hottendorf, executive director of the city's parking authority, and a representative of the city's

public safety department to meet with them to discuss new ways of looking at the parking situations. Hoboken business owners, especially the merchants along Washington Street, have complained repeatedly over the years about the lack of parking in the city.

The city only provides a very limited number of parking spaces in public garages and lots in the

southern end of Washington Street for shoppers. There is no public, off-street parking on the city's northern section.

In one traffic study made by HIBA, parking meters for on-street parking were recommended on River Street between First and Fourth streets. HIBA has also recommended angle parking for the entire length of Washington to add more spaces.

Teacher uses famous to inspire his students 8/3/21/83

By Mary Fitzgibbons

Talk to Hoboken's John Muciaccia and you'll find a man who cannot easily fade into the background.

Not only is Muciaccia active in his lifelong community of Hoboken, but he is the founder of a new teacher aid project called the "Famous People Program" which he uses in his 11th and 12th grade classes at Palisades Park Junior-Senior High School.

"Here I want to share this experience with you," states "Dr. John," as his friends call him, as the teacher, who has a doctorate in education, plays a video tape of a visit North Bergen trucking magnate Arthur Imperatore made to his classroom recently.

"He is the epitome of the Famous People Program, that hard work equals success," says the educator.

Muciaccia explains that "famous" does not only mean persons who are well-known through the media.

"If a person does the best they know how at a job; if a person makes a success of his job through hard work, then that person is a candidate for the Famous People Program."

The idea for the program came to the Hoboken resident after he met football player Jeff Weston at a party, three years ago.



John Muciaccia successful program

"I was impressed with him not because he is a successful sports figure, but because he attended Notre Dame, a strict academic school. I asked him to speak before my class and the program just grew from there," he explains.

The teacher says that since he started the program, "attendance has increased as has student interest."

But Muciaccia does not only want this program to exist in

Palisades Park. He wants to bring it throughout Hudson County, especially to the Hoboken school system where he taught elementary education for five years at the start of his career.

"Just think of what the program could do with students who are underachievers. If I could, I would look over every class in the school system and say there's apathy in that class, let's send an athlete in there to tell his story; there's high absenteeism in that class, let's send a well-known television personality there to change that problem."

Muciaccia is also willing to spread the word of his "Famous People Program" to Patent Teacher Associations throughout the county.

Muciaccia believes that this program can do no wrong. "Just look at the price," says the teacher, "it costs the school system absolutely nothing for the program and it achieves so much."

However besides his work on the Famous People program Muciaccia also finds time to serve as an unpaid member of the Hoboken Parking authority as vice-chairman for the past five years.

He is also a frequent attendant at Hoboken Elks, Kiwanis and Unico club affairs.

Hispanics oppose new 'murder stick' 8/3/18/83

The head of a new Hispanic civic group in Hoboken is objecting to police union requests to use shotguns and a new type of nightstick while they are on patrol in one-man cars.

Juan Garcia, the general organizer of ALTO (Alliance of Tenant Organizations), said he could see no possible use for the use of shotguns and the nightsticks by police.

The city has already rejected the proposals by the police union. Chief George Crimmins has called the nightstick, which has a second handle attached at a perpendicular angle to the main stick, a "murder stick" and has refused to allow officers to carry it.

Thomas Meehan, president of the city's Police Benevolent Association, has said he would file with the state Public Employees

Relations Commission to force the city officials to approve the use of such weapons as well as increased pay for patrolmen riding in one-man patrol cars in the city.

"In my many years of residence in Hoboken, I have yet to know of any incident warranting the use of such weapons by our police department," Garcia said. He said he feared that the police would use the weapon, especially in Hispanic areas of the city, and possibly touch off more violence by their use.

Meehan has argued that the weapons are only to help increase the safety of the officers. He said the shotgun was needed to provide a measure of security to the officer in the one-man car and that the nightstick has more uses as a defensive weapon than the conventional police baton.

Hoboken bank has mortgage offer 5/3/11/83

The Washington Savings Bank in Hoboken is attempting to attract \$18 million in new mortgages by the end of March with a new 8.75-percent mortgage rate.

That low rate is only valid for one year, then the 30-year mortgage will switch to a variable rate mortgage, with interest added each year at the Federal Home Loan Bank's average mortgage rate. That rate presently would be 12.75 percent, said James Pinto, chief executive

officer of the Washington Savings Bank.

According to Pinto, the bank is offering the promotional one-year low rate "because what we need to get on our books is adjustable mortgage rates. People want fixed-rate, 30-year mortgages, regardless of the rate."

Thus far, Pinto said, over 100 applications representing \$7 million in mortgages have been submitted since the new rate took effect on Monday.

Two council hopefuls see coverup on taxes 3/21/83 HD

By BILL GYVES Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Two City Council candidates charged yesterday that the delay in releasing the city's tax revaluation figures is being orchestrated to protect incumbent council members in the May 10 election.

In separate statements, the council hopefuls charged that the release has been postponed because the revaluation figures will point to a further increase in the city's tax rate. Hoboken currently has one of the highest tax rates in the state, \$147.33 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Third Ward candidate Anthony Russo and 6th Ward candidate Angelo Valente charge that the results of the revaluation, if released before the election, would be politically disastrous for City Council members.

Tax Assessor Woodrow S. Monte announced

last week that the results of the revaluation project would not be completed in time to be used as the basis for this year's assessments. He said the project's figures would be used in the 1984 assessment.

Monte and other city officials say the revaluation has been delayed because a surge in property values during the last six months has rendered many of the assessments contained in the revaluation obsolete.

But Valente and Russo charge the project has been completed, and has been suppressed because of what they claim is its political sensitivity.

"I hope the taxes will not go up. But if the taxes weren't going to go up, they would have no reason not to reveal the results. It's just curious that all of a sudden, two months before the election, they are not going to release the figures," Valente said.

"The figures are going to be devastating. The owners of one and two-family homes are going to be killed by the taxes," said Russo, a staunch opponent of Mayor Steve Capello.

Sleepy ship slip



Hoboken dry dock awaits work from the busy New York metropolitan area, symbolized by midtown business area in the background.

Photo by Bill Boyer

Hoboken field has 21 hopefuls 3/25/83 HD

By BILL GYVES Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—One of the largest fields in recent history will be running this year for the City Council, with 21 candidates — vying for six seats — filing nominating petitions for the May 10 election by yesterday's deadline.

The campaign for the 2nd Ward seat will be the most congested, with five candidates battling for the seat held by Council President Walter S. Cramer.

The campaign also will feature head-to-head contests between the incumbents in the 1st and 5th wards facing only a lone challenger in each case. First Ward Councilman Anthony Romano will be battling challenger Pat Caulfield, and 5th Ward incumbent E. Norman Wilson Jr. will battle Steve Block.

Political pundits have predicted runoffs will be necessary for the 2nd, 4th and 6th wards, where no one is expected to garner a majority of the votes cast. If required, the runoff election is scheduled for June 7.

Council members-at-large Robert Ranieri, Thomas Kennedy and Helen Macero are not up for reelection this year.

The full field of candidates is:

• First Ward: Romano and Caulfield;

• Second Ward: Cramer, civic activist Thomas Vezzetti, Margaret Burke, James Roarty, Michael Shaefer and Rubin Rivera;

• Third Ward: Incumbent Salvatore Cemelli, Anthony Russo and John Spano;

• Fourth Ward: Incumbent Mary Francione (who assumed her husband Louis' seat only three weeks ago when he retired after a record tenure of 28 years on the council), Florence Amato, Michael DeLanzo and Mark Arumenja;

• Fifth Ward: Wilson and Block;

• Sixth Ward: Councilman Nunzio Malfetti, Angelo Valente, Pat Pascalli and Al LaBooke.

Pier parking a strike initiative 3/4/83

Although Hoboken Recreation Director James Farina says that the parking fees being collected at the Port Authority Pier during the New Jersey Transit strike will be used only for the city's Little League field, that's not how an administration critic sees it.

Farina, with the help of several adult volunteers from the city's Little League has been collecting \$5 per day from drivers who use the piers for parking while the strike continues against New Jersey Transit railroads. A total of 250 cars a day park on the pier, Farina said.

"Who's collecting this money and where is it being put?" Thomas Vezzetti, a longtime administration critic, said. "For all we know these men could be scoundrels. How do we know we are collecting the right amount?"

Even Farina conceded that the collection system had been

poor so far. Only today will the collectors at the gate issue parking tickets to drivers, numbered so that Farina could check revenues against the number of cars. "We're still learning," Farina said.

Until now, the men were collecting the money as the drivers entered the lot and keeping a number count by pencil as the cars entered the lot. Farina said the only check he had that the number was accurate was his trust in the volunteers.

"These men are all work for the Little League," Farina said. "I don't believe they would cheat the league out of anything."

Farina said he has already been given the okay by the city's legal department. He said he approached Mayor Steve Cappelletto about the idea right after the strike began and received per-

mission from the mayor, the city council and the Port Authority to run the lot.

Joseph Hottendorf, executive director of the city's parking authority, said he welcomed the parking at the piers because it takes the pressures off the city's public parking garages, which were being filled by the strike.

Hottendorf said the authority was providing the tickets to Farina.

"I thought it would be a good idea, because the city's appropriations for the field had been cut," Farina said. "With the money we could afford to do all the work necessary with the money being collected."

Farina said only \$7,000 is needed for field improvements. Any amount collected above this would go into a general revenue fund to be used for other pur-

poses in the city. However, Farina admitted that parking tickets being issued state the funds will only be used for the field and other recreational needs.

Farina said he collects the receipts each day and with the help of Matthew Cannozzi, the city's comptroller, will count and place the funds in a special revenue account. He said he would welcome anybody who wanted to see all bills and receipts.

Vezzetti said the way the parking lot was approved was "underhanded." "They should have informed the public about this. What have they got to hide?"

Farina said there was nothing hidden in the lot and that everything was done with the proper approval of the authorities.

Hoboken opening shelter for homeless 3/10/83

By James Kopchains

Angered by what they consider a poor response from the city, the Hoboken Clergy Coalition has chosen to open its own shelter for homeless men and women for one week, by which time they hope to have an answer from the city.

The shelter will open its doors tonight to 10-to-12 homeless persons at the St. John's Lutheran Church, at Third and Bloomfield streets. The shelter will operate only until Wednesday by which time the coalition members want to have forced Mayor Steve Cappelletto to give a definite answer to the homeless problem in the city.

Should no such response be forthcoming, the coalition members said they would then consider moving the shelter to other buildings they control in the city on an alternating schedule while pushing city officials to provide city-owned property for use as overnight shelters that the coalition would operate.

Among the sites being discussed for alternate shelters are the headquarters of HOPES (Hoboken Office to Prevent Economic Stress) at 916 Garden St., and the Mile Square Day Care Center at All Saints Episcopal Church.

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The coalition had met with the mayor and other city officials on Thursday about the possibilities of opening a shelter. At that meeting, several proposals were made and the mayor had promised to provide an answer on Tuesday.

Cappelletto said Monday that the shelter might be able to be placed in the community room of the Hoboken Housing Authority. However, that room was ruled out because of opposition from tenants associations in the housing projects.

Rev. Geoffrey Curtiss, chairman of the coalition and pastor of All Saints, said when the coalition arrived at City Hall on Tuesday they were taken to the authority's offices where they were told this.

"It's obvious that we can expect no voluntary help from the administration," Curtiss said. A resolution on opening the shelter was approved unanimously at the coalition meeting yesterday at Mount Olive Baptist Church.

The shelter will be operated for one week by the coalition, Curtiss said. The Rev. Triffel Felske offered the space after coalition members agreed to meet all the criteria needed for a shelter.

It will be run along similar lines of the homeless shelter opened last month at St. John's Episcopal Church in Jersey City. The shelter will open at 9 p.m.

and will be staffed by three volunteers who will remain awake all night. The persons using the shelter would sleep on mats and blankets on the floor and fed light refreshments from the church's kitchen. All would then have to leave the building by 7 a.m. of the following day.

The coalition has maintained that sheltering the homeless was the city's responsibility. They have offered to operate the shelter if the space was provided by the city.

The HOPES headquarters were being considered because of the favorable response that Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. gave it at the Thursday meeting. Coalition members will try to meet with Wilson this week to discuss its use.

Curtiss said the Mile Square Center should only be used after all other possibilities were followed. "It would play havoc with the school," he said, "but it could be done." Day care centers had been one of the possibilities discussed at Thursday's meeting for shelter sites.

In other business at yesterday's meeting, the Rev. Paul Hagedorn, chairman of the coalition's Campaign for Housing Justice, reported that the campaign has already received a donation of \$1,000 from the Sisters of Saint Francis toward its funding.

Mother of 2 facing eviction because she took building job 3/11/83

Ginny Reynolds needs an operation to correct a thyroid condition, but she won't go.

It's not that she is afraid of doctors or the hospital. In fact, she said she wants to go as soon as possible. What she does fear is that if she goes she may not have an apartment in Hoboken to go back to.

Mrs. Reynolds was already ordered to leave as of March 1 by a Superior Court judge on an eviction action taken by her landlord Robert McAllister.

Although she has lived at her building at 908 Willow Ave. for over nine years, she doesn't enjoy the same protections as a tenant because of an agreement she

made in October with McAllister to become the building's superintendent.

Under the city's rent ordinance, superintendents are considered employees of the building's management and are given only the rights guaranteed them in their contract with him.

"If I was living in an apartment, I'd never become a superintendent. You always have to remain on the good side of management," Joseph Santiago, the city's rent administrator, said that superintendents only receive 72 hours to leave a building before the landlord can begin eviction actions through the courts.

Mrs. Reynolds said she

agreed to become the superintendent after her husband urged her to do so. She said he wanted her to become superintendent because it would lower their rent from \$115 a month to \$95. She has since separated from her husband.

McAllister could not be reached for comment. The courts had given her until March 1, she said, to leave, she said, but she still hasn't been able to find an apartment she can afford.

On welfare with two children, Mrs. Reynolds said she has been unable to find an apartment in Hoboken or Jersey City. She said her condition has prevented her from looking in other cities for an

apartment.

"My daughter has had to leave school," Mrs. Reynolds said of her 16-year-old daughter Amanda Jean. "She is worried that something might happen to me and she wants to make sure she is home as much as possible."

Sister Norberta, of St. Joseph's Church, has been trying to contact housing agencies to help place Mrs. Reynolds in an apartment. She has also contacted Hudson County Legal Services for help in providing legal assistance to her.

In addition, Lena Milan, the city's tenants advocate, has been contacted and has been trying to help.

2 indicted in plot to free convict in Hoboken murder 3/11/83

TRENTON — Two men arrested in Hoboken in January have been indicted for conspiring to murder two prison guards to free the man sentenced to two life terms in the kidnap murder of Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto's nephew in 1977.

Attorney General Irwin I. Kimmelman announced the indictments yesterday of Carmen LaBruno, 60, of Union City, and James Fornino, 34, of Long Branch for their alleged plans to free Michael LaBruno Jr. 42. The younger LaBruno is serving time for the killing of Samuel Cap-

piello Jr. The LaBrunos are father and son. According to the indictment, the men planned to help the younger LaBruno escape by killing two guards who were to take him to a doctor's office for cobalt treatments of leukemia.

The conspiracy occurred between November and last Jan. 24. The indictment said the defendants conspired with other persons not named to commit overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracy in Edison and Woodbridge and Hoboken.

The younger LaBruno and another person discussed the escape last Nov. 23 and on Jan. 24 the same LaBruno had a telephone conversation with his father during which they payment of money was discussed.

The same Jan. 24 date, State Police Detective Barron Lardiere, acting in an undercover capacity, had a telephone conversation with the elder LaBruno to discuss the money and he later met the father and Fornino, and gave Fornino a partial payment for the escape.

This meeting took place in

Schaeffer's Restaurant in Hoboken and the two were arrested outside the restaurant, reported Col. Clinton L. Pagano, State Police Superintendent.

After the January 24 arrests, LaBruno was transferred from Rahway to Trenton State Prison. Fornino was on parole from an armed robbery conviction in Manamouth County at the time of his arrest. His parole was revoked and he is in Trenton State Prison. The elder LaBruno is free on \$50,000 bail for the trail assigned to Middlesex County.

Fingerprint feud quietly resolved 3/10/83

A compromise has been reached between parents and school and police officials on fingerprinting children in the Hoboken public school system.

Rebecca Lopez, president of the Wallace School Parents-Teachers Organization, said she met yesterday with Dr. George Maier, superintendent of the city's schools, and Police Lt. Carmen LaBruno, who is conducting the fingerprinting drive, and they reached a compromise.

According to Mrs. Lopez, the fingerprinting would be delayed for at least one week in the public schools to allow parents to discuss and then decide whether they wanted their children fingerprinted.

All fingerprinting would be voluntary, which Public Safety Director James Giordano said had been the intention all along. The fingerprinting would also take place in the city's schools and not in the police department headquarters, as had been reported at Thursday's school

board caucus.

Mrs. Lopez had been contacting parents to urge them not to participate in the fingerprinting program, which the police have offered to help in case children are reported missing. The parents had opposed the program because they had not been given the chance to review it before the city's board of education approved it at Tuesday's meeting.

LaBruno said the trouble appeared to center about misconceptions that had grown because of a lack of communication between school officials and parent groups. He said at no time will any child be endangered by the fingerprinting nor will any official record be taken of the child and stored by the police.

Instead, all fingerprints will be given to the parents to store with their children's records. LaBruno said police have almost finished fingerprinting the city's parochial schools and have encountered no opposition from the parents there.

Shelter organizers battle authorities Hoboken hinders solution, pastor says

By JOHN O'NEIL Staff Writer 3/12/83

HOBOKEN—Eight people spent Thursday night in a shelter for the homeless opened by a coalition of local clergy after they got tired of waiting for action by the city, according to the group's spokesman.

The Rev. Geoffrey Curtiss said he thought the shelter in the basement of St. John's Lutheran Church on Bloomfield Street could eventually hold as many as 25 people if the program can be sustained without help from the city.

"The mayor basically gave us a big run-around," said Curtiss, the pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church. "It is the city's responsibility to provide a shelter."

"We're at a loss as to what to do," he said, "because the city hasn't offered anything — no support, help, or a place."

Mayor Steve Cappelletto said yesterday that the city "doesn't have that problem (the homeless) yet."

He said he has written to Gov. Thomas H. Kean asking for help in planning how to deal with the homeless, "but we don't seem to have the problem just yet."

Cappelletto also said the city has no space available.

"We have to rent space from the churches," he said, "but I think we could accommodate something by using that space around the clock."

Curtiss, however, said that the city had

'We're damned if we do and damned if we don't'

—The Rev. Geoffrey Curtiss

denied permission to his group when it proposed just such an arrangement for putting homeless people at night into church spaces rented by the city for a day-care center.

"We're in a position where we're, you might say, damned if we do and damned if we don't," he said, because the city space is the only space available which meets fire safety code requirements.

"I assume that at some point they (city inspectors) are going to tell us we can't do this," he said.

Curtiss said the coalition plans to move the shelter from one church to another, probably from week to week, so as to "share the burden" more fairly among them.

The shelters will supply coffee and sandwiches for their patrons, he said. The organizers of a similar church-run shelter in Jersey City have been spending roughly \$250 per week on food, heat, and janitorial services, he said. Curtiss said he hopes volunteer workers will tackle the janitorial chores and that contributions will help meet the other costs.

Parents object to fingerprinting 3/11/83

By John Watson

The plan to fingerprint children at school, which is gaining in popularity throughout Hudson County, apparently isn't as popular in Hoboken.

The Board of Education had to contend with objections and questions from parents as well as defections from among the trustees before mustering a 5-to-2 vote to implement the voluntary program last night.

Rebecca Lopez, president of the Wallace School Parents Teachers Association, the largest in the city, said she would begin contacting parents to urge them not to participate in the program until a study is conducted.

School Board Trustee Steve Block unsuccessfully attempted to have the measure tabled until a study could be made. Under the measure, the local police will fingerprint the youngsters to aid in investigations if they are ever reported missing.

Board President Otto Hottendorf also voted against the measure in hopes of tabling it until a study could be made.

Mrs. Lopez said she would be contacting the American Civil Liberties Union to determine if it has any information about the program that might be useful to Hoboken parents when they decide whether to have their children fingerprinted.

During the prolonged discussion of the issue, Block said how "voluntary" the program is might be called into question because the police are involved and there is "tension" between the police and the city's large Hispanic and black communities.

Mrs. Lopez said she understands that the fingerprints are to be turned over to parents and not kept in police files unless the parents agree. She said the police might influence the parents' decision on that.

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She also claimed that the children, once older, might object to having their prints in police files. She said there was no assurance that the prints would not eventually be made part of regular police files.

"No one has ever questioned that procedure," Mrs. Lopez said.

She noted that fingerprinting

is not a difficult procedure and that parents could do it themselves and hold the records for use if the need ever arises.

"We have people who can do it, and we have the materials," she said.

In other business, the board granted a \$200,000 maintenance contract to Service Master Inc. of Pennsylvania, for work at Hoboken High School.

The board also adopted the

school capital improvement plan as recommended by its architect, which will be funded by a \$2-million bond issue approved by the City Council.

The board also announced the March 16 Board of Estimate meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in the school board offices, 1115 Clinton St., to consider final approval of a \$22-million school budget for 1983-84.

Hoboken Recreation organizing women's basketball league 3/25/83 HD

HOBOKEN — The Hoboken Recreation Department is now in the process of organizing a women's basketball league, with games to be played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, starting April 19.

Women must be at least 15 years of age and reside, be employed or attend school in Hoboken. All sponsors, coaches or women interested in the league can obtain information by calling 426-2232.

Cappiello for PATH fare raise

By Ronald Leir

The Port Authority's efforts to raise the PATH fare got an unexpected boost yesterday from a leading Hudson County politician.

Freeholder Chairman Steve Cappiello, speaking at the public freeholders caucus, reacted strongly to a proposed resolution opposing increases of the 30-cent PATH fare and the \$1.50 Holland and Lincoln Tunnel toll.

"This has gotten to be a motherhood type of thing that politicians like to climb on," said Cappiello. "We have got to bite the bullet sometime—otherwise, if we want to constantly oppose the PATH fare increase, sooner or later, it's going to

show deterioration of service and we're going to be a backrow city."

For 30 cents, PATH offers "the finest ride in the world," Cappiello declared, although, he noted, "PATH loses more than a dollar per rider every trip." He called the PATH and tunnel increases "normal increments being recommended."

Cappiello, also mayor of Hoboken, urged the freeholders to "wait for the recommendation of the governors (of New York and New Jersey)" who are expected to favor the increases.

In other business at the caucus, Cappiello also sounded off about another resolution submitted

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after the caucus agenda was completed. It proposed that the freeholders hire F. J. Rospond Associates, Bloomfield engineering consultants, at \$35,000 to devise a plan to bring in someone from the private sector to renovate the county's heating plant at Meadowview Hospital, make it energy efficient and, at the end of seven to 10 years, turn it back to the county.

Felix Rospond, a principal in the firm, said that the plant, which now uses oil heat, could be adapted to burn coal or garbage if engineers felt either system could generate bigger energy savings to the county.

Rospond was introduced to the freeholders by county executive Edward F. Clark Jr., who advised them to "absorb" carefully what he had to say.

But Cappiello, saying that the

resolution was "just rammed down my throat," complained that "out of a clear blue sky, somebody came up with a resolution for \$35,000."

Noting that Rospond is from Essex County and that his firm had been asked by the county administration to make a preliminary survey of Meadowview's heating plant in 1980, Cappiello snapped: "I understand there are energy experts right in

this county and they should be looked up. I resent it when people come from the outside and I'm not voting on this contract. We should give it to local people."

Joseph O'Connell, county administrative analyst, replied that, "We're in a very dangerous situation down there (at Meadowview) and the administration went through an exhaustive analysis on what to do." The county has spent in excess of \$1 million since 1980 on repairs to the 50-year-old heating plant.

In other developments:

Freeholder John Spinello said he's been told that persons have been digging out the remains of a county-owned quarry in Secaucus's Laurel Hill without getting the county's permission. The county had an 18-year contract with the Callanan Road Improvement Co., of New York, for digging out the quarry but that agreement expired several years ago, according to county counsel Joseph V. Kealy, who said he would investigate the matter further.

Feds end probe into fatal fires in Hoboken

By Randolph Diamond

Agents of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms have left Hoboken empty-handed after a seven-month investigation into four fatal suspicious Hoboken fires that killed a total of 28 persons.

"We weren't able to prove anything," said Chief of Investigations Nicholas Angeli from his New York office yesterday. "We worked very hard at trying to come up with something."

Numerous tenants' groups in Hoboken had contended that landlords were setting fire as part of an arson-for-profit scheme.

Angeli said he had to take the two agents he had assigned to Hoboken out of the city because of needs elsewhere in New Jersey.

"I couldn't spare the men any more," he said.

However, Angeli contended that he believed that the agency's investigation into the Hoboken fires at least deterred other fires from occurring.

"There hasn't been a fatal

fire since our men arrived," he said.

The four fatal fires had occurred between October 1981 and the end of last April. The federal agents had arrived in Hoboken in early May.

Meanwhile, Hoboken Detective Commander Patrick Donatacci said he has put the two detectives he had assigned to investigating the fires full-time — James Howe and James Behrens — on other cases as the need arises. Donatacci said the men are still looking into the fires part-time but admitted they have come to a dead end.

"We're going to keep on investigating," said Donatacci. "You don't close the books on something like the fires where so many people have died. Not at least while I'm around."

Donatacci said going back to last year he and his men had presented information to the prosecutor's office that they hoped would lead to a criminal indictment on one of the four fires.

But he said, "The prosecutor's office didn't think it was strong enough." Donatacci would not go into specifics.

St. Mary Hospital gets new analyzer

St. Mary Hospital has installed a new sophisticated instrument, an 'aca' DuPont clinical analyzer, to automatically analyze blood serum and other body fluids rapidly and accurately.

According to Sister Grace Frances Strauber, president of St. Mary Hospital, "this piece of equipment gives our laboratory the added capacity to respond to the growing need for quick and accurate diagnostic tests day or

night." Sister Grace Frances added "the proceeds from the hospital's recent 120th birthday party at the Union Club are being used towards the acquisition of this analyzer."

Dr. Thomas J. Liddy, director of laboratories, says "chemical analyses represent a large group of clinical tests performed in St. Mary's laboratory. The 'aca' enables our existing staff to respond to an increasing

workload without compromising either efficiency or quality. Extremely beneficial in emergency cases, first test results can be obtained from the instrument in less than eight minutes."

The 'aca' can perform up to 60 diagnostic tests, in any order, ranging from the analysis of glucose in the blood to the more sophisticated methods, such as determining a specific serum drug level in a patient.

Laboratory supervisor Lorraine Lee and instrumentation technologist Tessie Potth recently spent a week at the DuPont training center in Wilmington, Delaware, learning operation and maintenance of this equipment.

Shelter for homeless hasn't found a home

By James Kopchals

The Hoboken Clergy Coalition is still going ahead with plans for a shelter for homeless persons despite the growing community opposition.

One possible site for the shelter, the HOPES headquarters at 916 Garden St., has been ruled out by HOPES Director E. Norman Wilson Jr., while another site, the Mile Square Day Care Center, is running into fierce opposition from parents and members of the board of directors of the center.

Meanwhile, Mayor Steve Cappiello said he still does not have an answer to demands by the coalition that the city become involved in funding and operating a shelter.

"I am trying to find a place that could serve for a shelter and I will continue to do so in the future," Cappiello said.

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Commuter parking creates windfall for Hoboken Recreation Department

Revenues from a temporary parking lot set up on Hoboken's Port Authority piers because of the New Jersey Transit strike have already passed the \$10,000 mark. Officials are considering new ways of using the money.

The parking lot was started by Recreation Director James Farina as a way of financing improvements to the city's Little League field at Stevens Park. However, said, the lot has already passed the amount that was needed for the field improvements and new uses have to be found.

All funds collected are placed into a general revenue account by Farina and City Comptroller Matthew Cannozzi. Farina said he would speak with Mayor Steve Cappiello and city council members about the additional funds.

"We started out just hoping to save the city some money and helping out the teams that use the field," Farina said. He said he hoped the extra funds could remain in his department to help finance other recreation activities.

"The mayor and the city council will probably have to decide how to spend it, though," Farina said.

Farina started the parking lot on March 2, two days after the strike began. Commuters parking in the lot can walk to the city's PATH station for a ride into New York City.

At first, Farina said, the lot was handling 250 cars a day. However, he said that drivers have now begun car pooling and as a result fewer cars are going into the lot.

School eyed for housing

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A proposal to transform a vacant school building into a 60-unit residential complex as a substitute for low-income housing along the waterfront is expected to be unveiled tonight by Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Cappiello's proposal concerning the Sadie Leinhardt School, which has been vacant for the last nine months, is scheduled to be presented at a closed session of the Hoboken Board of Education.

The proposal is an attempt to "accommodate" the needs of lower and middle-income residents who have insisted their housing needs be included in the proposed \$800-million development project for the Hoboken waterfront, the mayor said yesterday.

Sources said Cappiello's proposal could infuriate several community leaders who have argued that the city should require the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's waterfront proposal to include low and moderate-

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Cappiello said he would contact Gov. Thomas Kean to ask for state help in providing a regional shelter for the homeless in the county.

The coalition started its overnight shelter Thursday night at St. John's Lutheran Church, at Third and Bloomfield streets. According to the Rev. Geoffrey Curtis, coalition chairman, the shelter housed eight men and women that night.

The coalition plans to run the shelter until Wednesday when it will then make a decision as to where next to place it. Its members hope to have an answer from the city by then on whether city-owned property would be available for a shelter.

Wilson said health regulations and the city's building code prevent the HOPES building from being used as a shelter.

"The people that such a shelter would bring in would be

suffering from alcoholism and other diseases. For health reasons alone, we could not use the building," Wilson said.

Joseph Hottendorf, a member of the day care center's board of directors, said he would review the lease to make certain that the coalition does not put a shelter in the center.

"This center has been judged one of the finest in the state. It would be a catastrophe to do something like that. Why don't they put it in their own schools and churches? They are supposed to be 'Shepherds of God,' helping other people."

"I consider this a ploy by the Hoboken Clergy Coalition to put pressures on the city. They will use the parents' fears to force the

city to do what they want, which I think is despicable." As for alcoholics and other persons with diseases, Curtis said none would be housed at the center, but would be immediately referred to hospitals and the proper agencies.

"Who are these people that are supposed to pose such a great threat?" Curtis said. "We had one woman who is five months pregnant, three men unemployed and down on their luck and four elderly men. We're not talking about drunks and vagrants there. We are only talking about people helping other people."

The coalition has planned a meeting for Wednesday at 2 p.m. at St. John's to discuss the situation surrounding the shelter.

Cappiello hails progress

In cutting the ribbon yesterday on Hoboken's newest condominium units, Mayor Steve Cappiello called it another sign of the progress being made by the city in the past few years.

The new condominiums, located at 1016-18 Willow Ave., were once tenements where the city had found hundreds of housing violations.

Now as the Lynsen Condominiums, the buildings are among the most up-to-date apart-

ments in the city, according to its owners, Daniel and Lynn Janssen.

Only the exterior of the buildings remain to remind residents what they once were. Inside one and two-bedroom apartments are being offered to buyers from \$50,000 to \$80,000.

Eight of the 21 units have been sold, according to Mrs. Janssen. "I think the apartments make a special mark on the city showing how far it has advanced over the past years," she said.

Hoboken budget delayed by shortfall

By James Kopchals

With the prospect of a \$1.15 million shortfall in revenues facing them this year, Hoboken officials are waiting until "the last possible moment" to introduce their municipal budget to see if the state will come up with funds which would eliminate the shortfall.

Edwin Chius, the city's business administrator, said the funds are part of state aid to be paid to the city in lieu of taxes it would have collected on the Hoboken railyards now owned by the state.

The city had anticipated \$565,000 from these

payments in last year's budget, but the state chose to cut out the subsidies to help balance its own budget. Unless it receives a commitment from the state on those funds, Chius said the city can not anticipate these funds in this year's budget.

As a result, the city would have to make up the \$565,000 it lost last year and the same amount this year — a total of about \$1.15 million.

Mayor Steve Cappiello has already asked legislators from Hudson County to work on forcing the money for the city. "It's not an easy thing to get through the legislature," Chius said. "It's a lot of money."

Until then, Chius said he and the city council would continue to hold up the budget's introduction.

The state deadline for introducing budgets is on March 18, but Chius said he expected the date would be pushed back.

Captains' hearing off again

HOBOKEN—For the fifth time, city officials say, final time, the disciplinary hearing scheduled for five fire captains who refused to enter a building suspected of being an arson target has been postponed.

The hearing, scheduled to be held today, was postponed abruptly and no rescheduling date set, according to a spokeswoman for the city's law department.

But Public Safety Director James W. Giordano, who appeared agry about the postponement, said yesterday that the hearing would be rescheduled for some time this month.

"This is definitely the last time it will be postponed. It will definitely take place this month," he said. Giordano, who will be the arbiter in the hearing, said it was postponed because some of the captains were in Washington for a Social Security rally.

The captains face charges of insubordination stemming from their refusal in August to enter the building at 718 Clinton St. The order came three days after firefighters discovered evidence of an arson attempt on a stairwell inside the building. —Bill Gyves

Body under viaduct is identified

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A body found beneath the 14th Street Viaduct last month has been identified as that of John Zapolski, 40, whose last known address was the Salvation Army shelter in Jersey City.

Zapolski was last seen at the shelter on Feb. 18, one day before his body was found lying face down beneath the viaduct at Madison and 14th streets, Lt. James Peck said yesterday.

Peck asked for assistance in identifying the body Tuesday and was contacted by a Salvation Army officer who recognized Zapolski from his description in local newspapers. The officer helped police locate Zapolski's sister, who positively identified her brother Thursday, Peck said.

No foul play is suspected in Zapolski's death, Peck said.

Peck also has asked for assistance in locating relatives of a city man who was

found dead in bed Tuesday. Walter Schlegelmilch, of 118 Newark St., a retired merchant seaman, was found dead of undetermined causes, Peck said.

Peck said he is trying to locate Schlegelmilch's relatives — who he believes live in Germany — so a positive identification of the body can be made.

Peck asked anyone with information concerning Schlegelmilch to contact him at 420-2104.

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income housing.

Several community leaders have argued that the low and moderate-income residents should not be excluded from the waterfront plan.

Cappiello said preliminary plans for the proposed waterfront development do not include low-income housing. The development, however, is expected to include plans for 670 luxury residential units.

"I doubt you'll ever have low-cost housing (on the waterfront). No developer is going to get involved in low-cost housing when he can't get a return on his money," Cappiello said.

Cappiello's plan calls for the transfer of the building's title to the city's housing authority, which would then seek a developer interested in providing low-income housing units. The process would not require open bidding because the title is being transferred to the city, a "political subdivision" of the state, sources said.

If the seven-member appointed board of education votes in favor of the proposal, work could begin on the project within months, Cappiello said.

The mayor denied reports that Applied Housing Associates, the largest holder of subsidized housing units in the city, was a leading candidate to develop the three-story school building located at Eighth and Jefferson streets. He said no decision has been made concerning who might develop the property.

Cappiello's proposal is apparently, at least in part, a response to the Mount Laurel II decision handed down in January by the state Supreme Court requiring municipalities to provide their "fair share" of low and moderate-income housing.

Although the city is already providing "more than its fair share" (of such housing), according to Cappiello, conversion of the school would help "offset" more expensive housing along the city's waterfront.

Zoning amendment tabled

Hoboken Pathmark delayed again

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The City Council has tabled an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would have cleared the way for construction of a huge Pathmark shopping center, further delaying a project that has been under consideration for nearly three years.

The City Council moved Wednesday night to put off a vote on an amendment that would let large retail centers be built on a plot near busy 14th Street, which is zoned for industrial use. The amended version was sent back to the planning board for review.

Supporters of the Pathmark project argue that it has been unfairly delayed already. The jobs and taxes the center would generate are badly needed, they say.

In voting 6-3 in favor of deferring a vote, the council said it wanted to ensure that any future legal snags are avoided.

"If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing correctly," said Councilman Robert A. Ranieri.

In contrast, Council President Walter S. Cramer, along with Councilmen Thomas Kennedy and E. Norman Wilson Jr., said the amendment to the zoning ordinance and the details of

the proposed shopping center already have been fully debated.

"We feel it should have been voted on, one way or another," Wilson said yesterday.

"I don't see any reason to dilly-dally on this. It's been kicked around for nearly three years now. The council knows the pros and cons," Wilson said.

The proposed shopping center is expected to generate 240 jobs, many of which are expected to be filled by city residents. In addition, the center's developers are not seeking a tax abatement. The Pathmark is expected to generate about \$150,000 a year in taxes as well as assume about \$200,000 in back taxes owed on the property, Wilson said.

The planning board is expected officially to respond to the amendments within a month. The City Council would then vote on the amended ordinance, Wilson said.

Rebuilding continues for 2nd-year Hoboken

By RON ZEITLINGER
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN — With its first season, and the growing pains that accompany it over with, Hoboken head softball coach Frank Neville is looking to improve the Red Wings 5-11 season of a year ago.

And Neville believes that he has one of the best outfields in the county, and that may bring the results he wants. Seniors Nanna Walker (left field), Lu Ann Pinta (center field) and Carmen Tirado (right field) are the three that have Neville so excited.

"I have a very experienced outfield," he said. "They are excellent fielders and can really run. I've decided to go with a younger infield, so that means moving the seniors to the outfield."

Walker, a second-team, all-county shortstop last year, was actually the only one to move, with Pinta having played center field last season. For Tirado, right field is new only because the senior did not go out for the team last year.

But for the Red Wings, pitching — and almost every other position is a completely different story. With the exception of outfield, there is only one senior on the team.

"I am top-heavy with underclassmen to say the least," Neville said. "We will have the kind of year expected of a program in its second year. We're rebuilding, and we will get better each year."

On the mound he will have two juniors,

Stephanie Stamoolis and Mickey Fernandez. Both saw action last season, with Stamoolis going 1-0 and Fernandez compiling a 1-3 mark.

"I'm going to go with the pitcher with the best control," Neville said. "All we are concentrating on now is the accuracy of our pitchers. We are going to try to play defensive game."

Neville believes that he has hitting that is good enough to win, but it is the defense that will need the work.

Sophomore Pam Bates will take Walker's vacant shortstop position while her sister, Linda, will play third, anchoring the left side of the infield.

Returning juniors Michelle Normandia and Erinel Pagan should help out on the offensive attack, with Normandia (catcher) and Pagan (first base) batting .350 and .475, respectively, last year.

"We are a very strong hitting team," Neville said. "We will hit and do a lot of running on teams this year. Even last year, we were never embarrassed. We could always hit the ball."

Neville admits that using all underclassmen in the infield may hurt, but he is looking to the future. He is hoping that an experienced catcher like Normandia can help the inexperienced infielders, and bring the best out of them.

"It will be difficult at first," he said, "but the girls are learning everyday. I want the team to be flexible up the middle. I have a lot of players working at infield positions. The inexperience will be tough on us, but in a year or two..."

Ranieri seeks Assembly seat

By FRANCES ANN BURNS
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HOBOKEN—Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri announced yesterday that he will run for the Democratic nomination for Assembly in the 33rd District on the slate headed by Jersey City Clerk Thomas F.X. Smith.

The seat is held now by Thomas A. Gallo of Hoboken, who announced in January that he would not seek renomination for personal reasons.

Ranieri said yesterday that, if he is elected to the Assembly, he intends to remain on the City Council, where his term has two more years to run.

"I have decided to seek this office because I want to be part of what I believe will be an exciting decade of growth and prosperity in Hudson County and New Jersey," Ranieri said

yesterday. "I am convinced Tommy Smith is the leader who can bring the party together so that we can once again declare that Hudson is, indeed, the Gibraltar of democracy."

Smith, a former Jersey City mayor, is running for Hudson County executive in the June 7 primary against incumbent Edward F. Clark Jr. Smith is backed by Mayor Steve Cappelletto, and Clark by Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann.

The slate also includes Sheriff Peter DiNardo, Assemblyman Christopher J. Jackman, who is running for state Senate; and state Sen. Nicholas LaRocca, who is running for Jackman's seat in the Assembly.

Ranieri said last night that he expects a full opposition slate to form against Smith's ticket, but that no one has announced yet.

Ranieri was first elected to the City Council in 1973 on a ticket with Cappelletto but has sometimes been at odds with him since. He ran

Hoboken councilman wants to restore Hudson's 'greatness'

for the Assembly in 1979 as an independent. A graduate of St. Peter's College, Ranieri attended Rutgers Law School. He operates a family business, the Hoboken Furniture Co.

Russo aims at Cappelletto's ward

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Anthony Russo, one of the city's harshest critics of Mayor Steve Cappelletto's administration, yesterday officially announced his candidacy for the City Council's 3rd Ward seat — the mayor's home base.

A supporter of Cappelletto's political enemy, Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann, Russo will be battling incumbent Councilman Salvatore Cemelli in what many predict will be the fiercest campaign for the May 10 election.

The 3rd Ward contest, sources suggest, may become the curtain-raiser for the larger battle between the North Hudson and South Hudson political factions that will be fought out in the June 7 Democratic primary.

"I'll be running against Sal Cemelli, but really I'll be going against Steve," Russo said.

Cappelletto, who represented the 3rd Ward, which is in the center of the city, before becoming mayor, and Russo have shared a stormy political history. Most recently, on the night of the Nov. 3 election, both men accused each other of illegally electioneering outside a polling place.

The politicians challenged each other to a fight. They never squared off, but the animosity between them remains strong.

"There is going to be fur flying down there in the 3rd Ward, no question," said one member of the city administration, who asked not to be named.

Russo, 36, has been defeated in two previous attempts for the seat. He argues, however, that his political base has been strengthened in the eight years since he last ran for the seat.

Some city officials suggest large

amounts of money will be pumped into the Russo-Cemelli battle, from both Cappelletto's and McCann's organizations.

Ranieri will be candidate for Assembly

The Regular Democratic Organization of Hudson County has chosen Hoboken Councilman-at-large, Robert A. Ranieri as its candidate for the Democratic nomination for the District 33 New Jersey Assembly seat.

Ranieri is seeking to fill the seat of Thomas Gallo, who will retire after 11 years in the Assembly. It's not known yet who Ranieri's opponents will be.

He will run on the ticket headed by former Jersey City Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith, is the candidate for county executive, and incumbent sheriff Peter DiNardo.

Ranieri was selected at a weekend meeting at the home of West New York Mayor Anthony DeFino. Also present at the

meeting were Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto, Union City Mayor Arthur Weichert and the three candidates for the state Senate: incumbent Christopher Jackman, also from the 33rd District; Anthony Cucchi, 32nd District; and Joseph Makowski, 31st District.

The other Democratic candidate from District 33 is state Sen. Nicholas La Rocca, who is running for Assembly.

"I want to be part of what I believe will be an exciting decade of growth and prosperity in Hudson County and the state as a whole," Ranieri said as he announced his candidacy.

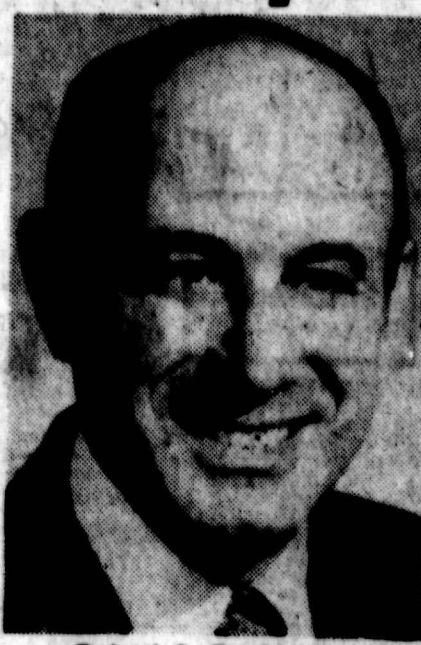
He said President Reagan's proclaimed economic recovery

seems to be passing by Hudson County and other New Jersey areas but predicted a real recovery if more Democrats are elected.

Ranieri was elected to the Hoboken City Council in 1973. He is a member of the labor negotiating committee and is chairman of the water and sewage committee.

He also serves on the advisory committee for the planned \$500 million Hoboken waterfront development project.

Ranieri lists among his accomplishments a major renovation of the city's water system, the new municipal garage and the current rehabilitation of public school buildings.



Robert A. Ranieri
Councilman

Mugger puts woman in hospital on her 82nd birthday

By Lawrence Babich

Hilda O'Brien of Hoboken is celebrating her 82nd birthday in St. Mary Hospital today with a fractured nose, a fractured left shoulder and shattered false teeth as the result of a mugging in a supermarket parking lot, police reported.

She was in the lot at 6th and Clinton streets yesterday afternoon when a young man grabbed her pocketbook.

Police said she resisted and the robber punched her in the face, knocking her to the ground, shattering her false teeth and fracturing her nose. She fractured her left shoulder when she hit the ground.

Borislav Laticovic, a security guard for the supermarket, managed to grab the suspect, identified as Ivan Serrano, 22, of Hoboken, before he could flee, police said. He was charged with robbery, resisting arrest and giving false information when questioned, police said.

Festival groups can't agree on peace parley

Although a reconciliation meeting scheduled for Sunday was postponed, efforts are continuing to bring together two Roman Catholic societies whose dispute is threatening the annual Madonna Dei Martiri feast in Hoboken.

The Rev. Timothy Lyons, pastor of St. Francis Church in Hoboken, said the meeting, which was to bring together all sides in the dispute, was postponed because the "climate" between the two societies did not seem conducive to an agreement at this time.

However, Lyons, said that all

efforts to reach an agreement were still being made to reach an agreement.

The societies, Societa Madonna Dei Martiri and the Devotees of Madonna Dei Martiri of St. Francis, have been arguing over the organization of this year's festival, which is scheduled to be held on Labor Day Weekend.

The two societies, which split apart in 1977, have been arguing over organizing the festival and procession through the streets in Hoboken. Lyons said he will continue efforts to work out an agreement in the weeks to come.

Hoboken layoffs finally set to court

The Hoboken Municipal Employees Association will finally be going to court this Thursday, nine months after 58 employees were laid off to cut the budget and lower a tax rate increase.

The suit will be heard in the Office of Administrative Law in Newark.

Union officials have charged

that the layoffs were unnecessary and did not save any money for the city because of the increased unemployment costs the city incurred when it laid the workers off.

As a result, the union vice-president Robert Van Ingen said the city caused a drop in city services for no purpose at all.

Hoboken gives chance on late books

For those people who have not yet gotten around to returning their overdue books to the Hoboken Public Library, the library is giving them one more chance.

The week between April 18 and April 22 has been designated an amnesty week for all overdue books, according to Terry Sasso, acting director of the library. That same week, the library will

be holding a book sale during its regular operating hours. This amnesty week will be the last to be offered by the library. Mary Gaspar, president of the library's board of trustees,

said the board decided to drop amnesty weeks because of residents who deliberately held on to library books until then, thereby causing an inconvenience to other readers.

3 cities get Cuban aid

Three communities in Hudson County have received grants from the U.S. Department of Education according to an announcement by Rep. Frank J. Guarini. The largest entitlement for 1983 will be to the West New York Board of Education for \$157,791.50. The Jersey City figure will be \$41,535.00, and Hoboken \$15,076. According to Guarini, the school districts will receive this federal assistance under Title I, Public Law 81-874, which provides assistance for schools in nationally affected areas. All three of the communities educate children of Cuban refugee families.

Hoboken to end Pier 3 parking

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The emergency parking facility established by the city to help ease the impact of the NJ Transit railroad strike will have generated \$20,000 in revenue before it is phased out this week, a city official said yesterday.

The emergency operation is expected to be suspended following approval of a contract Saturday by striking trainmen and conductors. Although the operation has been an unexpected windfall for the city, it must be ended because it was introduced only as an "emergency basis," said City Health Director James Farina, who coordinated the program.

Pier C was opened March 3 after out-of-town commuters flooded local streets and parking lots on the first day of the strike, March 1. The commuters drove to the Hoboken PATH station, parking their cars near the station, thus aggravating the city's parking and traffic problems.

"I'd like to keep it in operation, but I don't think it will be possible," said Farina. Farina commented earlier that the operation could generate approximately \$1,000 each work day.

In negotiations with Mayor Steve Cappelletto last month, the Port Authority agreed to open the pier only on an "emergency basis" to help alleviate the strike-caused congestion. Any ex-

tension of that agreement would require further negotiations, Farina said.

The Hoboken Parking Authority has also been pressing to have the operation suspended following the settlement because the emergency parking lot could result in a drain on the profits of the parking facilities which it operates.

The \$20,000 has been earmarked for renovations at a local baseball field. In addition, the city may purchase five bulletproof vests for the police department with the proceeds, the official said. Farina noted that settlement of the strike will result in laying off two city residents who were hired as parking attendants at the 300-space lot. No final decision has been reached on what day the lot will close, Farina said.

Work going well at Hoboken center

Renovation work is moving quickly at the Jefferson Street Recreation Center in Hoboken. So quickly, in fact, that the city's mayor and council are being invited to tour the center to see how far it's come.

Mayor Steve Cappelletto and members of the city council will tour the center this Wednesday following the city council meeting at 10 a.m. with Community Development Director

Fred M. Bado. The \$1 million renovation, the first comprehensive rehabilitation of the center since it was built in 1941, is expected to be completed in September of this year. The work began in September of last year.

Once completed, the center will be used by the Hoboken Boys Club to provide a wide range of recreational activities for youth in the community.

Council to rule on tax

The Hoboken Council may decide today whether to grant a five-year tax abatement to the owners of an office building on Hudson Place.

The abatement application is the first to be considered by the council since passing an ordinance last year demanding full financial disclosure and a public hearing before granting an abatement.

The application, for 22 Hudson Place, would give its owners a five-year period of abatements. The first year, the owners would have all taxes abated. The second year the owners would pay 20 percent of its property tax and then an additional 20 percent a year until reaching 100 percent at the end of five years.

A public hearing on the application was scheduled to be held prior to the vote at the council meeting today.